

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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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

March 26, 2018
10 a.m. at CCGS Education Center

Viking Roots Revealed

Hear how CCGS member Kay Cooke identified the leaves on her Norwegian and Swedish family trees. With scarce information, she discovered name changes, scoured the internet, searched foreign parish records, befriended Scandinavian genealogists, connected with cousins, and eventually, walked in her Nordic ancestors' footsteps.

The presentation will take place at 10 a.m. March 27 at the Clark County Genealogical Society, 717 Grand Blvd. There is no charge and non-members are welcome.

CCGS ELECTIONS

It's election season again! The following positions are up for election: President, Treasurer and Secretary. These positions are part of our all-volunteer Board. They are for a two-year term. Incumbents, President Brian Runyan, Treasurer Eric Jordahl, and Secretary Marian Kenedy have all indicated their desire to run again.

The timetable for this year's election is as follows:

Deadline for filing: April 1, 2018

Election: at the April 24th General Meeting

Installation of Officers: at the June 26th General Meeting

If you have a desire to run for any of these positions contact Steve Cornick, Nominating Committee Chair at 360-705-7243

Daylight Savings Time
Begins on
Sunday, March 11

Save the Date: May 25-27, CCGS Spring Seminar and
WSG Society Annual Awards

Information and registration form appears on pages 8 & 9 of this newsletter.

President's Message
Brian Runyan, CCGS President

The election cycle at Clark County Genealogical Society is in full swing. The officers we will be voting on at the April General Meeting are President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, Steve Cornick is heading up the Nominating Committee and may be contacted for more information.

Another aspect of these elections comes after the installation of officers at the July General Meeting. Our bylaws state that the President is responsible for appointing Directors for all the committees. Each Director is appointed for a period of up to one year. This is not intended to be interpreted as any kind of term limit but rather to help retain volunteers and lessen the chance of burn out. As long as a person wants to continue in one of these positions the President may continue to appoint them.

As with most volunteer organizations CCGS has a core group of dedicated individuals that consistently volunteer, holding positions for years at a time and often rotating to new jobs and back again.

Individuals step into these jobs out of true passion and dedication. I am deeply appreciative to all who volunteer. Sometimes a person will choose to stay in a position out of a sense of obligation because there doesn't seem to be anyone else willing to step up to the task. I have been hearing that particular refrain frequently this season and I consider it a failure on my part as President. When I was appointed by the Board to fill out the second year of Lethene Parks' term I opined that my biggest challenge would be engaging the membership. As the new kid on the block I didn't know too many of our members. Over these past three years I have come to know our core group well but not many more. As a result my track record for recruiting members to fill Director positions has been poor. We have now reached a point where several of our Directors desire to step away from the positions they hold. Up to this point, my recruiting efforts have been limited to generic calls for volunteers in the newsletter and from the floor in General Meetings.

Here is a list of the Director positions, who currently holds them, and what the President will need to consider in July.

Trail Breakers Editor: Jane Germann has been involved in editing our flagship publication since the 1980's. After more than 35 years she has asked to be released. Jane has assured me she will help train and provide assistance to the new Editor but can no longer shoulder the entire load. To date no one has stepped forward.

Newsletter Editor: Alice Allen has skillfully published our newsletter for four years and enthusiastically desires to continue. As your reelected President I would say a heartfelt thank you, Alice, and reappoint her to this important position.

Directory Editor: Bill Whalley has kept the membership roster current and accurate for many years. He has indicated his willingness to continue in this position. Should I be successful in my bid for re-election as your President, I will gratefully reappoint him.

Public Relations Director: Kay Cooke has promoted our CCGS brand to greater recognition over the last two years. We continue to garner mention in the Columbian and other local news outlets. She is very diligent at publicizing our various classes and webinar offerings. She continues to do a fantastic job but desires for someone else to step into this position.

