

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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½ miles to Grand Blvd and
turn right. We are in the
strip mall on the left side,
north of Evergreen.

General Meeting

The May meeting will be May 27 at 7 PM in the annex. Karen Wallace Steely will talk to us about the Find A Grave Website. Karen is a professional genealogist. She has a great interest in dating and identifying old photographs. Karen and her husband have lived in the Pacific Northwest for more than 20 years and currently reside in Vancouver.

We will also have our annual election of officers. See related article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Newsletter Mailing

At the April Board meeting, it was decided to discontinue mailing the CCGS newsletter by postal mail for all but those who do not have a computer, etc. This will be effective with the November 2014 newsletter. The newsletters will continue to be snail-mailed as well as delivered electronically through the October edition.

There are many advantages to electronic mailing over postal mail. The electronic version is always available at least 3 or 4 days (sometimes more) before the paper copy arrives in your mailbox. Electronic mailing saves the Society money by not having to buy a bulk mailing permit—which is going up by leaps and bounds every year—nor is there additional postage needed to mail the newsletter to 200 members (minimum for using the bulk mailing permit). Our Trail Breakers and Directory have been distributed mainly by email for several years now, so the newsletter mailing is primarily the only mailing we use the expensive postal permit for.

Of course, if you do not have a computer or for whatever reason **really** want a paper copy, you can pick one up at the CCGS library or let us know and we will mail yours. Call the library and leave a message, or email me to let me know if you want one mailed.

Remember, this will not take effect until the November 2014 newsletter, so there is time to make your plans and let us know if email won't work for you.

REPORT FROM THE CCGS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: RICHARD ENGSTROM

MEMBERS: BARBARA BAKER, LETHENE PARKS, SHARON CLEVELAND AND SHERRY WARREN

The Committee was charged with filling the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer for the next two years, the terms of office begin on July 1, 2014.

The following individuals have agreed to have their names put forth for nomination:

PRESIDENT: Lethene Parks

SECRETARY: Marian Kenedy

At this time we are still seeking someone for the position of Treasurer. This is a most critical position for the Society. If you have an interest in this position, please contact **RICHARD ENGSTROM AT 503-490-6923.**

These nominees will be presented at our next Membership meeting, with elections being held at our May meeting and installation at our June meeting.

What's MailChimp?

For the past several weeks members who get their newsletter in electronic form and subscribers to the This Week at CCGS email message have seen a change. CCGS emails now come from MailChimp (<http://mailchimp.com>).

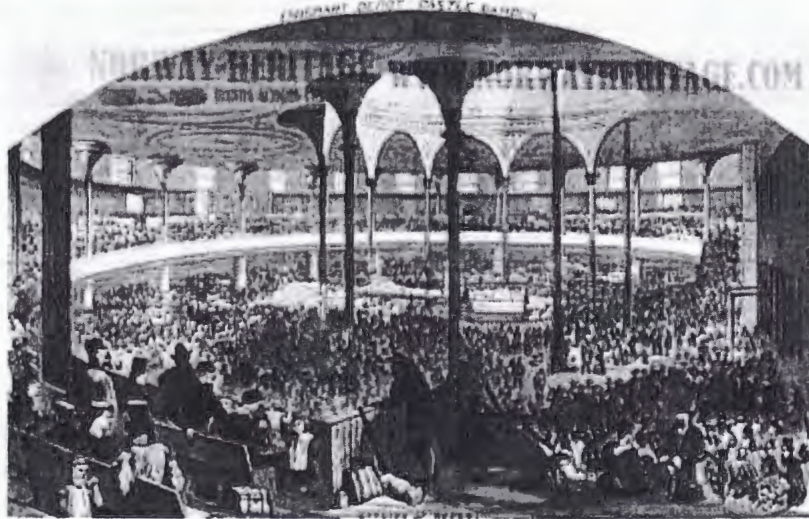
So what is MailChimp and why did we change?

