

# Washington State Genealogical Society NEWSLETTER



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**Next WSGS Board Meeting  
January 11, 2014, weather  
permitting, augmented by  
Google Hangout.  
9 am to 3 pm**

**Yakima Valley Genealogical  
Society Library  
in Union Gap**

**The Public is Welcome!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD...

There's been a lot said about DNA for genealogy. We use it to find our mother's roots (mtDNA) and our father's roots (YDNA). Then there is all that stuff in between called autosomal DNA that is used in finding connections between families (aka Family Finder).

Sadly, in most cases this is where genealogists stop. There is a lot more in the autosomal DNA, namely what you inherit. You inherit half of your chromosomes from each parent giving you your good looks, hair color, eye color, etc. along with that comes your inheritance factor for some DISEASES.

Some years ago Medical Genealogy was popular but I haven't seen much about it lately. Everybody needs to look into their medical genealogy. It is a good source for preventive medicine. You should know because your doctor wants to know.

Roger Newman, WSGS Secretary

Suggestions by your WSGS Editor: Try this article at About.com Genealogy to get started.

<http://genealogy.about.com/library/authors/ucbishop7a.htm> or maybe this one

<http://health.yahoo.net/experts/dayinhealth/home-dna-test-reveals-surprising-health-risks>

## EVALUATION OF THREE GENEALOGICAL EDUCATION OPTIONS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



Evaluation of Three  
Genealogy Education  
Options for the  
Northwest

Time are changing and the need for more advanced genealogical education is here.

The Puget Sound chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (PS-APG) is searching for ways to improve genealogical education opportunities in the Northwest. Over the past two years PS-APG explored three different options to bring high quality genealogical speakers here.

PS-APG prepared a "white paper" and evaluated three options:

1. Bidding for a National Genealogical Conference in the Northwest,
2. Creating an annual or semi-annual NW Regional Conference, and
3. Creating a NW Genealogical Institute taught by nationally recognized instructors.

Interested in learning more? You can read the *white paper* at <http://www.psapg.org/education.html>. Or schedule a speaker to make a presentation to YOUR society. Contact any of the following: **Janet O'Connor Camarata** [camarata2@gmail.com](mailto:camarata2@gmail.com) - 206.335.9577; **Winona Laird** [w-laird@msn.com](mailto:w-laird@msn.com) - 253.631.3252; or **Steven W. Morrison** [foxhallguy@comcast.net](mailto:foxhallguy@comcast.net) - 360.459.3678.

<http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=17> & <http://www.wsgs2014conference.com/>

# “Improved Genealogy through Better Methodology”

Washington State Genealogical Society

2014 Conference and Annual Meeting  
15-16 August 2014 Skagit County, WA



**Eric Stroschein** is the President of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (PS-APG). He and his wife own, Generations Detective, a genealogical research and heir tracing firm. Eric speaks nationally on the subject of genealogy, methodology, and obscure records.

**Mary Kathryn Kozy** is a member of the PS-APG and Region 2 Representative for the Washington State Genealogical Society. With a great understanding of the use of DNA in genealogy, she is a popular speaker throughout the state. Mary has an impressive track record of supporting genealogy in the state of Washington.



**Steven W. Morrison** graduated Huxley College at Western Washington University and earned an MPA from The Evergreen State College. He is the current secretary of the PS-APG, a very experienced researcher, and active lecturer. Steven holds certificates from the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

**Donna Potter Phillips** is a dynamic and enthusiastic speaker from Spokane and member of the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society. She lectures regularly on the need of blending the old research methods with the new technologies and resources available.



**The WSGS 2013 VOLUNTEER AWARDS**  
**Here are the winners of the Volunteer Awards for 2013**  
**Congratulations to all!**

**Your award will soon be in the mail or  
presented by your WSGS Region Representative.**

**JoAnn Miller**, Twin Rivers Genealogical Society  
**Betty Thiessen Meloy**, Twin Rivers Genealogical Society  
**Monica Barlett Peters**, Whitman County Genealogical Society  
**Judy JoAnn Standar McMurray**, Whitman County Genealogical Society  
**Jerry Case**, Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island  
**Sue Elfving**, Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society  
**John Covey**, Tri-City Genealogical Society  
**Gordy Freeman**, Tri-City Genealogical Society  
**Stephen Baylor**, Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society  
**Kay Crabtree**, Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society  
**Joanne Hoidal Wetmore**, Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society  
**Sabra White**, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society  
**Macklin "Mac" C. Gardner**, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society  
**Bonnie Jean MacDonald**, Washington State Genealogical Society  
**Nancy Adelson**, Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State  
**Sandra Bisset**, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society  
**Helen Dixon**, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society  
**Elaine Anderson**, Grays Harbor Genealogical Society  
**Dave Anderson**, Grays Harbor Genealogical Society  
**Edward & Barbara Peters**, Chelan Valley Genealogical Society  
**Barbara Auguston Lockard**, Lower Columbia Genealogical Society  
**Bill Mahoney**, Lower Columbia Genealogical Society  
**Portia Stacey**, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society  
**Eric Stroshein**, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society  
**Derek Knutsen**, Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society  
**Ann Northcutt**, Puget Sound Genealogical Society  
**Cheryl Nunn**, Sno-Isle Genealogical Society  
**Bernice Keller**, Seattle Genealogical Society



