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September 27, 2014
At the
Yakima Valley
Genealogical Society
Library

The Public is Welcome!

WSGS Switches from a Newsletter to a Blog, Part One

By Donna Potter Phillips

What would you guess is the difference between a newsletter and a blog? Not too much, you'd say? I think you would be right on!

A newsletter was, in days gone by, a vehicle in a paper form created to deliver news to folks on a regular timetable. In nearer times of old, the humble paper newsletter migrated to a digital online vehicle still meant to deliver news to folks on a regular timetable. Today the venerable newsletter has morphed into a blog. So it has happened to the Washington State Genealogical Society. Their 31- year-old newsletter has become a blog. <http://washgensoc.blogspot.com/>



Bonnie Jean MacDonald volunteered to become the coordinator and editor for the WSGS newsletter back at the end of 2009. In the ensuing five years, Bonnie has collected information from individual WSGS member societies and shared it back with all WSGS members via this newsletter. The statistics she shared via the newsletter included society officers, society programs and projects and society announcements. Bonnie creatively arranged the material in a most pleasing visual format which included photos (when she could get them). She supplemented the society news with other news in the genealogical world. And she always remembered to share the FGS message with us (WSGS is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies).

Mid-year 2014 the new WSGS blog was launched as the new vehicle to deliver genealogical news to folks on a timely basis. Members of the WSGS Board approved the migration of the newsletter to a blog format at the May 2014 board meeting in Yakima. Donna Potter Phillips had proposed the blog idea and volunteered to launch it on the Blogger host. The first post appeared in May 2014.

Donna's goals with the blog are simple:

Continue in to collect information from genealogical societies in our region and then share the same back with everybody.

Continue delivering this information to folks in a more timely fashion than an every-two-months newsletter could ever do.

How? Stay tuned for Part 2 in the next (and final) WSGS newsletter for Nov/Dec 2014.

To submit articles to the WSGS Blog, contact Donna Potter Phillips at: Donna243@gmail.com
Don't forget to put in the subject "For WSGS Blog from....naming your society."

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WSGS 2014 CONFERENCE



Welcome and opening remarks.

The WSGS Conference was held in Arlington, Washington August 14, 15, and 16, 2014. There were 317 attendees from 6 states and 1 province. Here are highlights of a very successful conference. Congratulations to Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society for all their hard work and for a successful conference.



Friday night banquet



Josh Taylor, featured speaker



Mary K. Kozy explains the mysteries of DNA.



Jill Morelli gives tips on how to publish your family history

More pictures and highlights of the conference are at the WSGS Blog!

<http://washgensoc.blogspot.com/>



Eric Stroschein teaches methodology.

This Years WSGS 2014 Outstanding Volunteer Awards

Thirty-eight local genealogical society members were honored for their outstanding volunteerism at the WSGS Annual Conference in Arlington, Washington, on 15 August 2014. Nominated by their local societies, these individuals spent countless hours supporting their local organizations, researching, cataloging, inventorying, teaching, and inspiring others. We are proud to announce the 2014 Outstanding Volunteer Awards:



Steven W. Morrison, Kris LaRue, Donna Potter-Phillips, Pam Chilton, Sue Walde, Janet Camarata, Ruth Caesar, Shirley Penna-Oakes.

Donald Boatright, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, Region 5
Patrick J. Bundy, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, Region 5
Ruth Caesar, Stillaguamish Genealogical Society, Region 1



Janet Camarata, Puget Sound Association of Professional Genealogists, Region 2
Pamela Ann Morrow Chilton, Lower Columbia Genealogical Society, Region 4
Stephen Roe Cornick, Clark County Genealogical Society, Region 4
Janet Margolis Damm, Whitman County Genealogical Society, Region 6
Gwendolyn James Earley, Chelan Valley Genealogical Society, Region 8
Lora Eccles, Jefferson County Obituary Team, Jefferson County Genealogical Society, Region 3
Kay H. Grant, Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society, Region 3
Darleena "Dee" Hill, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, Region 5
Darrell Hill, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, Region 5
Doreen Quayle Johnson, Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island, Region 1

Sharon Johnson, Skagit Book Team, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, Region 1
Nancy Ladenberger, Obituary Records Project, Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Region 3
Winona Laird, Puget Sound Association of Professional Genealogists, Region 2