MailChimp is an email marketing service provider, founded in 2001. It has 3.5 million users that collectively send over 4 billion emails a month through the service. They offer their service to nonprofit organizations like CCGS for free. Can't hardly beat free!

Previously CCGS used a Yahoo group CCGSNews to send out the newsletter notice, however Yahoo changed their group email policies so that the sign up process was more difficult and we found that new members weren't completing the sign up. Previously Mary McMonegal's This Week at CCGS column was sent out from her personal Yahoo address, but she had to break the distribution list into several parts to cover all the recipients. And we found it difficult to coordinate Mary's distribution list with the newsletter list.

Email lists work better for us with MailChimp, but email nowadays has its pitfalls. Just because we send an email message and it doesn't "bounce", you still may not see it. Email reader programs can have their own rules about what email is "spam" or not. We may think a message was delivered, but it may have been sent to your spam or junk folder instead, or even silently deleted. If you are not getting your weekly e-letter, check your spam/junk filter to see if it ended up there. While MailChimp sends out "bounce" and delivery notices to us, it has no way of recognizing if one of our emails ended up in your spam/junk filters.

Scandinavian Corner



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Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. This month, we will look at the two major immigration centers in New York City-Ellis Island and Castle Garden. Many of our ancestors were processed through one of these sites on their way to their new homes in the USA.

Castle Garden operated from 1855-to 1892, the year that Ellis Island opened. There is a searchable, free website: castlegarden.org . I was unable to find my Swedish grandfather in their records, even though I am confident he must have been processed through this center. It is estimated that approximately 8 million immigrants were processed through Castle Garden.

Ellis Island operated from 1892 to 1954, and processed 12 million immigrants. The Ellis Island website is also searchable and free, but does require you to register. The Ellis Island museum had been closed since Hurricane Sandy and has just reopened on a limited basis. Please check out their website: ellisland.org

The Scandinavian Focus group will meet on the first Wednesday in May. We are planning on visiting the library of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon on that day. So, we will not be meeting in the CCGS Annex. If you are interested in joining us, please contact:

Richard Engstrom
Rengstro60@yahoo.com

We will be taking the rest of the summer off and reconvening in September. Due to some scheduling conflicts, we will be changing our meeting time next year. I will let you know the new times for next year.

Our condolences to Lois Bauman and her family on the passing of Lois' husband David, on April 8th. An obituary appeared in the April 20th Columbian. A memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, May 3rd, according to the obituary.

Lois is the last remaining original founder of the Clark County Genealogical Society.

Volunteers Needed

The CCGS Library could use your help! If you have a few hours to spare, consider donating your time to becoming a volunteer Librarian. You'll never work alone—in fact, when we don't have two librarians available to run the library, we close the library. You'll receive training and will always be paired with an experienced librarian. It's a fun way to help the genealogy community and at the same time learn new and interesting things about our "obsession."

Contact our Librarian schedulers for more information:
Kara Lynn Rankin: kl-rankin@comcast.net
Ralph Erickson: RalphE1308@gmail.com

Upcoming Seminar Information from our Sister Genealogy Societies

We frequently get notices by mail and email about genealogy seminars from area Genealogy Societies. These notices are posted at the CCGS Library, but if you don't happen to visit often, you may miss these notices. Basic information is covered here, but the flyers and registration forms are not. If the link contains a web site, you may find this information at the web site. Otherwise, come on down to the CCGS library and take a look, make a copy of the registration form, etc.

The **Genealogical Forum of Oregon** will be hosting German Genealogical Research Expert and nationally known speaker, Warren Bittner on Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m at the Milwaukie Elks Lodge.

Date and Time: May 18, 2014, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Milwaukie Elks, 13121 SE McLoughlin Boulevard, Milwaukie, Oregon

Featured Topics: "German Historical Maps and Territories: You Can't Do Research Without Them;" "Introduction to German Church Books;" "German Marriage Laws and Customs;" and "Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant."