The total is 28 for the year 2013. If you feel that someone is missing from this list, please let Mike McKinnon, President of WSGS know immediately. [mike.mckinnon@charter.net](mailto:mike.mckinnon@charter.net)

The 2013 Volunteer Awards are not yet posted to the WSGS Website. However to view past honorees and take time to read their biographies go to the WSGS website: <http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=12>

By now some of you may know that Bob Witherspoon passed away on October 13, 2013. Bob was the WSGS Volunteer Award Chairman and for many years kept a watchful eye on the winners. His diligence will be missed. Here is a link to his obituary notice: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bellinghamherald/obituary.aspx?n=usaf-ret-robert-graham-witherspoon-cmsgt&pid=167587320&fhid=9057> In the Jan/Feb 2014 issue there will be a tribute to Bob and his service to WSGS.



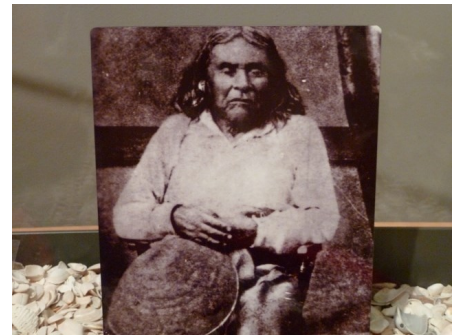
## The Grave of Chief Sealth

In September 2013, Donna visited the gravesite of Chief Seattle. Born **Sealth** about 1786 on Blake Island (just off Seattle), he was the son of Suquamish chief **Schweabe** and a Duwanish mother, **Sholeetsa**. He became a strong and intelligent leader of both tribes and his name was given to the new little town by David "Doc" Maynard, a good friend of Chief Sealth and one of the founders of Seattle. Sealth died in 1866 on the Port Madison Reservation near Poulsbo. In the Suquamish Museum, I learned that Suquamish means the place or the people of the clear salt water; they are a tribe, a nation, a culture and a family. Quote from the Suquamish Museum:

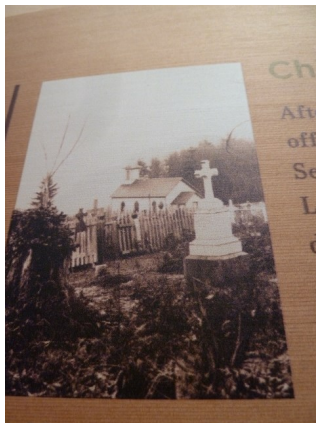
*A few people in my generation had no interest in preserving the language or remembering the old ways. They probably thought that it wouldn't do them any good. They were too busy surviving.... The way I've always felt about it, if you haven't got any memories of what your culture was back there you just wonder what you're doing around here now." Laurence "Web" Webster, 1899-1991*

Suquamish history: "Our history, here, in this place, goes back a very long time. We know this through oral traditions we call teachings. Our elders shared the wisdom, knowledge and understanding of how to be good people, to treat others, to provide for our families and what to pass on to the next generation.

**The oral history of the Suquamish is family history.** Teachings shared amongst everyone, contain the knowledge of who we are, how we came to be here, and tell the great deeds of our leaders and the sacrifices and joys of our people. Together, each generation weaves the fabric of our culture, building on what came before and setting strong threads for the future. Here is the only known photo of Chief Seattle taken shortly before his death:



Here is his gravesite, as it was then and now!



Here is his tombstone:



## The Grave of Chief Seattle continued...

The wooden picture board (to the right and left of his tombstone) tell of his life and exploits. This photo shows him giving his famous speech in 1854. The Suquamish Museum gave me a free copy of his 3-page speech; here is an excerpt:

*“And when the last Red Man shall have perished from the earth and his memory among white men shall have become a myth, these shores will swarm with the invisible dead of my tribe and when your children’s children shall think themselves alone in the field, the store, the shop, upon the highway, or in the silence of the woods, they will not be alone. In all the earth there is no place dedicated to solitude. At night, when the streets of your cities and villages shall be silent and you think them deserted, they will throng with the returning hosts that once filled and still love this beautiful land. The white man will never be alone. Let him be just and deal kindly with my people, for the dead are not powerless.”*



Dead—did I say? There is no death. Only a change in worlds!”

