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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD...

At our last WSGS Board meeting (11 Jan 2014), President Mike shared some interesting thoughts with us. He first said that when we come through the door to a Board meeting (and no doubt this would apply to any society meeting) that we leave our personal agenda outside of that door. He continued that we should enter with thoughts for the good of the group and to love, help and support fellow Board (and society) members..... and **do not** make assumptions!

Mike next shared something from a book he was studying on organizational leadership. Called the *Abilene Principle* the story told of how four members of one family living in Abilene, Texas, decided on a beastly hot and dusty Sunday afternoon to make a 130-mile round trip to a buffet for dinner. It was a most miserable experience for all and afterwards each confessed that they had agreed to go.... Even when they did not want to go.... Thinking only to go along with the wishes of the others for all the wrong reasons.

As I understood the story, Mike was teaching us that going along with a decision-by-default when you do not agree is not the best course of action. Especially when you suspect the decision will be wrong, incorrect and or be an unhappy one. Mike was saying that may we all, as members of WSGS, and of our respective societies, and as family members, never employ the *Abilene Principle* in our lives nor in our meetings."

Donna Potter Phillips, Vice-President, WSGS

Seeking a WSGS Newsletter Editor to Start 2015.

Do you have experience writing a newsletter? Want to try it again?

Have you always wanted to write and share your ideas?

Do you know someone who would make a great genealogical newsletter editor?

The Washington State Genealogical Society is seeking a new WSGS Newsletter Editor to take over with the January-February **2015** issue. The current Editor feels that new ideas and fresh enthusiasm are essential in making a great newsletter. Being the Newsletter Editor is a challenging but rewarding job. Training will be provided so transitioning into the position will not be a problem.

The WSGS newsletter is published 6 times a year in Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, July/August, Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec. Builds of the newsletter are done the half month prior to publication. If you are interested contact the WSGS Editor, Bonnie BON_MAC@msn.com.



Next WSGS Board Meeting
May 16 and 17, 2014

May 16, 2014 Board Retreat
May 17, 2014 Board Meeting

Yakima Valley
Genealogical Society
Library
in Union Gap

The Public is Welcome!

TIME TO SELECT YOUR WSGS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS



Now is the time for genealogical organizations in Washington State to select their local outstanding volunteers so they can be honored at the WSGS Annual Meeting on August 15-16, 2014 in Arlington, WA.

Each year, the WSGS Society recognizes local volunteers nominated by their society or organization at the annual conference. In 2013, almost 30 local volunteers from 18 organizations were recognized for their support and dedication to their society and the researching public.

The process for the 2014 year's Outstanding Volunteer Award program is much like last year's, which was under the leadership of the late Bob Witherspoon who chaired the Recognition Committee for many years. Since Bob's passing, I, Roxanne Lowe from McCleary, Washington, has been appointed to fill this chair. I am following in some very big shoes. Grays Harbor Genealogical Society, honored me with the WSGS Outstanding Volunteer Awards in 2010. I was happy to be a recipient.

Letters to local societies and organizations, with additional details, will be mailed in early March, but societies are encouraged to begin their nomination process now.

Please submit the following according to the milestones for this year's nomination process as follows:

- No later than **May 1, 2014**: Submit the name(s) of your honorees to the Recognition Committee.
- **July 1, 2014**: Submit a narrative (approximately 150 words) explaining the accomplishments of your nominee and why you are honoring him/her. Include a good quality digital photograph (at least 300 dpi).
- **August 15, 2014**: The certificates will be formally awarded at the WSGS State Conference in Arlington.

Additional details and deadlines, plus indexes and narratives of accomplishments of past honorees, since 2003, may be found at the WSGS website at: <http://www.wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=12>

Please forward your questions and or Volunteer Award submissions to me, Roxanne Lowe at the following email. roxanne@thekeeffes.com

Sincerely Roxanne Lowe, WSGS Recognition Coordinator

TRI-CITIES CELEBRATES



Lois Price, 3rd from left, is congratulated on 33 years of service as Librarian at the TriCities Genealogical Society / Richland Family History Center.

Lois Price was honored for her 33 years of service as a TCGS Librarian at the Richland Family History Center. During that time she also served two terms as Society President and coordinated many Research Trips. Lois Price was congratulated on her retirement during the Open House.

