

# Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## A New Location and a Trial Balloon

The meetings for the year 2004-2005 will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main Street, Vancouver. The church is wheelchair accessible. Meetings will remain on Tuesdays. Day meetings will begin at 10 a.m. and evening meetings at 7 p.m. In September, we will repeat the morning meeting in the evening as a trial to see if two meetings a month will meet the needs of the membership. The public is always welcome at Clark County Genealogical Society meetings.

**General Meeting: Sept. 28, 10 a.m. – noon, repeated at 7 – 9 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main Street, Vancouver**

## Resources at the Southwest Regional Archives and Washington State Library

The Clark County Genealogical Society begins the 2004-2005 meeting year with Lanny Weaver, Archivist, Southwest Regional Archives, Marlys Rudeen, Manager of Research and Development at State Library and Andrea Watts, Coordinator of Historical Records Project.

Lanny Weaver will discuss genealogical resources and guidance at the Southwest Regional Archives. Marlys Rudeen will highlight the State Library's genealogical and historical resources available onsite or on the web. Andrea Watts will update us on how the Historical Records Project is putting the Archives and Library's records online with the help of over a hundred volunteers around the state. She will also bring Clark County naturalization records and 1883 census for those CCGS members wishing to help with the transcribing and proofing process. The bonus: CCGS gets to keep the copy members will be using for their work!

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## Fall Classes Scheduled

CCGS will again offer its *Beginning Genealogy* classes this fall through Clark College Community Education. Classes will be on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. The classes are a great way for new genealogists, and even those already doing research, to learn the fundamentals and do their family history "the right way." To enroll, call the Community Education office at 360-992-2739. The schedule of classes and instructors is:

02 Oct – Introduction to Genealogy	Maryalice Gordon
09 Oct – Vital Records	Jane Germann
16 Oct – Census Records	Burt Paynter
23 Oct – Computers	Byron Blankenship
30 Oct – Family History Centers	Nancy Hooper
06 Nov – Libraries & Archives	Connie Lenzen & Maryalice Gordon
13 Nov – Courthouse Records	Gerry Lenzen
20 Nov – Organizing & Citing Sources	Jennifer Warren & Burt Paynter

The Society will continue to offer mini-classes on Tuesday mornings from 10 to noon at the CCGS research library. The cost will be \$10 a class. The first three classes will be:

Oct. 12 – American Land Records	Gary Lenzen
Oct. 19 – Publishing your Family History	Jane Germann
Oct. 26 – The Internet: Using Major Genealogical Research Sites.	Connie Lenzen

## President's Column by Bill Duchie

Summer has come and is almost gone. As we prepared for the 2004-2005 business year I have sat in on meetings of the Library, Research and Preservation, Education, and Strategic Planning Committees and spoken with the leadership of many other groups within CCGS. As in each year of my relatively short association with the Society the level of expertise, dedication and enthusiasm of the many volunteers in leadership and operational roles impress me.

Your Board of directors has taken the contribution of these many groups and approved a \$36,600 budget which will shape the year's activities. In addition we will begin the process of seeking grants totaling \$15,000 for capital and special projects.

Major areas of projected income: Membership - 30%; Spring Seminar - 30%; Donations - 14%; Ways and Means - 8%; Educational Classes - 7%; Investment Interest - 5%; Library - 4% and Misc. - 2%. As you can see, there is considerable effort required, over and above the annual membership dues, to generate cash flow for Society operation. I encourage you to participate where invited and to come forward with your own new ideas.

Expenditure categories are Facility Expense: 39%; Periodicals: 15%; Spring Seminar: 13%; Asset Depreciation: 11%; Library: 7%; Society Organization: 7%; Education: 1%; Public Relations: 1%; Research and Preservation: 1%; and Miscellaneous: 5%. The grants we are currently evaluating are Research & Preservation: 53%; Library Inventory Software: 40% and Library Accessions: 7%.

It is both exciting and challenging to participate in CCGS at this time. In addition to the research that you are planning for this year, consider your place in the growth of the Society. There are many vital opportunities that could fit your individual interests, talents and availability.