Barbara Larsen, Jefferson County Obituary Team, Jefferson County Genealogical Society, Region 3
Kris LaRue, Skagit Book Team, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, Region 1
Lois LeBlonde, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, Region 1
Lorrell Louchard, Jefferson County Genealogical Society, Region 3
Sandie McBride, Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society, Region 8
Lola King McCreary, Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, Region 7
Jeanne Menchenton, Obituary Records Project, Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Region 3
Dolores "Dolly" Kies Merrick, Clark County Genealogical Society, Region 4
Steven W. Morrison, Puget Sound Association of Professional Genealogists, Region 2
Beverly Nelson, Obituary Records Project, Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Region 3
Kim Nichols, Eastside Genealogical Society, Region 2
Marlene Payne, Grays Harbor Genealogical Society, Region 3
Shirley Penna-Oakes, Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, Region 7
Donna Potter Phillips, Tri-City Genealogical Society, Region 6
Hazel Rasar, Skagit Book Team, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, Region 1
Dan Royal, Skagit Book Team, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, Region 1
Susan Stewart Rumble, Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society, Region 8
Rita Schulze, Skagit Book Team, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, Region 1
Mary Bybee Simonsen, Whitman County Genealogical Society, Region 6
Linda Stephens, Tri-City Genealogical Society, Region 6
Sue Walde, Stillaguamish Genealogical Society, Region 1
Jean Joal Drane Yager, Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Region 3



To read each individual's accomplishments and why they were nominated, visit the WSGS Outstanding Volunteer Awards Program page at <http://www.wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=12>. For more information about the Outstanding Volunteer Awards Program, contact Roxanne Lowe at Roxanne@thekeeffes.com. In the subject line "WSGS Volunteer Awards."



2015 Annual Conference

Presents

A Day With David Rencher



David E. Rencher, AG, CG,
FIGRS, FUGA

- Professional Genealogist since 1977
- Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch
- Past-President of Federation of Genealogical Societies
- B.A. in Family and Local History
- Irish course coordinator and instructor Samford University
- Accredited Genealogist with ICAPGen in Ireland research
- Certified Genealogist with the Board for Certification of Genealogists
- Fellow of the Irish Genealogical Research Society

June 27, 2015

Quality Inn Motel

Ellensburg, Washington

Ellensburg is more than just in the middle of the state of Washington!

There are wonderful historical and genealogical treasures in Ellensburg. There is the [Kittitas County Genealogical Society Library](#) which is excellent. The [Central Branch of the Washington State Archives](#), the [Kittitas County Library](#) and the [Kittitas County Museum](#). They are all within blocks of each other. Come early on Friday and take time to do some research or just explore.

South King County Genealogical Society Wins the 2014 WSGS Best Website Award!



This year's winner of the WSGS Website award is South King County Genealogical Society. Janet Camarata, President of SKCGS, was very surprised but beaming when she received this award for her society at the WSGS Conference banquet on Friday evening, August 15, 2014 hosted by Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society.

It is well deserved. Congratulations to [South King County Genealogical Society!](#)

The WSGS Website award was created to encourage genealogical societies in Washington State to have a great website presence. It is a traveling plaque that has the winner's name engraved on it. The winning society gets to keep the plaque for the year with bragging rights.

Photo: Virginia Majewski, Region Representative #3 hands the plaque to Janet Camarata, President of SKCGS.

Message from the Board....

We all want our ancestor to be honorable citizens in the community. Aside from oral history you are not going to find much about them in newspapers except when they were born, married and died or maybe an obituary. The not so honorable citizens have a better chance of making it into the newspapers.

"ANOTHER SHOCKING MURDER"

"A Man Shot Dead by His Indian Wife, on Orcas Island...The Murderess Arrested and now in Jail."

The Democratic Press (Port Townsend, Washington), 2 Jan 1879, p. 3, col. 1.

Mary (Xwelas, a S'Klallam Indian) was pregnant and had enough of her 3rd husband's running around with other Indian women so she waited along the trail to their house and when he came by she shot her husband, George Phillips dead on Christmas Day 1878. She was arrested and put in jail and while in jail her son Thomas was born in the Port Townsend jail. She was convicted of manslaughter rather than murder and sent to the territorial prison at Seatco, south of Olympia, for two years hard labor. She may have been behind the prison wall but she wasn't put in a cell. They provided a shack for her and her three children in the prison yard!

This story came into my family when Thomas Phillips married my great grandfather's sister, Leah Preston. If you want to read the full story of her tragic life, read the chapter titled "I See What I Have Done" in the book *Writing the Range...Race, Class, and Culture in the Women's West* by Elizabeth Jameson & Susan Armitage.