The Tri-City Genealogy Society held their Open House February 12, 2014. Society members and the community were invited to see the TCGS many holdings and see the updates at the Center.

Submitted by Janet McKinnon, WSGS Region 6 Rep.

Washington State Genealogy Conference 2014

August 15th and 16th
At the Byrnes Performing Art Center
18821 Crown Ridge Blvd
Arlington Washington

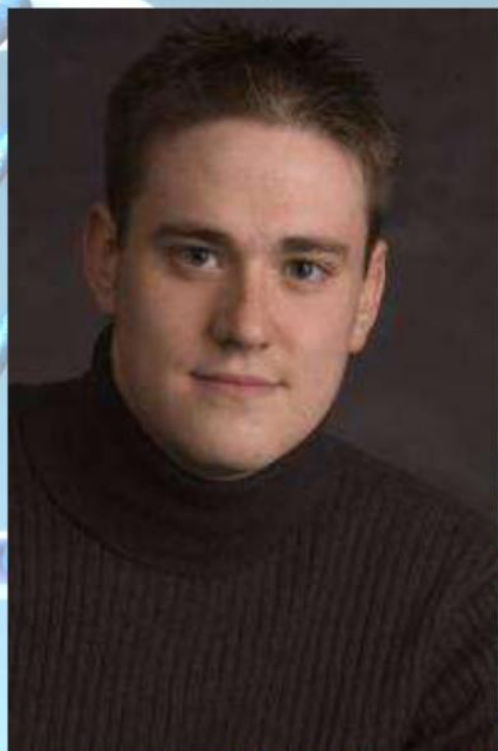
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Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society
Arlington Washington (360) 435-4838
<http://stillygen.org> or
<http://www.wsgs2014conference.com>



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Keynote Speaker



D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS is the President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Data Strategy Manager – United States and Canada for DC Thomson Family History, and a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. A frequent speaker at genealogical societies, libraries, and other organizations, his previous speaking engagements include the Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conferences, the National Genealogical Society Annual Conference, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and RootsTech. He has authored articles in *American Ancestors*, *UGA Crossroads*, *FGS Forum*, *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, and *New England Ancestors*, and was a columnist for *Digital Genealogist*. Joshua is the former Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Joshua is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including RootsTech's Distinguished Presenter Award, the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit, and the Rubincam Youth Award from the National Genealogical Society. He holds an MLS (Archival Management) and an MA (History) from Simmons College and has been featured genealogist on the hit PBS show, *Genealogy Roadshow* and NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* with Sarah Jessica Parker, Ashley Judd, Reba McEntire, and Rob Lowe.

As if Josh Taylor wasn't enough...check out our fantastic lineup of speakers and presentations.

Luana Darby of Salt Lake City will be speaking on fraternal society records and German Immigrant records.

Mary Kathryn Kozy will have two presentations on DNA covering MtDNA, YDNA, and Autosomal.

Patty MacNamee of NARA will present on ethnic records available at the National Archives.

Janet Camarata will do her fantastic program on using timelines to advance your research.

Jill Morelli's class on self-publishing is a must see and you won't want to miss it.

Eric Stroschein with a four session workshop that explains how to incorporate the Genealogical Proof Standard into your research, he follows a family's relationships from basic to advanced research.

Steven W. Morrison with two classes. One on genealogical writing and the other on using manuscripts.

Donna Potter Phillips will get people primed with her two lectures on the fundamentals of genealogy.

Susan Faulkner is slated for two programs about getting more from census records and vital records.

Margie Beldin will pass along her knowledge of technology and genealogy with two topics.

Teresa Schulze's fun and exciting presentation on digital family history scrapbooking.

WOW! ... What an incredible conference. 2 Days, 24 Classes

Registration Begins 15 March online at

<http://WSGS2014Conference.com>

Like us on Facebook@ WSGS 2014 Conference



NET NEUTRALITY, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



Michael J. Leclerc's Genealogy News Blog featured an article about this topic on January 16, 2014 "*Imagine a World Without Cyndi's List, FindAGrave and NEHGS!*" He writes something like this:

A federal court has declared that current Federal Communication Commission rules on net neutrality are not allowed under the law as it exists today. This court ruling will allow service providers to charge whatever they want to charge for access and/or prevent you from accessing websites over others. The internet has been equal access for all and it is now in jeopardy.

