

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Newsletter

Bea Ritter, Membership
Bearitter at centurylink.net

Eric Jordahl, President
President at ccgs-wa.org

Alice Aultman Allen, Editor
allen.alice at gmail.com

CCGS Library
3205 NE 52nd St.
Vancouver, WA
360-750-5688

gensoc at ccgs-wa.org

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.

September General Meeting

Tuesday, September 28

7 p.m.

Go to Meeting or In Person

The History and Value of the Trail Breakers

CCGS members, Marcia Grubb and Jane Germann, will speak about the history of the Trail Breakers and describe the value of the Trail Breaker to researchers, even if you don't have Clark County roots.

This is also the meeting when volunteers are recognized.

Please join us for the presentation. We hope to offer both an in-person and an online option, but with the recent uptick in Covid cases, we won't know if that will be an option until the last minute.

Watch for an email from Eric Jordahl the weekend prior to the meeting; it will contain the GoToMeeting link and whether in-person is also an option.



Our New Sign

L-R Brian Starks, Mike Starks (owner, Soha Sign Co.), and CCGS President Eric Jordahl.
Photo courtesy of Steve Young, CCGS VP & Webmaster.



Presidents Message
Eric Jordahl
President@ccgswa.org

Hooray! The Library did open on July1, 2021. Librarians stepped up and volunteered Not all days were covered, but most were. As usual it is wise to check before coming. **As of Monday, August 23, 2021, the Governor is requiring all persons indoors in a public setting (us) to wear a mask. We will comply for the safety of our volunteers and our members. If you are unvaccinated, I ask that you to stay home.**

On a happier note, the annual directory will be available in the Library after Labor Day, for those who wish copies. Due to some security issues, we are issuing print copies this year. If you wish a digital copy, bring a USB drive to the Library, and the librarians can give you a digital copy.

Did you see the article in The Reflector about the Society? A very nice article quoting Sharon Cleveland and Marcia Grub. It was available on July 27, 2021. The link is:
<https://www.thereflector.com/stories/climbing-the-family-tree-clark-county-genealogical-society-reopens-library-to-the-public,269738>

By the time this is published, we will have held 3 free Beginners classes and 1 paid class. Janice Sellers gave an interesting case study showing how she reconstructed a family tree through newspapers over 150 years.

Steve Young, Webmaster and newly elected Vice President, has been busy with a new server. This was a donation by Diane Kenedy's company, HB Design. Thank you, Diane! Diane is Treasurer Lowell Kenedy's daughter, and has been very helpful in improving our website. Maria Adler is the newly elected Assistant Treasurer and is learning that job as well as being a librarian.

Our new sign has been installed and looks good. Our landscape is in good shape. Door locks have been modified to allow us to rent space in the classroom when things return to normal. The Pandemic is still with us, but we carry on!

The pandemic will pass.

Looking for volunteers who have not yet been honored with an "Appreciation Volunteer Book." They need to have volunteered extraordinarily for CCGS and not been honored prior. It could be someone we simply missed in the past or a newbie who jumped in and swam fast. We want to thank these valuable helpers.

Since this has been a "covid" year, we also need to honor those who kept on working even though the facility was closed. We would like to do a certificate for them. So, just turn in names you think need to be honored and we can sort out if they have a book or just need a special thanks for this year. Please submit names and at least one line of what they did, to **Jane Germann at germann1964@comcast.net**. Appreciation will be shown at the September meeting, which (hopefully) will be in the library this year (and perhaps hybrid if kinks can be worked out). Thank you for your help.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bea Ritter

This summer I was excited to receive applications for a number of new and reinstated members! Welcome to our Society. Our library is now open and we invite you to visit us.

NEW...WELCOME

Shereé Belanger
Tanaka Axberg
Jonathan Montana

Fay Alford
Daisy Torres

REINSTATE.... WELCOME BACK

Rebecca Cole
Jonathan Mills

April Hess
Sherry Lambert

HISTORIAN REPORT

Bea Ritter

A pictorial display with pictures of all 15 Founders is now hanging in our Meeting Room. We are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of our founding next year. Look for articles in our next issue of *Trail Breakers* about our history, Founders and officers from 1972 to 1984. If you have pictures or information about our history from 2000 to 2022, please email to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org or mail to the library.

2021 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Bea Ritter

We are excited to announce that printed copies of our 2021 Membership Directory will be available at the library after Labor Day, starting on September 7. It will be available only to current members. Concern for security has led us to print the Directory instead of sending a link to download from the internet. You can also bring in a USB drive to have a digital copy.

A special thanks to Lois Bosland for creating the Directory.

CCGS Membership Dues

Individual Membership	\$40 per year
Joint Membership	\$50 per year
Individual Lifetime	\$750
Joint Lifetime Membership	\$900

CCGS Scavenger Hunt, 2021
by Steve Aberle and Marcia Grubb

On August 2-6, 2021, CCGS conducted its first on-line genealogical scavenger hunt. The concept is similar to the scavenger hunts most remember from when they were a child when one would go out individually or in small teams and retrieve interesting objects (pebbles, leaves, etc.) and bring them back to a central location where the first person or team back with all the objects would win a prize. The only differences here are that participants were looking for genealogical answers on the Internet, and they were only racing the clock to complete the hunt before midnight.

