

Recognizing Service to the NSSF and Our Hobby

By Harvey Edwards

It has always been important that the Nevada Stamp Study Society (NSSF) recognize our members for their contributions of time, energy, and expertise for the benefit of the club and philately. The club has typically recognized these members by awarding them with a plaque or some other memento.

Over the past 40 plus years, the NSSF has had many members worthy of such recognition. Most of us can think back and name at least one member, past or present, who we think should be or should have been honored by the club. Sadly, many of those past members served the club well before our current membership and the history of their recognition is lost to us.

It should be recognized that once an award leaves the building with the recipient, we, the club, don't always remember that an award was presented, let alone the gratitude or accomplishment that the award represented. Another truth is that some individuals appreciate receiving a memento (plaque) for their service while other individuals appreciate the recognition but would rather not have a "dust accumulator" sitting around the house.

At the September 8, 2018 meeting, *The Dreiling Award* made its debut. The award, honoring the Dreiling family (Ruthe and Richard (Dick) Dreiling) for their exceptional service to the NSSF, is intended to recognize and maintain a record of the NSSF members who perform exceptional service and contributions to the club. The Award will be maintained by NSSF and available for display at NSSF meetings.

Prior to the unveiling, Dick recalled some of the history of the club. Although not a charter member of the club, Dick joined in September 1975, just a month after the club formed. His mother Ruthe was not a collector at the time but Dick brought her into the fold. Ruthe was the club's second president, stepping into the president's shoes as interim president from 1976-1977. She stepped in as interim president again from 1978-1979 and then served her own term from 1979-1983. Dick served as president from 1987-1989 and again from 1999-2003. Dick also was the long time show chair and entire bourse and exhibits committee for NEVPEX (prior to it being renamed the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show). Dick planned and organized several of those shows while at sea (Dick is retired Navy). Most recently, Dick was the exhibits chair and an exhibitor for the 2018 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show. Dick has also been a long-time active contributor to the Sparks Heritage Museum, the club's meeting place for many years. Dick can be found most Saturday afternoons in his conductor's uniform leading tours through the museum's train exhibit.



Dick Dreiling and Harvey Edwards with the debut of The Dreiling Award Plaque.

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Any NSSF member in good standing may make a nomination for the Dreiling Award. Generally, the nominee should be a member in good standing, however nonmembers may be considered. The nomination must include discussion

of the nominee's service and merit of the award. The nomination is to be submitted to the NSSS Board for their consideration.

Exceptional service and contributions to the club may include:

- Longevity of membership;
- Holding of various club offices and duties;
- Promoting the NSSS and philately in general. For example, sharing philatelic knowledge through judging, exhibiting, presentations, etc. or introducing the public to the club;
- Community contributions beyond the club.



Recipients of the Dreiling Award will have their names added to the award plaque. The Award will be maintained by NSSS and available for display at NSSS meetings. The awardee will receive a paper certificate highlighting their contributions to the NSSS. The awardee may also be considered for a NSSS "life" membership as a result of their contributions.

The Dreiling Award is not intended to limit recognition, by plaque or other means, of NSSS member contributions, if the Board so chooses.

Presentation to Dick Dreiling

Harvey Edwards presented a certificate to Dick Dreiling at the unveiling of the plaque on Sept. 8 which reads:



Be It Known to All

The Nevada Stamp Study Society (NSSS)

Dedicates the "The Dreiling Award" to

The Dreiling Family - Ruthe and Richard (Dick) Dreiling

For Exceptional Service to the NSSS

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Presented this day September 8, 2018

Harvey Edwards, President