

# 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday only**  
6-9 pm

#### Saturday

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 52<sup>nd</sup> St.,  
turn left and we will be on  
the left, across from Hi-  
School Pharmacy.

### Presidents Message

Eric Jordahl

[President@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:President@ccgs-wa.org)

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.** Your generous donations will mean that we will be able to stay viable for longer into the future. Our membership is holding steady at 302 members. The COVID-19 vaccine is gradually being distributed. A new President and administration offer hope that the pandemic will be curtailed, if not defeated. Maybe we can re-open the Library before Fall.

Our next General Meeting (January 26, 2021) will feature Duane Funk speaking about the Mayflower and the people who came on her, who they were, and their genealogic roots. Our meeting will continue to be virtual (digital) using GoToMeeting software. As we get used to using our computers or tablets or phones to listen to a presentation or greet one another in this stay-at-home world, the mechanics of doing so should become easier. Certainly staying at home during the chilly, rainy months is healthier and more comfortable (no mask).

**The Library remains closed to the public.** Behind the scenes, Lowell Kenedy takes care of the finances. Barbara Schrag maintains the membership database. Bea Ritter sends out the renewal notices, and sometimes prods people to renew. Marcia Grubb and Lyman Ritter have maintained the grounds, most recently killing weeds around the rocks. Sharon Thiesmeyer and Sharon Cleveland continue to organize our holdings and the donations of books and papers. The focus groups continue to meet. Try to join one, such as the Legacy group, the Book group, the Craft group, or even the Unfocused group. Check the calendar on the website for date and times. Contact the leader for the appropriate digital link. Contact me if you need help.

Our website continues to evolve. Board members will evaluate other genealogical websites to pick out the aspects they like, to improve our website. We continue to enjoy the volunteer expertise of Jared Schoenlein and Diane Kenedy, along with Steve Young, webmaster. There is a lot of work behind the scenes to make a website easy and informative to the user.

Please give consideration to making a donation, if you are able. Thank you to those who renew. **The pandemic will pass.**



**February General Meeting  
February 23, 10 a.m.  
Elsie Deatherage**



**Navigating the Records From The War of 1812**

From bounty land to pensions, there are no shortages of genealogical records for soldiers from the War of 1812. Learn how and why these records were created, how to make sense of them, and what these records can contain for your ancestors!

Watch for an announcement of log-in details as we get closer to the date.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Bea Ritter

Welcome to New Member:  
Alan Ruger

Welcome back to Reinstated Members  
Mary Zimmerman  
Debora Stiles-Lusk

Thanks to all of you who renew your membership on time!

**HISTORIAN REPORT**

Bea Ritter

Thanks so much to Roy Katsche for his pictures of past events. I also want to thank Pat Bauer who sent me many pictures of members from her Newsletter files. If you have pictures or stories of our past history, please email to [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:gensoc@ccgs-wa.org) or mail to our library. I'm also still searching for more information on our Charter members. I will be writing articles for our TRAIL BREAKERS.

**A New Feature on Our Website!**

By Barbara Schrag

We have recently digitized obituaries and other vital records from local newspapers, for 2013 through 2020. Yes, 2020 is done! Once we reopen, these will be available for viewing at the CCGS Library. Indexes of Deaths from Local Newspapers from 2013 to 2020 are available now, on our website. Go to [ccgs-wa.org](http://ccgs-wa.org), click on Library and Librarian Resources (also known as the Library Menu.) Members can order a digital copy of an obituary by emailing [gensoc@ccgs-wa.org](mailto:gensoc@ccgs-wa.org); include the person's name and date of publication, as shown in the index.

## Looking for Something to do While You're Stuck at Home?

Many Genealogy Societies and others are offering free webinars to genealogists during our quarantine. Here are some that I'm aware of.

1. Family Search is offering webinars that are usually presented at the Family History Center in Salt Lake. Here's a listing of free classes. Registration is required so that you will receive the link for the webinar:  
[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars)  
Classes are listed by category, so be sure to scroll down to see them all.
2. Legacy Family Tree Webinars  
<https://familytreewebinars.com/>  
Even though we are not able to show these in the CCGS Library now, they are still available online from the above link. They are free to view on the day of the webinar, and for about a week afterwards. You can view them by category, presenter, "free," etc. If you purchase a webinar subscription (\$49.95 a year) you can view any webinar at any time.
3. Roots Tech is free this year. It's virtual, you will need to register so that you will receive the link to participate.  
<https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>
4. Historic Oregon Newspapers, digitized and online for free. Stayed up later than I should have, checking this site out.
5. <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>

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## CCGS Focus Groups

CCGS is home to several genealogy focus groups. Some are meeting virtually, by GoToMeeting. Some have not met due to the Covid virus which has closed most establishments in our area.

1. Legacy Users Group: meets the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m. via GoToMeeting. Bring your questions about the Legacy genealogy program and we'll try to answer them for you. Moderator is past president Brian Runyan.
2. CCGS Book Club: meets the first Monday of the month at 12 noon. We have chosen a book to study; this year's choice is "Ultimate Genealogists Google Toolbox," by Lisa Louise Cooke. We're going through this book a chapter at a time. Read ahead and practice some of the tips and tricks of using Google for Genealogy. Moderator is Paula Schoenlein.
3. First Thursday Unfocused Group: meets the first Thursday of the month, currently using GoToMeeting. No specific focus, bring questions, information you've discovered, and share with the other members. Lowell Kenedy has been leading the virtual group.
4. CCGS Craft Clan: meets the fourth Saturday of the month at 10 a.m., via Zoom. Marcia Grubb is the group leader for his one.

Two of our groups, the Travel group and Scandinavian Interest group have not been meeting during the quarantine. Hopefully once we can meet in person, these two groups will resume.

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*CCGS Meetings and Programs*

February 1 Legacy Users Group, meeting virtually at 10 a.m.  
Book Club Group, meeting virtually at 12 noon  
February 4 First Thursday Unfocused Group, meeting virtually at 1 p.m.  
February 8 Board meeting, 10 a.m., meeting virtually  
**February 17 March newsletter deadline**  
February 23 General Meeting, 10 a.m., held virtually  
February 27 CCGS Craft Clan, 10 a.m., held virtually

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