

Washington State Genealogical Society

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Message from the Board...

Washington State Heritage Center Plans Stalled, Let your State Legislators know of your support.

According to a Seattle Times article on January 30, 2013, our recently elected Secretary of State, Kim Wyman, is interested in moving forward with building a Washington State Heritage Center to bring many of our state's important records and artifacts under one roof. The State Library and State Archives are expected to run out of storage space this year and important documents are currently stored in less than ideal conditions in various locations around the state, including a Cold War-era bomb shelter.

The idea for a heritage center has been around for at least 30 years and in 2007 it gathered steam with approval in the State Legislature and the drawing of plans by an architect. Unfortunately in 2009, the project was put on hold and the earmarked funds were moved to the state's general fund.

The genealogical community needs to express to our State legislators, especially those new to office who may be unfamiliar with the project, that we support the Washington State Heritage Center building project. Visit <http://www.sos.wa.gov/heritage> to learn more and I urge you to write or email your representatives today.

Carole A. Medeiros, Treasurer

Outstanding Volunteer Awards Early This Year

The WSGS Conference and Annual Meeting will be held earlier this year, June 28-29, 2013 at Yakima, so milestones have moved closer for genealogical organizations to identify and submit narratives with photos.

March 15, 2013: Boards should select their honorees and notify the WSGS Recognition Committee at rgwspoon@aol.com.

May 15, 2013: Boards should submit a narrative of accomplishments and digital photo for each honoree. The award certificates will be presented during the Annual Meeting lunch in Yakima on Saturday, June 29, 2013. All organizations should have received program details by postal mail at the end of January. Address questions to Bob Witherspoon at rgwspoon@aol.com.

Go here for more information about this volunteer awards program
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/volawards.htm>

Next WSGS Board Meeting

Will be held in Yakima

On June 28, 2013

At the YVGS Library

1901 S. 12th Ave, Union Gap.

Time TBA

The Public is Welcome!

Registration for the WSGS Conference opens on MARCH 1, 2013

Presents



Bret Petersen

BYU Graduate

**Board Member Utah
Genealogical Society**

**Graduate National
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Research**

**Member
Genealogical
Speakers Guild**

**June 28, 29, 2013
In Yakima, WA**

**Howard Johnson Hotel
9 North 9th Street**

Washington State Genealogical Society

2013 Conference



Researching Rare Apples on Your Family Tree

Highlights

- **Using Newspapers in Research: You sNEWS you Lose**
- **Are You My Mother?—Finding the Maiden Name in Your Tree**
- **The “Shady” Side of the Family Tree—Prison, Criminal, Asylum Records and More**
- **Nine Mini-Classes to Choose From**

Hosted By:

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

For Information:

Patrick Bundy Publicity Chair 509 952-3322

Or <http://yvgs.net>

Registration for the WSGS Conference opens on MARCH 1, 2013

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/index.htm>



2013 Conference

“Researching Rare Apples

On Your Family Tree”

June 28-29, 2013

Yakima, WA.

Hosted by Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

WSGS Conference Registration

Please use a separate form for each person registering. Enter your name as you would like it to appear on your conference name tag

First Name Middle Initial/Maiden Name Last Name Postnominals

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Home Phone Email Address

Conference Fee: Registration Includes: Printed Syllabus Bonus class Friday afternoon 1—5pm (seating limited) Hospitality Session 6—8pm and lunch Saturday.

Conference Fee \$65.00 \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, 1901 South 12th Ave, Union Gap, WA 98903

Sign me up for Bonus Class (Friday Afternoon 1—5pm) _____ Yes _____ No
Limited to 50 (bring laptop, Ipad or other)

I plan to attend break-out session: #1 A B C #2 A B C #3 A B C

Bret Petersen is the featured guest speaker. Go to this link at the Genealogical Speakers Guild for more information:

http://www.genealogicalspeakersguild.org/member_details.php?member=PetersenB

Check out his blog: Branches of Our Tree: <http://blog.branchesofourtree.com/>

A Thank You to Sue Semeza Ericksen for her service as President of WSGS!

Sue Semeza Ericksen has been the WSGS President for the last four years. She took on the role of President at the beginning of January 2009 from Steve Baylor. She had been Region 5 Representative (Kittitas, Yakima and Klickitat) and Secretary of WSGS before she assumed her role as President of WSGS.