There was an individual scavenger hunt on each of the five days, with each hunt featuring a different historical figure from the United States (or American colonies) who lived sometime from the 16th century to the 20th century. Prizes were awarded for locating the correct answer to each of the seven daily questions about that historical figure, plus the relative quality of the information source (with photos of original period documents being weighted higher). All answers could be found on free public websites, and participants from every level of genealogical experience were welcome.

The winner of the Grand Prize was Paula Schoenlein! Daily Prize winners were Tom Farrelly, Paula Schoenlein, Denise Erkkila, Mary McMonegal, and Douglas Crosby. Random player drawings were won by Elsie Deatherage, Maria Adler, and Tanaka Axberg. All in all, participants did quite well in the hunts, both in finding answers and documenting them. If this had been a team effort, as opposed to an individual effort, the crew collectively nailed it on all answers and the quality of their sources.

The Grand Prize for the 2021 Genealogical Scavenger Hunt, a free hour of consultation by a professional genealogist, was donated by Aberle Genealogy (<http://aberlegenealogy.com>). Daily prizes were donated by Paper Tiger Coffee Roasters (<https://papertigercoffee.com>), Marcia Grubb, and Marian Crawford.

Library Training
Sharon Thiesmeyer

Postponed from August 30th, the library committee meeting for September will be on September 20 2021 from 12-2 PM. Will be on Go-to Meeting or in-house, we'll keep you posted.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

It has been a while since the last edition of the Scandinavian Corner. There appears to be some interest in restarting the Scandinavian Focus Group beginning in September. I will be sending an email out to past members of the group to ascertain their interest and what would be a good meeting time. Unless conditions change, the meetings would be held in the CCGS library. If you were not on the original mailing list, please feel free to contact me at my email: rengstro60@yahoo.com

I also wanted to bring to your attention two recent publications that may be of interest to Scandinavian researchers.

The first is "The Family Tree Scandinavian Genealogy Guide" by David A Fryxell. It is a good introduction to how to trace your ancestors in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. You can order from Amazon at the price of \$18.99.

The second is: "Husförhörslängder: Swedish Household Examination Records" by Robert W Johnson & Elizabeth Williams Gomoll. This is the best book that I have seen in understanding and interpreting Swedish Household Examination Records. You can order from Amazon for \$29.95.

I am hoping that we can purchase both of these items for our CCGS library.

Hope you are all doing well and look forward to meeting in the near future.

Richard Engstrom

Newspaper Vital Statistics Are Up-To-Date!

Barbara Schrag

Beginning in late 2019, a group of dedicated volunteers began to tackle a nine year backlog of local newspapers to preserve vital statistics, including obituaries, death notices, birth notices, engagements, weddings, anniversaries and milestone birthdays. Two years worth were cut and pasted, as we've done since our founding 1972, but beginning with newspapers from 2013, we scanned the desired items instead. Additionally, we are completing indexes for incomplete collections going back to 2000. Best of all, we have been digitizing all of this, and most is now available on Library computers, saving valuable shelf space! On Library computers, click on the icon that says "NEWSPAPER VITAL STATISTICS" to see what is available. Since 2013, the obituaries are in alphabetical order, and *all* files are searchable, thanks to OCR (optical character recognition) software.

Also, we have posted death indexes, by year, back to 2012, and are working on more, back to 2000. Go to ccgs-wa.org, click on Library, then Vital Statistics from Local Newspapers, or click on this link: <https://www.ccgswa.org/vital-statistics-from-local-newspapers/>

Thanks to all of the great volunteers who worked on this, most of whom worked from home. They include Maria Adler, Sharon Barnes (over 100 hours,) Lois Bosland (over 100 hours,) Coralee Brewer, Juliana Butler, Sharon Cleveland, Jim Cochran (over 100 hours,) Judy Duncan (over 100 hours,) Ralph Erickson, Pam Evans, Lina Meade, Barbara Schrag (over 100 hours,) Janine Stewart, Suzi Terrell, Sandi Vosburg and Dorothy Wear.

Clark County Genealogical Society
3205 NE 52nd St.
Vancouver WA 98663
CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

President: Eric Jordahl
Vice President: Bea Ritter
Secretary: Elsie Deatherage

Treasurer: Lowell Kenedy
Asst. Treasurer: Maria Adler
Past President: Brian Runyan

<http://www.ccg-wa.org>
Library: 3052 NE 52nd St.
360-750-5688

CCGS Meetings and Programs

September 2 First Thursday Unfocused Group at 1 p.m., virtual meeting
September 6 Legacy Users Group, **cancelled** due to Labor Day Holiday
Book Club Group, meeting virtually at 12 noon
September 13 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
September 20 Travel Research group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
September 22 October newsletter deadline
September 25 CCGS Craft Clan, 11 a.m.
September 28 General Meeting, 7 p.m. watch for details on whether this will be a virtual or in-person meeting

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.