

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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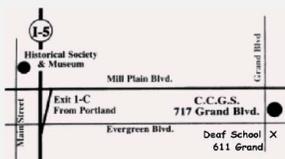
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Hours of operation



Closed Sunday & Monday
**Check the on-line library
calendar
for unexpected closures.**

Tues, Wed & Thurs:
10:00am to 4:30 pm

Friday
10 am to 3 pm

Saturday
2nd & 3rd Saturdays only
10 am to 3 pm

How to get here:
From I-5, take the Mill
Plain exit, go east about 1
½ miles to Grand Blvd and
turn right. We are in the
strip mall on the left side,
north of Evergreen.

General Meeting

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

7:00 to 9:00 pm

CCGS Library Annex

Election of Officers

GenChat Demonstration



The meeting will begin with the election of officers for two vacant positions (see the Nominating Committee report below).

Following the election, you are invited to travel with us (electronically) through the door of the CCGS GenChat room for a demonstration of our weekly GenChat (short for Genealogy Chat).

Nancy Elder Petersen and Patricia McKee Bauer, the weekly hosts, will be on hand via computer to show you how GenChat operates. We will have guests and helpers from elsewhere in Washington and various other states (usually California and Colorado, among others). Bill Whalley will operate the computer at the meeting, and the conversation will be projected on the screen for all to see.

This will be a learning experience for all of us, and one which we hope you will enjoy! This demonstration will replace the May 28 GenChat, regularly scheduled for Thursday evening from 6:45 p.m. until 9.

Nominations for 2009

Jane Germann, Nominations Committee Chairman

Last year CCGS voted to have officers serve for two years at a time. This year, we have the vice-president and assistant secretary-treasurer offices to fill. In 2010, the president, secretary, and treasurer will be up for election.

Doc and Carol Clark, currently co-vice-presidents, are the only nominees (jointly) for that office.

_Cheryl Brooks and Larry Germann are nominated jointly as co-assistant secretary-treasurer.

Elections will be held at the May 26, evening meeting.

SPRING SEMINAR WIND-UP

A big THANK YOU goes out to all members who donated cookies, muffins, and brownies for our April seminar, and THANKS also to all members, who in one capacity or other, helped on the seminar. And we cannot forget to THANK Pat Bauer for collecting all the great prizes. A special thank you also to Maureena Cravens for baking over 100 Snickerdoodles for the seminar breaks. What a treat! Many of us hadn't had these delightful cookies since our "kids" were youngsters!

We sold \$351 in tickets for prizes at the April seminar. This was ALL profit, thanks to the generosity of our CCGS members and other friends. We wish to give a special thank you for the donation of the many prizes to Jane & Larry Germann, Don & Pat Bauer, Doc & Carol Clark, CCGS Library Excess Books, Dorothy Wear, Jeanine Bailiff, Gene Kuechmann, Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Lois Kullberg, Millennia/Legacy Family Tree, and several other unnamed "friends of CCGS."

We received a few things too late for this event and they will be saved for the next seminar. Our only expense for this type of fund raiser is an occasional roll of tickets.

HEADSTONE WORKSHOP

Peri Muhich

Join the Vancouver Heritage Ambassadors on Sunday May 17th at Vancouver's Old City Cemetery for a headstone cleaning & repair workshop. We will meet at noon at the cemetery, located on the NW corner of Mill Plain & Grand. We will have a picnic lunch, then at 1:00 we will begin the workshop.

What you need to bring;
Picnic lunch, blanket or lawn chair, along with some work gloves, a bucket, soft bristled scrub brush (if you have one) and some old rags.

Please dress for the weather and plan on getting dirty.

Need more information? Contact Peri Lane Muhich at pmuhich@yahoo.com

Salt Lake City Research Trip

October 4-11, 2009, are the scheduled dates for the annual Salt Lake City Research Trip. This is a fantastic week of research at the Family History Library and getting to know other members who make the trip. Several people have already signed up for the trip.

We also need someone to be the leader for the group. This is a simple job and all information needed will be passed on to whoever is willing to take on this fun job. The hotel reservations have already been made, so you will just need to let The Carlton Hotel know the names of the people in the group and their room preferences as time gets closer and you have your list of attendees. It is helpful to have an orientation meeting here for new attendees as well as to let those who have attended in the past know what's new or what's changed since their last visit.

Please contact Diana Cruz (dcruz@pacifier.com) for information about the Salt Lake City Research Trip.

Welcome!

New Members:

Lloyd & Edith Brannon
Louise Brooks
Sandra Holycross Daily
Patricia Holycross Wise
Marc & Lisa DiStefano

Reinstated:

Dorothy Franks
Joanne Long
Georgene Neal

Congratulations!

