

Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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CCGS February General Meeting

24 February 2004, Tuesday at **10:00 a.m. to noon**
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA.

Program: Mike Stein on "Don't Let Your Ancestors Fade Away"

Mike Stein comes to us from *All 'N Digital Photography* of Vancouver. Join us to see how Mike revives old photos! (Pat Bauer says he worked wonders with her grandparents' wedding picture.) Also, you are invited to bring one photo to the meeting. Numbers will be assigned and a limited number of them will be drawn. If you are one of the lucky ones, Mike will inspect your photo and give his expert advice on how to fix it. (Since many problems are common to old photos, you may well be able to apply Mike's advice to your own photo, whether your number is drawn or not.)

Still procrastinating? Sign up now!

Remember those comfortable seats at the school for the Deaf?
And remember how entertaining Dr. Colletta's presentations are? And how much you learned?
This year the vendors will have more for us and be easier to get to. So get your registration in now! Registration forms are online at <http://www.ccg-s-wa.org> or may be picked up at the CCGS Library.

The Clark County Genealogical Society presents

Dr. John Philip Colletta

At Spring Seminar 2004

Saturday, March 20, 2004

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; registration begins at 8 a.m.

Washington State School for the Deaf, 611 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA

\$40 member with lunch, \$45 nonmember with lunch; After March 11, 2004 : no lunch

Contact CCGS 360-750-5688

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2004 GEE CREEK FUNDRAISER

We are returning in 2004 to the Gee Creek fundraiser we have used so successfully in past years. This is an ideal project, as it is both a fundraiser and a community service.

We will be at Gee Creek (north bound) March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

We will be at Gee Creek (north bound) April 20.

< NOTE CHANGE!

(The dates previously announced for April required overnight stays, which we will NOT do.) Volunteers are needed to staff the various time periods and to donate cookies (homemade or purchased) and/or cash to purchase other supplies. It's fun to greet folks traveling through our area. If you would like to help out, please contact Irene at <pageig@pacifier.com> or 360-835-7642. Donated items can be delivered Feb. 27 or 28 to the library (leave them in the kitchen area) or deliver them to Irene at the General Meeting on the 24th.

2003 NON-GEE-CREEK-FUNDRAISER

Thanks to everyone who donated cash at the end of 2003 to make up the shortage from not having a Gee Creek Rest Stop project last year. Being able to count on our members for help when needed is greatly appreciated by CCGS.

Genealogy Classes

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL MINI-CLASSES (At the CCGS Library)

- Feb 3 Identifying Your European Ancestors' Origins from Home –Gerry Lenzen
- Feb 10 The Nitty Gritty of Using Fee & Free Internet Sites – Byron Blankenship
- Feb 17 World War I Draft Registration Records – Anne Leptich
- Mar 2 Migration Patterns in America: The Southern States – Anne Leptich
- Mar 9 Probate Records –Connie Lenzen

April classes will be announced at a later date.

A “Computer Genealogy” class will be taught through Clark College Mature Learning, starting April 30th and running on Friday afternoons through May 28th.

PAT BAUER SHARES A THANK YOU NOTE SHE RECEIVED:

Dear Ms. Bauer,

This is a letter to publicly applaud Don Finel for the help he has so generously given to me and many others. If not for Don's help, people like myself, who are disabled, would not be able to continue their genealogy research.

Michael W McAllister

If it were not for Don's generous help, the rest of us in CCGS would have a much harder time, too. Don deserves a round of applause from all of us. - *The Editor*

GREAT GIFT IDEAS !

Books published by CCGS or one of the excess books donated to our library.

A Spring Seminar registration.

A membership in CCGS (you could add your spouse, significant other, child or grandchild as a second member on your membership).

CCGS ENDOWMENT PLAQUE

CCGS now has a plaque on which will be inscribed the names of those who leave a gift in their wills for our endowment fund. Of course, your name won't be added until your will has been probated and the gift received by CCGS, but think how proud your descendants will be to see you memorialized for such a worthy cause!

SOME SUGGESTIONS FROM PAT

I just purchased a Power Inverter 175, which plugs into the cigarette lighter in my car. I can plug the electrical plug from my Camcorder, Digital Camera, or Laptop into it to recharge the batteries or even to use any one of them. The inverter was about \$35, including shipping, from <http://www.crutchfield.com>.

SPAM: I'm getting more and more spam these days. I now send a copy of each, including ALL the headers, to the SPAM COPS at <UCE@FTC.GOV>. I put SPAM in the subject line. If it's from a known server, such as AOL, MSN, HOTMAIL, etc., I send it to the server & a CC: to the Spam Cops. (I was notified by Hotmail that two of their accounts were shut down.) The things being sent now are mostly "how to buy cheap drugs" or "refinance your home," plus an occasionally one offering to get me a blind date with a cute chick. (That's just what every greatgrandma needs!) The CCGS account is getting in on the "fun" now, too. People are falling for make-money-fast schemes by sending out these things. When they begin getting fined by the government, perhaps they will change their minds!

OUR AFFILIATES: We receive a small commission from several companies for selling their products with links from our web page. These companies include Ancestry, Legacy, Heritage Books, 123Inkjets, and Readerware. The commission is received only if our members use the links from our web pages or insist that CCGS get a commission for the sale. When Ancestry calls you to renew your membership, we get a commission only if you decline their offer and then begin a new subscription. I recently told them they were just getting to be too expensive and I wasn't going to renew. They extended my subscription (for free) for three months. If I renew later, I will do it from the CCGS web page. Click on the Affiliates links on our web page to see information and find links to the various companies.

CCGS NEWSLETTER DEADLINE AND DISTRIBUTION

Please remember that the deadline for material for the Newsletter is the second-to-the-last Wednesday of the month. Your Newsletter cannot be published in a timely manner if this deadline is not observed. **The next deadline is FEBRUARY 18.**

Remember also that the e-version is available as soon as the master copy goes to the printer, so to get your copy early, subscribe on line if you can.

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Vice President: (vacant)

Secretary: Janette BIRCH

Treasurer: Joy SCHMOLDT

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 2 Feb. Legacy Users Group, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon.**
- 3 Feb. Mini-classes begin, CCGS Library.**
- 9 Feb. CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon. All members are welcome.**
- 16 Feb. Irish Interest Group, CCGS Library 10 a.m. - noon.**
- 18 Feb. Deadline for material for the Newsletter.**
- 21 Feb. Joint workshop, Fort Vancouver Regional Library and CCGS.**
- 24 Feb. General Meeting, St. Luke's Episcopal Church 10 a.m. - noon.**
- 1-3 March Gee Creek Fundraiser #1.**
- 20 March Spring Seminar with Dr. John Colletta.**
- 20 April Gee Creek Fundraiser #2.**

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except in November) at St. Luke's Parish Hall. Morning meetings will be 10 a.m. - noon in January, February, October, and November. Evening meetings will be 7 - 9 p.m. in April, May June, and September.