

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Newsletter

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

**Friday**  
10 am to 3 pm

**Saturday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

**When:** Tuesday, September 24, 7 p.m.

**Where:** CCGS Annex  
715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver WA

**What:** Annual Volunteer Recognition Night  
Special recognition for our CCGS volunteers over the past year  
will be given.

The CCGS quilt was filled up last September, so Pat Stephens and Jane Germann are making two side panels. They will be unveiled at the Volunteer Appreciation Night (Sept. 24). The two panels will be half the size and compliment the original quilt. You can work hard and perhaps get your name up for volunteering (we add just a few each year) or you can memorialize yourself or someone you know with a \$50 donation. Pat Bauer has donated not only for herself but also had others join her in memorializing classmates.



### *Save the Date*

For the Fall Seminar, that is, **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the CCGS Annex. The theme is "The Westward Migration," with three Portland area speakers. Cost will be \$35 for CCGS members, \$40 for non-members. Visit the CCGS web page and click the "Activities" link for further information on topics and speakers. Registration forms will be available soon at the CCGS Library and also in the October & November newsletter.

**Notice something missing?** The popular "Getting to Know You" articles are missing from this newsletter. We plan on bringing them back in the near future, but need your help. When your friendly neighborhood newsletter editor contacts you about contributing a bit of your life story, please help us out by saying "yes" to her request. This is a popular feature, but can't be done without the help of our CCGS members. Thanks in advance!

### *CCGS Focus and Unfocused Groups*

September also marks the return of CCGS Focus groups which took a break for the summer. Most are returning this month, with the exception of the Writing Focus group. This group is taking a hiatus, and will return later if there is enough interest.

The First Thursday Unfocused group met throughout the summer, and will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 in the CCGS Annex.

### **"Scandinavian Focus Group"**

The Scandinavian Focus group will meet on the first Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the CCGS Annex. The next meeting will be September 4th, 2013. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other members searching for their Scandinavian roots. We will also be exploring various websites that will assist us in finding our Scandinavian relatives, etc. We are hoping that any members who have traveled to Scandinavia this year, will share their journey with us at our regular meeting. We plan during the year to do a field trip to the genealogical forum of Oregon to explore their holdings for Scandinavian genealogical research. We also will be planning our second annual Scandinavian lunch. Last year we went to Broders, a Scandinavian restaurant in Portland. Please join us.

For any questions, please contact Richard Engstrom [rengstro60@yahoo.com](mailto:rengstro60@yahoo.com)

### *Salt Lake City Trip*

Clark County Genealogical Society has announced that it will be unable to organize a fall trip to the Family History Library this year. But we encourage all family researchers to make the visit whenever it is possible. If you go well prepared, you will have a memorable experience.

CCGS member Joy Kersteter is going to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City this fall. Joy booked her trip back in June when air fares were "super cheap". She has decided to stay at the Plaza Hotel which she likes because it is close to the library.

Joy plans to be in SLC September 26 through October 3. The library closes early on Saturday, Sept 28 (5:00 pm). She reports that the Family History Library is closed Saturday, October 6 due to their semi-annual General Conference. The Plaza has no rooms for October 4 and 5.

Joy says "If anyone else is going around that time I'd love to meet up for breakfasts or dinners, etc."

More information is available on our web page:

<http://www.ccgswa.org/p255.htm>



**Members: Download your copy of the Trail Breakers Vol. 39**

To download your copy of the Trail Breakers (Vol. 39) just go to this web address:

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/TB/Volume\\_39.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waccgs/TB/Volume_39.pdf)

Then press enter to bring up the PDF format of the Trail Breakers. You may also need to go to file, then "save as" to download the issue.

In this issue are some articles submitted by member. Pat Bauer wrote a one page article about sources – one reason why more is better, explaining her name and the various variations. A copy of the 1922 La Center news has been abstracted. A short reprint from the History of Washington has short snippet of several early Clark County people. The 1846-1850 poll (voting) reports of Clark County when it was called Vancouver County and was a part of Oregon is included.

Look at it on-line or download to browse at your convenience. If you do not have a computer, you can come down and have a librarian make you a copy.

***Welcome, New Members:***

Shirley Morgan  
Lyn Milner  
Gordon Meyer  
Jean Edwards-Muir  
Marian Crawford  
Verna Miller  
Grace Sanders

***Welcome Back, Reinstated Members:***

Barbara Sigler  
Donna Davis  
Lorie Okel  
Donald Finel  
Diane Frichtl

***Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:***

Lynda and William Brake  
Jim Cochran  
Rudy Ebert  
Barbara Markwood  
Lyn Milner  
Grace and Roy Peters  
Marlene Seifert  
Larry and Judy Swatosh  
William and Sandra Whalley



TORTUNA, VÄSTMANLAND, SWEDEN

This is the first article for the CCGS Newsletter on Scandinavian Genealogy. I hope that there will be many more to come. Like many areas of genealogical research, Scandinavian records are being digitized and added to the various data bases of genealogical sites at a very rapid rate. What was not there yesterday might be today!