Congratulations to long-time CCGS member Idonna "Donnie" Kelley and her husband Jack on their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married April 17, 1959 in White Salmon, WA.

In my opinion . . .

Gene Kuechmann, Newsletter Co-Editor

In my opinion, it isn't financial problems that will sink this organization. It is a lack of interest in sharing the work load, in serving as officers and on committees, that will do us in.

Can we expect the same people to keep doing the work, year after year? Some play "musical chairs," rotating among the various jobs. Others stick for a long time at jobs that interest them. But people burn out eventually. We have still-loyal members who, for the sake of sanity and health, had to cut back or withdraw entirely, after years of service to CCGS, in order to reclaim time for themselves, their families, and their own long-neglected research.

The Finance Committee reports that we are in somewhat of a bind financially. They have identified several ways in which we can pl back and keep operating, even if we can't find additional ways to increase our income other than by increasing dues. But keep operating at what level? How do we keep operating without operators? At the very least, we need volunteer candidates for election to office. Also, notice that in this issue of the Newsletter, and in past issues, there are a number of "volunteer opportunities" on committees.

There is no question that we can eliminate some committees. We can also eliminate some services to our members and to the broader genealogical community. In fact, we can shrink ourselves right down to a bare-bones part-time library in a limited space. We can actually reduce ourselves to a do-nothing organization that serves and is of interest to no one. Is this what we want? Is this what you want?

If you have served or are serving your Society, Bravo! But if not – if you've been waiting for the right time or the right opportunity – NOW is the time and HERE is the opportunity. The next time you're tempted to think "Why don't they . . .," just substitute "Why don't I"

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**PRINTING JOB AVAILABLE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

We need someone to print the monthly newsletter. The final draft of the newsletter is provided by the newsletter co-editors and needs to be printed for the months that the newsletter is published. Training is available until June 30, 2009.

Please let us know if you are willing to take on this volunteer opportunity. Send an email to: gensoc@ccgs-wa.org

MAILING COMMITTEE CHAIR NEEDED

This committee folds, tapes, and labels any publications that are being prepared to be sent to Bulk Mail at the Post Office. The Chair's job includes coordinating the printing of labels with the Membership Chair and notifying the other members of the Mailing Committee of the date for folding, taping, and labeling the newsletter or other publication.

The Chair also completes the bulk mail form

and calculates the amount of postage needed and transports the items to the Post Office on Caples Ave. On-the-job training is available until June 30, 2009.

Send an email to: gensoc@ccgs-wa.org for additional information or questions about this volunteer opportunity.

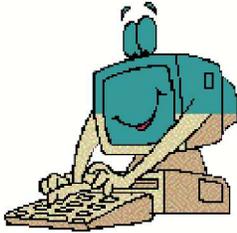
ANNEX RENTAL MANAGER NEEDED

Still another volunteer opportunity at CCGS is as manager of Annex rentals. The manager keeps the calendar of requests for use of the CCGS Annex and sends confirmations. The manager also keeps an Excel spreadsheet of rental payments for Annex use, on notification from the Treasurer, and sends invoices to request payment of rent. The job includes arranging help for opening and closing the Annex for groups that do not have a key, keeping the Annex ready for use, the garbage emptied, and cleaning and restroom supplies replenished as needed.

Please contact gensoc@ccgs-wa.org for additional information or questions about volunteering for this job at CCGS. Training and help is available until June 30, 2009.



Our condolences to the family and many friends of long-time former CCGS member John S. "Jack" Babowicz. Jack passed away March 19, 2009 at the age of 84.



FALL SEMINAR PRELIMINARY PLANS

Our CCGS Library Annex has been reserved for Saturday, November 7, for a Fall Seminar that is in the planning stages. The theme of the seminar would be COMPUTERS. We need to know whether you would attend a seminar on this topic and what you would like to have included. There would be four sessions, each 1 to 1 1/4 hours long. There would be short breaks morning and afternoon, with an hour for a brown-bag lunch. The fee would probably be \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers.

What subjects would you want included? One idea is to begin with the very, very basics – starting your computer and shutting it down properly – and to spend the rest of the morning on email. This would include the how, when, and why to do things. Some examples are: how to make an address book and how to make separate address lists; what a BCC is and how and when to send one; how to send an attachment; what to do with attachments you receive; how and when to forward messages; how to identify spam and what to do with it; who goes phishing; what email programs are available and how they differ. Tell us what you want to know!

The afternoon sessions could be about the Internet. Again, we want to keep the topics basic. For example: What's a browser? An upload? A download? A search engine? What are some ways of searching for genealogical information on the web? What are some of the most useful web sites? The least useful?