Donna Potter Phillips, September 2013

For more information on this topic go here: <http://www.suquamish.nsn.us/HistoryCulture.aspx>

## Introducing THE GENEALOGY TRAINING CENTER

The Genealogy Training Center (GTC) is designed to help genealogists understand the genealogy research process, the availability of records on-line and off-line, the way to interpret the information found and to capture the information into a record of their own family history.



Genealogy Training Center

Genealogy in Today's World

### Classes

- Basic Genealogy Records
- Genealogical Research Process
- Technology and Internet Resources for Genealogists

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- To provide interactive, hands-on training in genealogical research
- To raise money for the establishment of a research library addressing the needs of south King county area

Training classes are held in a computer lab in the Kent Valley.



Genealogy Training Center

Genealogy in Today's World

Location: IBEW Local No. 46, Computer Lab, 19802 62nd Ave. S. Kent, WA.

Each class is two hours long. The instructors are [Janet O’Conor Camarata](#) and [Winona Laird](#).

Classes are forming for November 2014 on a variety of days. Go here for more details.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/gtc/index.html>

November line up of classes:

Searching the Census on Saturday, Nov. 2, and again on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 1 to 3 pm. Finding Supplement Census Records, Thursday Nov. 14 and Saturday Nov. 16 from 1 to 3 pm. Vital Records, Thursday Nov. 21 and Saturday Nov. 23 from 1 to 3 pm.

## All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is **December 15, 2013**  
for the Jan-Feb 2014 issue.



**Contact the Editor Bonnie Jean MacDonald:** [BON\\_MAC@msn.com](mailto: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.

Contact [Sue Ericksen](#) if you want to post your event.

**November 2, 2013 Family History Fair 2013** will be held at the Bellevue Stake, 14436 Main St. Bellevue, WA. Time: 8 am for registration. Program is 9 am to 4 pm. Registration is open for 2013. <http://www.wafamilyhistory.net/Expo2013/index.htm>

**November 2, 2013 Whatcom County Genealogical Society** will hold their Fall Seminar. Time: 8 am to 4:30 pm. Location: Bellingham Technical College Building G, 3028, Linbergh Ave., Bellingham, WA. For more information go here: [http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/2013\\_Seminar\\_Flyer.pdf](http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/2013_Seminar_Flyer.pdf)

**November 23, 2013 Clark County Genealogical Society** will host their Fall Seminar. Time: 9 am to 4 pm. Location: CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. Theme: Westward Migration. Go here for more information: [http://www.ccgswa.org/fall\\_sem.html](http://www.ccgswa.org/fall_sem.html)

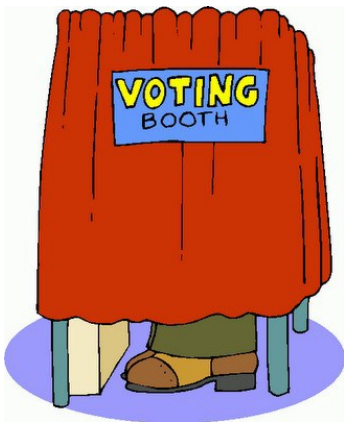
**November 23, 2013 The Community Family History and Genealogy Fair** will take place at the Puyallup Family History Center, 13420 94th Ave. E., Puyallup, WA. Time: 10 am to 4 pm. There will be tours, beginner classes, one-on-one consulting and 45 minute classes throughout the day. No registration just show up! [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Puyallup\\_Washington\\_South\\_Family\\_History\\_Center#Upcoming\\_Events](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Puyallup_Washington_South_Family_History_Center#Upcoming_Events)

For the Holiday Season try: **December 7 to the 8th, 2013 The Neely Mansion Association** [http://www.neelymansion.org/ailec\\_event/victorian-farmhouse-christmas/](http://www.neelymansion.org/ailec_event/victorian-farmhouse-christmas/)

## Its that time again WSGS Elections for 2013, Please Vote!

For those of you that receive a paper copy of this newsletter, please go to the online version of this newsletter for a copy of the ballot. Those who receive this online version you will find the ballot at the end of this newsletter.

<http://wasgs.org/> You can print off and mail your choices as indicated on the ballot or email your choices to Mike McKinnon, WSGS President [mike.mckinnon@charter.net](mailto:mike.mckinnon@charter.net)  
Make sure you put WSGS Elections in the subject line.



### For Vice President – Donna Potter-Phillip

Donna has been active with EWGS since 1978 and has held most positions including twice being president (currently). Her past activities outside EWGS include: articles for most of the major genealogical magazines, teaching through the local community college, writing a weekly newspaper genealogy column (1986-2000) and helping with tours to Salt Lake for 30 years. Donna enjoys giving presentations on basic/beginning/Internet genealogy and motivational topics. She has served with WSGS as Vice President many years ago and was Region Rep #8 for several years. In her off-genealogy time she grows cactus, loves her mini-dachshund (who has her own blog: [www.tikasthoughtsandteachings.blogspot.com](http://www.tikasthoughtsandteachings.blogspot.com)), and loves to travel..... invite her and she will likely come!"

