

# Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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**Tell your neighbors, tell your friends!!!  
Cyndi Howells is coming!!  
She will be the speaker at the CCGS  
Spring Seminar at Washington School for  
the Deaf on March 19, 2005  
Registration cut-off is March 11, 2005**

You don't want to miss this great event!!  
Cyndi Howells is the owner and webmaster of *Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet*, found at <http://www.CyndisList.com/>. This is a categorized index to over 209,500 online resources. It has three times been voted the best genealogy site on the Web and receives more than 3.2 million visits each month. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 24 years, is a member of the board of directors for the National

Genealogical Society. She is the author of three books for genealogical research on the Internet titled, *Netting Your Ancestors*, *Cyndi's List*, and *Planting Your Family Tree Online: How To Create Your Own Family History Web Site*.

Seminar registration information can be found at Clark County Genealogical Library and on the web page at <http://www.ccg-s-wa.org>.

If you are interested in being involved, we can use more volunteers for many tasks. Call or e-mail Maria Adler, Spring Seminar Chairperson, at [adler@myexcel.com](mailto:adler@myexcel.com). We are also requesting members to donate muffins and cookies for the seminar breaks. They can be brought to the Society library or you can bring them to the seminar in the morning.

## RESEARCH TRIPS PLANNED

Trips to the Oregon Archives in Salem: Monday, March 21st will be our third trip to Salem to visit the Archives. We hope to expand this to include the Oregon State Library. Check them out on the web to see if they may be of interest to you. Contact Jane Germann, 892-8019 or [germann@wa-net.com](mailto:germann@wa-net.com). We may add a visit to the Multnomah Library in Portland if enough people show an interest.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY IN SLC HAS:

Over 310,000 books, serials, and other formats AND NONE OF THEM CAN BE CHECKED OUT?

Over 4,500 periodicals AND NONE OF THEM CAN BE CHECKED OUT?

Over 700 electronic resources AND NONE OF THEM CAN BE CHECKED OUT?

The only way that you can research these items is by going to the FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY.

There are hundreds of maps of counties and states way back in time on which you might find a family farm, or a town or county that no longer exists.

There are over 202 patron computers and printers for your use.

If you have never been to the FHL why don't you think about joining the CCGS group to SLC for a week of research? The date is October 2-9, 2005.

We usually all stay at a little hotel that gives us senior rates and free breakfast off the menu with your room, They also have a shuttle service to and from the library.

It is never too early to start preparing your research for the trip.

For questions or information contact: Jeanine Bailiff-566-9422 or Clarissa Farnsworth-574-2140

We continue to thank those who are contributing to the Library Donation-Tree Money Jar.

Books that arrived this month:

From the Donation Tree: *Contents and Addresses of Hungarian Archives* \$22.50

From the Doris Wastradowski Honorarium:

*A Handbook for Adoptees & Birth Parents*  
*Migration from the Russian Empire* (vol. 3-4-5-6)  
*Germans to America* : CD #1 1850-1874  
CD #2 1875-1888

*Lewis & Clark Descendants* (2-vol. Set)  
*Genealogical Research in Ohio*  
*In Search of Your Asian Roots*

We would like to remind the membership that we are always looking to add to our collection with your gracious donations. When you have finished your research in an area, we would be honored by the donation of books, CDs, films, and/or fiche you have used in your research. We would especially like to thank member Harry Howarth for the fine collection he has recently donated to the Library. This wealth of information will be processed into our vertical files.

We have received another 7 sets of the Family Pedigree Resource File. This makes 8 of the 18 sets available. This is a valuable addition to our library – there is additional information on the CDs that is not on line when you research through [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). If any of you have one of these 5-CD sets and are finished with it, we would love to complete this collection with your donations. The cost at this time is \$22.50 per set. THANK YOU for your donations.

Your library committee has finished the cataloging of the book collection, with the exception of Washington, Oceanic and Pacific Region that we will plan to complete in February, and then we will begin on Phase 11, which includes an inventory of the collection.

Just a reminder that the Winter hours end with February and the Library Spring hours start on March 1st. The only difference will be adding Wednesday evening 6 pm. to 9 pm.

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### **Indexing Opportunities**

Do you enjoy having indexes? I don't know of a genealogist who doesn't. At the January monthly meeting, Bill Duchie said one way to pay back those who created the indexes is to help at the local level. The research and preservation (R & P) committee have several projects that they are working on: **1.** cooperation with the state in indexing various records such as Clark County Naturalization Records and proofing the Clark County Territory Censuses, **2.** re-reading selected cemeteries, **3.** indexing current vitals, **4.** indexing *Vancouver Independent* vitals (1876+), just to name a few.

