

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. - Fri
10 am to 3:00 pm
3rd Thursday only
6-9 pm

Saturday
2nd Saturday only
10 am to 3 pm

How to get here:
From I-5, take the Hwy.
500 exit east to St. Johns
Rd. exit. Turn left onto St.
Johns Rd. and proceed
over the highway.
Continue to NE 52nd St.,
turn left and we will be on
the left, across from Hi-
School Pharmacy.

President's Message

This President's Message for the April 2020 CCGS Newsletter is being written as we all are learning the realities of social distancing and self-quarantine. By the time y'all are reading it, anything I might say will likely be inaccurate and surely dated. So, I will say only what we already know. Because CCGS fits into the category of "hobby" or social club" gatherings we shuttered our doors for the last part of March. We cancelled all face-to-face meetings and postponed scheduled classes. We are attempting to keep in contact via phone and email to address the ongoing needs of the Society. At this point we don't know when postponed classes will be rescheduled. Rest assured, they will be rescheduled. Marcia Grubb has been fearlessly juggling the calendar to make sure all the offered classes get . . . well . . . offered. We are currently developing the ability to use the web to stream classes to your computer screen. Stay tuned.

At this point the two places to get timely information as to what is happening at CCGS is at our webpage ccgs-wa.org and the weekly email that you should be signed up to receive.

Thanks for all you do!
Brian Runyan, President

Update to the April General Meeting

It is with a great deal of sadness that we must announce the unexpected death of our April Presenter, Kenneth Doane, on March 19th. He was scheduled to do a program about the "Doane Outlaws of Bucks County, Pennsylvania" on April 28th. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. His family says there will be a memorial service, probably in late May. He was NOT a victim of the Corona virus.

With the growth of the virus outbreak, many states, including Washington, have been given a "shelter at home" type order. For this reason, it has been decided to close the Library to the general public until at least April 30th. If anything changes in the meantime, we will announce details on our web page and in our weekly emails which come out every Sunday. At this time, the April meeting is cancelled.

More information available in this newsletter, at least as up to date as we can report.



President's Message, Part Deux
Brian Runyan, CCGS President

Good afternoon, all. Well, we are certainly living that old Confucian blessing/curse, "may you live in interesting times".

I'm going out on a limb and say that today things seems to be a bit more certain if not more settled than they were a week ago. As it was, the changing recommendations and restrictions were coming too fast and furious to keep up with, so the easiest thing was to just shut everything down until the dust settled.

I don't even want to start on any attempt to state where we are, and even less as to where we're going, without first giving out huge kudos to those that have been working to keep our organization on a somewhat even keel: Marcia Grubb has kept her finger in a multitude of pies in an effort to keep the scheduling and closing information up-to-date. Steve Young has been working to make our current electronic communication methods work for us AND develop new ones for the near future (more on that in just a bit). Barbara Schragg has been keeping her finger on several vital library functions, including making a special trip to change our answering machine message to indicate that we really weren't open. Sharon Thiesmeyer has kept her lines of communication open so she could react to the changing situation.

As of now, we are completely closed and no activities are being publicly promoted. That doesn't mean activities have been cancelled. It is still our hope that classes can be help when the situation allows. Steve Young has been getting us up and running with a CCGS YouTube channel. As I type this, the General meeting of February 25 is being uploaded and will be soon be publicly available by going to Clark County Genealogy on the YouTube channel. The intent is to use this vehicle for remotely presenting future classes. The first one might be the beginning class that is scheduled for April 4th. There is one already recorded that could be used.

Steve Young has done some preliminary investigation as to how we can use Zoom for things like virtual Board meetings. More to be revealed.

Effective immediately, the CCGS building is closed to all entry. There are no CCGS functions essential enough to endanger life. If anyone thinks they have a pressing reason to access anything in the building it must be cleared through me. It's not so much about getting permission as it is that there be ONE person to know who is or is not in the building at any time.

Proposed Dues Increase

At the February Board meeting, the Board recommended a dues increase, as follows. Per Article III, Section 1 of the bylaws, this increase must also be voted on by the membership. This increase will be voted on at the next General Meeting, whenever that may occur.

Dues will be raised to \$40 per individual member, \$50 for joint members, \$750 lifetime single member, \$900 joint lifetime members, and will be effective July 1, 2020.

Marian Kenedy
CCGS Secretary

A Remarkable Day – Marcia Lawson Grubb

It's been 48 years since a tornado demolished Peter S. Ogden Elementary School in the early afternoon of April 5, 1972. Believing that this event might still resonate with many long-time Clark County residents, the Trail Breakers team has been collecting some of these personal stories for publication in Trail Breakers Issue 46. As we continue to collect Vancouver 1972 tornado memories, we offer in the April Newsletter Marian Kenedy's remarkable on-location tornado memories of 1957 and 1999.