Roger Newman, WSGS Secretary

Roger has served two terms as the WSGS Secretary and will be stepping down. We thank him for his service and if you see him at a Mason County Genealogical or Olympia Genealogical Society meeting say hello.



WSGS Website has many treasures for you, take a tour: <http://wasgs.org/>

1. Conference information for 2014, 2015 and 2016.
2. Link to the new WSGS Blog <http://washgensoc.blogspot.com/>
3. Board of Directors of WSGS and their emails and positions.
4. Join/Renew using either a paper form or your credit card. The Associate Program instructions. Also a membership brochure.
5. Members only section—you will need your log on as a member of WSGS.
6. Current events calendar—please submit your events to the website the earlier the better. There is even a list of all the past WSGS conferences that have taken place.
7. Newsletters, Publications and Pioneer Certificates. There is an application, instructions, index and brochure.
8. Washington Research tips with links to important archives with genealogical resources in Washington State. At the top the Washington State Resources guide by county.
9. Local Speakers Directory with lists of lecturers and their specialties.
10. Genealogical Societies listing with information about their meetings and a link or contact.
11. Volunteer Awards with winners listed back to 2003. The recent winners of 2014 are posted.



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.



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.

Sep 10 The Seattle Public Library Mahina Oshie presents Family History Storytelling. Learn about techniques and resources in the library, in the community, and on the Internet for uncovering, recording, writing, and publishing your family stories. 6 – 7:45 pm, at the Northeast Branch, 6801 35th Ave. N.E., Seattle, WA. Registration is not required.

Oct 28 The Seattle Public Library Seattle is the final resting place for many northwest pioneers, war veterans, criminals, and everyday individuals that all weave together to create the city's rich story. Come celebrate Halloween week with local taphophile Amber Case who will share the history of burial grounds in Seattle and highlight the stories behind several of those buried within. She will also provide some helpful tips in doing your own cemetery research. 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA. Level 4 –Room 1, Washington Mutual Foundation Meeting Room. Registration is not required.

Washington State Genealogical Society from newsletter to Blog

At the WSGS Conference in Arlington, it was announced that the WSGS Newsletter would be retired and replaced by a blog. The new blog is up and going strong and getting stronger. Here is the link to the new blog:

<http://washgensoc.blogspot.com/>



Donna and Charles
announcing the new WSGS blog

I talked with several people at the conference and they were sad to see the newsletter go. I told them it was time to move to a different way to communicate with the members. A blog is in the now and visitors can comment, societies and members can contribute. Yes members can contribute. Do you have an interesting article that you might want to submit?

There are 3 things that you can do to make the WSGS blog a great blog, go visit the blog now:

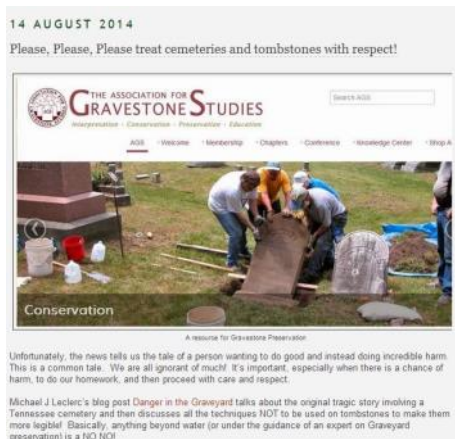
1. Click the follow button, and sign up for emails. It is very easy, I get posts sent to my email.
2. Make a comment about the post, hit the comments button and write your post and publish.
3. Contribute articles about your society: celebrations, anniversaries of the society, seminars, projects completed, members rewarded, events like a cemetery preservation and more...

Your Newsletter Editor and a blogger too.

PRESERVING TOMBSTONES and CEMETERIES

Recently, in the news, there was a report that someone was **using the wrong approach to cleaning up tombstones**. I encourage you to read the article in the August 14, 2014 UpFront with NGS and review with yourself and other genealogical friends about how to care for tombstones.

<http://upfront.ngsgenealogy.org/2014/08/please-please-please-treat-cemeteries.html>



The Association of Gravestone Studies is an excellent website to familiarize yourself with the care of tombstones. This organization also has yearly conferences.

<https://www.gravestonestudies.org/>

Michael J. Leclerc's "Danger in the Graveyard," sheds light on what NOT TO DO. See his blog post at Mocavo which can be found here

<http://blog.mocavo.com/2014/08/danger-graveyard>

[Dick Eastman](#) shared his thoughts on "How Not to Clean a Tombstone..."

