

Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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September Meeting
Tuesday, 23 September
7 - 9 p.m.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Parish Hall
426 E 4th Plain Blvd., Vancouver

SCRAPBOOKING
Maria Adler

DO YOU SCRAPBOOK?

Maria Adler will lead the September meeting on scrapbooking. Come to the meeting to learn why and how to get started and where to get the supplies you need. Learn how to use photos and how to write the stories to go with them.

If you have already made a scrapbook or two, please bring them to share!

CCGS Thanks the Colf Family!

A reception thanking the Colf Family will be held Sunday afternoon, 28 September, from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Clark County Genealogical Society, 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA.

Come join us as we thank the Colf Family for the generous donation of \$5000 towards the library computer network, a microfiche reader, and bar-coding system for the library. Margaret Hepola, a CCGS member who was married to Walter Colf, was instrumental in seeing that CCGS was a beneficiary of these funds from The Colf Foundation. We are greatly enriched by this gift.

As genealogists, you will be interested to know that the Finnish name of Joensuu was changed to Colf, a misspelling of "Gulf", a near-translation of the name, which means the mouth of the river. As a result, this name is very rare. Some of the family were given the name of Rivers.

John Colletta Returns for the 2004 Spring Seminar

Where: Washington School for the Deaf (same as last year, great facility!)

When: Saturday March 20th 2004 (Be sure to save the date and watch for upcoming registration forms. Reviews from last year were excellent. You won't want to miss John Colletta next year.)

Check out John's web page at www.genealogyjohn.com. Let us know what topics you would like him to present this time. He will be presenting 3 to 4 of the topics listed. E-mail your suggestions to Maria Adler at amadler@myexcel.com or Sandi Vosburg at romatherap@ispwest.com.

A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT BILL DUCHIE

The CCGS summer break is over and we move expectantly into 2003/2004. It promises to be a year of great opportunity, with something for everyone. Look through this and succeeding newsletters, as well as postings at the CCGS library and on the web page, to find your special place. Of course, there are opportunities to expand your own research skills and broaden your family study. Research and preservation of local records has always been a significant societal contribution and there are additional activities planned for this year. Society governance is a way to help new individuals become interested in both genealogy and the preservation of their own family story.

Find your place among existing efforts or propose your own activity. This promises to be another wonderful year for CCGS.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Instruction in organization, charting, using computers, using LDS records, censuses, and land and courthouse records will be taught by CCGS members at Clark College Community Education facility at Town Plaza Center, Room 108. The cost is \$55.

NEW NAMES ON THE QUILT

The newest additions to the fund-raising quilt: Charles Thompson, honoring Agnes Sumerville; Karen Frost honoring three families: J. Edna Frost, Chatham – Erickson, and Lisa Wiley Ayers; on the gold chest, Margaret Hepola for her one month rent donation; on the ship: the Colf Family for their \$5000 donation; and Larry Germann, for Jane and Larry Germann. A picture is on our web site and the quilt will be on display at the Library in late September. Funds to offset facility and library costs are raised by the donations given for names added to the quilt.

Readerware is Up and Running

The new library cataloging program, *Readerware*, is now accessible on all three of the new Dell computers at the CCGS library. This was a long, drawn out project, partly due to unexpected tampering by an unknown individual. Several CCGS members worked diligently on the project and those finally completing it were Don Finel, Ken Pritchard, and Patricia Bauer. The support of Martin, the technician at *Readerware*, was outstanding.

Prior to trying to open *Readerware*, see if there is a bar at the bottom of the desktop screen labeled *Reader-ware*. If so, just click on it. Otherwise, there is an icon (3 colored books) on the desktop labeled Library Catalog. Double-click on that icon and then on a similar icon at the top of the *Readerware* page. The entire catalog can then be seen. There are over 7400 items, searchable by title, author, comments, etc. Each item must be searched separately. We will be making changes over the next few months to make the process uniform. (Right now you can find "keywords" in at least three areas: comments, keys, keywords.)

