

Dear NERGC Delegate:

The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, like each of your societies, relies on the hard work and dedication of its volunteers. The importance of volunteerism cannot be understated.

At every conference, NERGC presents the Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Volunteer Award to a participating society's member in recognition of their volunteer service to their society and the genealogical community.

The volunteer award was created in 2001, in memory of Donna Holt Siemiatkoski, whose work and contributions to the New England genealogical community, have had a lasting impact. Donna's contributions include:

- Founder of the Descendants of Ancient Windsor
- First president of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council
- Member of the Board of Governors for the Connecticut Society of Genealogists and representing them to the Federation of Genealogical Societies.
- Member of the State Historical Records Advisory Board, appointed by the Governor of Connecticut
- Member of the Connecticut State Library's Newspaper Project Advisory Board
- Long-time delegate to NERGC

Perhaps Donna's most noted quality, however, was her ability to discover people's unique talents and weave them together in such a way as to maximize their skills.

Worth noting was her strong belief in NERGC and its promise of cooperation between societies with varied interests.

The recipient of the DHS Volunteer Award will receive:

- a 2025 conference registration
- an evening banquet of their choosing
- one night accommodation at the conference hotel
- a certificate of recognition for their volunteerism and contributions

Now is the time to consider, and submit, your society's nominee for the 2025 DHS award. Please see the attached form for the information needed for your submission.

The Board of Directors look forward to reading about your society's shining star volunteers and their contributions to the New England Genealogical community.

The 2025 nomination deadline is April 1, 2025

Submissions may be emailed to President@NERGC.org