

## Dreiling Award recipient for 2020 – John Walter

John Walter joined the Nevada Stamp Study Society in 2007. Since that time, John has served as club President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Director.

John created and assumed many responsibilities to make the stamp club better. Immediately after joining he was helping at the annual Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show and has been on the show committee since 2012 serving as the coordinator for advertising.

In 2008 he started to take photos at the various club events and meetings. After taking hundreds of photos and needing a way to document and archive the club's many activities, John volunteered to create the club website in 2013. Today the website contains over 10,000 files in 531 folders and uses 1.5 GB of space on the web server.

In 2010 John and Stan Cronwall received permission to use two locked wall frames at the Vassar Post Office to have monthly philatelic displays. That expanded to having displays at the South Valleys Library, North Valleys Library and over the years included the Sparks and Carson City Libraries. The past few years the displays moved to Douglas County at the Zephyr Cove and Minden Libraries.

The club already had a very good monthly newsletter, the Post Boy. But in 2015 the editor resigned, and John stepped up to assume that role. Emphasis was placed on having original articles and a monthly philatelic quiz submitted by members. He achieved those goals.

John consistently reaches out to American Philatelic Society leadership and the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies and member clubs to successfully promote the Nevada Stamp Study Society through the sharing of club newsletters.

As the club developed more formal meeting presentations, John suggested and was approved to purchase a laptop computer both to archive the club files, photos, etc. and use for club presentations. He still is the main person setting up the equipment (laptop, projector large screen, and PA system) for these presentations. John also contributes to show-and-tell and formal presentations at club meetings.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, John's efforts as webmaster and editor have been extremely vital in maintaining contact with members and promoting an active membership. Included in this endeavor is the online Auction started in September 2020. Four auctions took place in 2020 utilizing the club website.

**Whereas** John Walter has, in the spirit of the Dreiling Award, provided exceptional service to the Nevada Stamp Study Society and the community, the NSSS Board accepts and approves the nomination of John Walter as the second recipient of the Dreiling Award.



**John Walter with nominating certificate and permanent Dreiling Award plaque. Presented at April 10, 2021 meeting.**

*Harvey Edwards*, President, October 24, 2020