As President, Sue has kept WSGS on a steady course by strongly supporting all of WSGS programs such as the WSGS Volunteer Awards program, WSGS Local Speakers Bureau, the WSGS Conferences, the WSGS Pioneer Certificate program and more. She promoted many genealogical research strategies in her *Messages from the Board* featured in the WSGS Newsletter. She covered topics such as sourcing, planning research strategies, and organizing your genealogical records. She has encouraged others to volunteer with the Washington State Digital Archives helping to input records. Sue is a very strong supporter of open records in Washington State and rallied support this last Fall during the Vital Records crisis in our state. When Alma Greenwood stepped down from the Membership Chair over a year ago, Sue took over the duties of that position as well as continuing her duties as President. She has filled in where needed during her terms of office.



At the beginning of January 2013 she turned the duties of the WSGS President over to Mike McKinnon Region 6 Representative. Sue is not done yet, she will continue to support genealogy in any way that she can. Sue has and still is heavily involved with the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society serving in the positions of Vice President, Treasurer and currently Webmaster. She has been helping YVGS with cataloging and caring for the library holdings. If you stop by YVGS say hello. I am sure she would be happy to meet you. She has and will continue to be very active in helping the Washington State Digital Archives by extracting records for this organization as well as her local society.

We thank you Sue for your dedication to the genealogical community and your service to WSGS.

Submitted by The WSGS Board

Bette Jeanette Butcher Topp passes !

With great sadness, Eastern Washington Genealogical Society announced the loss on February 21, 2013, of Bette Jeanette Butcher Topp, a giving friend, mentor and teacher, a well-respected and appreciated leader, and one of the society's most loved members. Her loss is felt by friends in genealogy throughout the state.

Bette was born November 20th, 1932 in Honolulu, HI. She attended high school and college in the San Diego, CA area. On the 23rd of July 1952, when she was 19, Bette met the love of her life, John Andrew Topp, 18, and they married on 23 August 1952. The whirlwind courtship produced 60 years of marriage. Bette and John moved to Chattaroy, WA from north San Diego County in July 1981 where they settled on 29 acres.

Bette's love of family history won out and they moved to Spokane to be closer to the library and genealogical society. She was very active in the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society where she served as the President on two different occasions, as well as presenting programs and teaching classes, editing the Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter and the EWGS Newsletter. She is survived by her husband; three sons, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Her complete obituary was published in The Spokesman-Review on February 24, 2013.



All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is April 15, 2013
for the May-June 2013 issue.



Contact the Editor Bonnie Jean MacDonald: BON_MAC@msn.com.

Please indicate the name of your organization in the subject line of your email, thank you!

Another option for sharing your happenings is the Events Calendar listings at the WSGS website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgscal.htm>

March 2, 2013 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present their Spring Seminar with Mike McKinnon, President WSGS and other presenters from 8:30 to 3 pm at the Spokane Public Library, downtown lower level in Spokane. More information at: <http://www.ewgsi.org/events.php?ecid=4&tf=12> Here is the brochure: <http://www.ewgsi.org/upload/events/EWGSSPRINGSEMINAR2013.pdf>

March 16, 2013 The Jefferson County Genealogical Society will have their Annual Seminar. Time: 9 am to 3 pm. Location: Tri-Area Community Center, 10 W. Valley Road, Chimacum, WA. Guest: Mary Slawson: <http://wajcgs.org/annual-seminar>

March 16, 2013 the South King County Genealogical Society will co-sponsor with the PS-APG Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists a Spring Seminar titled "*What's Your Story.*" Time 8 am to 3 pm. Location: First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th St. Kent, WA. Go here for more information on topics and to obtain a registration form: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/>

April 6, 2013 Clark County Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar "*The Social Genealogist,*" by Miriam Robbins. Time: 8:30 am to 4 pm. Location: CCGS Library at 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. For more information about this seminar go here: <http://www.ccgswa.org/p4307.htm>

April 6, 2013 Olympia Genealogical Society will present their Spring Seminar "*Tools for the 21st Century Research,*" by Thomas MacEntee, Founder, High Definition Genealogy. Time 8 am to 4 pm. Location: Phoenix Inn Suites, 415 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA. Limited to the first 70 registrants, unless you are a vendor. Go here for registration and information: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/2013seminarposter.pdf>