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In 1957 Lowell and Marian Kenedy were living in Lawton, OK, as Lowell was stationed in the Army at Fort Sill, OK. We don't remember the exact date of the tornado. The news on the radio was telling us that a tornado was headed to the south part of Lawton. We had a storm cellar at our back door. Marian looked inside to see water and bugs, and said she would take a chance on the storm not getting near. It was a dark and stormy day, as they say. Several people were killed and several were injured. One rural service station was completely destroyed. There was nothing left but the foundation walls. A car was crumpled up into a ball of crushed steel. After it was over we drove around to see the damage such as bent trees and telephone poles.

On August 11, 1999, a tornado came through downtown Salt Lake City, Utah, during the noon hour. At that time a large outdoor sports activities show was open near the Family History Library. One person was killed and several were injured there. A lot of damage was done. Windows were blown out of a nearby hotel. The roof was damaged on the Delta Center, home of the Utah Jazz, now with a different name. The tornado then took its path between the Family History Library and the Church History Museum, turned northward and east, damaging homes in various neighborhoods. The local TV weatherman was outside by the Salt Palace when the storm struck, and he said, "I can't breathe! I can't breathe!" The tornado was classified as an F 2. Marian was home that day and the Library was closed the next day, August 12. There were tree branches, leaves and general mess that needed cleaning up.

US Census 2020 – Marcia Lawson Grubb

By now you are aware that you and your household may elect to answer the US Census questions either digitally online or hand-written via snail mail. Further if you have not responded timely, US Census enumerators will knock on your door with device in hand prepared to spend 20 minutes or so assisting you on the task.

The genealogist in all of us may wonder how this census will appear when it becomes public in 2092. Since 1850 every person was listed one per row line with columns from left to right. Among all the questions for each household member in the 2020 census, one question asks for origins. I answered the origins question naming 5 countries. So picturing all my research into past US Census images, I wonder just how many columns will there be to fully display every person's countries of origin?

Library Online Access

***CCGS Calendar is the up-to-date word for Library activities easy to find at front page link at Meetings Calendar.**

*** "Online" indicates YouTube content see: April 4th - Beginning Class**

*** CCGS's YouTube channel is Clark County Genealogy. Go to: YouTube.com; search for Clark County Genealogy; select "Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree."**

Please DO subscribe!

Stay well, stay informed and maybe drive by the Library to see progress of new landscape!

Thanks, Marcia

Spring Classes at CCGS

The Corona Virus situation has affected our Spring class schedule. Originally slated to begin in just a few weeks, we are postponing those classes to a later date, depending on the lifting of our quarantine rules. Be sure to watch the CCGS Web page, weekly email which usually comes on Sunday, and the CCGS letter for updated news.

If you aren't getting our weekly email and you'd like to, send an email to
okmac3 @ yahoo.com
and Mary will add you to the list

WELCOME TO WEBINARS ON WEDNESDAYS



Come to the Clark County Genealogical Society Library for a free broadcast of the next Legacy Family Tree webinar. Every topic is different and presenters are knowledgeable experts. You'll learn tips for use in your own genealogy work!

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With the CCGS Library closure through April, there will be no webinar presentations through April. Watch for updates on the CCGS Library page and the weekly email.

You can register and watch them at home, by going here:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/>

They will also be available for about a week following the original showing.

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. **Available for first-time subscribers only.**

Colonial Dames 17th Century

Ladies, are you a descendant of an American Colonist?

If your ancestral lineage traces to an American Colonist who was settled before 1701, the National Society of Colonial Dames 17th Century, provides you a means to formally preserve this heritage, and mingle with women of like-interests. We promote American Colonial History, Patriotic values, Service to U.S. Veterans, Education of our nation's Youth, and various fun social events.

Our local chapter is the Hannah Mayhew Daggett Chapter of Vancouver, WA.

Meetings

1st Thursday, of February, May, September, and November

Time: 10:30 a.m. until Noon.

For further information regarding meeting location and membership, please contact our Chapter

Registrar at this email:

wacolonialdames17C@gmail.com

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

April 2 1st Thursday Unfocused Group, cancelled
April 4 Beginning Genealogy Class available on our You Tube channel.
April 6 Legacy Users Group cancelled
Research Book group cancelled
April 11 Tech Saturday, cancelled
April 13 Board meeting, (check for current information on web page or weekly email)
April 16 Scandinavian group, cancelled
April 20 Research Trip group, cancelled
April 23 Deadline for May newsletter
April 25 CCGS "Craft Clan" Focus group, cancelled
April 27 Library Committee meeting, cancelled
April 28 General Meeting, cancelled

Note: Should any of these cancellations become "uncancelled," check the CCGS Web page and your weekly email.

General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month
Morning meetings: Oct - Mar, 10 am - noon. Evening meetings: Apr - Sept, 7 - 9 pm.
No General Meetings are 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 @ gmail.com](mailto:jgmb@gmail.com), or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.