**Remember, one easy way to save the society money is to let Diana Cruz know that you want to receive the Newsletter electronically. Also, you will have it a week or more sooner than by mail!**

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### Welcome, New Members

Shari Aschieris  
Barbara Billington  
Betty Cook  
James Cook  
George Cruz  
Alan Dickerson

Nancy Dobler  
Glenn R Hanning  
Delores Lundeen  
Dennis Lundeen  
Mathias "Matt" Maas  
Dolores "Dolly" Merrick

Karen J Mumford  
Donald Newkirk  
Nancy Newkirk  
John Wayne White

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### The Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon Invites Us to Hear Steven Morse

Date: Wednesday, September 22  
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30

Place: Neveh Shalom Synagogue, 2900 Peaceful Lane, Portland  
(Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy/ north on Dosch Rd/ right on Peaceful Lane)

Steven Morse will speak on "**One-Step Web Pages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools.**" Steven Morse, of San Francisco, developer of *One Step Research Tools*, ([www.stevemorse.org/index/](http://www.stevemorse.org/index/)) will explore the nearly 40 web-based tools he has developed: ...one step to Ellis Island data & missing manifests...a variety of tools to search the 1910-1930 census ... Social Security death records in one step...New York naturalization records in one step, and much, much more. This event is FREE to members of CCGS.

## **Where Were You When the Hard Drive Died?** by Diana Cruz, Membership Chair

Have you ever had your computer hard drive crash and die? As Membership Chair, I realized after having this catastrophic event happen to me that the backup copy of the membership database was a year old. That shouldn't be a problem, because I have hard copies of the membership information in the file. Or do I?

While reviewing and updating the information in the backup database, I found a lot of information is missing from the hard copies. When you renewed your membership, did you take time to complete the renewal membership form? I am one of the worst at doing this. The thinking is "they already have my information." In the files I only have information submitted after June 2002. Have you sent updates for changes in your address or email? Did you just send a check and not fill out the renewal form? As a Life Member do you have current info on file with the Membership Chair?

I am happy to report the long hours of reviewing the files is over and the files have been cleaned out and organized and the database is as up-to-date as possible (considering the lack of information on renewal forms).

Are you prepared for the event of a hard drive dying? Do you have a current backup of your family tree database? Let this be a reminder to back up your files often and keep your database file on an external disk or CD. How relieved I was to find my family tree database was not lost when the hard drive died! Where will you be when the hard drive dies?

*Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Jerri St. John, who passed away in June. Jerri was a long-time member of CCGS and worked on many projects for the Society.*

*We offer our sympathy to Karen Frost on the death of her husband, Ronald L. Frost, who died Friday, July 30, 2004.*

*Our sympathy also goes to Margaret Focklin on the death of her brother, George "Ace" Robert Becker, who died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004.*

### **CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?**

If you have recently changed Internet servers and/or your e-mail address and haven't notified CCGS, please send e-mails to [patbauer@pacifier.com](mailto:patbauer@pacifier.com) and to [dcruz@pacifier.com](mailto:dcruz@pacifier.com).

### **OUR AFFILIATES**

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## **REMINDERS**

### **CCGS 2005 Spring Seminar Will Feature Speaker Cyndi Howells**

To help with this event, contact Marie at [amadler@myexcel.com](mailto:amadler@myexcel.com).

### **CCGS research trip to Salt Lake City is October 3-10**

For information, contact Jeanine Bailiff at 360-566-9422 or [jgmb@pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com).

## **Clark County Genealogical Society**

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### **CCGS Meetings and Programs**

- 13 Sept. CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library 7 - 9 p.m. All members are welcome.**
- 22 Sept. Deadline for October Newsletter; e-mail material to [gskuech@pacifier.com](mailto:gskuech@pacifier.com)**
- 28 Sept. General Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main St., Vancouver  
10 a.m. – noon, repeated 7 p.m. – 9.**
- 4 Oct. Legacy Interest Group – CCGS Library - 10 a.m. - noon**
- 3-10 Oct. Annual research trip to Salt Lake City**
- 11 Oct. CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library 7 - 9 p.m. All members are welcome.**

**General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except in November) at First Presbyterian Church. Morning meetings will be 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings will be 7 - 9 p.m..**