This article will concentrate on Swedish genealogical sites that might be helpful in your research. Future articles will address Norway, Denmark and Finland. My primary interest and knowledge is Sweden, as my grandparents on my father's side immigrated to the USA during the 1880's.

#### ARKIVDIGITAL.NET

This is a Swedish based site that has parish church records up to about 1894. These are good quality digitized images of birth, death, household examination, and other related records. The site has a good English language interface but is mostly in Swedish. It is a subscription site, about \$20 US for one month up to about \$180 for one year. The site is free if you are at the Family History Center in Salt Lake and may be available, also for free, at your local Family Search Center. Check with your local center to make sure it is available.

#### ANCESTRY.COM

Ancestry recently purchased GENLINE which included records for many of the parishes in Sweden. It was not a seamless integration into the Ancestry search process. You may need to search in a variety of ways. Ancestry is a subscription site, but can be accessed free at the Vancouver Library and also at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. Ancestry is also a good place to search for immigration records, passenger lists, etc.

#### OTHER GOOD SITES:

- A. Swedish State Archives - [www.svar.ra.se](http://www.svar.ra.se)
- B. Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center - [www.augustana.edu](http://www.augustana.edu)
- C. Family Search - [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

#### SCANDINAVIAN FOCUS GROUP

The CCGS Scandinavian Focus Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This is a great place to meet other individuals searching for their Scandinavian roots. We are learning together how to access and use the web resources.

We invite you to join us at our meeting on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> for our first meeting of the season. It will be in the CCGS Annex, 717 NE Grand Blvd., Vancouver WA.

Contact person: Richard Engstrom [rengstro60@yahoo.com](mailto:rengstro60@yahoo.com)



## CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CLASSES — FALL 2013

### **Beginning classes - Free**

#### **Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree**

**Saturday, September 7, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.** This class and only this class will be held in the Community Room of the Cascade Park Branch of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library, 600 N.E.136 Ave, Vancouver, Washington.

This class will get you started researching your family tree. Topics include collecting information from the family, family group sheets, pedigree charts and genealogy database programs.

#### **Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree will be repeated**

**Tuesday, December 3, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.** This class will be held at the CCGS Annex.

### **Regular classes**

Fee for each class \$12.00 members, \$15.00 Non-Members. Fee can be paid with registration or at the door. Exact cash amount or check at the door will be appreciated.

Although walk-ins won't be turned away, if you want to take a class, please register at least a week in advance (registration instructions below). Classes with insufficient registration one week in advance will be cancelled, those registered will be notified and any fee paid will be refunded.

### **Publishing Your Story**

**Tuesday, September 17, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, instructor: Jane Germann**

Everyone has a story. How do you want to share yours? Do you know about *Lulu*\*\*? Is she important to you? Come see a variety of ideas for presenting your information. Maybe you'd like to do an article for the *Trail Breakers* or publish a family history. This Class will get you started. \*a self-publishing company

### **State Censuses and Special Federal Censuses**

**Tuesday, September 24, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, instructor: Elsie Deatherage**

This is not your censuses 101 class. Elsie will assume you already know how to search the 1790-1940 U.S. population schedules. She will cover state censuses, the U.S. agricultural and mortality schedules and what is available as a substitute for the 1890 census.

### **MyHeritage.com Web Site**

**Tuesday, October 8, 10 a.m. to 12 noon instructor: Sherry Warren**

MyHeritage can help you preserve and share your family history through photos, stories and records. Family Tree Builder, a free genealogy database program, makes it easy to create and update your online family tree. Powerful search capabilities, including SuperSearch™, Smart Matches™, Record Matches and Record Detective™ will maximize your research time and efforts. Come take a peek at this unique website and discover ways it can assist in your own family research. MyHeritage has agreed to provide an online discount code to class participants for Premium and PremiumPlus subscriptions."

### **FamilySearch.org Web Site**

**Tuesday, October 29, 10 a.m. to 12 noon instructor: Alice Allen**

Two years ago we presented a class titled "What's new at Family Search?" Two years later, we can almost title this class "What's New at Family Search, Part 2." In two years there have been many changes, mostly in navigation, but also some new additions. Come see what's new now!

### **Compiled Genealogies**

**Tuesday, November 5, 10 a.m. to 12 noon instructor: Larry Dean**

Has someone already compiled the genealogy of the family you are working on? If so, how do you find it? And, after you find it, how much of it should you believe? We'll look at ways to find genealogies published in books and how to search the many on-line sites where trees are posted.

### **Photoshop – Family Images**

**Tuesday, November 12, 10 a.m. to 12 noon instructor: Steve Cornick**

This class will cover using digital image processing to acquire, record, store, restore, transmit, illustrate and share photographs of people, places, artifacts and documents to improve your family history activities. That is to say, photographing, scanning, editing and printing pictures. Camera and scanner use will be covered. Improving image quality, restoring and printing photos will be covered using Adobe Photoshop Elements. (May be using the cloud version.) Participants may bring a photo or slide or negative they would like to process or discuss. Instructor will bring a flatbed scanner and a handheld scanner. Participants may bring image as a file on a thumb drive.