Here is the link to this first article: <http://blog.mocavo.com/2014/01/net-neutrality-genealogists>

January 28, 2014 he followed up with another article about "*What can you do to save Net Neutrality,*" and on February 19, 2014 he has yet another article "*Good News in the Battle for Net Neutrality.*"

Here is the link to his other two articles: <http://blog.mocavo.com/2014/01/can-save-net-neutrality>
<http://blog.mocavo.com/2014/02/good-news-battle-net-neutrality>

Michael suggests that you do the following:

1. Contact the FCC in support of Net Neutrality: <http://www.fcc.gov/contact-us>
2. Contact your elected representatives your US Senator & Representative about this critical topic: <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

To keep up with Mr. Leclerc go to Mocavo's blog: <http://blog.mocavo.com/>

The FCC Website finally has information about this topic: <http://www.fcc.gov/document/preserving-open-internet-broadband-industry-practices-1>

Suggested article by Donna Potter-Philips and Roger Newman WSGS Board Members

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.



Apr 5 The Seattle Public Library John LaMont gives a tour of the Genealogy Section. 10:30 am to 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) or call 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.

May 24 The Seattle Public Library Mahina Oshie teaches Beginning Your Family History Research. 10 am – noon at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Level 4 in the Large Computer Lab. Registration is required. Send an e-mail using the library's Ask-A-Librarian service (www.spl.org) or call 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk to register.

Jun 14 The Seattle Public Library John LaMont teaches Ancestry Library Edition. 10:30 am – 12:30 pm at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Level 4 in the 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.

National Conference Spotlight

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

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>

April 5, 2014 Bend Genealogical Society will host Denise Levenick, The Family Curator. Time: 9 am to 4 pm. Location: The Bend Golf & Country Club, 61045 Country Club Dr., Bend, OR 97702. Seating is limited. Go here for more information: <http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/>



May 7 to 10, 2014 National Genealogical Society Conference will be held in Richmond, VA. The theme is "The First Frontier." Get your NGS Conference app and to registration go here:
<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

May 17, 2014 Genealogical Forum of Oregon will present their Spring Seminar. Warren Bittner, CG, will give four talks that cover German Historical Maps etc., German Church Books, German Marriage Laws and Customs, Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant. Time: 9 am to 4 pm. Location Milwaukie Elks, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, Oregon. Here is their registration flyer:
<http://www.gfo.org/seminar/warren-bittner.pdf>

May 24, 2014 the Qualicum Beach Family History Society will present a one day conference titled "Unlocking the Past." There will be five speakers: Merritt Barnes, Nancy Barnes, Audrey Collins, Lyn Meehan and James Tanner. Time: 8 am to 5 pm. Location: Tigh-NA-Mara, Seaside Spa Resort at 1155 Resort Drive, Parksville, Vancouver, Island, British Columbia. For more information:
<http://qbfhs.ca/events-education/2013-05-31-18-50-43>

June 5, 2014 Family History and DNA—Genetic Genealogy 2014 will be held. Time: 7 am to 7 pm. This is being held on Thursday at the Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel along with the SCGS Jamboree. <http://genealogyjamboree.com/> Click on DNA Thursday at the top.

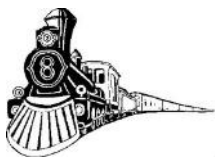


June 5 to 8, 2014 Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree will begin at 9 am Thursday and end on Sunday at 12 noon. Location: Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA. <http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

June 8 to 13, 2014 Samford Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research held by the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. <http://www4.samford.edu/schools/ighr/index.html>

July 14-18, 2014 the National Institute on Genealogical Research will present their classes at the National Archives in Washington D.C. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~natgenin/>

Did you know that the so-called Shortest Railroad in the World is in Washington State?



