

Washington State Genealogical Society NEWSLETTER

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—PLEASE VOTE ON BYLAW CHANGES see page 7—

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***Next WSGS Board Meeting
May 16 and 17, 2014***

***August 14, 2014
3:30 pm
At the Quality Inn in
Arlington
In
Conjunction with the
WSGS Conference***

The Public is Welcome!

Message from the Board....

A very amazing event took place at the May 17, 2014 WSGS Board meeting. The WSGS Board voted to move to a blog format and retire the WSGS Newsletter. I am very excited for this change and feel it has many possibilities to open up communication and exchanges of between the members of WSGS, Washington State Genealogical Societies and the officers of WSGS.

Here is the link to the new WSGS Blog: washgensoc.blogspot.com/

Donna Potter Phillips, WSGS Vice President, has taken on the task of administering this blog. In the next 2 issues of this newsletter, she will share with you about the blog. Every one is encouraged to participate. To contact Donna with your articles email her at: Donna243@gmail.com Please reference the WSGS Blog in the subject line.

As an avid blogger myself, I am very pleased about this new direction that WSGS is taking. The blog format will provide opportunity to comment, contribute articles and genealogical information. It is interactive and the possibilities of topics are endless.

I have been the WSGS newsletter editor for the last five years and it has been a wonderful experience. It has been challenging to be the editor of the newsletter but I have truly enjoyed it.

There are two more issues of the WSGS Newsletter to come. If you have anything you want to share please contact me.

WSGS Editor [Bonnie Jean MacDonald](#)



WSGS Board Members: Back row Left to Right: Charles Hansen, Kathy Bowen, Frank McLean, Janet McKinnon, Mike McKinnon, Steve Baylor, Bev Turner, Roger Newman. Front Row Left to right: Bonnie Jean MacDonald, Sue Ericksen, Opal Myhres, Carole Medeiros, Patrick Bundy, Donna Potter Phillips.

We are wearing our new vests courtesy of Donna, see page 10.

Still time to submit nominations for the WSGS Best Website Award! Winner To be announced at the WSGS Conference in August 2014....

Nominations are open for the annual WSGS Best Website of the Year Award.
Qualifications:

The Society must be a current member of WSGS.

The Website must contain an active link to the WSGS website.

Any member may submit a nomination.

Nominations must be submitted by July 15th, 2014.



This annual award was established in 2011 to encourage Genealogy Societies to put their best foot forward on the Web. A traveling plaque with the winner's name engraved on it is awarded at our annual WSGS Conference. The winning Society can display the plaque for the following year. Bragging rights included! Previous winners were, Jefferson County Genealogical Society 2011 and Genealogical Society of So. Whidbey Island, 2012.

Any society meeting the qualifications may be nominated. All websites are judged on: being user friendly; general appearance; if links work; and whether your website reflects your locality and members. Bonus points can be earned by having any indexes to your Society's resources online.

So let us hear about your website! Please submit nominations to ginnym51@msn.com (please put **WSGS website nomination** in the subject line). Nomination may also be submitted by snail mail to WSGS. Deadline for entry is July 15th.

Virginia Majewski, Region Representative #3

Whitman County Genealogical Society Celebrates 30 Years, A follow-up!

The anniversary celebration for the WCGS was a huge success with 50 people attending on June 8th. Russ Wheelhouse was the featured speaker and the theme was "Treasures in the Attic." He is an antiques dealer and he chatted with the audience about various treasures people had brought for him to appraise, talk about, etc. There were probably about 50 items brought. They had guests



from Eastern WA Gen. Soc. present as well as several former WCGS board members and some of our founding members and Cornerstone members. The gourmet desserts from local restaurants as well as a cake specially decorated with our WCGS logo were extraordinary.

L. to R. Marge Muir, Judy McMurray, Janet Damm, Cindy Rice, Sue Kreiekemeir, Monica Peters, Mary Simonsen

Go to the WSGS Blog for more pictures and details:

<http://washgensoc.blogspot.com/2014/06/whitman-county-genealogical-society.html>

Washington State Conference (WSGS) will be held August 14, 15, and 16, 2014. Below is one page of the brochure which was distributed to genealogical societies in Washington State.