Would you like to help? Jane Germann, R & P Chair, will be down at the library March 17th to help you get started. Or contact her at 892-8019 or [germann@wa-net.com](mailto:germann@wa-net.com). Thanks to the state and some awesome CCGS volunteers, we now have copies of some of the territorial censuses and will soon have copies of the naturalization records for Clark County.

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### **WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Sharon Osborn  
Constance Ronayne  
Lauren Strylewicz  
Edward Chittester  
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## **Note from President Bill Duchie**

Charlene and I have just returned from three days on the Long Beach Peninsula. Our excuse for going was the Annual Crab Feed sponsored by the Sports Boosters. Our reason for going was to spend time with friends on the beach and to look through back issues of *The Chinook Observer*.

The fresh crab was wonderful and the weather was unbelievably nice.

I spent several hours each day looking through bound copies of the *Observer*, a small weekly. Charlene's family (maternal and paternal) lived in Pacific County from the 1920s to the 1950s, so they are frequently mentioned. To date I have looked over July 1937 through May 1946.

The "community interest" columns hold a lot of family information about direct and collateral lines, such as:

Transformations of the old Corbett House, on the Seaview beach approach, to the Grandview Lodge by Charlene's grandparents, the O'Neils. It is now known as the Sou'wester .

Near drowning of Charlene's brother Jim.

The work (plumber, pipefitter, clammer, fisherman, etc.) and place of residence (Long Beach, Raymond, Bremerton, Longview, and Vancouver), of Charlene's parents. One of the more interesting items was her father accepting work in Pearl Harbor in the fall 1940. The family would follow once housing arrangements had been made. By early November another item indicates he had accepted work in the Bremerton Navel Yards. One cannot help but wonder what would have been if they had gone.

Family social life and health situation

The front pages contain stories of community involvement and provide a historical perspective of the time.

Let me encourage you to look through local papers for information about your family. There are wonderful new insights and they also help to sort out some of the family stories.

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## **New Facility Update (715 Grand Blvd.)**

The landlord has completed electrical modifications; installation of front and rear "cross-over" doors and provided the necessary paint. Keying will be completed later this month.

CCGS members completed the patching and painting of walls and ceilings. Charlie Caughlan, Jim Crossman, Diana Cruz, Lynn Gabriel, Jane Germann, Faye Turner, Ray Wildman, Jennifer Warren and Bill Duchie spent more than 120 hours on this work. The result looks great. There is still a small amount of touch up painting that will be required. We will probably also want to build some shelving and cabinets in the workroom.

With an anonymous gift from a CCGS member we were able to have the carpet cleaned rather than doing it ourselves. The carpet turned out extremely well.

We are waiting for one more bid for expanding the alarm system and anticipate installation in early March.

We expect to assume operation of the expanded facility on March 1. As soon as we purchase the tables and chairs as authorized by the Board of Directors at the last meeting, we will be ready to use the space for meetings. We have already scheduled:

A CCGS Strategic Planning Exercise - Friday, March 11; 9 AM - noon,

The March CCGS Board Meeting - Monday, March 14; 10 AM - noon, and

The CCGS April General Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 10AM - Noon and 7 - 9PM

Please let Bill Duchie or Diana Cruz know if you know of a group looking for a place to meet. There will be a nominal fee to help offset the cost of operating the space.



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**Past President: Sharon Wodtke**

### **CCGS Meetings and Programs**

- 1 March CCGS Library begins summer hours (adds Wed. evenings, 6 – 9 p.m.)**
- 7 March Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon**
- 11 March Strategic Planning exercise, CCGS Library Annex, 9 a.m. – noon**
- 11 March Registration cut-off for Spring Seminar**
- 14 March CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 a.m. - noon; All are welcome.**
- 19 March Spring Seminar with Cyndi Howells of Cyndi's List**
- 21 March Research trip to Salem**
- 23 March Deadline for April Newsletter; e-mail material to [gskuech@pacifier.com](mailto:gskuech@pacifier.com)**
- 2-9 Oct. Research trip to Salt Lake City**

**General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except November) at CCGS Library Annex. Morning meetings: 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings: 7 - 9 p.m.. No General Meeting is held in March (Spring Seminar), July, August, or December.**