DGS Annual Awards Luncheon

The Awards categories and very deserving 2012 recipients are:

**Award of Merit.** Presented by Secretary Jean Larson.
The DGS Award of Merit is presented annually to a DGS member who has consistently contributed time, talent, expertise, and abilities to the Society over a period of years.

> **Honoree: Liz Thurmond**. A 20-year member of the Society, Liz has worked tirelessly on so many events and projects over the years. She is a member of the Board of Directors, serving as Mail Administrator, as well as volunteers at the registration table for every event and special meeting.

**Heritage Preservation Award.** Presented by Education Director Marie Navarro.
The DGS Heritage Preservation Award is presented annually to an individual, group, or organization in recognition of contributions to preserve, conserve, house, or collect family history.

> **Honoree: Mike Hazel**. Mike is the long-time editor of Legacies: A History Journal for Dallas and North Central Texas, published by the Dallas Historical Society. He also plans and organizes the annual Legacies Dallas History Conference.

**Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award.** Presented by Publicity Director Carolyn Davis
The Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to the genealogical community on a national level.

> **Honoree: Gary Boyd Roberts**. The retired Senior Research Scholar of the New England Historic Genealogical Society(NEHGS), Gary, a native Texan, is a nationally-respected genealogist who has a deep knowledge of Americans of royal descent and the ancestry of U.S. presidents and other notable Americans, as well as a special ability to bring this scholarship to a broad audience as a bibliographer, teacher, lecturer, author, and editor.

**Volunteer of the Year.** Presented by VP Sandra Crowley, 2011 recipient of the award.
The DGS Volunteer of the Year award is presented annually to a member who has generously volunteered time, expertise, talents, and abilities to the Society during the previous year.

> **Honorees: Linda and Bob Lane**. As Hospitality Co-chairs, Linda and Bob plan, organize, set-up and serve refreshments for our monthly meetings. Members are treated each month to seasonal- or program-specific homemade goodies that Linda and Bob have prepared.

**President's Special Award.** Presented by President David Temple.
The President's Special Award honors individuals or groups whose contributions to the Society fall outside the criteria for our other awards.

> **Honoree: Lea Markoff**. Lea, a reference librarian on the staff of Dallas Public Library's Genealogy Division, is DPL's liaison with the Society. She is critical to the smooth running of the many meetings and events that the Library hosts for DGS.