

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon's Hall of Fame Award was established to honor and celebrate exceptional volunteers who have supported the GFO through their "service, leadership, and accomplishments." This year's Hall of Fame recipient is being recognized for his long-term dedication to the GFO and his contributions of time, financial expertise, and genealogical knowledge.

Doug Henne is part of the very backbone of the GFO. He joined in May of 1979 and became a Lifetime Member in October of 1996. He began volunteering in June of 1992 as Chair of the Budget Committee. He was elected Treasurer many times over and performed that job from 1994 to 2003. Throughout his years of service, Doug was appointed and reappointed to the Endowment Committee several times. When there have been calls for volunteers to assist with the annual financial review, he has often stepped up to assist on that committee as well. His contributions in these capacities have helped to ensure the GFO's financial security and well-being through many phases of growth and change.

While Doug's professional expertise lies in finance, he helps to ensure that the GFO thrives in other ways too. Library patrons enjoy meeting Doug in his role as Research Assistant, where he cheerfully helps people in their genealogical research. When someone has books to donate but is unable to transport them to the library, Doug is often the first to offer to pick up the materials and deliver them to the library.

Those that have worked closely with Doug observe that he is truly a team player. He is always prepared with up-to-date information and thorough reports. He collaborates with others in a way that highlights everyone's strengths as they achieve the tasks at hand.

Doug's guidance, actions, and volunteerism have helped to ensure that the GFO can successfully reach its goal, "to inspire and empower every person to discover and engage with their family history," now and in the future. Thank you, Doug, for your years of commitment to the GFO community!