Cost: Members, \$43 by 5/10; \$48 after 5/10 and \$53 at the door. Non-members, \$48 by 5/10; \$53 after 5/10 and \$58 at the door. Lunch is \$11.

Registration: <http://www.gfo.org/seminar/warren-bittner.pdf>

For more details and to register, visit: www.gfo.org, or contact the Genealogical Forum of Oregon at info@gfo.org or **503-963-1932**.

The **Skagit Valley Genealogical Society** presents their 11th annual Summer Seminar on Saturday, June 14th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist church in Mt. Vernon, WA. More information available at the CCGS library, including pricing, class and presenter information, etc.

Membership Report – Denni Hamilton Levonian

Welcome, New Member:

Nancy Benthin

Welcome Back, Reinstated Member:

Eugene Henifin

Thanks for making special donations in addition to your dues:

Alice and Don Allen

Kathleen Alvick

Nancy Benthin

Elinor Perlich

Sharon Steinmeyer

Duncan Tanner

UPCOMING LEGACY WEBINARS

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 11am

Google Glass and Family History with Devin Ashby:

Google Glass is a new technology that has great application for family history. Learn about some potential spaces for app development like cemeteries, photos and stories, interviews, and video.

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 11 am

50 Year View – What I’ve Learned Climbing My Family Tree with Tom Kemp

Looking back at the last 50 years – Tom will present his key tips and techniques that he has learned over a life time of genealogical research. “If this was my last lecture – this is what I want to you know.”

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 11 am

Photo Apps for Android, iPhones or iPads with Maureen Taylor

Whether you carry a smart phone or a tablet there are great apps out there to help you snap and edit pictures. Digital organization for all those photos is included. This covers taking contemporary family history photos to documenting a relative’s collection.

Wednesday, May 21, 2014 11 am

I Had My DNA Tested – Now What with Ugo Perego

Hundreds of thousands of genetic profiles for family history and ancestral purpose have been generated by private laboratories, universities, etc, during the past fifteen years. However, many individuals that had their DNA tested were somewhat disappointed, as the information provided is often difficult to understand. What do all these numbers and letters mean? What can they tell me about my past?

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 11 am

Using Tax Lists to Solve Genealogical Problems with Linda Woodward Geiger

Benjamin is said to have stated, “The only things certain in life are death and taxes.” Taxation can take (and has taken) many forms. The mission of this presentation is to discuss some of the ways in which our ancestors were taxed, the records that were created, and where we might find those records. Additionally you’ll learn how those tax records may help you solve some of your genealogical questions.

Join us at the CCGS Library to view these webinars, or you can watch them at home. You’ll need to register for them if you watch at home:

Register at Legacy Family Tree Webinars: <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/>

Monthly Focus Groups

First Monday: Legacy Users Group 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Annex

*First Wednesday: Scandinavian Focus Group 10 a.m. to 11:30 at the CCGS Annex

First Thursday: First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. CCGS Annex

Second Saturday: Native American Focus Group, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon, CCGS Library or Annex

*As noted in the Scandinavian Corner, the Scandinavian Focus Group will be taking the summer off and will resume in the Fall. Watch the CCGS Weekly update as well as this newsletter for further updates.

Ramblings of a Retired Mind:

- I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.
- When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'
- Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, 'A Good Doctor!'
- I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- He who hesitates is probably right.
- Did you ever notice: the Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs...'
- Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way.
- I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
- Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.....

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

May 1 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 – 3 p.m., CCGS Library Annex
May 5 Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex
May 7 Scandinavian Focus Group - 10 - 11:30 am - CCGS Library Annex
May 10 Native American Focus Group - 10:30 am - noon
May 12 CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex
May 19 CCGS Volunteer day, 10 a.m.
May 21 **Deadline for June Newsletter**
May 27 General Meeting/Election of Officers, 7 p.m. at CCGS Library 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@pacifier.com or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.