Quoting from a history of Clallam County: "SHORTEST RAILROAD -- Clallam County, Wash., can undoubtedly claim the distinction of having the shortest railroad ever built. In 1890 Norman R. Smith had it figured out that a railroad would come to Port Angeles from the west, and the route led through a narrow pass, on one side of which was a natural bench. Mr. Smith concluded that some railroad company would someday want this bench, and would pay well for it to avoid blasting through the pass at some other point. So in order to "hold the pass," and legally say he owned the railroad therein, he procured a full-length rail, cut it in two, dragged rails and ties up into the mountains, and built his own railroad.... only fifteen feet long but just as wide as any other."

The *Port Angeles Evening News*, March 7, 1938, ran this bit as a Ripley's Believe It Or Not factoid.

I've driven around Lake Crescent many times...wonder if that little piece of railroad history is still there??
Submitted by Donna Potter Phillips. WSGS Vice President

CHARITY & NON-PROFIT

Education Program OPPORTUNITIES



Office of the Secretary of State

The Washington Secretary of the State offers training for Charities and Non-Profit organizations. The WSGS will be seeking this training for their May 16, 2014 Board Retreat. This training is encouraged by WSGS for board members of genealogical societies throughout Washington State.

This link will give you the schedule of classes.

<http://www.sos.wa.gov/charities/TrainingSignup.aspx>

Classes are held throughout the state in locations like Mount Vernon, Tumwater, Tacoma, Bremerton, and Spokane. If you want they can come to you directly.

Here are links to flyers that explain the content of their classes.

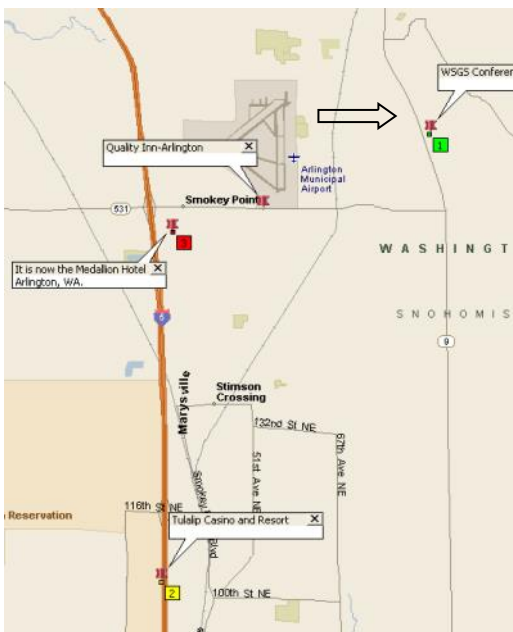
Topics are: Nonprofit Board Service 101 is an overview. https://www.sos.wa.gov/_assets/charities/CharitiesSession37.pdf Cost is \$10 to help defray costs.

Symposium: Governance & Compliance for Charities

https://www.sos.wa.gov/_assets/charities/CharitiesSession41.pdf

Article suggested by Mike McKinnon, WSGS President

TIPS for PLANNING YOUR TRIP TO THE WSGS CONFERENCE, August 15 Friday, and August 16, Saturday.



<http://www.wsgs2014conference.com/>

Here are some suggestions for conference hotels: [Medallion Hotel](#), [Quality Inn in Arlington](#), and the [Tulalip Casino Resort](#). They are 4.54, 2.96 and 9.56 miles, in that order and the times depend on the traffic on I-5. So it means you will have to plan and get a room quickly.

The Downtown Arlington Website can help get you get oriented for finding things, click on the directory for information.

<http://arlingtonwa.org/>

Arlington is in Snohomish County north of Seattle and Everett:
<http://www.snohomish.org/>

Arlington the city is north of the WSGS Conference location which is the
at 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd., Arlington



All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is April 15, 2014
for the May/June 2014 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.