Keynote Speaker  D. Joshua Taylor <i>Speaking for the first time in Washington State</i> this conference is certain to draw record attendance. Joshua was a featured genealogist on NBC's <i>Who Do You Think You Are?</i> and PBS's <i>Genealogy Roadshow</i>. He is the lead genealogist for FindMyPast.com. A nationally known author, lecturer, and researcher, he frequently speaks at genealogical societies, libraries, and other organizations, including the annual conferences of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the National Genealogical Society (NGS), the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), and RootsTech. Active in the genealogical community, Joshua is the current President of FGS and the former Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). 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.	Friday's banquet presentation spotlights D. Joshua Taylor who will address the banquet attendees with an exciting and poignant topic on the future of genealogy entitled <i>Gen Y and The Family Tree</i>. Saturday Joshua conducts three different presentations that will be attended by all participants with the focus on methodology and advanced online search techniques. Documenting Online Sources: Just because a web site or database looks nice, does not mean its content can be trusted. Learn how to evaluate the information you find online, and also how to properly cite those sources in your own records. The Web, the World and YOU! (Advanced Internet Researching): Tired of using the same internet sites over and over without any success? Frustrated because you are unable to find exactly what you want? Learn how to evaluate websites and use free tools on the internet to enrich your experience while surfing the web! Putting it Together: A Case Study: Follow a family from the early 1800s to the early 1900s as they migrated from Pennsylvania to Idaho. Watch as records from the home (family bibles and letters) are combined with newspapers, tax records, census records, cemetery records, family files, and other records to compile the family. Join the Conversation: f WSGS-2014-Conference @wsgc2014 http://linkd.in/1lmmOL	Washington State Genealogy Conference 2014   SNOHOMISH COUNTY WASHINGTON OPEN UP Conference Information and Registration Made possible in part with assistance from City of Arlington Hotel-Motel Tax Fund Snohomish County Hotel-Motel Tax Fund
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Important links for the WSGS Conference August 15 to 16, 2014

Register at: www.StillyGen.org the link is to the left.

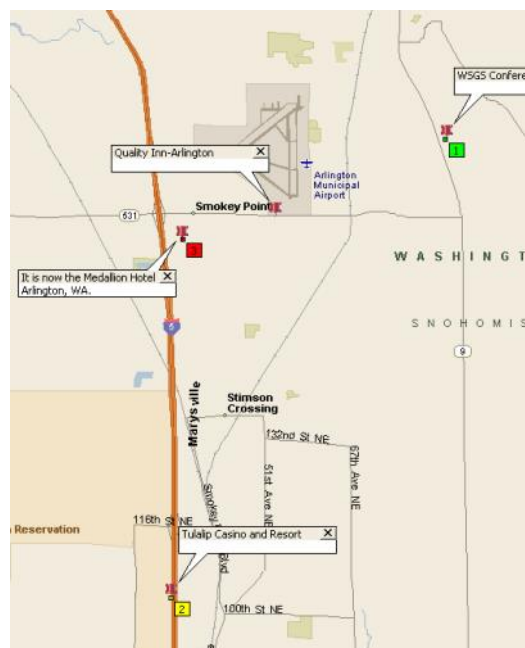
or www.wsgs2014conference.com

WSGS Website: <http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=17>

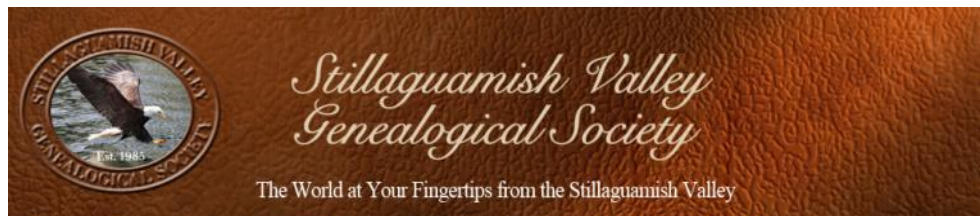
Join the conversation at Facebook WSGS-2014-conference

wsgs2014conference@gmail.com

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/washington-state-genealogical-conference>



The map is for reference only. It shows approximately where the hotels are located in reference to the Conference location which is #1. You can enlarge this map to see it better. Go here for lodging options: <http://www.wsgs2014conference.com/facility/conference-hotels/>



The WSGS Conference classes are filling up but there is still time to register. August 15, and 16, 2014

It seems like just yesterday when the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society opened up registration...can you believe it? Its July already which means the early bird discount ended Sunday June 15, 2014. The cost of the conference has increased to \$90.00 (non-members) \$80.00 (WSGS and Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society members).

Two classes have sold out. We have instituted a waiting list for "*Using Timelines to Identify Links with Your Family and Historical Events*" with [Janet Camarata](#) and "*Getting the BEST from Ancestry.com*" with [Margie Stein Beldin](#). We are currently working on getting larger class rooms for these much sought after classes.

Two more sessions are close to reaching maximum capacity; "*Grandpa Was a Mason: Locating and Using Fraternal Society Records*" with Luana Darby and "*Start Writing - Your Ancestors' Legacy Depends upon it*" with Steven W. Morrison.

There are still plenty of great classes to choose from with two full days of classes. [Eric Stroschein](#) will deliver a four session methodology workshop for all skill levels of genealogists. A similar program Eric taught last year, taking a family from basic research to an advanced case study, was standing room only. We round out the day with classes given by fantastic speakers like [Jill Morelli](#), Teresa Shulze, and [Susan Faulkner](#).