I, your editor, recently joined Find A Grave so I could preserve my tombstone pictures, but never have I ever applied anything to a tombstone just to get a good photo! (Note: These links may disappear so go now and read them).

Your Editor!

All Day Events in Washington State

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

Other options: The Events Calendar listings at the WSGS website. Contact [Sue Ericksen](mailto:Sue.Ericksen@wsn.net) and give her at least a two week window or more. Submit your articles to the WSGS Blog at: Donna243@gmail.com.

You will find that many Washington State genealogical societies have their own Events Calendars, see page 11 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/>

Dick Eastman has an events website for all around the country: <http://calendar.eogn.com/>



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. Go here for more details.

<http://www.ewgsi.org/detail/eventDetail.php?er=112>

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 your brickwalls by June 9, 2014. Jim Johnson of Heritage Quest Research Library will present and bring books for sale. Contact: caharris1162@yahoo.com

October 11, 2014 Heritage Quest Research Library will present their Autumn Quest Seminar featuring Lisa Louise Cooke of [Genealogy Gems](http://www.genealogygems.com). Time: 8:15 am to 3:30 pm. Location: Faith Covenant Church, 1915 Washington St., Sumner, WA.

<http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html> registration form: <http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/registration.html>

October 11, 2014, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their genealogy fair and mini classes.

<http://yvgs.net/eventListings.php?nm=74&ec=1&tf=12>

October 18, 2014 Clallam County Genealogical Society will present their Fall Seminar. "Genealogy Online: Productive, Organized, and Successful," by Cyndi Ingle, 8:30 am to 4 pm. Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 East Lopez Ave., Port Angeles, WA.

October 18, 2014 Seattle Genealogical Society will present their Fall Seminar: "Using DNA in Genealogy." by Diahan Southard. Time 8:30 to 4 pm. SGS Library, 6200 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA. <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/seminars>

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/upload/events/files/1407618444_2014FallSeminarFlyer.pdf

National Conference and Educational Opportunities Spotlight

September 14-20, 2014 The Ulster Historical Foundation will hold their Ulster History and Genealogy Autumn School <http://www.ancestryireland.com/autumn-school/> Anyone want to go to Belfast?

September 21-28, 2014 The New England Historic and Genealogical Society will head for Dublin, Ireland for Research. <http://www.americanancestors.org/Event.aspx?id=29449>



September 25 to 27, 2014 Montana State Genealogical Society 25th Annual State Conference, <http://montanamsgs.org/conferences.html> The theme is "Find the Silver Linings in Your Tree." Featuring Curt B. Witcher, Senior Manager of the Allen County Public Library.

September 26 to 28, 2014 Kelowna & District Genealogical Society will hold their conference titled "Harvest Your Family Tree 2014." <http://www.harvestyourtree.blogspot.com/>

October 20-24, 2014 International Society for British Genealogy and Family History will hold their 2014 British Institute at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel in Salt Lake City. <http://www.isbgfh.org/cpage.php?pt=50> Your Editor is attending the Scottish class.

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 October 15, 2014 for the November-December 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 or longer window to post your news. Remember to clearly state what you are writing about in the subject line of your email, we want to make sure we answer.



SEPTEMBER

Sept and October—Sno-Isle Genealogical Society will present various Focus groups gatherings. They have moved to 4 general meeting per year in Sept., Oct., Nov. & March. Check out the schedule:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/indexsigs.htm>

Sept 3 Belfair Chapter of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present “Pilgrims to Patriots,” by Jerri McCoy. Time: 12:30 pm, Timberland Library, 23081 NE State Route 3, Belfair.

Sept 6 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will hold a meeting. Topic: “Preserving Your Heritage,” by Ann Corwine. Time: 12:30 pm. Location: Spokane Public Library Auditorium.

Sept 6 Heritage Quest Research Library kicks off their series of Fall Classes with “The Future of Genealogy,” by Janet Camarata and Winona Laird. Time 6pm at the HQRL Library, 1007 Main St., Sumner. Other dates are Sept 5, 13, 15, 19, 22, 24 and October 6, 11, 17, 20, and 27. Note days and times vary:

<http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html>

Sept 6 Whatcom County Genealogical Society will start a series of 4 classes on various genealogical topics. Time: 10 am. Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2117 Walnut St., Bellingham, WA.