April 27, 2013 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar featuring Leland Meitzler & William Dollaride. Location: La Quinta Inn and Suites, 1425 East 27th St., Tacoma, WA. Go here for more information: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

April 27, 2013 The Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will present their Spring Seminar. Featured speaker is Karen Krugman Professional Genealogist from Michigan. Location: Useless Bay Golf and Country Club in Freeland, WA. Time: 8 am to 4:30 pm. Go here for more information: <http://www.gsswi.org/seminar.shtml>

Check the South King County Genealogical Website for more Events coming up around Washington State and more...<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/natlcal.html>



A Big Step for Whatcom

The Monday-night meetings of Whatcom Genealogical Society have drawn fewer and fewer members in the past years. The aging eyes and slower reaction times, not counting icy roads in winter, led many to swear off driving at night. Surveys showed that a majority of responding members would prefer to meet during the day, but the facility used for the meetings could not guarantee availability during the day.

Arrangements have now been made for the society to meet at 2:00 pm on the second Monday of the month at the Elks Lodge #194, 710 South Samish Way, just east of Interstate 5, Exit 252, in Bellingham. This hillside facility has two stories, with parking on both levels, and access to the genealogical society meetings will be from the lower-level parking lot. Meetings will be held February to June and September to November.

The Whatcom Genealogical Society's Board hopes these changes will draw more attendance locally and make speakers from more distant places feel safer traveling to and from Bellingham in daylight. <http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/>

National Conference Spotlight

March 20, 2013 The Association of Professional Genealogists will present their 2013 APG Professional Management Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown, Salt Lake City. More details are found here: <http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html>

March 21-23, 2013 Rootstech 2013 will hold their conference in Salt Lake City, UT. Registration is open for Rootstech. <http://rootstech.org/> Theme: *Family History & Technology*.

April 13, 2013 the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, will hold their Spring seminar featuring Barbara Renick. Time 9 to 4 pm. Location 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, Oregon. More info and a flyer at this link <http://www.gfo.org/seminar/barbara-renick.pdf>



April 17-21, 2013 New England Regional Genealogy Conference will be held in Manchester, N.H. at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. Theme: *Woven in History—The Fabric of New England*. <http://www.nergc.org/>

April 26-27, 2013 Bend Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar featuring Christine Rose, CG. <http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/springseminar.html> Time: 8:30 to 4 pm. Location: Bend Golf and Country Club, Bend, Oregon.

May 8-11, 2013 the National Genealogical Society will present “*Building New Bridges*,” in Las Vegas, Nevada. http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info Here is the announcement brochure: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/new-gallery/2013_Announcement_Brochure_27_April.pdf

June 7-9, 2013 Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree will be held in Burbank, California. Go here for more information: <http://www.scsgenealogy.com/> Also try their blog at this link: <http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/>

August 21 to 24, 2013 Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold their annual conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Here is their conference website: <http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43> and the brochure is at: http://www.fgs.org/upload/files/FGS2013_Conference_Flyer.pdf

NOTE: Fort Wayne has the [Allen County Public Library](#) which is 2nd to the Family History Library. Past conferences were very popular, so book lodging as soon as you can.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY!!!

Genealogy Librarians are available at the Level 9 Desk:

Tuesday-Saturday: 11 am to noon; 1 to 3 pm.

Sunday: 1 to 3 pm.

30-minute appointments with a Genealogy Librarian are available as follows:

Tuesday-Friday: 3 pm & 4 pm.

No classes in March and no closures for the library.

April 23, 2013 The Seattle Public Library: John LaMont teaches Ancestry Library Edition. 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Level 4, Large Computer Lab. Registration is required. Send an e-mail using the library's Ask-A-Librarian service (www.spl.org) or call 386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.



Mother Nature is Unpredictable: Are you protecting your genealogy research for the future and from disasters?

Dick Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter had an article about disasters in the plus edition. He got me going on a list of natural disasters that we are all familiar with: hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunamis, floods and flooding, earthquakes, building collapses, blizzards, forest fire, burst water pipes, a house burning down, a tree falling down, exposure to light and moisture and more.



Natural disasters and your family history legacy are something you can plan for and get ready for in advance.