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To register in advance or for more information

call the CCGS Library, 360-750-5688, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or visit the CCGS Library at 717 Grand Blvd,

# Registration form

## CCGS Classes – Fall 2013

please mark [X] the class/classes you want to register for

### Beginning classes - Free

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#### Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree (repeated)

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All except the September 7 Getting Started class will be held at the CCGS Annex, 715 Grand Ave, Vancouver  
Please note: Classes may be canceled or changed depending on availability of instructors, bad weather or insufficient advance registration.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CCGS member? \_\_\_\_\_ member number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
(in case we need to contact you)

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P.O. Box 5249 Vancouver, WA 98668-5249 Phone 360-750-5688



## Volunteer Day: Sept 13, 2013, 10 to 2 at CCGS

Both the library and R&P will have projects to work on the third Monday of September. Then there will be no volunteer days until 2014. Come join us at CCGS from 10 to 2 for the only Fall Volunteer Day. There is always indexing and cut and pasting to do, so if you need to have a project to work on this fall, come in a pick up a packet. Then watch the newsletters for updates on future Volunteer Days!



Our condolences have been sent to the family of Rosalie Morris Kepler, 75, a former long-time CCGS member and volunteer librarian, who passed away August 8, 2013, in Vancouver. Rosalie suggested and arranged for the collection of the computer ink cartridges which has garnered many \$\$ for CCGS over the years. She was survived by two daughters, Denise and Deborah, and two granddaughters. She will be buried beside her husband Carl in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery. He died in 2005. Her obituary appeared in the August 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Columbian.

### New to Our Library Compiled by Kathy Geyer

#### Donated by Glen Jones:

Title: Tales of the I.O.N. Country  
Author: Mike Hanley

Title: The Oregon Trail, Ruts, Rogues and Reminiscences  
Author: Ellen Carney

Title: Joe Meek, The Merry Mountain Man  
Author: Stanley Vestal

Title: Oregon Blue Book, Commemorative Edition  
1911-2011  
Author: Frank Benson and Ben Olcott

Title: Early Records of the Episcopal Church in  
Southwestern Idaho, 1867-1916  
Author: Patricia Dewey Jones

Title: The Adventures of Captain Bonneville  
AUTHOR: Washington Irving

Title: Across the Wide Missouri  
Author: Bernard DeVoto

Title: Historic Silver City, the Story of the Owqyhees  
Author: Mildred Adams

Title: Old Fort Boise  
Author: Annie Laurie Bird

Title: The American West  
Author: Dee Brown

#### Donated by Carolyn Ellertson:

Title: Growing Up Native American  
Author: Patricia Riley

#### Donated by Annette C. Barrett:

Title: Was Your Grandfather a Railwayman?  
Author: Tom Richards

Title: Building the Railways of the Raj, 1850-1900  
Author: Ian J Kerr

#### Donated by Darryll Olson:

Title: A History of Simcoe County (Ontario, Canada)  
Author: Andrew F Hunter

#### Donated by Diane Willems:

Title: Sheldon Family Association, Inc. (quarterlies)

#### Donated by Lyndon Gabriel:

Title: Genealogy Online, Eighty Edition  
Author: Elizabeth Powell Crowe

We also added many area school yearbooks, donated by Marian Thompson, Pat Bauer, Harold Hines, and Friends of the Library. Schools include, Evergreen High, Ft. Vancouver High, Hudson's Bay High, Kings Way Elementary, University of Washington, Washington State University, and University of Portland.



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**CCGS Meetings and Programs**

- Sep 2 Legacy Users Group (LUG) No meeting - Labor Day holiday
- Sep 3 Writing Focus Group – on hold until further notice
- Sep 4 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
- Sep 5 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group - 1:30 - 3:30 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Sep 7 Free Beginning class, 10:30 – 12noon at the Cascade Park branch of the FVRL Regional Library
- Sep 9 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
- Sep 14 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon
- Sep 16 Volunteer Day - 10 am - 2 pm, CCGS Library Annex
- Sep 17 CCGS Class “Publishing Your Story,” 10 – 12 noon at CCGS Annex.
- Sep 18 **October CCGS Newsletter deadline**
- Sep 24 CCGS Class “State Censuses and Special Federal Censuses,” 10 – 12 noon at CCGS Annex.
- Sep 24 General Meeting - 7 pm - 9 pm - CCGS Library Annex
- Nov 23 **Fall Seminar, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., CCGS Annex**

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month at CCGS Library Annex.  
Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 am - noon. Evening meetings: Apr - Sept, 7 - 9 pm.  
**No General Meeting is held July, August, or December.**

Notify Jeanine Bailiff, our Sunshine Lady, of anyone needing a card from CCGS such as get well, thinking of you, sympathy, etc. [jgmb at pacifier.com](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.