

Awards Criteria

Citizen of the Year Award

(Members only)

The *Citizen of the Year Award* recognizes the service of a NCHS member whose efforts in the recent past, although not necessarily in the current year, have materially and substantially contributed to the Society. Typically, this service will have been through volunteer efforts that contributed to the Society overall, or to one or more of the Society's museums or the Searls Historical Library. A Society member may receive the *Citizen of the Year Award* more than once, but every effort should be made to recognize a contributor who has not yet been recognized.

Lifetime Achievement Award

(Members only)

The *Lifetime Achievement Award* recognizes the contribution of a NCHS member who has contributed across a long span of time, and who has volunteered significant hours to the Society generally, or to one or more of its units. Typically, this award is granted to an individual who is at point in life where she or he is cutting back, or refocusing volunteer efforts, and it is deemed an appropriate time for the Society to recognize his or her lengthy service.

Distinguished Service Award

(Members, non-members, NCHS units, unaffiliated organizations and projects or programs)

The *Distinguished Service Award* recognizes a body of work or a noteworthy project or program that has made a significant contribution to the history of Nevada County.

The recipient of this award need not be a NCHS member, nor need the work be associated with, or benefit the Society. Potentially this category could be used to recognize programs or projects aimed at more general audiences than are currently served by the Society, or represented in our volunteer base, and which improve the general public's access to, or appreciation of Nevada County history in the broadest sense. Note: other organizations often name such awards after a well-known contributor from the past.

Examples might include:

- The restoration, rehabilitation or preservation of a historic building or structure open to the public (e.g., the rebuilding of the bridge at Bridgeport)
- An important archaeology project (e.g., the Malakoff Diggins inventory)
- The collection or preservation of materials important to local history (e.g. a future digitization of Nevada County's historical newspapers)
- The development of an important historical exhibit
- An important anniversary of a history-focused organization that serves a broad general audience

- An educational program that takes local history into the public schools (e.g. teacher guides, a field trip program, visiting lecture series)
- Production of media such as web pages, web-based video, audio, blogs, documentaries, and films about local history
- Development of public programs such as a lecture series, walking tour, oral history project, conference, workshop, etc.
- Publication of a written work such as a significant book, which was aimed at the public