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The North Carolina Society of Historians held their annual, statewide banquet in Mooresville, Saturday, October 22, 2011. Organizations and individuals from Alleghany County received over 10 percent of the total awards given. Out of 742 submissions, 109 received awards and 12 of those were to Alleghany.



For the third straight year, Alleghany Historical - Genealogical Society (AHGS) won a Joe M. McLauren Newsletter Award, for their quarterly newsletter edited by Jeff Halsey and produced by Imaging Specialists.

AHGS and the Sparta Revitalization Committee received a Paul Green Multimedia Award for a joint effort, The Sparta Historical Walking Tour - The Story of Sparta.

The Historical Society also won a Paul Green Multimedia Award for the first episode of its new television show, Alleghany Memories that featured Mildred Torney and Pauline Jolly. The Friends of the Library hosted the kickoff of the series that airs on Alleghany Community Television, Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Lorene Sturgill of Piney Creek, received a Robert Bruce Cooke Family History Book Award for her book, Descendants of William Black and Nancy Allison. This 296-page, case bound book contains genealogical records, letters and photographs of the Black Family.

Kay Bodeen received a Clark Cox Historical Fiction Award for Pat Crisp - Like a Moth to the Flame a semi-fictionalized account of her grandfather's life. Pat Crisp was a legislator from Watauga County, North Carolina in 1889 and, again, in 1905.

Brad Jenkins won a Paul Green Multimedia Award for his play Alleghany Lives, originally produced for Alleghany's Sesquicentennial in 2009.

Thelma Davis won a Paul Green Multi Media Award for her archival collection of Alleghany Methodist Episcopal Church Quarterly Conference Records. The records span the years from 1883-1940.

Paul Green Multimedia awards were given to High Country Hospice for its memorial

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cookbook, Meals and Memories and Clark Hunter for a series on the Blue Ridge Parkway by the television show, Mountain Topics.

Imaging Specialists, Inc. won a Garland P. Stout Publishers Award for excellence in the field of publishing. This is the second Publishing Award for ISI. The first came in 2009 for work in Alleghany County's Sesquicentennial.

ISI also received a Willie Parker Peace History Book Award for the book, Regimental History of the 26th NC Infantry, about Ashe and Alleghany County men in the Civil War and a Robert Bruce Cooke Family History Book Award for, Family Photos - Eli Hamilton Halsey and Lillian Blanche Smith. The family book is a three generation project by Ronald Halsey, his son, Jeff Halsey and granddaughter, Claire Halsey.

In addition, the North Carolina Society of Historians' board voted, again this year, to donate the entire collection of winning entries for 2011 to the Alleghany Historical - Genealogical Society. More information on the North Carolina Society of Historians can be found online at www.ncsocietyofhistorians.org. The Alleghany Historical-Genealogical Society's website is www.ahgs.org. The Sparta Revitalization Committee can be contacted at PO Box 1020, Sparta NC. Books by Lorene Sturgill, Kay Bodeen, and the Halsey family, as well as DVDs of Brad Jenkins' play can be ordered online at www.spartastore.com.