So where do you start to get a handle on your genealogical research? Well you start with cleaning up and getting organized. Is your genealogy room like this? (See Photo)

I would start with backing up your computer genealogical files. The problem with backing up genealogical files is that they change constantly as you update, find new material and rearrange them. So you can buy another extra drive if your computer will allow it like mine. I have a C and G drive on my desktop and I also have an external hard drive like the LaCie #301909 Rikki 500 GB to back up the every changing genealogical research that I do.

Space on a drive is important as you scan documents and more into your computer you will need more room. Drives do fail after time so you will need to back up.

You still need to have your genealogical files duplicated and saved somewhere else like a safety deposit box at your local bank which will take only a USB drive because of the size. Get a big USB 32 gigs or more (expensive so look for sales). A friend suggested online like at [Dropbox](#) or [SkyDrive](#). If you use USB or CDRoms/DVD's you will need to update them once every few months. Yup, it is not easy but necessary. I am sure that those who are computer savvy have even more ideas of how to back up computer files. Check out the March/April 2013 Family Tree magazine for an article on this very topic.

Your WSGS Editor

Society Officers across Washington State

REGION 2—As of February 2013

Eastside Genealogical Society

President: Carol Pattison

Vice President: Bob Barnes

Secretary: Vicky Quakenbush

Treasurer: Kay Wilson

Trustee: Sharron Filer

Fiske Genealogical Library

President: Gary Zimmerman

Treasurer: Ann Owens

Secretary: Carolyn Blount

Education Director: Karl Kumm

Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State

President & Program Chair: Nancy Adelson

1st Vice President: Mary Kozy

2nd Vice President: Natalie Malin

Secretary: Mary Kozy

Treasurer: Sara Adelson

PS-APG (Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists)

President: Eric Stroschein

Secretary: Steven Morrison

Treasurer: Dave Liesse

Programs: Winona Laird

Seattle Genealogical Society

President: Linda Fitzgerald

Vice President: Jean A. Roth

Treasurer: Dick Morrill

Secretary: Linda Dougherty

South King County Genealogical Society

President: Winona Laird

Vice President: John Eakins

Secretary: Katie Hanzeli

Treasurer: Roberta Kelley

Tacoma Pierce Genealogical Society

President: Warren Fisk

Vice President Family Line: Gretchen Campbell

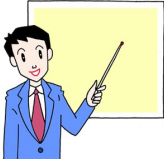
Vice President Programs: Helen Stender

Recording Secretary: Sandra D. Johnson

Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Workman

Treasurer: Lorraine Graeber

For more information about genealogical society officers for an individual society please go to their website. Our genealogical societies are vital and the life blood of genealogy. Please consider being an officer?



UPCOMING EVENTS In Washington State

To list an event in this newsletter contact your [regional representative](#). Please feel free to contact the newsletter editor, Bonnie who can be reached at BON_MAC@msn.com. Please indicate the name of your organization in the subject line.

Next deadline is April 15, 2013 for the May-June issue.

MARCH 2013

Every effort is made to be accurate with the information below, but it is suggested you check before you leave home.

March 2 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will present "*Family Tree on familysearch.org*," by Barbara Beede. Time: 10 am at the YVGS library, 1901 S. 12th Ave., Union Gap.

March 2 Heritage Quest Research Library will hold a class on "*Introduction to Immigration and Naturalization Records*," by Jim Johnson. HQRLibrary at 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA. Time 10 am. Fee \$15.00.

March 4 Camwood Genealogical Group Meets first Mondays at 1 pm at Stanwood Historical Society Museum, 27108 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood, WA.

March 4 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will celebrate their 30th Anniversary of the Society. Time: 7 pm. Location: KCGS Library in Ellensburg, WA.

Thursdays in March & April - Comeford Genealogical Group Meets Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am at the Ken Baxter Community Center, 514 Delta Ave., Marysville, WA, in Comeford Park. The group meets informally to assist one another in genealogical research. <http://comefordgroup.wordpress.com/category/class-times-schedule/>

March 6 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society will hold their Business meeting and program at 6:45 pm at Alderwood Manor Heritage Association, 19921 Poplar Way, in Lynnwood's Heritage Park. "*Do you Have Irish Heritage*," by Ann Moloney Lamb.

