

## **Outstanding OGS Chapter Volunteer Award**

Warren County Chapter of Ohio Genealogical Society nominates Terry Easton for the outstanding OGS Chapter Volunteer for his service as one of our outstanding volunteers for the year of 2010.

Terry is one of the staunch promoters of the WCGS virtual cemetery project and is thoroughly dedicated to protecting and preserving cemeteries and tombstones in our county. The goal of the WCGS virtual cemetery project is to visit all the cemeteries in our county and take a digital photograph of every tombstone. Cemeteries are probed to find buried tombstones. Some cemeteries are in very poor condition and are in need of severe restoration work. Terry has worked hard to promote the preservation and restoration of our cemeteries. He has located, visited and restored many cemeteries in our county and some surrounding counties including: Crosson, Olive Branch, Miami (Corwin), Universalist in Springboro, Old School Baptist, Jeffery, Harkrader / Dyche, Hill Grove in Miamisburg and repaired various tombstones in other cemeteries too numerous to name here.

Currently he volunteers as the chair for the Warren County Genealogical Society cemetery restoration committee. As head of this committee he oversees and arranges our annual cemetery restoration clinic and the subsequent cemetery restoration workdays, scheduled throughout the year and at various cemeteries. Our cemetery restoration clinics and workdays have been very successful and many tombstones have been fixed. He is currently working on the plans for our upcoming clinic in the spring of 2011.

Being a member of the Springboro Historical Society and having an interest in the Universalist cemetery in Springboro, Terry saw the need for restoration work. The Universalist cemetery was in very poor condition with most of the stones broken, buried or missing. He took great initiative to get the first WCGS cemetery restoration clinic arranged in May of 2009 for work in this cemetery. He found cemetery restoration specialists from Indiana qualified to teach correct methods for restoration. He publicized the event and contacted many people who might be interested to learn restoration techniques such that our society had enough to cover the cost of the speakers. Thirty-five people, ranging from girl scouts to senior citizens attended this clinic, including two out of state WCGS members who traveled from Florida and Iowa. Forty-one of the forty-seven known tombstones and eleven footstones were located, repaired and reset, and three new footstones were identified.

Terry organized our second cemetery restoration clinic in April of 2010. Fifty-four attendees were present, including many individuals from our own and surrounding counties and cemeteries. Ages ranged from boy scouts to senior citizens. Many of the township employees or cemetery maintenance people were sent for training to be implemented in repairing tombstones in the cemeteries for which they maintain. Attendees were taught how to clean a dry stone, reset a tombstone, epoxy multiple breaks, repair / level a base, build a base, level a stone without a base and many other useful techniques. The success of this clinic would not have been possible without Terry's hard work and dedication.

In addition to helping with our cemetery project, Terry is active in his local community in Warren County. He is a member of the Springboro Historical Society and interested in Springboro's history, is a member of the Franklin Historical Society's board, and regularly attends the Warren County Genealogical Society's board and general meetings. His influence and dedication can be felt wherever he serves.

Terry Easton is a volunteer that is vital to the success of the Warren County Genealogical Society chapter of OGS. We highly recommend that he be recognized for his efforts by awarding him the Outstanding OGS Chapter Volunteer Award for 2010.