But before we go further, we want to know what questions you want answered and what methods you want demonstrated. Your input will be greatly appreciated. Please send ideas, questions, and comments to Pat Bauer at apmb@pacifier.com or leave a message at the library.

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

Jane Germann

Larry Dean had a dream – it was to have an index to our cemetery books. Larry undertook to organize the project and members of the research and preservation committee assisted. Larry Dean, Judy Riley, and Glen Jones were major contributors to this project. Clarissa Farnsworth, who proofed a section, was among others who helped in smaller ways. So CCGS now has an index to all except the Park Hill Cemetery prior to about 1990.

Those attending the cut and paste workshop in April were Gaydene Thompson, Lorlie Metke, Lillian Fullerson, DeAnn Wilson, Flo Montocello, Steve Cornick, Diana Cruz, and Jane Germann. Next cut and paste workshop will be May 18, 2009, at the annex from 10 to 4. Come join us. We have cut and pasted nearly all the vitals for 2007. Like to help? Anyone with computer skills willing to help index pages of vitals would be gratefully appreciated. This can be done at home. Call Jane at 892.8019.

New Books

The following books are new to the CCGS Library this month. They will appear on the "New Books" shelf on May 7th. The list is compiled each month by Alice Aultman Allen.

Donated by Gene Kuechmann

The San Francisco Irish

By R. A. Burchell

History of the South Hero Island being the Towns of South Hero and Grand Isle, Vermont

By Allen L. Stratton

Donated by the Estate of Jean Langowski

Town Neck Hundred of Anne Arundel County – The Land

By Gladys P. Nelker

Timber Ridge Church: a two hundred year heritage of Presbyterian faith, 1786-1986

By members of Timber Ridge Church, Greeneville TN

Donated by Russell W. Miller

The McCully Train – Iowa to Oregon 1852

By Sanford R. & Sally H. Wilbur

Donated by Kenneth M. Doane

Potter County People, Pictures, and Progress 1883-1983

By Potter Co. (SD) Historical Society

Donated by Barbie Baker

Trinity Lutheran Church Records, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Volume 1, 1730-1767

Translated and edited by Debra D. Smith and Frederick S. Weiser

Donated by Barry Peterson

Swedish Oregon

By Lars Nordstrom

Unknown Donors:

Skookum

By Shannon Applegate

The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook

By Emily Croom

Index to the Probate Inventories of York Co, Pennsylvania, 1794-1850

By David A. & Brenda L. Paup

MORE LINKS

Glen Jones

The first four links below are for California and some have links to cemetery info and photos. The last one is to a PDF file of Oregon Trail resources at the Oregon State Library in Salem.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cabf1905/counties.htm>

<http://www.cagenweb.com/delnorte/>

<http://vitals.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ca/death/search.cgi>

<http://www.sfgenealogy.com/>

<http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/OregonTrailBibliography.pdf>

Monthly Librarians' Calendar

Due to a lack of space this month, the May calendar isn't being included in the Newsletter. However, you can find an up-to-date version on the CCGS web page at all times. We're using a new format and the librarian scheduler will be able to keep the calendar current at all times.

Please check it out on our web page at:
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/p1433.htm>

News for the Newsletter?

The Co-Editors of the Newsletter request that you send all information by e-mail to them with the subject always as: CCGS Newsletter. You can add the month, the title, etc. AFTER the subject but "CCGS Newsletter" is necessary for your copy to drop right into a file especially made for it. We don't want it to be mixed up with the spam stuff which swamps us nearly every day. Send copies to both editors: Gene Kuechmann - gskuech@gmail.com and also to Pat Bauer - apmb@pacifier.com

We both thank you for your cooperation.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- May 4 Legacy Users Group - 10am-noon, CCGS Library Annex
- May 7 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30, CCGS Library Annex
- May 9 British Isles Focus Group - 10:30 - noon, CCGS Library
- May 11 CCGS Board Meeting - 9am - 11am, CCGS Library Annex
- May 18 Cut & Paste work party - 10am - 4pm, CCGS Library Annex
- May 20 CCGS Newsletter deadline - copies to editor and co-editor please**
- May 26 GENERAL MEETING - Election and GenChat live demonstration
- Oct. 4-11 Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip
- Nov 7 Possible Fall Seminar!

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at CCGS Library Annex.

Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings: Apr-Sept. 7 - 9 p.m..

No General Meeting is held the month of the Spring Seminar, July, August, or December..

Notify Joy Porter, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. JoyFamily06 at msn.com or call Joy at 360-576-9290.