### For Treasurer- Kathryn Bowen

Kathy has an MBA in Accounting from Seattle University (1998) and has served as an Internal Auditor at SAFECO Insurance. A Senior Accountant for a medical education company, an Accountant for 2 restaurants, and as an Accountant for several property management firms. She was most recently the Treasurer of the Ritzville Festivals Association, a non-profit responsible for raising funds and building the community float each year. Kathy "caught the genealogy bug," when she took a genealogy course at Brigham Young University and had to complete four generations of all of her lines within three months. She spent those three months at the Family History Library. She has been researching her family lines for over 40 years. Kathy is a Trustee with EWGS as she calls it the "odd job person." She is currently interested in Huguenot research. Her mother still lives on the farm purchased 95 years ago. Her father was with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) forerunner of the CIA? She is looking forward learning good research techniques so she can delve into Scottish research.

### For Region 6 Rep- Janet McKinnon

Janet is supportive of the Washington State Genealogical Society. She is currently concluding her second term as Vice President / Program Chair for the Tri-City Genealogical Society. Janet also serves as a Librarian at the Richland Family History Center, an office in her Daughters of Utah Pioneers Camp and has served in other areas of the community. Janet has a deep love of Family History and Heritage. She is married to Mikal McKinnon and the mother of five children and has thirteen grandchildren.

## National Conference Spotlight



Check the South King County Genealogical Society webpage for comprehensive list of events at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/natcal.html>

**Jan 10 to the 11th, 2014 The Professional Management Conference of the Association of Professional Genealogists (PMC)** will hold their 2014 at the Radisson in downtown Salt Lake City. The theme is: Embracing Innovation and Opportunity. Registration is now open: <http://apgen.org/blog/2013/10/22/registration-now-open-for-pmc-2014-embracing-innovation-and-opportunity/> This conference is open to members of APG and also non-members. <http://www.apgen.org/conferences/>

**Jan 13 to the 17th, 2014 the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)** will present advanced genealogical courses at the Radisson in downtown Salt Lake City. Go here for more information: <http://ugagenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=42>

**February 6 to the 8th, 2014 Rootstech 2014** will hold their conference at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. For details go here: <https://rootstech.org/>

**March 24 to the 29th, 2014 The Forensic Genealogy Institute** will hold their classes at the Wyndham Love Field Hotel at 3300 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX. Here is their link: <http://www.forensicgenealogists.org/forensic-genealogy-institute.html>



## Keeping up with Eastern Washington Genealogical Society!

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society has been busy. For more information on EWGS activities go to their blog: <http://ewgs-spokane.blogspot.com/>



On September 8, 2013 EWGS took phone pledges for KSPS Public TV station on Sunday Afternoon.

Pat Ayers did a \$1000 on her first phone call!

They also gave out coffee, goodies at the Sprague Rest Stop. Hmm....next time I go that way I best stop by....Looks delicious!



This years Walk with the Ancestors for EWGS theme was the Iron Horse Era where they honored 13 men that worked on the Northern Pacific Railroad near Sprague and Division in 1890.

*They were blasting rock and cleaning it up. They set the blasts off just after all the men left for the day and then the next morning clean up the debris, but this blast went off about 15 minutes before the men left for the day. The newspaper said 27 killed, and more missing, but by morning they found 13 bodies, and had several wounded. One of those wounded died later. The men that died were all single and all immigrants with no family in our area. They are buried in a mass grave in Greenwood Memorial Terraces with a nice historical marker placed there a few years ago. No individual markers for any of them. For more info go to the EWGS's blog: <http://ewgs-spokane.blogspot.com/2013/09/walking-with-abcestors-2013-iron-horse.html>*



Submitted by Donna Potter Phillips and Charles Hansen EWGS



## UPCOMING GENEALOGICAL 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](mailto:BON_MAC@msn.com). DO NOT fail to include the name of your organization in the subject line. Next deadline is December 15, 2013 for Jan/Feb 2014 issue.

With the Holiday Season upon us. I would like to caution you to make sure that you check with your society's before you leave home as to what events are taking place. Also check for closures for Thanksgiving and Christmas time. Many genealogical societies do not have meetings in December. So check first!

### NOVEMBER 2014

**Nov 2013 Seattle Genealogical Society** has many interests groups scheduled. Go here for more information: <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/calendar-node-field-date/month/2013-11> Scroll through their calendar of Events.

**Nov 2, 2013 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society** will hold their meeting at the Spokane Public Library Auditorium in downtown Spokane. Time 12:30 pm. John Richards will share his story about his ancestor Patsy Clark.