If you have a large inventory of books or CDs at home, or if you're with a genealogical or historical library, you can find a trial copy of *Readerware* by clicking on "Please Visit Our Affiliates" at the top of the CCGS web page. If you buy the program by using our link, we will get a small commission for it. The program is very affordable, even on a tight budget.

Researching@Your Public Library: FVRL

The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) department at Fort Vancouver Regional Library can be a good resource for family researchers. In addition to obtaining family history books and microfilm resources, patrons may request copies of periodical articles. Many libraries will provide them for copying and postage costs. FVRL absorbs the expense of this service up to \$10 per article. When costs exceed \$10, a patron may still obtain the article by agreeing to pay the difference.

It is important to provide adequate information on a printed FVRL periodical form or over the phone. The periodical name, article title, volume and issue number or date, author, and page numbers are needed. One resource for obtaining this information is Allen County's PERSI data base. CCGS owns the CD version of this index, and HeritageQuest, available at FVRL and from home with a library card, will add it to their online resources soon. While it is not necessary for FVRL ILL to know which libraries own the periodical, please note that if Allen County is the only such library, ILL will not be able to help you. In that case, following the Allen County six-requests-for-\$7.50-plus-copy-costs procedure, (forms available at CCGS library) will do the trick.

Jane Miller, MLS
FVRL Reference Librarian/ Genealogy Specialist

FISHING for FICHE

Research & Preservation (R&P) is moving forward on the purchase of the Clark County Marriage Fiche Indexes. We would like to encourage our members to purchase a year at \$15.00 per year. From 1904 to 1977 is 74 years.

CCGS managed to acquire 42 rolls of 1930 Census in 6 months a year before it was released, so we feel we will be able to get our Marriage Fiche Indexes by the new year.

We hope to have the information ready by the first of September so, as members come into the Library, they will be able to purchase a year at a time.

Emerald Isle Greetings

We will NOT be having an Irish Interest Group meeting in September. We will resume this fall on Monday, October 20th at 10 AM. Bring all your Irish success stories from the summer - you have been busy doing research, right?

See you then., Anita

BIRTHDAY BOOK BASH – celebrating three years in our new location.

Where: CCGS Research Library and on our Web page at www.ccg-s-wa.org

When: 1 September through 30 November

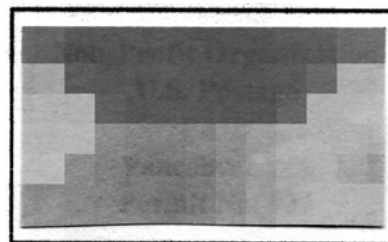
Why: To reduce the Inventory in the back room of the Library. All 42 CCGS Publications will go on sale at **75% off** regular price while supply lasts. First come, first served.

Forum Family History Fair

This year's Fair will be held Saturday, 20 September 2003, Parkrose Community Center 12003 NE Shaver St., Portland, OR. CCGS will be there again this year with our Birthday Book Bash, as well as our focus for the year, set by President Bill Duchie, "Tell Your Story." Historical and genealogical societies from the Pacific Northwest will be on hand to show you what is new and to visit. Commercial vendors will be there to sell the latest genealogy software and books. Classes will be offered on how to do your genealogy.



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



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CALENDAR

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| 8 Sept. | CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library, 7 - 9 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. |
| 20 Sept. | GFO Family History Fair, Parkrose Community Ctr., 12003 NE Shaver St., Portland |
| 23 Sept. | General meeting, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 7 - 9 p.m. |
| 26 Sept-
14 Nov. | Beginning Genealogy, 10 a.m. - noon, Clark College at Town Plaza Center,
Room 108; Fee: \$55 |
| 28 Sept. | Reception for Cole Family, CCGS Library, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. |
| 5-12 Oct. | Research trip to Family History Library, Salt Lake City |
| 12-19 Oct. | Research trip to Allen Co. Public Library, Ft. Wayne, IN |
| 13 Oct. | CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. - noon. All members are welcome. |
| 20 Oct. | Irish Interest Group, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. - noon. |
| 28 Oct. | General Meeting, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 10 a.m. - noon. |
| 20 Mar. 2004 | Spring Seminar |

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