

Spotlight

On California Genealogical Research Facilities

A series of articles about places to do research around the state

South Orange County California Genealogical Society Library

The best kept secret in the Mission Viejo Library could be the Genealogy Department. Here, you will find friendly and knowledgeable docent volunteers from the South Orange County California Genealogical Society prepared to help you begin your family history quest or to fill in branches on your family tree.

More than 2,000 genealogy-related books and periodicals plus 250 individual CDs are available to aid in your research. Ancestry.com - Library Edition is available on all library computers. Heritage Quest, New England Historic Genealogical Society and Everton Library Online, includ-

ing World Vital Records, are some of the paid sites offered only on the genealogy computers.

Docents are on duty during most of the Library's open hours. Special appointments may be scheduled by calling the Genealogy Docent Desk (470-8498), Bunny Smith (472-8046) or Mary Jo McQueen (581-0690).

Library hours are: Monday - Thursday 10 to 9, Friday 1 to 5, Saturday 10 to 5, Sunday 12 to 5. The Library is located at 100 Civic Center Drive. The phone number is 830-7100.

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FGS Call For Award Nominations

Each year at the Federation of Genealogical Societies annual conference banquet, awards are given to societies and members of societies for outstanding or notable service to the genealogical community.

FGS Delegates are asked to nominate individuals or societies to be considered for these awards of recognition. Delegates know the societies and the people who make up those societies and the activities / projects that an individual or society has successfully undertaken. FGS wishes to recognize the people, societies and activities through these awards. Deadline for submission of awards for 2007 is 15 June 2007. Following is a short description of the awards:

Certificate of Appreciation: Individual or organization for duty in exemplary or outstanding manner.

Award of Merit: Individual or organization for meritorious service or distinguished work in genealogy and family history.

President's Citation: Individual or organization whose contributions or service to FGS or the genealogical community are singled out for recognition by the FGS President.

Delegate Award: Individual Delegate of a member society for exemplary service to FGS as a member of an FGS standing committee or as an active participant in an FGS project.

Distinguished Service Award: Individual or organizational recognition of outstanding service to FGS or to a member society. The organization must be a member of FGS, and the individual must be a member of an FGS member society.

Director's Award: Individual or organizational recognition of both exceptional contributions to the field of genealogy and family history and extra-mile efforts to promote good will and improve services.

George E. Williams Award: Individual with outstanding contributions within a single year to FGS, a member organization, or both.

David S. Vogels Award: Individual for recognition of outstanding career contributions to FGS.

Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Humanitarian Award: To a rare individual for lifetime contributions and whose positive personal influence and example have fostered unity in the genealogical community, provided leadership to its individual members, and helped make family history a vital force in the community at large.

Archives Award: Individual or organizational recognition of exceptional contributions in the area of archival access, preservation, or services.

More information a link to a submission form can be found at the FGS website <http://www.fgs.org/fgs-awards.htm>. Nominations deadline is 15 June 2007.