**Nov 2, 2013 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: YVGS Library. Topic: Locating/Using Journals and Diaries in Your Research, by Kathy Sizer.

**Nov 4, 2013 Kittitas County Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting. Time 7 pm. Location: KCGS Library. Topic: Up Close and Personal with Find-A-Grave and the IOOF Cemetery, by Dave Storla.

**Nov 6, 2013 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society** will have their business meeting. Time: 6 pm. Location: Heritage Cottage next door to Humble House, 19903 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA. Topic: Witness to the Revolution, by Barbara Johnson and Margie Wilson from Skagit Valley Genealogical Society.

**Nov 5, 2013 Heritage Quest Research Library** continues with their class schedule Nov. 5, 14, 16, 18, Dec. 9, 16. Go here for more details: <http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html>

**Nov 7, 2013 Fiske Genealogical Library** continues with their Fall class schedule: Nov. 7, 13, 20. Go here for the information. <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/2013Fallclasses.htm>

**Nov 7, 2013 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Somerset Retirement Apartments, 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview., WA. Topic: Indian Research, by Cowlitz Indian Tribe. Dec 5 meeting topic to be announced.

**Nov 9, Clallam County Genealogical Society** will present Estate Planning for Genealogists. Time: 10 am. Location: Port Angeles Library. Their Dec 7 is at the CCGS Research Center at 12 noon for the Holiday Gathering and silent auction.

**Nov 9, 2013 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society** will hold their meeting at 1 pm. Location Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon. Topic: The Other Surveying System—"Leaps and Bounds," by Jim Bull and Fred Henschell. No meeting in December.

**Nov 9, 2013 Grays Harbor Genealogical Society** will hold their meeting at the Timberland Regional Library meeting room, 420 7th Street, Hoquiam, WA. Time: 10 am. Topic: Jerry Schaefer who will talk about The Battle of Beecher's Island.

**Nov 11, 2013 Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society** will have their monthly meeting. Please check their website for more details. They will not have a meeting in December. <http://www.wags-web.org/index.html>

**Nov 11, 2013 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island** will present their meeting. Time: 1 pm. Location: Trinity Lutheran Church., Hwy. 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland. WA. Topic: Land Records and Mapping, by Eric Stroshein, President of PS-APG.

**Nov 11, 2013 Whatcom Genealogical Society** will hold their meeting. Time: 2 pm. Location: Bellingham Elks Lodge #194, lower level, 710 So. Samish Way, Bellingham, WA. Topic: The Familysearch Website, by Tamara Compton.

**Nov 12, 2013 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society** will hold their monthly meeting. Time: 1 pm. Location: Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Dr., Arlington.. Topic: Tracing Your Family Roots with Sno-Isle Libraries, with Bob Branigin, Reference Librarian with Sno-Isle Libraries.

**Nov 12, 2013 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society** will hold their meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location: Bates Technical College, South Campus, 2201 S. 78th St., Tacoma. WA. Topic: Criminal Justice Records and how they can help with genealogical research, by Gail Sanders. No meeting in Dec.

**Nov 12, 2013 Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers** will hold a meeting. Time: 1 pm. Location: 2720 Heller Rd, the fire station #25, north of Crosby Road, Oak Harbor. Topic: Up Against a Brick Wall, by Bobbi Sandberg.

**Nov 13, 2013 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society** will hold their monthly meeting. Time 1:30 pm at the LDS Church on Juniper Street in Colville. Donna Potter Phillips will talk on Finding Lost Ladies & Missing Mothers. No meetings in December except Board meetings.

**Nov 13, 2013 Tri-City Genealogical Society** will hold their Annual meeting at 6 pm at the Isla Bonita Restaurant 1524 Jadwin Ave., Richland, WA.

**Nov 14, 2013 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society** will hold their monthly meeting. Time 7 pm. Topic to be announced. Location: Orchards United Methodist Church, 1213 Burrell Ave., Lewiston, ID. No meeting in December.

**Nov 15, 2013 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society** will hold their meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Public Library. Topic: Mentor Panel.

**Nov 16, 2013 Jefferson County Genealogical Society** will hold their meeting at the Tri-Area Community Center. Time: 9:30 am. Topic: Breaking Through Brick Walls." Dec. 21 will be their Annual Holiday Get-Together.

**Nov 16, 2013 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting: Time: 1 pm. Location: Burlington Public Library. Topic: Writing Your Personal History, by Teru Lundsteen. Change of date because of Thanksgiving. No Meeting in Dec.

**Nov 16, 2013 South King County Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting. Time: 9:30 am. Location: First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th St., Kent, WA. TBA. No meeting in Dec. Go here for more information: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/soccalendar.html>

**Nov 19, 2013 Lewis County Genealogical Society** will hold a meeting. Contact the society for further details. No meeting in December. <http://www.walcgs.org/index.html>

#### DECEMBER 2014

**Dec 2, 2013 Kittitas County Genealogical Society** will hold their Annual Holiday dinner. Time 7 pm. Location: First Methodist Church.

