

# CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## *Newsletter*

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### **Hours of operation**

Closed Sunday & Monday

**Check the on-line library  
calendar for  
unexpected closures.**

<http://www.ccgs-wa.org>

**Tues thru Friday**  
10 am to 3 pm

**Saturday**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 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.

**CCGS Library  
will be closed  
July 3-4 for the  
Independence Day  
Holiday**

## **General Meeting**

The June meeting will be June 24 at 6 PM in the CCGS annex (note the time change). We will have our annual potluck dinner, so please bring a potluck dish to share, as well as your own table service.

CCGS officers will be installed at this meeting.

The next General Meeting will be in September.

## **Newsletter Mailing**

(Repeat information)

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.

## Library News



### Invitation to become a CCGS Librarian

Come JOIN US on Monday, June 30, from 10-noon for the CCGS Librarians quarterly training. Our agenda contains local information relating to the library as well as general genealogical news. Suggestions for training ideas should be sent to Kara Lynn's e-mail address below ASAP.

Ralph Erickson (RalphE1308 -at-gmail.com) and Kara Lynn Rankin (KL-Rankin at [comcast.net](mailto:comcast.net)) (phone 360-901-5331) schedule the librarians to ensure new ones are placed with experienced ones. Please contact either of them if you are interested....or JOIN US on Monday, June 30!

### Volunteer Day – May 19<sup>th</sup> Report

(Submitted by Jane Germann)

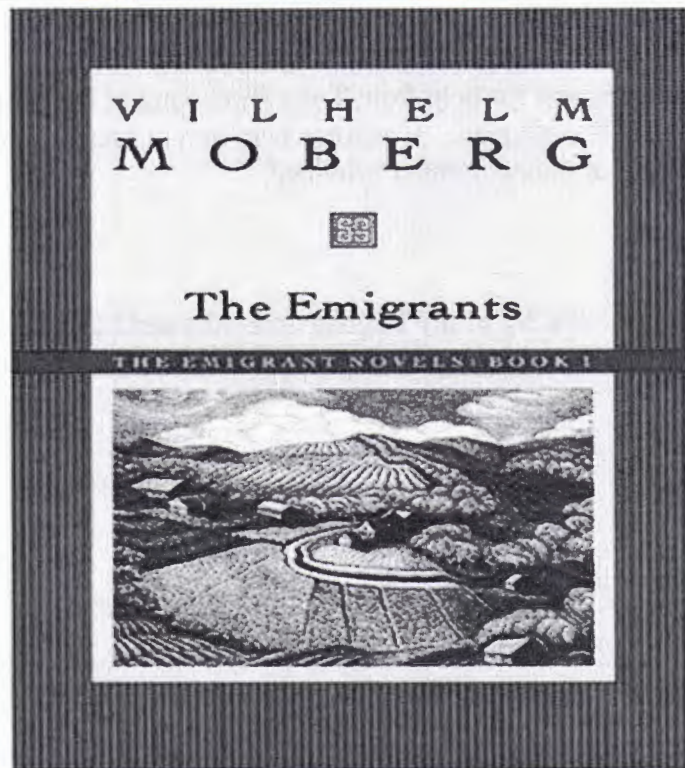
At our last monthly CCGS Volunteer day, Lillian Fullerton and Bob Burns proofed indexes for the Fisher's Landing and Camas Images of America series which will be added to our library collection soon. Jane Germann worked on articles for the Trail Breaker. Larry Germann and Eric Jordahl did treasurer work and Barbara Baker came in later to help Larry with data entry. Steve Cornick came to make sure we were on track. Even Brian Runyan visited a bit.

There's always room for more volunteers. We will be taking a break for the summer, so Volunteer Day will resume on the third Monday in September. See you then!

### This Week at Clark County Genealogical Society

If you are not receiving CCGS' weekly email newsletter and want to receive it, contact Mary McMonegal at [okmac3 at yahoo.com](mailto:okmac3@yahoo.com) and she will add you to her list. This "e-letter" is a good way to hear what's going on at CCGS between newsletter mailings. And since the next newsletter won't arrive in your mailbox until late August or early September, there may be some important news you won't want to miss.





## SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. A great way to learn about our Scandinavian heritage is to explore the works of various Scandinavian writers. I would highly recommend the work of Vilhelm Moberg who wrote a four volume saga of Swedish emigrants in North America. These novels focus on an emigrant family as they leave Sweden and their difficulty of adapting to a new land. Moberg did extensive research in the papers of Swedish emigrants, in archival collections, including the Minnesota Historical Society enabling him to incorporate the details of the pioneer life. We have all four volumes in the CCGS Library which can be checked out to CCGS members.

.I would also recommend a five volume series by Anders Fogelström: "The Stockholm Series". These novels also tell the tale of a poor family residing in Stockholm. It provides a glimpse into early life in Stockholm and its growth as a major international city.

If you like your fiction more modern, try the works of Henning Mankell. Most of his novels are set in Sweden. His Kurt Wallander series is one of my favorites. PBS developed a series from these novels and is well worth watching, as they were filmed in southern Sweden. For the Norwegian mystery fan, I enjoy the novels by Karin Fossum. Much of her work is now being translated into English.

The Scandinavian Focus group will go on summer break and will reconvene in September. We will be changing to another day starting in September. It will be the second Thursday of the month -10am to 12.

Have a great summer.  
Richard Engstrom  
Rengstro60@yahoo.com

### Help Wanted

We received the following request for help from Tony Birch, one of our long-time CCGS members who now resides in Cheney, Washington. If you can help him or know someone who can, contact him directly at the email address or phone number provided.

I'm writing a book about the heraldry of my English ancestors and have run into some issues that are beyond my limited expertise. Are you, or do you know of, someone that would be willing to help me with my heraldry puzzles?

Thank you,

Tony Birch  
CCGS member who now resides in Cheney, WA  
da3mj4 @ gmail.com  
509-448-4847

Condolences go out to the families of three CCGS members who recently passed away. Barbara Gassin passed away on April 21, 2014 in Vancouver.

Phyllis Dale passed away on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Her obituary appeared in the Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Columbian. She had been a volunteer at CCGS some-years ago, and a member of the local DAR chapter.

Clarissa Farnsworth passed away on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Her obituary appeared in the May 25<sup>th</sup> Columbian.

### Monthly Focus Groups

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

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

\*Second Thursday: Scandinavian Focus Group 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the CCGS Annex (Note new day & time)

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

\*Both the Scandinavian and Native American Focus Groups are taking the summer off and will resume meetings in the fall.

### Legacy Webinars at CCGS

Our Education Chairman, Brian Runyan, will continue to set up in the CCGS Annex for the weekly webinars presented by Legacy Family Tree software. You can get the full schedule at <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/> The next one will be June 11<sup>th</sup>, on German Internet Research. These will be listed in the "This Week at CCGS" e-letter.



## 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.

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

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**Washington State Genealogy Conference:** August 15-16<sup>th</sup>, Arlington, WA. See their web site at <http://www.wsgs2014conference.com/> for more information. This is a 2-day conference, sounds like it will be worth the money.

### Highlights:

- Making his Washington State speaking debut is D. Joshua Taylor of *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *Genealogy Road Show* as our keynote banquet speaker as well as presenting 4 classes.
  - \$75.00 for general registration and \$70.00 for WSG members if registering before June 15<sup>th</sup>. After that date, prices go up to \$80 for members, \$90 for general registration.
  - Classes are filling up rapidly, sign up ASAP
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The **Heritage Quest Library** presents "AutumnQuest 2014" with Lisa Louise Cooke. It will be Held at the Faith Covenant Church in Sumner, WA on Saturday, October 11th. Cost is \$40 per person if registered before October 4<sup>th</sup>. A soup and sandwich bar will be available for an extra \$10.

### Lisa's topics include:

- **Ultimate Google Search Strategies & Tips**  
Learn the powerful search tips and tricks that will immediately help you maximize the Google search box!
- **How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case**  
Become a genealogical detective in this vital session. You'll learn to track ancestors like a bloodhound, sniffing out holes in your research and getting missing information on the record.
- **5 Ways to Enhance Your Genealogy Research with Old Maps**  
Historic maps are a must for your research. Learn the five types of historical maps every genealogist should be using, and how to find them (many in places you would have never guessed!) Then learn how to create and save your own historic map collection, and discover truly innovative ways incorporate them into your analysis and storytelling.