March 6 Fiske Genealogical Library is in the middle of their Winter 2013 classes: Time 10 am. Location: Fiske Genealogical Library. Class schedule: <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/2013Winterclasses.htm> Fee of \$5.00 for non-members to use their library after the presentation.

March 7 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will present "*Methodology*," by Pat Crimmel. Time 7 pm. Location: 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview, WA. There April 4th meeting topic will be announced.

March 9 Clallam County Genealogical Society will present "*Immigration and Naturalization*," by Jim Johnson, Director HQRL. Time 9:45 am. Locations: Mariners Café, 707 E. Washington, Sequim.

March 9 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will present "*How to Research One Room School House Records*," by Lois Smith. Time: 1 pm. Location: Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, downstairs meeting room, 500 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, OR.

March 9 Grays Harbor Genealogical Society will have a meeting at the Hoquiam Timberland Library, 420 7th Street, Hoquiam. Time 10 am. Topic to be announced. There will be an April meeting on the 13th.

March 11 Clark County Genealogical Society will present "*The La Center Museum*," by Dr. Barbara Barnhart. Time 10 am. CCGS Library Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. April 8 meeting to be announced.

March 11 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will present their program at 1:00 pm: Speaker: Laura Sparr; Program: "*Truth and Consequences of Genealogical Research*." Special thanks are due to Laura for helping us so many times this year! Meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland.

March 11 Jewish Genealogical Society will present "*I've Had My DNA Tested...Now What*," by Mary Kozy. Time: 7:00 pm. Location: Stroum Jewish Community Center, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040. April 8th meeting TBA.

March 11 Whatcom Genealogical Society will present a talk by Megan Shoemaker of the Washington State Archives Northwest Regional Branch. Elizabeth Joffrion, will discuss resources of the newly reorganized library structure at Western Washington University. Location: Bellingham Elks #194, lower level, 710 South Samish Way, Bellingham. Time: 2-4 pm.

March 12 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will start at 1 P.M.: Program: "*Knowing the Pricetag of our Heritage*" Author, Richard Logg, Sr., Meeting at the Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington.

March 12 Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers - Meeting at 2720 Heller Rd, the fire station #25, just north of Crosby Road in Oak Harbor. Program: 1 pm until about 3. Topic to be announced. Contact Ruth Hancock 675-4086 at randr.hancock@frontier.com for more information; also, Gordon Garnhart garnhart@whidbey.net Next meeting April 9, TBA.

March 13, Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will present "*Problem Solving*," by Susan Dechant. Time: 1:30 pm, Basement of the LDS Church, Colville.

March 13, Tri-City Genealogical Society will present "*The World of Google, A Rich Resource for Genealogy*," by Mikal McKinnon, President WSGS. Time 7 pm. Location Parkview Estates, 7820 W. Sixth Ave., Kennewick, WA.

March 14 Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting: Time 7 pm, Redmond Library in Redmond, WA. Next meeting April 11th. TBA

March 14 Olympia Genealogical Society will present “*Unearthing the Real New England Immigrant*,” by Steven Morrison. Time: 7 pm. Location: Thurston County Courthouse Bldg. 1, Room 152 in Olympia, WA.

March 14 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society will present Betty Meloy, “*The Making of Idaho Territory*,” Time: 7 pm. Location: Orchards United Methodist Church, 1213 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, ID.

March 16, Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will present “*Becoming a Genealogy Blog Reader*,” a live webinar by Thomas MacEntee. Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 171 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee. Time 7 pm.

March 17 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present “*Genetic Genealogy Basics*,” by Herb McDaniel of SGS. Time 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Island Library

March 19 Lewis County Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 7 pm at the PUD Auditorium at 345 NW Pacific Ave., Chehalis, WA. Topic to be announced. Next meeting April 16th, TBA.

March 26 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society meeting will start at 7-9 pm: Program: “*Genealogy Software for Beginners- Which one should you use?*” We’ll present a brief overview of Family Tree Maker, PAF, Legacy software programs. Presenters: John Ruhlman for Family Tree Maker; Barbara Allen for PAF; and Barb Johnson for Legacy. Meeting at the Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington.

