

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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January 2006 General Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2006

CCGS Library Annex

715 Grand Blvd, Vancouver

10 a.m. to noon

At the January meeting, **Bob McKechnie** will talk about the Old Vancouver City cemetery and other cemeteries that the city is responsible for. He will also discuss the "Adopt-A-Plot" program and how our members can get involved.

Also, our Mini-affle will be completed at the January meeting. We're now raffling one of the popular tapestry bags by selling tickets at our library and at each of our meetings. The bag will be awarded at the January meeting. You do not have to be present to win. The tickets are \$1 each.

And speaking of cemeteries –

CLARK COUNTY CEMETERY SITE IS NOW SEARCHABLE!

The Clark County Cemeteries project, under the auspices of the CCGS Research & Preservation committee, is progressing nicely. There is at least a basic web page for every cemetery in Clark County. In the case of cemeteries which have been known under several names, there are links from those names to the actual site. The main cemetery site is located at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waclem/>. We are gradually collecting photos of gravestones; obituaries, which are being posted in a newspaper format; maps of each cemetery, and burial records of each cemetery. We are hoping this project will encourage other genealogical societies to take on the same kind of project for their own counties. Our site is searchable with FreeFind for surnames from the main cemetery page (thanks to Jim Cochran, a CCGS member living in Santa Rosa, California; Jim had seen other sites that were searchable and wanted us to try it, too - it works!) There is an e-mail link to our webmaster from each of the web pages.

And speaking of obituaries –

OBITUARIES CAN BE EXPENSIVE – OR FREE

Are you aware you can still have a free obituary printed in the Portland Oregonian for a family member? Our local paper, *The Columbian*, has discontinued publishing any obituary for which you haven't paid a huge fee. They publish a "free list" of deaths which don't tell anything except name, age, date, and funeral director. Many of our county people are now crossing over the bridge for the free obits. (But not everyone in Clark County subscribes to the *Oregonian*, so all of your friends and relatives might not know of the death if you publish it there.) If *The Columbian* has a loss of business, perhaps they will change their policy. Another free source is the *Reflector* at Battle Ground, WA. They will publish free obituaries, including a photo, for anyone with a connection to rural Clark County.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this I am still getting ready for Christmas. Still must wrap a few presents and prepare to drive to Everett to spend a couple days with the grandsons, sons and daughter-in-law. When I find I need a break I usually sit at the computer and search the census records or other places for some family history or I go to the sewing room and cut and sew on my next quilt top. These two activities are alike in that they involve trying to fit all the pieces together. The quilts are being completed much more easily than the family tree. I am hoping the new year will bring me some of those missing pieces for the family tree.

We have gained several new members this past year at CCGS. I hope all members, whether new or long time members, will think about volunteering in whatever job will fit their time and talents. Just the opportunity of getting to know the other members is a plus. If you have questions, ask any of the volunteers or give me a call.

Looking forward to the next several months at CCGS – Diana

ORDER YOUR CCGS BADGE NOW!

We are putting in a "welcome to the new year" order for CCGS badges. Any takers? Be ready for the Spring Seminar so everyone will know your name. Gals - you can show your maiden and married name to advertise them to everyone! Your membership number can be added - an easy way to always keep it handy! The bargain price of \$12 gets you an attractive, engraved green badge with an added button-size CCGS mini-badge glued on it. See a sample picture and an order blank on our web page. Orders can be sent to CCGS - attn: Badges, PO Box 5249, Vancouver, WA 98668. Include a check for \$12 with your name as it should appear on the badge, your e-mail address or phone number, and your membership number. Include \$2 extra if you are unable to pick the badge up at our library.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

In order to keep the library opened, we are in dire need of volunteers who can work at least one day a month. We cover either a 3 hour, 5 hour, or 6 hour shift, with two people per shift. Working the library is a good way to help you with your research. Other librarians can give you tips, and our library has information from all States in the Union (not just Clark County) that you can work on while doing librarian duty. If interested call Karen Frost (360-891-3733).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH R & P COMMITTEE

Is there someone interested in doing a bulletin board? Research and Preservation would like to have one put up in the meeting room. We are working on some exciting projects and would like to attract more volunteers. We also see this as a way to honor all of our society's volunteers. The cut and paste party was a success (THANKS VOLUNTEERS!) and we plan to have another one in March.

*We offer our condolences to the family and friends of
Margaret Becker Cocklin, who died Dec. 13th.*

Margaret was a long-time and faithful member of CCGS. It has been suggested that donations be made to put her name on the Society quilt as a memorial. Donations may be left with the Librarians.

SPRING WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Spring Seminar with Sharon DeBartolo Carmack:

Searching for Your Female Ancestors

Saturday, March 25, 2006,

Lloyd Auditorium, Washington State School for the Deaf, 611 Grand Blvd,
Vancouver, WA (see map & registration forms on the web page)

Also a pre-seminar coffee & dessert will be held on Friday evening, March 24th, at the CCGS Library Annex. This will be limited to the first 100 people to register. Sharon Carmack will interview The World's Oldest Living Genealogist: Ole Smirnoff.

Peri needs volunteers for the seminar and will be having a volunteer meeting in January. Please email her at ccgsprograms@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping, or call 360-772-3425 (new cell number).

Spring Seminar will once again feature a raffle that will enable you to buy tickets for just the items you really want! We have many donated items already and know you will enjoy this part of the seminar once again. We will be selling the tickets for \$1 each; 6 for \$5 or 25 for \$20.

FROM THE GENCHAT ROOM

Have you visited us yet? There are several regulars joining us each Thursday evening in the chat room and they are there to help you with your brick walls. We are staffed from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm each Thursday evening. Access is via the CCGS web page. Click on the swinging door and join us next time! You'll be helped not only by our two regular monitors, Nancy & Pat, but also by Jim in California; Charles in Spokane; Jerry in Colorado and others as they have time. They have research aids in their homes or on their computers and will gladly help you. Just check in with your first name - no password necessary - and begin typing questions. You might be surprised at the help you can receive from us!

Missing anything? If you are on att.net and the usual Wednesday message about the chat room, etc. isn't being delivered to you now, it's because it's bouncing back saying WE are "blacklisted." If you can correct this with att.net and want to be included in the list again, send a note to patbauer@pacifier.com. It will be up to you to contact your server - probably support@att.net and tell them our messages are o.k.! They originate from CCGS@pacifier.com with a reply to address of patbauer@pacifier.com. Your help will be appreciated.

TAKE A LOOK AT GenealogyCDs.com

A short time ago when I attempted to use my old CD containing images of a NEGHS publication *Vital Records of Nantucket, Massachusetts to the Year 1850*, I found I could not access the first two volumes of five. My e-mail to the site listed on the disk brought a request from GenealogyCDs.com asking for my mailing address. They sent me – at no charge – a new disk that contains not only that publication but other major Nantucket resources. They even sent me a Holiday greeting message! Take a look at their site. They publish some very interesting New England area CDs not available anywhere else.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

Jan. 2 Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 a.m. - noon
Jan. 9 CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 a.m. - noon
Jan. 18 Deadline for February Newsletter
Jan. 24 General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 a.m. - noon
Feb. 6 Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library Annex, 10 a.m. - noon
Feb. 13 CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 a.m. - noon
Feb. 15 Deadline for February Newsletter
Feb. 28 General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 a.m. - noon
Mar. 25 Spring Seminar with Sharon DeBartolo Carmack: *Searching for Your Female Ancestors*

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