More information and a registration form can be found at <http://www.hqrl.com/autumnquest/autumnquest.html>

**Membership**  
(Denni Hamilton-Levonian, Membership Chair)

***Welcome, New Member:***

Carol Barsotti

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

Laurie Burgess  
Judy Card  
Judy Nellis

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

Jeanine Bailiff  
James Laughlan, Sr.  
Luurt and Jeanette Nieuwenhuis  
Gaydena Thompson  
Timothy and Lynn Tolle

**Spring Seminar Wrap-up**



If you missed the recent Spring Seminar on April 26<sup>th</sup>, you missed a fun and informative day learning about the “scoundrels” in our families. Lethene Parks and Brian Runyan presented case studies taken from the files of some of our CCGS members. These members were present to offer feedback to Lethene & Brian as they presented the results of their searches, and our members received some good clues for where to look next. The closing session was a presentation by CCGS member, author and former Vancouver City Council member Pat Jollota about some of Vancouver’s known and lesser known scoundrels.

We also enjoyed a good lunch provided by our local neighbors, the Vancouver Pie Company, visiting with each other, and some good snacks, too.

Many thanks to all those who helped in one or more ways to make this seminar successful, from those who came to set up and take down, donated food for the breaks, manned the registration desk, and more. This could not have been done without your help.

**New Books**  
(Compiled by Alice Allen)

The following books were added to our collection and will appear on the new shelf during the month of June, before moving to their place on our library shelves. All books were donated by Nancy Ellifrit.

Title: The First American Cookbook, A Facsimile of American Cookery, 1796  
Author: Amelia Simmons

Title: The Virginia Housewife or, Methodical Cook; a Facsimile of an Authentic Early American Cookbook  
Author: Mary Randolph

Title: The Hunting Pioneers 1720-1840  
Author: Robert John Holden

Title: Appalachian Exposition  
Author: East Tennessee Historical Society

Title: Patrick County, Virginia Unrecorded Documents 1791-1920  
Author: Barbara C. Baughan & Betty A. Pilson

Title: Patrick County, Virginia Deed Index Abstracts 1791-1850  
Author: Barbara C. Baughan and Betty A. Pilson

Title: The Pioneer Women of the West  
Author: Elizabeth F. Ellet

Title: Historical Records of Old Frederick & Hampshire Counties, Virginia  
Author: Wilmer L. Kerns, PHD

Title: Writer's Guide to Everyday Life in the 1800's  
Author: Marc McCutcheon

Title: The Settlement and Indian Wars of the Western Parts of Virginia & Pennsylvania 1763-1783  
Author: Joseph Doddridge

Title: History of the Valley of Virginia  
Author: Samuel Kercheval

Title: Old Mud Meeting House  
Author: Harrodsburg Historical Society

Title: The Reshaping of Everyday Life 1790-1840  
Author: Jack Larkin

Title: New Brunswick in History  
Author: William H. Benedict

Title: Revolutionary Soldiers in Kentucky  
Author: Anderson Chenault Quisenberry

Title: Catalog of Revolutionary Soldiers & Sailors of the Commonwealth of Virginia  
Author: Samuel M. Wilson

Title: Finding Your German Ancestors—a Beginner's Guide  
Author: Kevan M. Hansen



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#### CCGS Meetings and Programs

**June 2** Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex  
**June 5** First Thursday Unfocused Group – 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. CCGS Library Annex  
**June 9** CCGS Board Meeting - 9 am - 11 am, CCGS Library Annex  
**June 24** General Meeting/Installation of Officers, 7 p.m. at CCGS Library Annex  
**June 30** Librarian's Training, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex  
**July 3-4** Library closed for Independence Day holiday  
**July 7** Legacy Users Group (LUG) 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex  
**July 14** CCGS Board Meeting – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., CCGS Library Annex  
**August 4** Legacy Users Group – 10 am – 12 noon, CCGS Library Annex  
**August 7** First Thursday Unfocused Group – 1 pm – 3 pm CCGS Library Annex  
**August 11** CCGS Board Meeting – 9 am – 11 am, CCGS Annex  
**August 20** September Newsletter Deadline

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](mailto:jgmb@pacifier.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.