

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. t
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.

Presidents Message

Eric Jordahl

President@ccgs-wa.org

The Board has approved a “mask optional” policy with social distancing. We sincerely hope that people will feel comfortable enough to visit the Library in the near future. We do have some focus groups meeting in person. Other groups meet online. Classes will soon be held.

The Scavenger Hunt is over, and the winners were awarded their prizes on Sunday afternoon March 13, 2022. The daily winners were: Monday-Thomas Farrelly, Tuesday-Paula Schoenlein, Wednesday-Denise Erkkila, Thursday-Mary McMonigal, and Friday-Douglas Crosby. The grand prize winner was Paula Schoenlein. Several of the winners were generous enough to return their checks as donations. The questions and answers will soon be posted on the website for the “edification” of all CCGS researchers.

The Library is open!!! Sharon Thiesmeyer is reducing her commitment as Library Director for awhile, and I have appointed Sharon Cleveland as Assistant Library Director. She will be covering the Library for the immediate future. I have also appointed Richard Engstrom as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. If he contacts you about an elected office, please give it careful consideration. If we don't have enough volunteers to run the society, it can't continue to function. We are also still looking for a Program Director.

Our 50th anniversary celebration is coming August 27th, 2022 and planning is being done. A light lunch in the parking lot is tentatively planned. Canopies will be needed, just in case it rains or the Sun is too hot. Volunteers will be needed for setup and especially to take down. Make that day special by planning to attend.

Don't forget! We will hold General Meetings in the evening starting at **7:00 PM PDT**.

The pandemic will pass! (*We just don't know when -but we hope it is soon*)





Stump the Archivist
7 p.m. April 26 CCGS General Meeting (virtual)

Bring your questions and a notebook, and chat with Washington State Research Archivist Tracy Rebstock! Learn how to use state and local government records in your historical research or family history.

New records are added to our collections all the time. Updates to vital records means more access to birth, death, marriage, and divorce collections. Rebstock will talk briefly about naturalization records, then take your questions so you can dig deeper into your research.

Results – 2022 Genealogical Scavenger Hunt
by Steve Aberle (<http://aberlegenealogy.com>)

On March 7-11, 2022, CCGS conducted its second fun and exciting Genealogical Scavenger Hunt (<https://www.ccg-s-wa.org/scavenger-hunt>). Every level of genealogical experience was welcome. Participants were challenged to look for genealogical answers on the Internet, while at the same time racing the clock to submit their answers before midnight. It was not necessary to have a paid subscription to a genealogical service to participate in the scavenger hunt as all answers could be found on free public websites. A wide variety of sources (census, birth/marriage/death, educational, military, land, court, religious, ship manifests, newspapers, books, etc.) were needed in order to answer the questions.

There was an individual scavenger hunt on each of the five days, and the hunts focused on different historic governors from what is now the United States. The five governors selected for this scavenger hunt were: Thomas William Lawson McCall (1913 – 1983), 30th Governor of the State of Oregon; Nellie Davis (née Tayloe) Ross (1876 – 1977), 14th Governor of the State of Wyoming, first governor of any state, and first female Director of the United States Mint; Elisha Peyre Ferry (1825 – 1895), two-term 10th Governor of the Washington Territory, first Governor of the State of Washington; Don Gaspar de Portolá y de Rovira (cir. 1717/8 – 1786), first Military Governor of “the Californias,” and Thomas Welles (cir. 1590 – 1659/60), fourth and sixth Governor of the Colony of Connecticut.

Prizes were awarded based on points. Two points were awarded for a correct answer, and a sliding scale was used for the URL where the answer was found (three points for a Primary or Original source, two points for a Secondary or Derivative source, one point for a Tertiary source or Authored Work, and zero points for an overview, index, or similar document/webpage).

The winner of the Grand Prize was Denise Erkkila! Daily prize winners were Tom Farrelly, Mary McMonegal, Denise Erkkila, Kathy Schadewitz, and Maria Adler. Random player drawings were won by Chris Maitland, Bob Cook, and Dolly Merrick. The Quizmasters (those who authored the questions and verified participant answers) were Marcia Grub, Steve Aberle, Elsie Deatherage, and Paula Schoenlein.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Bea Ritter

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Paul Coon
Suzanne Coon

WELCOME BACK TO REINSTATED MEMBER

Susan Garritano

We are always glad to get new and reinstated members. Thanks so much for all of you who renew your membership on time. If you lose your renewal letter, you can download a form from our website. Please return the form with your payment of dues.

CCGS Membership Dues

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

HISTORIAN REPORT

Bea Ritter

We are planning for our 50th Anniversary Celebration on August 27, 2022. We need volunteers to help us with the planning and the setup. We are planning an outdoor luncheon that will need chairs and tables. Please be a volunteer and send a message to Bea at gensoc@ccgs-wa.org. The more people who volunteer, the easier the work will go.