Education Director: Marcia Grubb has grabbed this position by the horns and greatly expanded our education footprint in the community. She enthusiastically desires to remain doing this work. If I am reelected as your President, I will happily reappoint Marcia as Education Director.

Endowment Director: This committee is currently idle and has no appointed Director. I would like to see that change in July.

Finance Director: Barbara Baker has been wearing this hat as well as that of Recording Treasurer for five years and has been deeply involved in every aspect of our finance team since 1999. She has indicated her willingness to continue this important work and I will be very supportive of her continued dedication.

Library Director: Lethene Parks has served tirelessly as our Library Director for years. Our collection has grown in quantity and quality under her leadership. Some months ago Lethene decided it was time for her to step away from her considerable responsibilities. Since that time she has been actively training her replacement. If you re-elect me as your President I will appoint Sharon Thiesmeyer as Library Director beginning July 1st.

Program Director: Elsie Deatherage has done a bang-up job recruiting and scheduling speakers for our General Meetings. She has ably served in this capacity for two years and desires to continue. I will be glad for her effectiveness in this position.

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SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The Scandinavian Focus Group did not meet in February but will be meeting on Thursday, March 8th, 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS meeting room. We will be showing a Webinar on Scandinavian/Nordic records. The webinar will explore primary sources for Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland. It should be very informative.

The next CCGS General Meeting will be a presentation by Kay Cooke. She will talk about her recent trip to Scandinavia. Please plan to attend. It will be Tuesday, March 27th, 10am to 12pm.

For you Swedish researchers! Good news! Beginning February 1, 2018, the Swedish National Archives-Riksarkivet-is opening its online digital collections and indexes to the public, free of charge. A subscription is no longer needed to view parish records, tax and court records, census indexes, etc. At the top of the page in "other languages", select English then they recommend signing up for a login so that more images will be available to you.

<http://www.sok.riksarkivet.se>

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President's Message (continued from page 2)

Research and Preservation Director: This function is currently being handled by the Library Director. If reelected, it is my hope to recruit someone for this important function.

Webmaster: Webmaster: Bill Whalley has been our Webmaster for forever as well as our IT guy and Assistant Membership Director. So many functions of our Society run smoothly because of his efforts. Bill has graciously agreed to continue in this position and welcomes assistance from any so inclined. As your returning President I would gladly request his continued expertise.

Membership Director: Bea Ritter, our current Vice President, "temporarily" stepped into this position two and a half years ago and has done a fantastic job welcoming new members and corralling our membership renewals. Her elected V.P. position term expires next year and, run or not, she wishes to continue as our Membership Director. That makes me happy!

As you can see, there are many dedicated people that help make Clark County Genealogical Society the great organization we are. As you can also see, there are a number of people that we must release with our heartfelt thanks. If you are one of the talented, dedicated people who have been waiting to step into a new level of participation at CCGS, decide which of these positions calls to you: Trail Breaker Editor, Public Relations Director, Endowment Director, or Research and Preservation Director. You will be joining a vibrant group of volunteers all making Clark County Genealogical Society great.

Thanks in advance for saying, "yes!"

Brian A. Runyan, President
Clark County Genealogical Society

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

We continue to set up the screen and projector to show most every scheduled Legacy Family Tree webinar.

For a description of each webinar, go to

<http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Webinars begin at 11 a.m. PDT, unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, March 07, 2018, 11:00am

Overcoming Brick Walls Caused by Record Loss, presented by Mary Hill, AG

Friday, March 09, 2018, 11:00am

Secrets in the Attic: Break Down Brick Walls With Home Sources, Presented by Denise May Levenick

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 5:00pm

The Case of the Broken Link: Decoding the URL, Presented by Cyndi Ingle (Cyndi's List)

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 5:00pm

From Baltimore to Burlington: Hazen P. Day's Neighbors Bring Him Home, by Catherine B. Wiest Desmarais, CG

Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 11:00am

Hands-On with MyHeritage DNA, with Geoff Rasmussen and Yoav Naveh, My Heritage DNA Director

Friday, March 23, 2018, 11:00am

Introduction to DNA Testing in Genealogy and Family History, presented by Mike Mansfield

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 11:00am

Formulating a DNA Testing Plan, presented by Blaine Bettinger, PhD., J.D.