March 15 to 16, 2014 The Irish Festival will be held at the Seattle Center Armory (Center House Main Floor), go here for more information: <http://seattlecenter.com/festal/> or go here <http://www.irishclub.org/>

March 15, 2014 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will present their Annual Seminar. Time: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Doors open 9 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center, 10 West Valley Road, Chimacum, WA. Cost \$30. Guest speaker will be Leslie Brinkley Lawson a Forensic Genealogist. Go here for more info: <http://wajcgs.org/annual-seminar/>

April 5, 2014 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar. Forensic Genealogist Leslie Lawson will share her knowledge. Time: 8:30 am to 4 pm. Location: Country Homes Christian Church, 8415 N. Wall, Spokane, WA. Go here to register: <http://www.ewgsi.org/cpage.php?pt=148>

April 12, 2014 the Olympia Genealogical Society will host Christine Rose CG, CGL, FASG at their Spring Seminar. Location: the DoubleTree by Hilton (formerly The Phoenix Inn. To learn more about Christine go here: <http://www.christine4rose.com/> Go here for more news on the seminar: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/seminars.htm>

April 12, 2014 the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Seminar. Time: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Location: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 7809 Tieton Dr., Yakima, WA. Guest speakers Pam & Rick Sayre. Topic: "What's at the Courthouse and more?" <http://www.yvgs.net/eventListings.php?nm=74>

April 19, 2014 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will host their Spring Seminar. Guest Speaker is Dick Eastman who is the creator of Eastman's Online Newsletter. Location: La Quinta Inn & Suites, 1425 East 27th St., Tacoma. Go here for more information: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>

April 26, 2014 Clark County Genealogical Society will hold their Spring Seminar. Theme: "Scoundrels, Rakes and Miscreants, My!" with Pat Jollota, Brian Runyan and Lethene Parks. Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. \$35 for members, \$40 for non. More info: http://www.cccgs-wa.org/2014_spr_sem.pdf and at the CCGS website: <http://www.cccgs-wa.org/index.html>

May 17, 2014 Seattle Genealogical Society will host their Spring Seminar. Topic: "Wanted: Relatives—Dead or Alive," by Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG. Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Details to follow: <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/sgs-spring-seminar-0>

June 14, 2014 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will present a seminar. Featured speakers will be Donna Potter Phillips of EWGS and David Obee of Victoria, BC. Time: 8 am to 4 pm. Location: First United Methodist Church, 1607 E. Division St., Mt. Vernon, WA. <http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/> They have a new website check it out.

October 11, 2014 the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will host their Fall Seminar. Featured speaker is Eric Stroschein. Eric will help to solve difficult research problems submitted by the participants. This was a special invitation and preview email received by the editor. More information to come. <http://www.newgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=88>

WSGS Board Members Enjoy Rootstech in Salt Lake City February 2014.



Apparently that pirate got around.

The Pirate was kicking off the FamilySearch Indexing of obituaries, "*Dead men tell no tales, but their obituaries do.*" Those who would like to unlock the treasure can go to <https://familysearch.org/indexing/>.

Left to Right: Mike McKinnon, Pirate, Janet McKinnon.
Donna Potter Phillips with the Pirate.



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. PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAME of your organization in the subject line. Next deadline is April 15, 2014 for the May/June 2014 issue.

Spring is in the air...check out the All Day Events in Washington State on page 8. Doublecheck info below before heading out!!!

MARCH 2014

March 1 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will have a field trip to the Cheney Archives. Time: 10 am to 3:30 pm. Location: Washington Archives, Cheney EWU Campus. Carpooling will be arranged by Kathy Bowen: katbowen@centurylink.net

March 1 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting presenting "An Introduction to the Sons of the American Revolution," by John Tipton. Time: 10 am. Location: YVGS library, 1901 S. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA.

March 3 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting "Show and Tell Night," by members. Time: 7 pm. Location: 413 No. Main, Suites L&M, Ellensburg, WA.

March 3 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will hold their meeting and present "Early Scandinavian Immigration History," by Esther Van Noy. Time: 7 pm. Location: Bates Technical Campus, 2201 South 78th St., Tacoma. April 8th meeting topic to be announced.

March 5 Belfair Chapter of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present "Researching Your English Ancestry," by Claudia Breland. Time: 12:30 pm. Location: Timberland Library, 23081 NE State Route 3, Belfair, WA. <http://www.ccbreland.com/>

March 5 Fiske Genealogical Library will take a field trip to the Bellevue Public Library. Time: 10 am. Fee \$5.00. Location: 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA. Saturday, March 8, they will be at the National Archives in Seattle, 6125 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle for discussion of "American Indian Records." More classes on March 12, 19 and 22 and 26. <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/2014WinterClasses.htm> Spring Classes will begin soon.