On Friday, [D. Joshua Taylor](#) will address the crowd at the banquet with an exciting and poignant topic on the future of genealogy. Saturday, Josh will conduct three different presentations to the entire assembly, focusing on methodology and advanced online search techniques. Eight additional break-out sessions or tracks ranging from DNA with [Mary Kathryn Kozy](#) and Foundations of Genealogy with [Donna Potter Phillips](#) will let you customize your experience to get exactly what you need and want from the conference.

If you have already registered thank you. If not, it isn't too late! Just go to www.stillygen.org and sign up today. See you in August! The WSGS Conference link is on the right at the website or go here: <http://www.stillygen.org/aem.php?eid=1>



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

New season returning to the TLC Channel

Scheduled to start: July 23, 2014.

Those featured will be Valerie Bertinelli, Jesse Tyler, Lauren Graham, Kelsey Grammer, Cynthia Nixon, Rachel McAdams and her sister Kayleen McAdams.

<http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/videos/new-season.htm>

WSGS 2015 BUDGET with Prior Years Comparisons							
	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual To April 15</u>	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>	<u>2011 Actual</u>	<u>2013 Actual</u>
INCOME							
Membership Dues	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,097.00	2,757.00			2,757.00
Pioneer Certificates	325.00	325.00	65.00	175.00			175.00
Conference WA State Net	1,100.00	1,500.00		752.62			752.62
Interest Income	125.00	150.00	31.50	44.54			44.54
	4,350.00	4,775.00	2,193.50	3,729.16	0.00	0.00	3,729.16
	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual To April 15</u>	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2012 Actual</u>	<u>2011 Actual</u>	<u>3 Year Average 2011-2013</u>
EXPENSES							
Dues & Subscriptions	120.00	100.00	35.00	120.00			120.00
Insurance	500.00	500.00		500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
WA State Filing Fees	10.00	10.00		10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Newsletter	450.00	450.00	112.54	442.92	434.48	406.45	427.95
PayPal Fees	20.00	10.00		17.24			20.00
Website Maintenance	313.00	313.00	312.95	334.48	334.48		334.48
Donations	35.00	0.00		35.00			35.00
Meeting Expenses	60.00	0.00		60.00			60.00
FGS Renewal	55.00	0.00		55.00		65.00	60.00
Office Supplies	30.00	0.00				123.12	123.12
Recognition Program	175.00						0.00
	1,768.00	1,383.00	460.49	1,574.64	1,278.96	1,104.57	1,690.55
NET INCOME	2,582.00	3,392.00	1,733.01	2,154.53			2,038.61

Submitted by Kathy Bowen, WSGS Treasurer

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 and will continue throughout the summer.

Genealogy classes are not conducted in the summer but will resume in September and be scheduled on the library calendar in approximately one to two months in advance: <http://www.spl.org/calendar-of-events>

Jul 4 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Independence Day

Sep 1 The Seattle Public Library Closed for Labor Day

Sep 6 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 –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.

National Conference and Educational Opportunities Spotlight

There are many places on the web where you can get information about upcoming events in Washington State and more. The WSGS website has an events area wasgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=76. Other genealogical societies have their events listings for their specific society and more, so check them out <http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=11> and South King County Genealogical Society webpage for a comprehensive list of events for our area and beyond <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskegs/natlcal.html>. Eastern Washington Genealogical Society: <http://www.ewgsi.org/eventListings.php?nm=283>. Also Dick Eastman has events for all over the country: <http://calendar.eogn.com/>. Try page 9 and 10 of this newsletter for events and websites for our Washington State Genealogical Societies and explore their websites.

July 6-12, 2014 American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will present their 2014 AHSGR Annual Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska: http://ahsgr.org/Conventions/Convention_2014.htm

July 14-17, 2014 the St. Louis Genealogical Society will present "Write Your Family History the Right Way," in St. Louis, Missouri: http://www.stlgs.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=32&Itemid=41

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/>

July 20-25, 2014 Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh will present their classes in Pittsburgh and in August 3-8, 2014 in Orchard Lake, Michigan (suburb of Detroit). <http://www.gripitt.org/>



July 27-Aug 1, 2014 The International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will present their 34th IAJGS International Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah <http://conference.iajgs.org/2014/>

August 15-16, 2014 Irish Genealogical Society, International & The Irish Ancestral Research Association will present "Celtic Connections Conference, held in Waltham, MA: <http://irishgenealogical.org/sites/default/files/V23t%20Brochure%20web2.pdf>

August 27-30, 2014 Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold their 2014 conference in San Antonio, Texas: <http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43> and here <https://www.fgsconference.org/>

Hotel reservations are open for Rootstech and FGS for 2015: <http://www.fgsconference.org/2015/lodging> and <https://rootstech.org/?lang=eng> and here <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/fgs-rootstech-team-cohost-rootstech-2015/>

How to use the Seattle Public Library for Genealogy by John LaMont, Genealogy Librarian

The 9th floor is open and the genealogy collection is available all open hours of the library. The Reference Services Dept. staffs the desk all day, every day, and genealogy librarians are available Tue-Sat: 11-12 & 1-3 and Sun: 1-3. In addition to the genealogy librarian desk hours we offer 30-minute appointments with a genealogy librarian Tue-Fri: 3 p.m. & 4 p.m. See page 5 of this newsletter.