March 27 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present “*Are You Lost in the Cloud?*” by Susan Whitford, KRL’s Director of Technology. Time: 12:30 pm. Location: Sylvan Way Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA. http://www.pusogensoc.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/thecloud_program_mar_letter.pdf

March 30 Heritage Quest Research Library will hold a class on “*Using the Databases at HQRL*,” by Jim Johnson. HQRLibrary at 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA. Time 10 am. Fee \$15.00.

APRIL 2013

April 3 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society will hold their Business meeting and program at 6:45 pm at Alderwood Manor Heritage Association, 19921 Poplar Way, in Lynnwood’s Heritage Park. “*Tax Records*,” by Sarah Flemming.

April 4 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will present “*Turning Paper into People: Creating a Lasting Family History*,” by Janet Camarata. Time: 7 pm. Location: KCGS Library in Ellensburg, WA.

April 6 Clallam County Genealogical Society will hold their **Gala Grand Opening** at their new library at 402 East Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles, WA.

April 6, Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present “*Digital Photo Management*,” by John Wilson. Time: 1 pm to 3 pm. Location: Spokane Public Library Auditorium, downtown Spokane.

April 6 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will present “*Genealogy and Public Libraries*,” by Richard Kyle. Time: 10 am at the YVGS library, 1901 S. 12th Ave., Union Gap.

April 8 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island Time 1:00 pm: Program: “*The New Family Search*,” by Eric Stroschein, Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland.

April 8 Whatcom Genealogical Society Location: Bellingham Elks #194, lower level, 710 South Samish Way, Bellingham. Time: 2-4 pm. TBA.

April 9 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Time: 1 P.M.: Program: “*Records of the Veterans Administration*,” by Marlene Agnes. Meeting at the Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington.

April 10, Tri-City Genealogical Society will present “*Historical Societies, How They Can Aid in Research*,” by Kathy Sizer, President of YVGS. Time: 7 pm. Location Parkview Estates, 7820 W. Sixth Ave., Kennewick, WA.

April 11 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society will present Betty Steeley, “*How to Publish/Self-Publish a Book*.” Time: 7 pm. Location: Orchards United Methodist Church, 1213 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, ID.

April 13 PS-APG Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will hold their business meeting and present “*Timelines and Chronologies*,” by Janet Camarata. Location: NARA Pacific Alaska Region, 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Time: 10 am to 1 pm.

April 13 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will present “*Genealogy 101*,” by Jim Bull. Time: 1 pm. Location: Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, downstairs meeting room., 500 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon.

April 19 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present “*Non-Linear Lines (e.g. out of wedlock, adoptions)*,” by members. Time 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Island Library

April 20 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting. “*Exploring Your Family Photographs*,” by Pam Wils. Time 9:30 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum.

April 23 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Time: 7-9 PM: Program: “*Skagit County Family History Book*,” by Hazel Rasar, Past President of SVGS, and Dan Royal, Archivist and Historian for SkVGS, Meeting at the Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington.

April 24 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present “*Chipping Away at Your Brick Wall*,” by the Debbie Macomber Research Team. Time 12:30 pm. Location: Sylvan Way Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA. http://www.pusogensoc.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/thecloud_program_mar_letter.pdf

Arlington National Cemetery

has a great website

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

HONOR - REMEMBER - EXPLORE

2014 WSGS Budget	
Category	Amount
INFLOWS	
Membership	2,800.00
Pioneer	325.00
Interest	150.00
	3,275.00
OUTFLOWS	
Dues & Subscriptions	100.00
Insurance	500.00
WA State filing fees	10.00
Newsletter	450.00
PayPal Fees	10.00
Website Maintenance	313.00
	1,383.00
Net Non-Conference Income	1,892.00
2014 Conference - based on 2011 TCGS Conf (Conference location not currently known)	1,500.00
Net Income including Conference Estimate	3,392.00

National Archives and Records Administration Genealogy Workshops

6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115;

phone 206-336-5115

Check this link for more information and the schedule:

<http://www.archives.gov/pacific-alaska/seattle/public/workshops.html>

Location: NARA-Pacific Alaska Region, 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Classes are held either in the upstairs Conference Room or in the new Learning Center.

Registration: Advance registration is advised. Classes are held on a first come, first served basis. To register, call 206-336-5115, or e-mail:

seattle.archives@nara.gov, or in person during normal business hours, 7:45 am to 4:15 pm., Mon-Fri. and 9-4 on the second Saturday of each month. We reserve the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment or bad weather.