March 5 Heritage Quest Research Library will hold a class on "Beginning Family History Research," by Dee Haviland Fournier. Fee: Free. Time: 1 pm. Location: 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA. More classes: March 10 "County Histories: Potential Gold Mines and/or Pitfalls." March 17 "Manuscripts and Printed Genealogies." March 21 "Using Adobe Photoshop Elements 11 & Flip-Pal." March 22 "Advanced Family Tree Workshop." <http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html> Check this for times, days, fees and more.

March 8 Clallam County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting and will present "Organizing Your Family History in Order to Stay Sane!" Time: 10 am. Location: Trinity Methodist Church, 100 N. Blake Ave., Sequim, WA.

March 8 Grays Harbor Genealogical Society will hold their meeting presenting, "Tips, Tricks, and Tools," by members. Time: 10 am. Location: Timberland Regional Library, 4207 St., Hoquiam, WA.

March 9 Twin Rivers Genealogical Society has a meeting scheduled. Topic to be announced. Time: 7 pm. Location: Rowdy's Steak House, 1905 19th Ave., Lewiston, Idaho.

March 10 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will present "Researching by Automobile in Wisconsin," by Dee Hill. Time: 1 pm. Location: Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon.

March 10 the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will present "World War II Research-The Mark Golden Case Study," by Mary Roddy. Time: 1 pm. Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 525 & Woodard Ave., Freeland, WA. April 14th's meeting is to be announced.

March 10 Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society will present "Genealogy Road Show," by Anne Livingston. Time: 7 pm. Location: 1711 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee, WA.

March 10 Whatcom Genealogical Society will present "The New Cyndi's List," by Judy Bayless. Time: 2 pm. Location: Bellingham Elks Lodge, 710 S. Samish Way, Bellingham, WA.

March 10 The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State will present "German Jewish Research and the Internet Archive," by Gary Zimmerman. Time: 6 pm, lecture 7:30 pm. Free. Location: LDS Factoria Building, 4200 124th Ave SE, Bellevue (The street behind Factoria Mall.)

March 11 Clark County Genealogical Society will continue with their class schedule. Topic: "Hidden Gems on the Internet," with Sherry Warren. Time: 10 am. March 18, "Military Records," with Jane German and/or Le-thene Parks. Time: 10 am. April 1, "Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree," with Alice Allen. April 18, "Using DNA in Genealogy," by Larry Dean. All at 10 am. Location: 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. There are fees for these classes go here for more information: http://www.ccgswa.org/spring_2014_classes.html

March 11 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will present "Newly Discovered Records of the Poor," by Eric Stroschein. Time: 1 pm. Location: Arlington Free Methodist Church, 750 E. Highland Drive, Arlington, WA.

March 11 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will present "Funeral Home Information," by Mark Burley. Time: 7 pm. Location: Burlington Community Center, 1101 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington, WA.

March 12 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will present "Using Courthouse Records," by Judy Russell, the Legal Genealogist Blogger (pre-recorded webinar). Time: 1:30 pm. Location: LDS Family History Library, Juniper Street in Colville.

March 12 Tri-City Genealogical Society will have their general meeting. They will present "Webinars, Learn and Do," by Renee Peterson. Time: 7 pm. Location: Parkview Estates, 7820 W. Sixth Ave., Kennewick.

March 13 Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting and present "Creating the Family Story," by Mary Kirchner Roddy. Time: 6:30 pm. Location: Bellevue Regional Library Rm. 1, 1111 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA.

March 13 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting, "Using FamilySearch," by the LDS Church. Time: 7 pm. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview, WA.

March 13 Olympia Genealogical Society will host "Slavery in America," by Barbara Houtenbrink. Time: 7 pm. Location: Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg 1, Room 172.

March 15 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society will present "DNA and Genealogy, What is it, Why It's Important, How to Use it and more..." by Mary Kathryn Kozy. Time: 9 am to 12 pm. Location: PUD Auditorium, 21018 Hwy 99, Edmonds, WA. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/SeminarDetails.pdf>

March 15 South King County Genealogical Society will have a "Review of the Saar Pioneer Cemetery Restoration" discussion, lead by Sylva Coppock. Time: 9:30 am. Location First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th St., Kent, WA. April 19th meeting is still being decided upon.