**Dec 7, 2013 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society** will hold their meeting at the Spokane Public Library Auditorium in downtown Spokane. Time 12:30 pm. EWGS members will have a Sharing Your Treasures and Ancestor Story Panel.

**Dec 7, 2013 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society** will hold their general meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: YVGS Library. They will hold their Christmas Party. Bring your favorite Christmas goodies.

**Dec 9, 2013 Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island** will present their Annual Holiday Potluck and Personal Research Review. Time: 1 pm. Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, Hwy 525 & Woodard Road, Freeland, WA.

**Dec 10, Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers** will present Show and Tell. Time: 1 pm. Location: 2720 Heller Rd, the fire station #25, just north of Crosby Road, Oak Harbor, WA.

**Dec 11, 2013 Tri-City Genealogical Society** will hold will have sharing time at the Parkview Estates 7820 W. Sixth Ave. in Kennewick. Time 7 pm.

**Dec 12, 2013 Olympia Genealogical Society** will hold their meeting. Time: 7 pm. Location Thurston Co. Courthouse, Bldg. 1, Room 152. Topic: Sharing of Surnames Being Researched and where by OGS members.

**Dec 14, 2013 Puget Sound Chapter of APG** will hold their meeting and have their annual Holiday Party. Time: 10 am. Location: National Archives in Seattle on Sandpoint Way. <http://www.psapg.org/meetings.html>

**Dec 20, 2013 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society** will hold their meeting. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Public Library. Topic: Holiday Show and Tell, members bring anything related to genealogy they'd like to show.

**The Comeford Genealogical Group** meets monthly on Thursdays at the Ken Baxter Community Center, 514 Delta Ave., Marysville, WA. Time: 10 am to 11:30 am. This is an informal group that gathers to assist their members with research challenges. For more information: <http://comefordgroup.wordpress.com/category/class-times-schedule/>

## Eastside Genealogical Society Italian Interest Group

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcgs/pages/sigs.html>

The Italian Interest Group is a special interest group (SIG) of the Eastside Genealogical Society and was formed in March 1990 by Mary DeMatteo Sangalang. Persons interested in Italian family history meet monthly to share tips and resources to trace their own Italian roots. Hopefully, someone in the group has the key to unlock your research question. Meeting format is a presentation on a topic of interest to Italians, then a chance for everyone to ask a question about their own research or share a resource that was helpful. **The Italian Interest Group has participated with a genealogy booth at Festa Italiana at Seattle Center since 1993** and at LDS Family History Expos. In the past, we have taken field trips to local libraries, historical museums and places of interest to Italian genealogists.



Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of the month, 1:30-3:30 pm, September - November and January - June at the Bellevue LDS, 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue WA.

Submitted by Dorothy Pretare, EGS Publicity Chairperson.

Joining an interest group or focus group of your main genealogi-



cal society may be just the push you need to solve a tough genealogical problem. Eastside Genealogical Society has several other groups that might interest you. Click the link above and explore.

**Happy Holidays and Merry  
Christmas to you!!!**



<http://www.demilked.com/free-christmas-vector-graphics/>

**The Affiliate Program has changed its name to Associate Program as of September 21, 2013 by vote of the WSGS Board.**

<http://www.wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=19>

With the end of 2013 just around the corner it's time to be thinking about 2014 associate memberships in the Washington State Genealogical Society. Under this program people in your society can join WSGS for only \$10 instead of the usual \$12. Associate memberships need to be arranged by your local society. Your membership committee offers the memberships in January and February then sends contact information to the state membership chairperson, Sue Ericksen. Your treasurer sends a check to WSGS headquarters in Yakima at \$8 per membership and keeps the extra \$2 for your local treasury. If you collect ten or more WSGS memberships then your society dues for 2012 are waived. The bargain gets even better.

The 2014 WSGS conference and annual meeting is going to be held at Arlington High School in our own back yard. Anyone with a WSGS membership can register for the conference at the discounted rate. Since the main speaker will be David Rencher, Chief Genealogist for Familysearch.org, this is a conference no one will want to miss. Please talk to your society board, membership chair, and treasurer as soon as possible and visit the new Washington State Genealogical Society website for detailed information about how to arrange for associate memberships.

by Steven Baylor, Region #2 Rep.

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### **Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society was on the NEWS! CIVIL WAR DIARY**

Television station KOMO showed up at the September meeting of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society for a story on a Civil War Diary that was found in a home east of Arlington. The clip can be viewed at.

[www.komonews.com/news/local/Civil-War-soldiers-diary-turns-up-in-Arlington-home-223217911.html](http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Civil-War-soldiers-diary-turns-up-in-Arlington-home-223217911.html)

Please go quickly and view since newspapers and TV stations don't leave their links up long.