NARA Workshops nationwide:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/events/>



The Board of Certification for Genealogists

Has a New Blog:

“SpringBoard News and Notes”

<http://blog.bcgcertification.org/>

Launched at the end of December 27, 2012 with a message from Elissa Scalise Powell, CG the new BCG President as of October 2012.

It will have announcements, associate news, introductions, features, workshops, methodology and feature new associates.

Here is the link to their home page where there are other links to information about becoming a certified genealogist and finding a board certified genealogist.

<http://www.bcgcertification.org/>

Pondering What To Do for Your

Next Society Program?



There is a list of great lecturers and teachers at the Washington State Genealogical Society Speakers Directory.

Go to this link:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgssocres.htm>

This list is composed of experienced and knowledgeable members of the community from our own great State of Washington. Give it a try!

If you have always wanted to share your genealogical knowledge as a lecturer, fill out the form at the WSGS for the Speakers Directory and send it in. There only 5 steps to complete. The form gives details.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/speakersbureau/signupform.pdf>

There are links to national speaker possibilities at the WSGS Local Speakers Page.

Celebrate your Irish Heritage right here in Seattle!

2013 CELEBRATIONS!



The Irish Heritage Club of Seattle, Washington sponsors a huge celebration of Irish heritage starting in the month of February and going through March, 2013. You will find more events at their website:

<http://www.irishclub.org/irwk.htm>

On March 16, 2013 they will raise the Irish Flag at 12:20 pm in front of the King County Administration Building. Followed by the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 4th Ave at 12:30 pm.

<http://www.irishclub.org/parade.htm>

March 16 & 17, 2013, Irish Weekend Festival at the Seattle Armory (formerly Center House) will be held Noon to 6 pm <http://www.irishclub.org/center.htm>

HAPPY ST. PATRICK's Day! March 17, 2013

<http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day>

Policy Change at Family History Library for requesting Photocopies:

"All requests for information copied from films, book pages, CDs, marriage, death or birth certificates, wills and/or deeds, etc. will be copied in digital format and emailed to patrons in a zipped PDF or JPG file format. There is no charge for this service if we are able to email information to patrons.

If a patron does not have an email address, we can mail the information to the patron using the US Postal Service. However, as much as possible, we will rely on emailing all requests for information through the internet. If patrons do not own a computer or do not have an email address, they can request to have the information emailed to their local Family History Center, where they can print the information at the center.

Patrons should request copies by emailing their request to Photoduplication@familysearch.org. All requests MUST include the following information:

*Film or Fiche number
Item number
Name of Individual(s) referred to in the record
Title of the record
Name of parents, spouse, grantor, grantee, etc.
Event type (Birth, Death or Marriage)
Complete event date and place
Event place (county, parish, township, etc.)
Volume or page number
Registration or Certificate Number
Any other information that will help us locate your record."*

From: UPFRONT from NGS 7/ Feb 2013 who found it on the Family History blog at:

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/policy-change-patrons-requesting-photocopies-family-history-library-salt-lake-city-utah/> (The photo is early morning at the Family History Library before opening, your Editor)





WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

1901 S. 12th Ave.

Union Gap, WA 98903

*Membership DUES for WSGS for 2013 was due at the end of December 2012
Get your Membership in by going to the website to pay with your credit card via
PayPal and sign up online at:*

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/membform.htm>

The membership year for WSGS is January to December.

WSGS Website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs>

WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL!

Extra funds will be considered a DONATION and will go toward valuable services of the society

NAME _____

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CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

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Membership	_____ Single Membership	\$12.00 per year	Indicate Status:	_____ New Membership
Type:	_____ Organization	\$12.00 per year		_____ Renewal
	_____ Family	\$13.00 per year (one newsletter for household)		_____ Reinstatement
	_____ Mailed Copy	\$ 8.00 per year in addition to above membership		

DONATION to 501 (C) 3 Organization: \$_____ (Your donation is tax deductible)

Send check or money order to: WSGS, 1901 So. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA 98903

Enclose SASE if you would like a receipt and membership card. Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

You can renew or pay dues at the WSGS website using PayPal: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/membform.htm>