Sept 6 Yakima Valley Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Topic: “An Overview of Ancestry.com,” by Patrick Bundy. Time 10 am. Location: YVGS Library 1901 S. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA.

Sept 6, 13, 20, 27—Whatcom Genealogical Society will hold Beginning Genealogy Classes at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2117 Walnut St., Bellingham, WA. \$45 for 4 sessions or \$15 per session. http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/Beginning_Genealogy_Classes_Flyer.pdf

Sept 7, 14, 28 and October 5 and 12, Seattle Genealogical Society will present a variety of topics such as “Using Newspapers for Family History. Time 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Location: SGS Library 6200 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA. <http://seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/calendar-node-field-date/month/2014-09> SGS also has interest groups that meet regularly.

Sept 8 the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will hold their first meeting of the new year. Time: 1 pm. Location: Freeland Trinity Church Annex. The Board will share the goals of the society for the coming year.

Sept 9, 23, Oct 7, 14, 28, Nov. 30 Clark County Genealogical Society will start a series of Genealogy classes. Check their website for details: <http://www.cccgs-wa.org/index.html>

Sept. 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, & Oct. 1, 7, 8, 14 and 22 Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will hold Beginning Genealogy classes at the Burlington and/or Anacortes Public Libraries. <http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/workshops/> also check their calendar for locations and times.

Sept. 9 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will present “NOW WHAT? Options for YOUR Genealogical Education,” by Steven W. Morrison. Time 1 pm. Location: Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Dr., Arlington, WA.

Sept 9 Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will hold their annual Show and Tell, Genealogical Discoveries of this Summer. Time 7 pm. Location: Fife Branch of the Pierce County Library, 6622 20th St. East.

Sept 10 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will present their general meeting. Time: 1:30 pm. Location: LDS Church 260 E. Juniper St., Colville, WA. Topic: “Tips for Taking a Research Trip to Salt Lake City,” by Gordy Struve.

Sept 10 Tri-Cities Genealogical Society will present: “Blogging and the Benefits thereof...,” by Donna Potter Phillips. Time 5:30 pm. Clover Island Inn., 435 Colover Island, Kennewick, WA. This is the EWGS President and WSGS VP dinner.

Sept 11 Eastside Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting at 6:30 pm at the Bellevue Regional Library. The topic is: “Washington State Library, Washington State Archives, Digital Archives and Scribe, an indexing project,” by Kathryn Devine, Tracy Rebstock and Amber Raney. Eastside has many interest and research groups check them out: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/index.html>

Sept 11 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will present their general meeting. Topic: “Using Pinterest in Genealogy,” by Marlene Stirling. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/program2014sep.pdf> Time: 7 pm. Location: 2025 Tibbett's Drive, Longview, WA.

Sept 13 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will present “Proof Standards,” by Sandy Bissett. Time 1 pm. Location: The Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon.

Sept 13 Clallam County Genealogical Society will present "Introduction to Norwegian Research," by Deanna Dowell. Time: 10 am. Location Port Angeles First Baptist Church, Port Angeles, WA.

Sept 13 Grays Harbor Genealogical Society will present "Finding Your Ancestors' Vital Records and Obituaries Online," by Miriam Robbins. Time: 10 am. Location: Aberdeen Museum of History, 111 E. Third Street, Aberdeen, WA.

Sept 16 and Oct. 21 Lewis County Genealogical Society has meetings scheduled. Here is there website:
<http://www.walcs.org/index.html>

Sept 17 Fiske Genealogical Society Library will kick off their Fall class series, with "Writing Your Family Stories: The Last of the Blacksmiths," by Claire Gebben. Time: 10 am. Location: Fiske Library, 1642 43rd Ave. E., Seattle, WA. \$5.00 fee for non-members. Check out their fall newsletter for details: http://www.fiskelibrary.org/NewsLetter/2014summer-fall_newsletter.pdf

Sept 19 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present: "Using the Law to Improve Your Research," by Sara Scribner. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Public Library.

Sept 20 Jefferson County Genealogical Society will present: "Using the National Archives Online," by Susan Karren, Director of Archival Operations at NARA in Seattle. Time: 10 am. Location: Tri-Area Community Center, 10 West Valley Rd, Chimacum, WA.

Sept 20 South King County Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting starting at 9:30. Location the First Baptist Church of Kent, 11420 SE 248th, Kent, WA. SKCGS has a great group of interest groups: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/soccalendar.html>
Next general meeting Oct. 18.