When someone calls the genealogy desk, the genealogy librarians do their best to answer the question which means doing lookups, and answering questions about individuals and records. In general, they are not able to take on in-depth research as it's too time consuming. For obituaries, they will verify the death date and check the Seattle Times Historical Archives for anyone that asks. They will only check the newspaper via microfilm for SPL cardholders.

Our magazines & newspapers department (formerly on 6 and now merged with Business, Science, Technology on level 7) stopped doing lookups many years ago and we started referring non-SPL patron obit lookups to the Washington State Library (WSL). WSL has discontinued this service so we recommend inter-library loan or refer to SGS, APG, PS-APG etc. for non-SPL patrons. For city directories, we'll typically look up one name in up to 5 directories.

These guidelines are subject to change so verify with the librarians.

Continued on page 8 of this newsletter.

WSGS HAS AUDITED THEIR BYLAWS and MADE CHANGES!

WSGS Members Please Vote!



If you are a member of the Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS) please vote on the new changes to the WSGS Bylaws.

Please email your decision by **July 31, 2014** to wsgsvote@gmail.com with **WSGS Bylaws** in the Subject line.

Please indicate whether you **APPROVE WSGS Bylaw Revisions** or **REJECT WSGS Bylaw Revisions** in the body of the email.

To find a copy of the Bylaws with the revisions go to the **end** of this newsletter and you will find 5 pages with the highlighted changes. A copy of the **old Bylaws without changes** are at the WSGS Website:
<http://wasgs.org/upload/menu/bylaws-1.pdf>

If you prefer, you can mail your choice to: Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS) 1901 S. 12th Ave, Union Gap, WA 98903 by July 31, 2014.

These changes were made to the WSGS Bylaws on the recommendation of the FGS of which we are a member. and as a result of the WSGS board attending the Non-Profit Seminar sponsored by the Washington Secretary of State, see page 11 of this newsletter.



Northeast Washington Genealogical Society
Proudly Covering Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille Counties

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society Helps in Upkeep of Evergreen Cemetery

The annual clean up of Evergreen Cemetery in Colville for the Memorial Day holiday was a huge success owing to the efforts of local teens and NeWGS volunteers. On May 26th while engaging visitors to the cemetery, we were complimented many times on how good the cemetery looks and how grateful they are that someone cares enough about the cemetery and the people interred there to keep the grounds in tip-top shape. Their website:
<http://www.newgs.org/> and more about the cemetery: <http://www.newgs.org/cpage.php?pt=14>





All Day Events in Washington State

The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is **August 15, 2014** for the Sept/October 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!

Don't forget the Events Calendar listings at the WSGS website. Contact [Sue Ericksen](mailto:Sue.Ericksen@wsgrs.org) if you want to post your event, give her a two week window or more. Submit your articles and events to Donna for the WSGS Blog at: Donna243@gmail.com

You will find that many Washington State genealogical societies have their own Events Calendars, see page 9 of this newsletter for links to their websites. South King County Genealogical Society has a great events calendar. Go to their website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/> Look for the "EVENTS" link on the left and choose "Genealogical." Dick Eastman has an events website for all around the country:

September 27, 2014 Puget Sound Genealogical Society will host a seminar at the Poulsbo Community Church, 651 Finn Hill Road. Time: 8 am to 3 pm. There will be a Quartet of Lectures by Bret Petersen "Uncover Your Family Roots." <http://www.pusogensoc.org/seminar2014/>

October 3 and 4th 2014 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will present their Fall Workshop. Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Location: Country Homes Christian Church, 8415 N. Wall, Spokane, WA. On Friday night Steven W. Morrison will present "Finding Your Outlaw Family." See website for other topics for Saturday. Pre-registration is required: <http://www.ewgsi.org/eventListings.php?nm=283>

October 4, 2014 Whatcom Genealogical Society will present a Fall Seminar. Location: Bellingham Technical College, Bellingham, WA. Eric Stroschein will pick 3-4 case studies from WGS members please submit our brickwalls by June 9, 2014. Jim Johnson of Heritage Quest will present and bring books for sale. Contact: caharris1162@yahoo.com

October 18, 2014 the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will host their Fall Seminar. Featured speaker is Eric Stroschein, "Calling the Cavalry: A Professional Perspective on your own research." 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/detail/eventDetail.php?er=160>

How to use the Seattle Public Library for genealogy continued from page 6.