****Please Note** There are two My Heritage webinars on the Legacy Family Tree Webinar site which we will NOT be showing at CCGS as they conflict with one of the CCGS classes and the General Meeting.** These cancelled classes are not shown on the above schedule.

Presentations are subject to change, including the addition of new webinars that had **not** been announced at the time this newsletter was being prepared. We'll try to catch any changes in time for the weekly CCGS e-letter, and you can check for yourself at the link listed above. If you can't make it in to watch with us, you can register for free and watch it at home during times listed; watch at your convenience for free for about a week following original broadcast; or subscribe to the Legacy webinars and watch any time.

CCGS MEMBERS CAN SUBSCRIBE TO LEGACY WEBINARS FOR HALF-PRICE!!

The introductory price is normally \$49.95 for a year subscription. Geoff Rasmussen has provided CCGS with our own discount code that allows a CCGS member to purchase a yearly subscription for ½ price. If this is of interest to you, you may call the CCGS library and a librarian, after verifying you are a current member, will give you the code.

CCGS AND FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Clark County Genealogical Society has been successfully enrolled in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. If you have a Fred Meyer Rewards Card you may designate CCGS to receive a quarterly check based on our purchases at Fred Meyer. You can get more information by visiting www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-frequently-asked-questions-for-non-profits

New Books

Compiled by Sharon Thiesmeyer and Lonna Parker

The following books were added to our collection recently, and can be found on the New Shelf through the end of March.

Donated by Robert Quick

Title: The Emigrants' Guide to Oregon and California

Author: Lansford W. Hastings

Title: The History of Medieval Europe

Author: Lynn Thorndike

Title: Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years

Author: Sarah & A. Elizabeth Delaney

Title: Fire Lookouts of the Northwest

Author: Ray Kresek

Title: The Pictorial History of the American Revolution

Author: Rupert Furneaux

Title: Messages From Washington

Author: Janice M. Kennedy, editor

Title: The Aller-Allar Clan

Author: John Evan Davis

Donated by Carol Ericson

Title: Here Rolled the Covered Wagons, an Historical Tour of the Northwest

Author: Albert & Jane Salisbury

Donated by Steve Young

Title: Names

Author: Basil Cottle

Title: Spin-glish-the Definitive Dictionary of Deliberately Deceptive Language

Author: Henry Beard & Christopher Cerf

Unknown Donor

Title: History of Kansas State and People

Author: William E. Connelley

Periodical News

Paula Schoenlein

Swedish American Genealogist, Dec 2017

"Gammalsvenskby? What is that? Where is that?"

by Elizabeth Thorsell

NGS Magazine, October - December 2017

"Hidden Treasures on FamilySearch"

by Robert Raymond

"Mining Underground Gems on Ancestry"

by Juliana Szucs

"The National Archives Catalog"

by Claire Prechtel Kluskens

Membership Report

Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

NEW MEMBERS February

Jack Lukowski
Steven & Kathleen Wayno
Susan Hoffman
Virginia Edwards
Suzanne & David Lassiter
Melissa Lassiter
Marc Lacy
Geraldine Smith
Gari-Lyn Langbecker
Barbara Selis

REINSTATED MEMBER

Nilah Devaney

Welcome to our society.

CCGS Publications are now displayed in the bookshelf behind the Librarian desk - the complete list is available on our website. Available inventory will be offered at drastically reduced prices for a limited time.

CCGS Volunteers

Don't forget to report your volunteer hours to Dolly Merrick, or write them on the volunteer log at CCGS!

Have a **Research Tip** to share with fellow CCGS members? Email it to the editor by March 24th and we will include it in the April newsletter.