March 21 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will hold "Using the Washington State Archives," by Midori Okazaki, Washington State Archives. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Public Library.

March 22 Seattle Genealogical Society will hold their membership meeting and after the meeting will present "Organizing Your Photos," Time: 3 pm to 5 pm. Location: 6200 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA. Check out their interests groups at their website: <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/>

March 25 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will present "World War I and Genealogy Research," by Carol Torset. Time: 7 pm. Location: Burlington Senior Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave. Burlington, WA.

March 26 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present "Keeping Memories, Writing Your Personal History," by Sharon Jackson. Time: 1 pm. Location: Sylvan Way Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton. April meeting is not yet scheduled but the topic will be "Identifying Family Connections Through Photos."

APRIL 2014

April 2 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society will meet for nominations of officers. Topic: SIGS members will share genealogical stories, personal stories and have a show and tell. Time: 6:30 pm.

April 5 Heritage Quest Research Library continues with their classes: "Using Google and Google Earth for Genealogy," by Jim Johnson. Fee: \$15.00. Time: 10 am. Location: 1007 Main St., Sumner, WA. More classes scheduled for April 10, 14, 18, 23, and 25. <http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html>

April 7 The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington will have a meeting presenting: "From Door to Door," a play. Time: 6 pm. Location: LDS Factoria Building, 4200 124th Ave SE, Bellevue, behind Factoria Mall.

April 7 Kittitas County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting presenting "Vital Records: The Heart and Soul of Genealogical Research," by Janet Camarata. Time: 7 pm. Location: 413 No. Main, Suites L&M, Ellensburg, WA.

April 8 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will present "Scrapbooking and Genealogy," by Naomi Schneider. Time: 7 pm. Location: Burlington Community Center, 1101 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington, WA.

April 8 the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will give an overview of their new website with the discussion being lead by Ruth Caesar. Time: 1 pm. Location: Arlington Free Methodist Church, 750 E. Highland Drive, Arlington, WA.

April 9 Northeastern Washington Genealogical Society will present "Military Road Project, between Walla Walla and Fort Colville," by Don McLaughlin. Time: 1:30 pm. Location LDS Family History Library, Juniper Street in Colville.

April 9 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society will tour the Hibulb Cultural Center & Natural History Preserve. Here is a link to this interesting website. <http://www.hibulbculturalcenter.org/> Check SIGS website for more information regarding this tour.

April 9 Tri-City Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting, "Anything But Genealogy: Non-Genealogy Software for the Genealogical Researcher," by Margie Beldin. Time: 7 pm. Location: Parkview Estates, 7820 W. Sixth Ave., Kennewick.

April 10 Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting and present "Planning a Research Trip This Summer," by Janet Camarata. Time: 6:30 pm. Location: Bellevue Regional Library Rm. 1, 1111 110th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

April 10 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting, "Holocaust," by Jeannie Smith. Time: 7 pm. Location: Somerset Retirement Apts., 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview, WA.

April 12 Clallam County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Gary Zimmerman will present. Time: 10 am. Location: Trinity Methodist Church, 100 N. Blake Ave., Sequim, WA.

April 14 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will present "Guarding Camp, Finding Home: From Civil War Letters of Private Charles H. Watson to his wife. Time: 1 pm. Location: Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon.

April 14 Whatcom Genealogical Society will present will view a CD on "Colonial Records." Time: 2 pm. Location: Bellingham Elks Lodge, 710 S. Samish Way, Bellingham, WA.

April 18 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will hold their meeting and discuss the members will discuss researching English Ancestors. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Public Library. Go to their website and check out their interest groups, they have six. <http://www.bigenealogy.org/>

April 19 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting presenting "Making Your Computer Work for its Keep! Online Research Strategies," by Jesse Stewart. Time: 9:30 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center, Chimacum. Check out their interest/discussion groups: <http://wajcgs.org/interest-groups/>

April 26 Clallam County Genealogical Society will have an Open House Time: 12 noon to 4 pm. Location: 402 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles, WA

April 27 to May 4, 2014 Tri-City Genealogical Society will host their annual Family History Library Trip. <http://www.ewgsi.org/cpage.php?pt=148>

The Mac Group is a special interest group of the Fiske Genealogical Library, and the Seattle Genealogical Society. They hold their meetings every 2nd Tuesday, October to June, at the Fiske Library. Time: 7 to 9 pm. They will be having meetings on March 12 and April 9, 2014. There topics cover resources for Mac Users and the Reunion software. Go to their website: <http://dbug.org/>



IT IS THE SEASON FOR CONTEMPLING TAX REQUIREMENTS



for Non-Profits and more....