The photocopy request is only for materials not in our collection and is handled via interlibrary loan (ILL). SPL charges \$5.00 per ILL request. Patrons can submit reference and photocopy requests via the library's Ask-A-Librarian service (e-mail best for Special Collections requests). Questions are routed to the appropriate department for response – genealogy and Seattle history questions come to the Special Collections Department. <https://www.spl.org/using-the-library/get-help/ask-a-librarian>

Interlibrary loans are for books and other materials that are not in our collection. They can be requested via our website and at any branch library. When placing a request, you can also select a branch pick-up location. Of course, microfilm readers are only available at the Central Library, so some materials would need to come to the Central Library for review. Lending libraries determine whether the book can be checked out or is for reference use only at the branch. <http://www.spl.org/library-collection/interlibrary-loans>

Any circulating materials in our collection can be placed on hold and delivered to any branch for pick up. Reference materials are occasionally sent to branches as a "reference charge" for library use only. These are typically short term loans (about 1 week) and require approval by the owning department. For genealogy, they will typically lend local histories (970s) and family histories (929.2), which are the same materials sent out via interlibrary loan. Typically they won't lend multi-volume sets (or single volumes of a multi-volume set), books in poor condition, and materials that are unique to the collection. Some reference materials may also be checked out to take home, but this is limited and doesn't apply to genealogy books.

The Seattle Public Library Website: <http://www.spl.org/>

UPCOMING GENEALOGICAL EVENTS In Washington State

Please submit your events to the 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 August 15, 2014 for the Sept/October 2014 issue.



Don't forget the Events Calendar listings at the WSGS website. Contact [Sue Ericksen](mailto:Sue.Ericksen@wsgrs.org) if you want to post your event. Submit your articles and events to Donna for the new WSGS Blog to Donna Potter Phillips at: Donna243@gmail.com Give them a two week window to post your news.

Societies on Summer Break

Don't forget 4th of July and Labor Day closures for genealogical society libraries, public libraries and archives.

More information on these genealogical societies go here.

*For those societies without a website go here as well:

<http://wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=11>

Here is a listing of the Genealogical Societies in Washington State with links to their websites or events pages:

Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society holds meetings throughout the year: <http://www.bigenealogy.org/>

Black Genealogy Interest Group of Seattle meetings at the Northwest African Museum. No website.*

Camwood Genealogical group meets in Stanwood. No website.*

Chelan Valley Genealogical Society meets in Chelan, no website.*

Clallam County Genealogical Society no meetings in June, July and August: <http://www.olympen.com/ccgs/index.html> Click on the meetings link.

Clark County Genealogical Society no meetings for July, August and December: <http://www.ccg-wa.org/>

Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society: <http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/> Check the website but it looks like no meetings in July. They have a great newsletter give it a read.

Comeford Genealogy Study Group meetings in Marysville. No website.*

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society has no general meetings in July and August. <http://www.ewgsi.org/> They are still continuing with their interest groups.

Eastside Genealogical Society meets at the Bellevue Public Library except in December: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/index.html>

Fiske Genealogical Library are still featuring Spring Classes so check their website for summer offerings: <http://www.fiskelibrary.org/>

Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island no meetings in July and August. <http://www.gsswi.org/index.php>

Grant County Genealogical Society meets at the Ephrata Public Library, no website.*

Grays Harbor Genealogical Society holds meetings in the Hoquiam public library go here for information: <http://www.graysharborgenealogy.com/index.php>

Heritage Quest Research Library meets in Sumner and classes continue through the summer: <http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html>

Jefferson County Genealogical Society no meeting in August: <http://wajcgs.org/>

Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington lists meetings up to June 29, check website for more info: <http://www.jgsws.org/index.php>

Kittitas County Genealogical Society are scheduling meetings and a picnic in the summer: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcgs/KCGS_index.htm

Lewis County Genealogical Society no meetings July and August. Check out their new website: <http://www.walcgs.org/index.html>

Lower Columbia Genealogical Society no meeting in July but lots of other events: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/schedule.htm>

Mason County Genealogical Society no meetings in July and August: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wamcgs/>

Okanogan County Genealogical Society meets in Okanogan, no website. *

Olympic Genealogical Society no meetings in July and August: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/index.html>

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will be holding meetings in the summer: <http://www.newgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=88>

Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (PS-APG) has meetings every other month starting in February: <http://www.psapg.org/meetings.html>

Puget Sound Genealogical Society has meetings going through the summer: <http://www.pusogensoc.org/> This includes the Belfair Genealogical Society Chapter.