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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SPRING 2018 CLASS SCHEDULE

ALL CLASSES: held at Clark County Genealogical Society Library Annex from **10 am to Noon**

FEE CLASSES: Tuition for each class is **\$12 for members and \$15 for non-members**

Tuition with registration form may be paid at door with cash or check. Class day walk-in registrations will be accepted subject to available seating. Any class with insufficient registrations may be cancelled: registrants will be notified and refunded.

Getting Started Tracing Your Family Roots: Brian Runyan –Tuesday, March 6, 2018	
	<p>FREE CLASS This class will get you started researching your family tree. Topics include collecting information from the family, family group sheets, pedigree charts, genealogy database programs, and best research practices.</p>
Irish Records Researching: Barbara Schrag– Tuesday, March 13, 2018	
	<p>Are you one of over 50 million Americans with Irish heritage? Come learn about all of the new resources available in the last two years, plus a few often overlooked sources. Bring your laptop or tablet and "bookmark" sites as we explore them together.</p>
Researching Military Records– Tuesday, March 20, 2018	
	<p>Military events and records often hold surprising family clues beyond an individual's service records. Even from our earliest American settlements, the need for defense produced military records, thus providing useful family search resources.</p>
Migration Patterns in North America: Lethene Parks – Tuesday, April 3, 2018	
	<p>The Who, Why and How of Your Family's Migration. We will talk about migrations: why people migrated; their modes of travel; and the routes traveled. You will choose one of your family lines and together we will learn some research techniques that will give you a new perspective and as well provide clues for further research. You will want to bring your device so you can access your database or bring printed materials you have on your chosen family line.</p>
Getting the Most Out of Ancestry : Elsie Deatherage– Tuesday, April 10, 2018	
	<p>Are you frustrated by your search results? Do you feel like there are untapped record sources that you aren't finding? Learn how to tap into less popular databases by changing the way that you search. Feel free to bring your laptop or tablet or you can just follow along.</p>

Advance Registration form available online at www.ccg-s-wa.org
Also visit or call the Library Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm

CCGS Spring 2018 class schedule (Jan2018)

REGISTRATION FORM
CCGS Classes – Spring 2018

All classes are held in the CCGS Annex/Education Hall, 715 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA.
Register by marking (x) the class/classes you wish to attend.

Fee Classes: \$12 for CCGS members, \$15 for non-members.

Beginning Class Free: *Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree*

() Tuesday, **March 6** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Brian Runyan.

Irish Records Researching

() Tuesday, **March 13** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Barbara Schrag.

Researching Military Records

() Tuesday, **March 20** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Marcia Grubb.

Migration Patterns in North America

() Tuesday, **April 3** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Lethene Parks.

Getting the Most Out of Ancestry

() Tuesday, **April 10** from 10 am to 12 noon. Instructor: Elsie Deatherage.

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CCGS Spring Seminar and WSG Society Annual Awards

During an event filled weekend, our Saturday seminar key speaker will be David Allen Lambert. Serving as chief genealogist for the venerable New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), David's seminar topics include 1) World War 1 Military 2) Great Migration Era settler research 3) Probate & Deed Records research. As an honored guest at our Hudson Bay Company Gala Reception Friday evening, he will be able to share his genealogical gems; seemingly small finds that lead to amazing stories. We are collaborating with Friends of Fort Vancouver to bring some of the wonderful Fort interpreters as guests.

For out-of-towners the Hilton Hotel offered special rates. The CCGS group reservation code is **CCG**. Our web access page is:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/P/PDXVAHH-CCG-20180525/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

David Allen Lambert publishes regularly on *Vita Brevis*, the NEHGS blog that serves as an exceptional family history resource. Follow him at: <https://vita-brevis.org/author/dalambert/>

A guided Cemetery Tour is proposed for Sunday along with brochures for other local self-guided tours, all available from the CCGS Library.

