

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

Eric Jordahl, CCGS President

Hi. I'm Eric Jordahl, your newly elected President. I'm not new to the Society, having been Treasurer for the last 4 years, Assistant Treasurer for 5 years before that, and part of the Legacy Users Group for many years. I was raised in Parkland, Washington but have lived in Portland, Oregon for the last 50+ years.

Also in new positions are Elsie Deatherage, Lowell Kenedy, and Thomas (Tom) Farrelly. Elsie was elected Secretary after doing a fine job as Program Director. Her election leaves a vacancy at the Program Directorship. I am looking for a person to volunteer for that position. Please contact me if you, or someone you know, would be able to fill that position. *

Lowell Kenedy has been Assistant Treasurer for the last 3 years and is now Treasurer. Lowell is a dedicated volunteer who has done a great job as Assistant Treasurer, and as Facilities Manager, supervising and planning parts of our move to a new building.

Tom Farrelly is a licensed tax consultant and a relatively new member. The Board appointed Tom to fill Lowell's unexpired term as Assistant Treasurer. We thank him for volunteering.

The library is still closed to the public, but individuals have been working behind the scenes to maintain and improve various aspects of the Society's offerings to the members. Steve Young and Marcia Grubb have been spearheading improvements to our new website. We thank Felene Gaylord and her students at Clark College for designing the basic structure of our new website. Jarid Schoenlein, a recent graduate in Computer Science from WSU-Vancouver and Paula's son, has also volunteered to work on the new website. Sharon Thiesmeyer and Sharon Cleveland have been checking our library holdings with the Readerware database. Barbara Schrag and Bea Ritter have been keeping the membership lists current. Barbara Schrag, Ralph Erickson, Lois Bosland, Maria Adler, Sharon Barnes, Sandi Vosburg, Pam Evans, Sharon Cleveland, and Molly Weinstein have all worked on obituaries, some even taking boxes of obits home to scan.

Lowell Kenedy, Tom Farrelly, and Barbara Baker have been recording and depositing the money. Marcia Grubb, Bea & Lyman Ritter, Steve Aberle, and Lois Bosland have been maintaining the grounds with the help of Bud Egbert, the landlord's maintenance representative. Mary McMonegal continues to email the Sunday e-newsletter. Alice Allen continues to edit and mail out this newsletter. Jodi Siewert maintains our Facebook page. I'm sure that I probably missed somebody for which I apologize. As you can see, a lot is still happening!

Please continue to renew your memberships. The Library does have ongoing expenses for rent, HVAC, utilities, etc. This is a valuable community service which needs community support. **We will get to re-open in the future. The pandemic will pass!**

Membership Report
Bea Ritter, Membership Chair

It is very important that you return the membership renewal form that is mailed to you, or the regular membership form, when you send in your check to renew your membership. Mail to our new address at 3205 NE 52nd Street, Vancouver, WA 98663. Thank you for your past support.

Welcome back to the following reinstated members
Pat Stephens
Pam Evans

Trailbreakers
Submitted by Jane Germann

The 2020 edition of the Trail Breakers will be available soon. Watch your weekly emails for the download location and other information when it becomes available.

Being Librarian in a Time of Coronavirus - Virtual Appointments

What can we do for you? In a closed library offering you research access is zero. So how can we share our library resources with our members? **Would a Virtual Library Appointment via Video Conferencing be a helpful substitute for face to face library assistance?**

If Librarians and Members want a Virtual Library Appointment program, help us make it happen by **responding to the Survey questions below:**

1. Member: Would you use this CCGS service?
2. Librarian: Would you come into the library under Coronavirus safety rules on a limited basis to conduct a Virtual Appointment?
3. Librarian: Would you choose to participate in this CCGS librarian team that will continue to offer assistance to our Member genealogical researchers and family historians.

Simply answer “yes” or “no” to each question in your Email response and send answers to **Library Director Sharon Thiesmeyer** at sharron1@hotmail.com

CCGS Focus Groups

CCGS has been home to several focus groups for many years. With the Covid 19 virus closing us down, these group meetings have been cancelled since mid-March. Some are meeting virtually. Here's the latest update that I've had on these Focus Group meetings:

The CCGS Research Book Club meets on the first Monday of each month. We have missed a couple of meetings since the library has been closed, but we have met virtually. Please join us for our next virtual meeting on Monday September 7th at Noon as we complete and review our current book: "Mastering Genealogical Documentation" by Thomas W. Jones. We will also be discussing the new book that will start in October: "The Genealogist Google Toolbox 3rd edition" by Lisa Louise Cooke. Our group will analyze this book one chapter at a time, so feel free to join in at anytime. Focus groups are free and open to CCGS members and non-members. At this time we will continue to meet virtually until we are able to meet as a group in the library. If you would like more information or are interested in joining this group please contact Paula (facilitator) at gensoc@ccgs-wa.org

The First Thursday Unfocused group is planning a virtual meeting on Thursday, September 3rd from 1-3 p.m. Contact Lowell Kenedy for more information and how to log in. Lowell's email address is lkae55 @ gmail.com

The CCGS Craft Clan started meeting just before Covid 19 closed everything down, and have had some virtual meetings in the meantime. They meet the 4th Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. Contact Marcia Grubb for more information, as well as log-in information. Her email is mlouise421 @ aol.com.

Note: to use the above email addresses, copy and paste, then delete the spaces between the first part and the @ image, and delete again between the @ and xxx.com.

Colonial Dames 17th Century

So you say, you are hooked on genealogy? You want to progress further into your lineage and have the camaraderie of like-minded women, whom also, promote good works.

The Ft. Vancouver Chapter of the Washington State Society of Colonial Dames 17th Century offers you all of this, with your membership into our society.

A patriotic genealogical organization, we accept women applicants 21 years of age or older, who can prove their ancestry, beyond the year 1701. If you are dedicated to working toward such a goal, we are the organization for you.

Meetings are held every 3 months in Vancouver, and prospective members with pending applications may attend. A capable chapter officer awaits your inquiry.

For more information, explore our website online: *The National Society of Colonial Dames 17th Century, Washington, D.C.* Be sure to include the designation: 17th Century, as there are other organizations with like names, but have different missions.

If you like local contact, drop us a note with your contact information to:
Hannah Mayhew Daggett Chapter of Colonial Dames 17th Century, located in Vancouver.
c/o 1365 South 15th Way
Ridgefield, Washington 98642

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President: Eric Jordahl
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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- September 7 Legacy Users Group, cancelled
Research Book, watch weekly email or web page for current information
- September 3 First Thursday Unfocused Group meeting, 1- 3 p.m. This will be a virtual meeting.
- September 12 Tech Saturday, (check for current information on web page or weekly email)
- September 14 Board meeting, meeting virtually, watch for log-in details in your email
- September 21 Scandinavian group, cancelled
- September 23 **October newsletter deadline**
- September 26 Craft Clan, probable virtual meeting at 10 o'clock. Check web page for details
- September 28 General Meeting, 7 p.m. via "Zoom." Watch for details

Note: Should any of these cancellations become "un-cancelled," 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. [jgmb105 @ gmail.com](mailto:jgmb105@gmail.com) or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.