Seattle Genealogical Society has classes, interest groups meetings, including the Mac Genealogy Group* and more: <http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/>

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society no meetings July, August and December. <http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/>

Sno-Isle Genealogical Society has changed their way of presenting meetings and other events, check it out: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/indexsigs.htm>

South King County Genealogical Society holds no meetings in July, August and December: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasckgs/index.html>

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will have a meeting in July and are hosts of the WSGS Conference. <http://www.stillygen.org/eventListings.php?nm=41>

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society no meetings in June, July and August: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/index.html>

Tri-City Genealogical Society no meeting in July but a picnic in August: <http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wiki/doku.php>

Twin Rivers Genealogical Society has no meetings in July, August, and December: <http://www.twinriversgenealogy.org/>

Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society no meetings in July, August and December: <http://www.wags-web.org/index.html>

Whatcom Genealogical Society no meetings in January, July, August and December: <http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/wgs.htm>

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers no meetings July and August. <http://wigs.webplus.net/page2.html>

Whitman County Genealogical Society meetings are limited see the website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wawcgs/>

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will be having general meetings in the summer months: <http://www.yvgs.net/index.php>

WSGS Conference for 2015

Plans are firming up for the next WSGS Conference to be held in Ellensburg on June 27, 2015.

David E. Rencher, AG, CG
will be the main guest speaker
https://www.apgen.org/directory/search_detail.html?mbr_id=176

Mark your calendar for that date.
More information to follow!

National Archive Records from Anchorage are bound for Juneau and Seattle.

Dick Eastman wrote about this shifting of the Alaskan records and shared a link:

<http://www.adn.com/2014/05/30/3494475/national-archives-records-stored.html>

Newspaper article links can disappear quickly so read this carefully now.

Here is a link to the National Archives at Anchorage website: <http://www.archives.gov/anchorage/>

The research rooms were permanently closed on June 21 because the records are being transferred.

Click on the Learn more and find out about more closures at the National Archives.



WSGS is here to help!

If you see this vest it belongs to a WSGS Board member, so stop and say “Hello.” We would like to meet you!

The vest was the idea of Donna Potter Phillips who collected the money to purchase them. She distributed them to the WSGS Board at our recent Board meeting in Yakima in May 2014.





WHAT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS NEED TO KNOW

by the Washington State Secretary of State

On Friday, May 16, 2014 the Washington State Genealogical Society Board Members (WSGS) attended a workshop put on by the Washington Secretary of State. This one day seminar took place at the Yakima Valley Museum at 2105 Tieton Drive in Yakima, WA. There were five lectures throughout the day starting at 9 am and ending a little after 4 pm. Here is the line up with emphasis on Nonprofits:



1. Board Governance Part 1 by Hal Frantz & Alma Navarro from the Non-Profit Coalition of Yakima.



2. Board Governance Part 2 by Hal Frantz & Alma Navarro from the Non-Profit Coalition of Yakima.

3. Financial Controls for Small Nonprofits by Alma Navarro from the Non-Profit Coalition of Yakima.

4. WA State Registration and Renewal requirements presented by Teresa Glidden, Office of the Secretary of State.

5. Fundraising with Raffles, Bingo and Games of Chance presented by Travis Watkins, WA State Gambling Commission.

Ending with closing remarks and more.

These seminars can be scheduled through the Office of the Secretary of State and a \$10 fee is required to cover the lunch which is provided. Here is the link were you can sign up and see the selections offered: <http://www.sos.wa.gov/charities/TrainingSignup.aspx> It also covers IRS Tax Exempt Status and more.

Additional information:

The Non-Profit Coalition, LLC, 15 North Naches Ave, Suites 3 & 5, Yakima, WA 98901

Hal Franz 509-452-8773 and Alma Navarro 509-469-3468 Toll Free 1-866-737-4944 or go to their website at [www.The NPCoalition.com](http://www.TheNPCoalition.com): <http://www.thenpcoalition.com/page17.html>



Corporations and Charities Division, Washington Secretary of State, 801 Capitol Way South, PO Box 40234, Olympia, WA 98504, 360-725-0378 or toll free at 1-800-332-GIVE www.sos.wa.gov or <http://www.sos.wa.gov/charities>

When our WSGS President Mike McKinnon scheduled this seminar, I admit I was not too enthusiastic and frankly thought I would be bored. I was totally wrong. It was a very excellent seminar and I learned a lot. I was stunned to learn that it could take a year or more to get back a non-exempt status for a genealogical society or organization. Please go the Secretary of State and schedule a seminar for your organization today. The Washington State Genealogical Society encourages all genealogical societies in the State of Washington to attend. The Secretary of State is willing to schedule in various areas of the state to accommodate schedules. Please go to one of these seminars, you won't be disappointed.

Bonnie Jean MacDonald, WSGS Newsletter Editor



WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

1901 S. 12th Ave.

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Dues for 2015 are due in December 2014....

Get your Membership in by going to the website to pay with your credit card via

PayPal and sign up online at: wasgs.org/ or wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=18

The membership year for WSGS is January to December.

The WSGS Website: wasgs.org/ and Blog: washgensoc.blogspot.com/

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 _____

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

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: wasgs.org/

If you are a member of WSGS please send your vote regarding the changes to the WSGS BY-LAWS by July 31, 2014. See page 7 of this newsletter for instructions on how to submit your vote. We need your comments.

WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be Washington State Genealogical Society, hereinafter referred to as the Society or WSGS.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of WSGS shall be educational, as provided in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It shall be devoted to furthering genealogical research.

Section 2. The objectives of WSGS shall be:

- A. To disseminate genealogical information throughout the state.
- B. To assist in the formation of genealogical societies in Washington State.
- C. To encourage participation in local genealogical societies, as well as encouraging those societies in the state to participate in WSGS.
- D. To promote the preservation of public and private genealogical material.
- E. To cooperate with other organizations in the furtherance of mutual objectives.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility for Membership:

- A. Any organization or individual interested in genealogical research that subscribes to and promotes the objectives of the Society and pays the prescribed dues, shall thereby become a member.
- B. Each individual WSGS member shall be entitled to vote, hold office, take part in the business of the Society, receive a copy of the current WSGS bylaws, and be on the mailing list for WSGS.

Section 2. Classification of Membership:

- A. **Organizational Membership:** An Organization shall be defined as an organized group which promotes genealogical research and whose bylaws are not in conflict with the bylaws of WSGS. Such organization shall designate a representative who shall provide an address and e-mail to the WSGS membership chair. This representative shall be entitled to one vote for their organization.
- B. **Individual Membership:** Any person interested in genealogical research.
- C. **Joint Membership:** Any two (2) persons of the same household may have a joint membership with each entitled to a vote.
- D. **Charter Member:** Any society, person or organization which joined the Society before 30 May 1983 shall be recognized as a charter member.
- E. **Contributing Membership:** Any person, firm or organization subscribing to the efforts of the Society shall be eligible for membership without voting privileges.
- F. **Life Membership:** No longer available; however, those individuals who paid a one-time fee equal to the required multiple of annual dues prior to 2005 will retain the benefits of life membership.
- G. **Honorary Membership:**
 - 1. A person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Society may be awarded honorary membership.
 - 2. Honorary members need not pay dues, but shall have the right to attend meetings, make motions, debate, and vote.
 - 3. Any member may nominate a person for honorary membership, which will then be conferred by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 The fiscal year shall be 1 January through 31 December.

Section 4. Dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors and current dues shall appear on applications for membership.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected and Appointed Officers:

- A.** The elected officers of the Society shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall have been members of WSGS for at least the immediate past year and be current members.
- B.** A member shall hold only one elected office in WSGS at one time.

Section 2. Term of Office:

- A.** Officers shall serve for a term of two years beginning 1 January and ending 31 December or until their successors are elected. The president and secretary will be elected in even years and the treasurer and vice president in odd years.
- B.** Officers shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.
- C.** An officer serving more than one year in an office shall be said to have served a full term.

Section 3. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those eligible and voting.

Section 4. Duties of Officers:

A. The Officers shall:

- 1. Perform the duties prescribed by the bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.
- 2. Report on the activities of their area of responsibility at each Annual Meeting and each Board of Directors meeting as required.
- 3. Deliver to their successor all official materials of that office by the first Board meeting of the fiscal year.
- 4. Have the authority to declare a position vacant by a two-thirds vote and fill such a vacancy by appointment within 60 days of vacancy if any member of the Society holding an elected or appointed position fails to perform the duties of the position, in the opinion of the Board.

B. The President shall:

- 1. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, the Annual Meeting and Special Meetings.
- 2. Serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee, Election Committee and Auditing Committee.
- 3. Appoint, with approval of the Executive Committee, the Chairs of all standing committees, except the Nominating Committee.
- 4. Perform such other duties as pertain to the office of president.
- 5. Activate the Nominating Committee on or before 1 July.
- 6. Appoint two members of the Elections Committee, in addition to the Corresponding Secretary, for a total of three members.
- 7. Send the elections results to the ~~Editor of the Newsletter immediately and notify all candidates of the election results~~ Publications Chair and notify all candidates of the election results.

C. The Vice President shall:

1. Assist the President in administrative duties.
2. Perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer.
3. Act as liaison between the Regional Representatives and the Executive Committee.
4. Initiate or facilitate correspondence between the Regional Representatives and ~~the Newsletter Editor~~ the Publications Committee.

D. The Secretary shall:

1. Record the minutes of Executive Committee, Board, Annual and special meetings.
2. Preserve all minutes and reports.
3. Provide all members of the Board of Directors with a copy of the minutes within two (2) weeks following the meeting.

E. The Treasurer shall:

1. Collect and record all dues and funds received by the Society.
2. Pay all bills as per approved budgeted amounts or authorized by the Board of Directors.
3. Keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures.
4. Report as requested.
5. Submit a written report to the general membership at the Annual Meeting.
6. Prepare the annual budget for the submission to the Board.