Recently I was reading a blog from one of the southern California genealogical societies and they were talking about the requirements for non profit genealogical societies to be issuing forms 1099 MISC when they hire a speaker. As the tax preparer for our local genealogical society I had completely spaced that requirement. The instructions says that all trades or businesses must issue a 1099 MISC to anyone they pay \$600.00 or more to for services performed for the business. The instructions go on to say for this rule a non profit organization is considered a trade or business and must issue 1099s also.

Generally the only time we pay \$600.00 or more is to a speaker. Societies that have their own library may also have to make a 1099 if they pay someone for repairs. The classic example is to have put a new roof on your library. If you pay a roofer to do the work and his total bill is over \$600.00 then you are required to give him a 1099. There are exceptions to this rule, number one is if the roofing company is incorporated you do not have to give him a 1099. The second one is if the roofer donates his labor (which for a non profit is a possibility) and all you pay for is the roofing materials. Volunteers could also install the roofing and since no labor charge no 1099.

What is required to make out a 1099 MISC form? You need the name of the speaker or other service person, his address and social security number of an individual or employer identification number of a business (the roofing business in my example). So how do you get that information? The IRS has a form W-9 which you can download from www.irs.gov. It is in a PDF form that can be filled in on a computer, saved and E-Mailed back to the society. It used to be a problem if the person refused to give you his social security number, but now if he refuses you MUST withhold 28% of his fee and send it to the IRS at the end of the year. So except for some paperwork the cost to the society is nothing. The instructions says NOT to include reimbursements for travel expenses of the speaker unless you pay the speaker a flat rate for expenses, like \$100.00 a day for expenses. If you just pay his hotel, meals, rental car or mileage using the IRS rates 56.5 cents a mile in 2013 or 56 cents a mile in 2014, they should not go on the 1099. It says you can provide him with a statement showing those expenses, and I hope you will since that would help him prepare his personal taxes.

Now you have the information where can you get a 1099 MISC form? I have seen them at Office Depot and I assume Staples has them also, but the packet they sell contains 50 1099s and is somewhat expensive. I have ordered 1099 forms from the IRS for years and they mail them out to you for free. They also have an instruction pamphlet that is updated each year for free. Here is the URL: <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Online-Ordering-for-Information>Returns-and-Employer>Returns>

So order the forms and instructions you need. On that order form is a form 1096 you need one of those also, it is a summary sheet that goes to the IRS with the IRS copy of the 1099. The IRS uses a special red ink for the forms they want sent to them, and since they will send them to you for free be sure to use this service. 1099s are supposed to be sent to the recipient by January 31st of each year, but the IRS copy has to be sent to the IRS by February 28, and the address is on the 1096 form. My suggestion is to send out the recipient forms in January and wait till about a week before February 28 to send the forms to the IRS. It is much easier to fix a form by making a new one for the recipient if you had made a mistake on the name, address, or social security number than to file an corrected 1099 with the IRS, so hopefully the recipient will let you know if there is an error before you have to send the IRS copy in.

Submitted by Charles Hanson, Enrolled Agent and WSGS Research Guide Coordinator

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society submitted a photo of their newly elected officers in January 2014.



LtoR: Kathy Bowen, Trustee; Donna Potter Philips, President; Pat Bayonne Johnson, Vice-President; Oweta Floyd, Treasurer; Dianne Bongarts, Secretary; Evelyn Small, Corresponding Secretary; Lola McCreary, Member at large; Dolly Webb, Trustee; Bill Hire, Past President; Juanita McBride, Librarian.

What a great way to celebrate those who give so much. Send me your new officer pictures.

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