To read pages from this Civil War diary go here—Jesse Hyde Diary:

<http://www.kyhstory.com/cdm/fullbrowser/collection/MS/id/5069/rv/compoundobject/cpd/5227>

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## **Events at THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY!!!**

Genealogy Librarians are available at the Level 9 Desk.

Tuesday-Saturday:

11 am to noon; 1- 3 pm.

Sunday: 1 to 3 pm.

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

Tuesday-Friday: 3 pm & 4 pm.

Nov 9 The Seattle Public Library John LaMont gives a tour of the Genealogy Section. 10:30 – noon at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Meet at the level 9 desk. Registration is required. Send an email using the library's Ask-A-Librarian service ([www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org)) or call 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.

It is that time of the year when things close up for the Holidays, so check ahead:

Nov 11 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Veterans Day.

Nov 28 The Seattle Public Library

Closed for Thanksgiving Day.

Dec 24 The Seattle Public Library

Closed for day before Christmas.

Dec 25 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Christmas Day.

Jan 1 The Seattle Public Library Closed for New Year's Day.

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## **Historical Records Project**

To find out how you can help go here and what it is go here:

[www.sos.wa.gov/archives/hrp](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/hrp)

## Your Genealogical Research: Who will inherit and who will be the custodian after you are Gone!

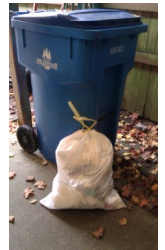
In the Message to the Board in the Sept/Oct. 2013 issue, Virginia Majewski, WSGS Vice President put out an appeal to WSGS members to write about their thoughts on organizing your genealogy. As your WSGS Newsletter Editor, I have been writing about this topic in the past over quite a few issues of this newsletter. Here Donna Potter Phillips is giving her take on this subject of what will happen to your genealogy after you are gone! I don't go along with all of Donna's thoughts but I do agree with her hard message that your pile of genealogy will be tossed and divided up by all the children interested or not and forgotten. Read what Donna has to say:



1. Ask yourself WHO are you doing this (genealogy) for? If it's only for yourself, then who cares how messy and unorganized it is? It will all go into garbage bags quite nicely.

2. If the answer is "my posterity," then you darn well better have it in a form that they will appreciate and access....and a bookcase of binders will be put into the trash by them. **They will not be as fascinated as you were with all the researching.**

The preferred form by our children/grandchildren is to find their posted family tree electronically on the Internet all nice and tidy. Like it or not.



3. I keep my tree currently on Ancestry.com. Yes, those not having a subscription cannot access/see it (without an invitation) but my plan is to download it from Ancestry and re-post it all to FamilySearch Family Tree when the dust settles on that opportunity. Pictures, documents, everything can be posted/included on your tree on Ancestry/FamilySearch.

4. Having your tree on Ancestry/FamilySearch means that any where, any place, any time you want/need to access your tree, all you need is the Internet. Our posterity will all have smart phones or small computers, guaranteed.

5. Paper copies of anything will be the first thing to go by your posterity. Copies of census records? Toss them! Summarize them into your tree and toss the paper. Those images can be found easily by anybody these days. Copies of pages from family history or county history books? Type them into your tree (citing the source) and toss the papers! Birth and death documents? Any document/information that can be easily re-accessed on the Internet should be cited and added to your online tree and the paper copy tossed.

6. The Sticky Wicket is paper things like photos, birth announcements, letters handwritten by great-grandmother, etc. Scan and add them, too, but since we cannot bear to toss these one-of-a-kind things, guess we'll have to have a memory box to pass down to posterity but it darn well better be not too big.

Let me summarize my Organization Gospel Principles with this story. Way back in 2006, my good genealogy friend, Ann, died quite unexpectedly. Ann was the consummate genealogist, the one who would speak up in a stalled elevator, "Anybody part of the McCoy clan?" Ann taught genealogy and she even taught how to organize your genealogy. But it became apparent that she did not practice what she preached.

Shortly after her sudden death, her husband called me up to say come clean out her genealogy room as he needed it for other things. So I went. And I cried. It was a total disorganized mess. There were boxes and binders and files and papers everywhere...everything was a work still in progress. Ann had obviously not expected to die. After a couple of hours, I realized that I could not really make heads nor tails from it all. So I emptied one big 5-shelf book case and put all the scrapbooks (many), diaries, binders, and likely-looking things on those shelves. I cried as I estimated that the bookcase held about 25% of what she had accumulated. I explained to her husband and by email to her children what I'd done and what they should keep (and cherish?).

Ann had four grown children. At the time of her death, only one son was at all interested in the family history. The other three wanted nothing. The kids were gathering for a memorial for their Mom and this son (coming from Texas) said he would bring a suitcase to take stuff home. One suitcase for five shelves of material. The rest of Ann's genealogy was slowly put to the curb in black plastic bags till the room was cleaned out.