MARGARETTA ZIMMERMAN HONORED

On March 14, 2022, the CCGS Board unanimously approved a motion to name their meeting room "*Margaretta Zimmerman Meeting Room.*" She deserves to be honored, not only for being our Founder, organizer and first President, but also because she spent years searching Clark County for old cemeteries with her daughter Mary, and then transcribing the information on the headstones. These records were published in books that are still used today. **Margaretta Zimmerman** became a Life Member in 1989 and served for 22 years in many capacities, lastly serving as the Membership Chairman and greatly increasing the membership rolls. Because of her foresight and efforts, CCGS is continuing to thrive now in 2022. We are pleased to honor her and a plaque will be placed in the meeting room. The dedication of the meeting room will be at our 50th Anniversary Celebration on August 27, 2022.

ROAD TRIP OLYMPIA/TUMWATER 2022

The Research Travel focus group is planning a Genealogy Road Trip to the Washington State Library in Tumwater on Wednesday, April 20 and return home on Thursday, April 21. Come join us for two days of research fun.

If you are interested in the road trip or have any questions, contact Paula Schoenlein (facilitator) at paulas@ccgs-wa.org



The Scandinavian Focus Group will meet on Tuesday, April 12th from 10am to 11:30am in the CCGS meeting room. After a long hiatus, I am excited that we will be able to meet in person again. We will use this first meeting as an opportunity to catch up on your research and genealogical finds during the past two years. If you have trips planned to Scandinavia, we would love to hear about them. In addition, bring ideas about future programs for future months. I would suggest we also meet in May and June and not meet in July or August and then start up again in September.

I look forward to seeing you on April 12th.

Richard Engstrom
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Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Wednesday daytime webinars are shown at the CCGS Library, usually beginning at 11 a.m. PST.

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

Wednesday, April 6th, 11 a.m.

The Beginners' Guide to DNA Testing with Michelle Leonard

Wednesday, April 20th, 11 a.m.

Unlocking Stories of our Female Ancestors through Research Methodology with Denyce Porter Peyton

Wednesday, April 27, 11 a.m.

Wringing Every Drop out of Mitochondrial DNA with Roberta Estes

There are additional webinars at different days and times, including a 24-hour a 24 hour marathon of webinars beginning at 2 p.m. Friday, April 7th. You can also register for any of these at the above link. These are free to view at the actual time, and for about a week after.

The opening webinar at 2 p.m. will be about the newly-released 1950 Census by Lisa Louise Cooke.

----- Speaking of the 1950 Census -----

Have you found yourself or your parents, grandparents, etc. yet? There was information in previous newsletters on how to do that. Here's a couple of links for you:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/1950-us-census-search-images>

<https://www.ancestry.com/corporate/blog/wait-over-1950-us-census-now-available-ancestry-powering-countless-new-discoveries>

The 52nd Annual



jamboree 2022

Southern California Genealogical Society

Three Online Virtual Conferences!

<p>Solving Your DNA Puzzles</p>  <p>August 19-20</p>	<p>JamboFREE</p>  <p>August 22-24</p>	<p>Preserving Your Family Tales</p>  <p>August 26-27</p>
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www.genealogyjamboree.com

Like last year, the Genealogy Jamboree and Genetic Genealogy Conference will be 100% virtual and streamed on-line. The events will be held August 19-27, 2022 and all programs and presentations will be available to Jamboree and Genealogy Conference registrants through the end of October.

Jamboree 2022 offers 63 speakers presenting more than 80 programs over three virtual conferences – Genealogy Jamboree, Genetic Genealogy and JamboFree. Each conference includes programs presented by nationally-known speakers, and you can join live or access later in the library of recorded presentations. More information on the speakers and the programs each is presenting is available at <https://genealogyjamboree.com/speakers/> Clicking on a speaker's name brings up their bio and their presentations. Clicking on a program title brings up a detailed description of it.

As its name suggests, Genetic Genealogy's presentations will concentrate on DNA in genealogy. Jamboree's presentations cover records, migration, research techniques and everything imaginable.

JamboFree will include Jambo Expo, a virtual exhibit hall, programs free to the public and opportunities for individual consultation with experts in various areas of genealogy.

Registration opens March 7 and programs will be available through October.

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President: Eric Jordahl
Vice President: Stephen Young
Secretary: Elsie Deatherage

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

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

April 4 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Book Club Group, 12 noon (meeting virtually)
April 7 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 p.m. (meeting virtually)
April 11 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
April 17 Easter
April 18 Travel Research group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Family Tree Maker Users Group 12 noon (meeting virtually)
April 20 Deadline for May Newsletter
April 20-21 Travel Group Road Trip
April 23 Craft Clan meeting
April 26 General Meeting, 7 p.m. (meeting virtually—note new time)

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.