Sept 24, Puget Sound Genealogical Society will present "New Additions to an Old Friend," by Sue Karren, Director of the NARA in Seattle. This about the Alaskan State archives closing. Time 1 pm. Location: 1301 Sylvan Way Library, Bremerton., WA.

OCTOBER

Oct. 6 the Kittitas County Genealogical Society will present their general meeting. Topic: "Little Known Facts About Abraham Lincoln," by Judy Clayton. Time 7 pm. Location the KCGS Library 413 N. Main St., Suites L&M, Ellensburg, WA.

Oct 7. Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will present "Evernote for Genealogists," by Cyndi Ingle. Time: 7 pm. Location: Bates Technical College, 2201 South 78th St., Tacoma, WA.

Oct. 8 the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will hold a general meeting. Time 1:30 pm. Location: LDS Church at 260 E. Juniper, Colville, WA. Topic: "Solving Genealogy Problems by Creating Timelines," by Beth Foulk.

Oct. 8 Tri-Cities Genealogical Society will present "Revolutionary War—Talk and Uniforms," by Stan Wills, Sons of the American Revolution. Dinner 5:30 pm at the Clover Island Inn, 435 Clover Island, Kennewick, WA.

Oct. 9 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will hold their general meeting. Topic: "Digging up New Dirt," by Steven W. Morrison. Time 7 pm. Location: 2025 Tibbetts Drive, Longview, WA.

Oct. 11 Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will hold their monthly meeting. Time 1 pm at the Discover Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon. Topic to be announced.

Oct 11 the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists will hold their meeting at 10 am at the Faith Covenant Church, 1915 Washington St., Sumner, WA so PS-APG members can attend the Autumn Quest Seminar of Heritage Quest Research Library. See Washington State All Day Events.

Oct 13 the Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island will present "Using Family Search," by Becky Hanich. Time: 1 pm. Location: Trinity Church annex in Freeland.

Oct. 17 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present "US Migration," by Gary Zimmerman of the Fisk Genealogical Library. Time: 10 am. Location: Bainbridge Public Library. BIGS also has special interest groups:
<http://www.bigenealogy.org/>

Oct. 22 the Puget Sound Genealogical Society will host: "Write Your Own Obituary," by Elizabeth Demmon, KRL Library Associate. Time 1 pm. Location: 1301 Sylvan Way Library, Bremerton., WA.



The Washington State Historical Society is celebrating Washington State's 125 years of Statehood.

Go here to learn more...

<http://www.washingtonhistory.org/support/heritage/wa125/>

On November 11, 2014 starting a 1 pm at the Legislative Building, Capitol Campus the program will begin.

Here is a list of activities.

http://www.washingtonhistory.org/files/library/wshs-basic-programs_006.pdf



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES IN WASHINGTON STATE with a website. More information on these genealogical societies and for those societies without a website go here:

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

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE WSGS website is updated for your society under Genealogical Societies! So many wonderful websites so little time!

Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society:
<http://www.bigenealogy.org/>

Clallam County Genealogical Society:
<http://www.olympen.com/ccgs/index.html>
Click on the meetings link.

Clark County Genealogical Society:
<http://www.ccgswa.org/>

Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society:
<http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/>

Eastern Washington Genealogical Society:
<http://www.ewgsi.org/> They have a blog too!

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

Fiske Genealogical Library has classes all year:
<http://www.fiskelibrary.org/>

Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island:
<http://www.gsswi.org/index.php>

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 are held through the year:
<http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html>

Jefferson County Genealogical Society:
<http://wajcgs.org/> They have focus groups.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington has regular meetings: <http://www.jgsws.org/index.php>

Kittitas County Genealogical Society
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/KCGS_index.htm

Lewis County Genealogical Society <http://www.walcgs.org/index.html>

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

Mason County Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wamcgs/>

Olympic Genealogical Society
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waogs/index.html>

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society
<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:
<http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/>

Sno-Isle Genealogical Society <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/indexsigns.htm>

South King County Genealogical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/index.html>

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society
<http://www.stillygen.org/eventListings.php?nm=41>

Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/index.html>

Tri-City Genealogical Society
<http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wiki/doku.php>

Twin Rivers Genealogical Society:
<http://www.twinriversgenealogy.org/>

Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society:
<http://www.wags-web.org/index.html>

Whatcom Genealogical Society:
<http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/wgs.htm>

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers
<http://wigs.webplus.net/page2.html>

Whitman County Genealogical Society: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wawcgs/>

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society
<http://www.yvgs.net/index.php>





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