

Robert J. Berkley Honored for Outstanding Achievement by State Genealogical Society 8/2019

by Susan Rumble

The Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS) has announced its annual awards, and Wenatchee's Robert Berkley has received the prestigious President's Award for Outstanding Achievement. The recognition will be presented to Berkley at the Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) meeting on Monday, September 9, 2:00 p.m., at the Douglas County PUD Auditorium in East Wenatchee.

Bob, a member since 2002, has been a quiet yet powerful force at WAGS, working in the background, making things happen with the appearance of effortless. He served four terms as WAGS President. He transformed our library by replacing the old, non-adjustable wooden shelves with newer metal ones. He transported 56 boxes of Jones & Jones Funeral Home documents to the museum basement to await processing by WAGS volunteers, and he indexed more than 144,000 of these mortuary records. Bob brought the 2007 Washington State Genealogical Society State Convention to Wenatchee, making it a big success. He was also the WSGS District 8 Representative (Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan counties) for several years.

The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society holds monthly meetings, sponsors classes and interest groups, and maintains a genealogy library in the Museum Annex building.