If you think this cannot happen to you, then you are living in LaLa Land. It happened to Ann; it can happen to you. And it will happen to you if you do not have your research/genealogy/family information saved in a way and a place that your posterity can access when they are ready.

Submitted by Donna Potter Phillips  
Go to page 7 for more on the EWGS news



## WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

1901 S. 12th Ave.

Union Gap, WA 98903

**Membership DUES for WSGS for 2014 are due at the end of December 2013**

*Get your Membership in by going to the website to pay with your credit card via PayPal and sign up online at: <http://wasgs.org/> or <http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=18>*

Check out our new WSGS Website: <http://wasgs.org/>

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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: new website at: <http://wasgs.org/>

Cut here Along Dotted Line

## **WSGS Ballot 2013**

### **For the years 2014 to 2015**

Circle or write in the name of the person you are voting for and mail to:  
WSGS - 1901 South 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue -- Union Gap, WA 98903

**Please vote BY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013**

**Vice - President: Donna Potter-Phillips**

**Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer: Kathryn Bowen**

**Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote for only one region rep in your area, or write in a name for a person who you think will be a great Region Rep from and for that area.**

**Region 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

**King and Pierce Counties**

**Region 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum**

**Region 6: Janet McKinnon**

**Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Walla Walla, Whitman**

**Region 8:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Okanogan**

Cut along Dotted Line above and mail Ballot to 1901 South 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA 98903

**Below and on the next page are the biographies for the WSGS 2013 Board Candidates.**

**If elected they will begin or continue to serve beginning January 2013 for two years.**

**PLEASE VOTE IT IS IMPORTANT!**

#### **For Vice President – Donna Potter-Phillips**

Donna has been active with EWGS since 1978 and has held most positions including twice being president (currently). Her past activities outside EWGS include: articles for most of the major genealogical magazines, teaching through the local community college, writing a weekly newspaper genealogy column (1986-2000) and helping with tours to Salt Lake for 30 years. Donna enjoys giving presentations on basic/beginning/Internet genealogy and motivational topics. She has served with WSGS as Vice President many years ago and was Region Rep #8 for several years. In her off-genealogy time she grows cactus, loves her mini-dachshund (who has her own blog: [www.tikasthoughtsandteachings.blogspot.com](http://www.tikasthoughtsandteachings.blogspot.com)), and loves to travel..... invite her and she will likely come!"

#### **For Treasurer- Kathryn Bowen**

Kathy has an MBA in Accounting from Seattle University (1998) and has served as an Internal Auditor at SAFECO Insurance, a Senior Accountant for a medical education company, an Accountant for 2 restaurants, and as an Accountant for several property management firms. She was most recently the Treasurer of the Ritzville Festivals Association, a non-profit responsible for raising funds and building the community float each year. Kathy "caught the genealogy bug," when she took a genealogy course at Brigham Young University and had to complete four generations of all of her lines within three months. She spent those three months at the Family History Library. She has been researching her family lines for over 40 years. Kathy is a Trustee with EWGS as she calls it the "odd job person." She is currently interested in Huguenot research. Her mother still lives on the farm purchased 95 years ago. Her father was with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) forerunner of the CIA? She is looking forward to learning good research techniques so she can delve into Scottish research.

Region Representatives are vital for the communication between members, member societies and WSGS.

**For Region 2 Rep – Currently vacant**

**For Region 4 Rep – Currently vacant**

**For Region 6 Rep- Janet McKinnon**

Janet is supportive of the Washington State Genealogical Society. She is currently concluding her second term as Vice President / Program Chair for the Tri-City Genealogical Society. Janet also serves as a Librarian at the Richland Family History Center, an office in her Daughters of Utah Pioneers Camp and has served in other areas of the community. Janet has a deep love of Family History and Heritage. She is married to Mikal McKinnon and the mother of five children and has thirteen grandchildren.

**For Region 8 Rep – Currently vacant**

To learn about the duties of a Regional Representative please go to the new WSGS website scrolling down to page 8: <http://www.wasgs.org/upload/menu/jobdescriptions-1.pdf>

Current Regional Representatives serving are Stephen Baylor, Region 1, Virginia Majewski Region 3, and Opal Myhres Region 5. Region 7 is vacant.

**Please VOTE, it is very important!**

To the right is a mailing label for you to use to mail your WSGS ballot.

Please print out a copy of this page and the ballot page.

Cut out the mailing label and attach it to an envelope with tape. Fill out the ballot, place it in the envelope, and add a stamp and mail!

**Washington State Genealogical Society**

**1901 South 12th Avenue**

**Union Gap, Washington 98904**

**RE: WSGS Ballot Enclosed!**

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