

Nancy Hampton Wins Susan Arthur Historical Preservation Award

By Charles Reed Mitchell

Susie Dunaway, president of the GFWC/KFWC Junior Woman's Study Club, presented the 2010 Susan Arthur Historical Preservation Award to Nancy Hampton on October 4, 2010. Mrs. Hampton was honored at the Knox Central Middle School gymnasium as part of the club's continuing Presentation and Coronation of Royalty (begun in 1962) at the 63rd Daniel Boone Festival.

Nancy Hampton is the fifth recipient of the Susan Arthur award, created in 2006 to honor the late president of the Knox Historical Museum and official storyteller at the study club's annual picnic for royalty candidates. The award acknowledges the individual or individuals who have made significant contributions to the preservation of local history, traditions, historic sites and other forms of this region's cultural heritage.

Among other comments, Mrs. Dunaway mentioned that Nancy Clay Hampton was born in Letcher County, Kentucky, the daughter of Glenn and Corinne Clay. In 1960 she came to Barbourville to pursue a degree at Union College, where she met Elbert Reed Hampton. They united in marriage in 1962. The Hamptons, who presently reside in Artemus, Kentucky, have three children: Susan Merida, Lisa Yeager, and Steve Hampton, and four grandchildren: Johnna, Dallas, Logan, and Marcus Reed.

Nancy was employed by the Knox County Board of Education for twenty-four years, where she taught social studies at Jesse D. Lay Elementary and was librarian at G.R. Hampton and Knox Central High School. Her family arrived in America at Jamestown as early as 1619, and she is a descendant of no fewer than nine Revolutionary War soldiers.



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Nancy is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Dr. Thomas Walker Chapter, where she has held the posts of regent, treasurer and vice regent, having volunteered as a researcher for thirty-nine years. At the DAR state level, she has served as district director, state organizing secretary, and state DAR school chairperson. Nancy has held genealogy workshops cross the state, emphasizing online DAR genealogy websites. For several years she prepared DAR papers for prospective members. She also represented the DAR on the board at Hindman Settlement School.

Nancy is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Tuesday Club. She held the office of president twice in the Women's Junior Study Club. She is also lay leader in the First United Methodist Church of Barbourville and is on the Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Board, where she has served many terms.

She is a member of the Knox Historical Museum where she is in charge of

the genealogy division, volunteering her time and assistance to our local community, giving tours to school children and looking up information on genealogy. One day a month Nancy gives her time to the John Fox Jr. Research Library at Duncan Tavern in Paris, Kentucky, where she answers mail and helps with genealogical research.

Nancy Hampton was presented a plaque naming her as the 2010 Susan Arthur Historical Preservation Award winner, and her name was added to a second plaque which hangs on the Reception Room wall in the Knox Historical Museum. Previous winners of the Susan Arthur Award are Charles Reed Mitchell (2006), K.S. Sol Warren (2007), Michael C. Mills (2008) and David and Betty Cole.

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