ARTICLE V. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected and appointed officers, immediate past president, the Regional Representatives, and the ~~chairman~~ chairs of all Standing committees. The Board shall:

- A. Conduct the business of the Society, referring major decisions and unusual expenses to the membership for approval or ratification.
- B. Meet at least three (3) times a year, the dates and places to be determined by the Executive Committee.
- C. Potential Board of Directors Conflicts of Interest shall be addressed annually.

Section 2. Members of the Board are expected to attend all meeting called by the President and the Executive Committee.

Section 3. All elected Board Members shall be current members of the Society.

ARTICLE VI. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate Past-President. This committee shall:

- A. Be empowered to make decisions on WSGS business which requires immediate action. Decisions require a majority vote. Such actions shall be ratified at the next Board Meeting.
- B. Serve at the call of the President and assist the President in carrying out the objectives of the Society.
- C. Meet at any time when called by the President, or by three (3) members of this committee.
- D. Be empowered to authorize unbudgeted expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00). Such actions shall be ratified at the next Board meeting.

Section 2. Notice of all committee meetings shall be given to each member not fewer than five (5) days prior to the meeting. ~~insofar as possible~~.

ARTICLE VII. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. Regional Representatives shall:

- A. Attend all Board of Directors and general membership meetings to represent the members of their respective regions.
- B. Communicate regularly with all societies in their regions.
- C. Prepare a written report for ~~each issue of the Newsletter for~~ each Board of Directors meeting and the Annual Meeting of the activities, concerns and interests in their regions.
- D. Perform additional duties as defined in the standing rules.

Section 2. Be elected by a majority of those eligible and voting.

ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Standing Committees will be: Conference Liaison, Education/Outreach Committee, Historian, Internet Webmaster, Membership Committee, Newsletter Committee, Pioneer Certificate Committee, Publications Committee, Washington Resource Guides Committee, and Recognition Committee.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held between 1 April and 30 September. The Society shall hold an annual membership meeting, in conjunction with a seminar or conference; the date and place to be approved by the Board.

Section 2. Special meetings of the membership of the Society may be called by the President, the Executive Board, or by thirty (30) percent of the voting members. Written Notice of special meeting shall be given to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, and shall specify the business to be transacted.

Section 3. A quorum for the transaction of business of the Society shall be:

- A. Three (3) members at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- B. Six (6) members of the Board of Directors at a Board Meeting.
- C. Those members present at a general membership meeting.

Section 4. There shall be no proxy voting.

ARTICLE X. FINANCE

Section 1. Authority to sign checks is given to the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer of the Society.

Section 2. The earnings and/or income of the Society shall not inure to the benefit of any person having a personal or private interest in the Society.

Section 3. Budget. The Board of Directors shall establish a proposed annual budget for the following year and disseminate the proposed budget to the membership for review at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The budget shall be presented to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Section 4. An internal financial review will be held annually.

ARTICLE XI. INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Any person acting in faith, who is or was serving at the request of the society, and against whom a claim is made, shall be indemnified by the Society.

Section 2. Expenses incurred in defense of such claims shall be paid for by the Society in advance of the final disposition of such claim by two-thirds (2/3) vote by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Society shall not be held responsible for any statements or actions not authorized by the Board.

ARTICLE XII. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The dissolution of the Washington State Genealogical Society must be made by a majority of those members present at the annual meeting or a meeting called specifically for this purpose.

Section 2. Upon dissolution of the Washington State Genealogical Society, the officers who serve as the Executive Committee shall, after payment of or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Society, equally divide the assets of the Society between current WSGS member non-profit organizations having objectives substantially like those of this organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No funds shall be distributed to individual members.

ARTICLE XIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

ARTICLE XIV. BYLAWS

Section 1. The bylaws of the Society may be amended by the following procedure:

- A. A Bylaws Committee consisting of at least five (5) members, preferable including one previous WSGS Bylaws Committee member, may be appointed by the President as needed.
- B. Proposed amendments shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval before presentation to the membership.
- C. ~~The proposed amendment shall be mailed~~ The membership shall be notified of the proposed amendments no less than thirty (30) days prior to any voting deadline.
- D. Two-thirds of the votes returned must approve the proposal or revision before it is adopted.

Section 2. Any member of the Society may recommend an amendment to the Bylaws Committee or to the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The bylaws of the Society shall be supplemented by the Standing Rules of the Society. Revisions to WSGS Standing Rules shall be ratified by a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Proposed revision as of: 7 June, 2014

Revision clarifies definition of Organizational Membership of Article III Section 2.A; Modifies several paragraphs to reflect elimination of a Newsletter Editor and replaces it with Publication Chair and Publication Committee as appropriate; adds a Conflict of Interest clause to Article V; change to Article VII, Section C associated with elimination of the newsletter; added Washington Resource Guides Committee to Article VIII; Article IX, Section 2 broadens notification method for special meetings; Section 4 added to Article X to require an annual internal financial review; Article XIV, Section 1.A allows notification of proposed bylaw amendments to be other than mailed through the US postal system.