For 5 days before and during Memorial Weekend, The Fort Vancouver Tapestry will be displayed at the CCGS Library. Completed in 2005, this historic community project required 57 skilled stitchery workers contributing 100,000 hours over 5 plus years.

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

This-n-That

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington is presenting a free genealogy event on Monday, March 12 at 7:15 p.m. at the LDS Church Factoria Building in Bellevue, WA. A flyer with more information is at the CCGS Library.

Blogs

Here are some links to genealogy blogs you may find interesting. First and foremost is the Family Search blog, where you'll find out what's new at Family Search: <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/>
Get the latest news, including new records available to search, new apps, and more.

Dear Myrtle's blog: <http://dearmyrtle.com/blog2/index.php/blog/> (Index to her many blogs)

Miriam Robbins: <http://ancestories1.blogspot.com/> (Miriam has presented a couple of Spring Seminars in the past for us)

Have a favorite? Let me know and we'll feature them in future newsletters.



REGISTRATION FORM
May 25, 26 & 27, 2018
Gala Reception, CCGS Spring 2018 Seminar and
WSG Society Annual Awards

Events will be held at venues in the **Fort Vancouver National Historic Site**

- **Friday 7 to 9:30 pm: Hudson Bay Company Gala Reception** at the Artillery Barracks, 600 E. Hathaway Rd. Friday night fun with historic Clark County guests! Appetizers from DuckTales Kitchen with a beer and wine bar (food & one drink ticket included).
- **Saturday 8 am to 3 pm: Seminar featuring 3 Lectures from David Allen Lambert, NEHGS chief genealogist and Washington State Genealogy Society Annual Awards Luncheon** at the Historic Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes Rd. Lunch boxes will be available at 11:45 am. A pop-up CCGS Bookstore will be open during all breaks.
- **Sunday 10 am to 3 pm: CCGS Library and Annex** will be open. Visit our Resource Library while waiting to connect with friends for the Tours. We have WiFi and cold sodas.

Registration			
	Cost	Number	Amount
Friday Gala Reception (\$10 at door)	\$8		
Saturday Seminar – <i>CCGS Member No.</i>	\$70		
Seminar Saturday– Non-member	\$85		
<i>Early Registration Member Seminar Discount – prior to April 2nd</i>	\$65		
<i>Early Registration Non-Member Seminar Discount - prior to April 2nd</i>	\$80		
Printed Seminar Syllabus	\$5		
Gourmet Box Lunch includes Wrap sandwich with squeeze bottle condiments, plus Duck Tales coleslaw, red delicious apple, chocolate chip cookie, assorted canned sodas and bottled water options <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <i>Check box for your wrap selection (selections received after May 15th cannot be guaranteed)</i>	\$15		
A downloadable digital format syllabus will be emailed with your Registration Confirmation information.	Free		
<i>Seminar Seating Limited to first 150 registrants</i>	Total Enclosed		

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

March 1 First Thursday Unfocused Genealogy Group – 1-3 p.m. CCGS Education Center
March 5 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
Research Group (formerly known as “Do-Over Group) – 12 noon – 2 p.m. CCGS Education Center
March 6 Class: Getting Started with Your Family Tree, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, presented by Brian Runyan (free)
March 8 Scandinavian Interest Group: 10-11:30 a.m. CCGS Education Center
March 11 Daylight Savings begins – set clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night
March 12 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon CCGS Education Center
March 13 Class: Researching Irish Records, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, presented by Barbara Schrag
March 20 Class: Researching Military Records, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, presented by Marcia Grubb
March 21 **Deadline for March Newsletter**
March 26 Library Committee meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, CCGS Library
March 27 General Meeting, 10 a.m.-12 noon CCGS Education Center

To save space, the Legacy Webinar schedule is posted in a separate article in this newsletter.

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. [jgmb105 @ gmail.com](mailto:jgmb105@gmail.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.