

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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*Check the on-line
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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
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from Hi-School
Pharmacy.



Presidents Message

Eric Jordahl

President@ccgs-wa.org

Mea Culpa. I apologize to the winners of the Scavenger Hunt. I used the list of the 2021 winners instead of the 2022 winners. The 2022 winners were: Denise Erkkila, \$100.00 Grand Prize & daily winners Tom Farrelly, Mary McMonegal, Denise Erkkila, Kathy Schadewitz, and Maria Adler who each won \$25.00. Congratulations to all the winners. A big **THANK YOU** also to the Quizmasters Steve Aberle, Marcia Grubb, Elsie Deatherage, and Paula Schoenlein. The amount of background work to setup and run the Scavenger Hunt is a lot!

Plans are underway for the 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Please save that date and plan to attend. We anticipate that there will be grilled hot dogs, buns, and condiments (hopefully Costco size). Other details and requests for volunteers are being planned.

I am dismayed to report that our efforts to improve the Internet service at the Library have not had any results. CenturyLink, our provider, came and the technician was unable to get enough signal strength to upgrade us to 140 Mps download speed as promised by his company. Steve Young, our webmaster has been, and will be continuing to, work on improving our Internet capabilities.

Brian Runyan, our Education chair has scheduled 4 classes starting April 30, 2022. See the listing inside this newsletter for details. Bea Ritter continues to keep track of the membership, which numbers 292 with 7 possible deletions. Our membership remains stable, although less than pre-COVID.. Richard Engstrom reported that he has nominations for President and Treasurer, but is still looking for a Secretarial nomination. See the report on the inside pages. Elections are in May.

At the Board meeting, Brian moved that the President appoint a committee to assess the wisdom of dissolution of the Society. The motion passed 5 to 3, with the remainder of the Board abstaining. I appointed a committee consisting of Brian Runyan, chair, Steve Young, and Sharon Thiesmeyer. As president, I am automatically part of that committee. As justification for the committee, lack of participation by the membership, other than a small core group, was cited.

The Librarians continue to keep the Library open 4 days a week (T-F). Masking is optional. They are also digitizing all the Vertical Files, except large documents. Eventually some of the material will be recycled after review by two librarians. Original documents will be retained. This should free-up some space.

In addition to the nomination for Secretary mentioned above, I also need someone to volunteer for Program Chair. If anyone has a name they think would do the job, I am very willing to contact that person. I have contacted several persons, but they declined.

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

CCGS General Meeting (virtual)

May 24, 7 p.m.

Bounty Land

Please join us for an in-depth discussion of bounty land. Bounty land was used as an incentive to serve in the military and as a reward for that service. We will discuss bounty land grants from the colonial era through the Indian Wars in the 19th century. Topics will include who granted land, who got the land, where it might be located, the process for procuring the land, and where you might find those records.

The program will be presented by Judi Scott of Portland. Judith Beaman Scott began her family history search many years ago when an uncle showed her an old family cemetery in Kentucky, with ancestors born in the 1700s. Judi specializes in Virginia, Kentucky, and North Carolina research, and spends part of every summer researching in those areas. She is a past board member and editor of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon quarterly publication. She co-founded and facilitates the Virginia Special Interest Group at the GFO, as well as lecturing for various genealogy societies.

CCGS NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022-24

The offices of President, Treasurer and Secretary need to be filled for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. Eric Jordahl has agreed to be nominated for a second term as President. Lowell Kennedy has agreed to be nominated for a second term as Treasurer. We are seeking candidates for the position of Secretary.

The duties of Secretary would be to record the minutes of Society meetings including the Board of Directors and General meetings. If you have interest in being nominated for this position, please contact:

Richard Engstrom, Chair CCGS Nominating Committee rengstro60@yahoo.com

Members: Brian Runyan & Sharon Cleveland

The election of the officers will occur by ballot in May, 2022. Ballots will be mailed to all CCGS members.

CCGS members, we need some new ideas!

We have run out of space for recognizing volunteers, donors and special committees, etc. We need to make a new quilt (quilts). We are thinking about adding three quilts above the bookcase area in the reading room. They would be about 20" tall and about 40" long – so long and narrow.

1. We need some fancy words to indicate our appreciation of our volunteers. Their names would be placed on "books" like our old quilt above the librarian's table. But we need some words below the books to indicate just how much we appreciate their time and talents. (Any wordsmith's out there????)

2. We need some ideas of how to honor our donors. They are on scrolls for those who give less than a month's rent. Those who have given a month's rent are located on the wagon, and chest. Major donors (those donating over \$6000 a year are honored in various places on the quilt as the ship, tree, etc.

3. We also need some blocks of just decorations. We have a goldfinch, the Hidden Barn, a vase, the old Fort, and the wagon among others that have been used before.

Submit your ideas to Jane Germann's email: germann1964@comcast.net or leave your idea at her cubby at the library. Or join us for a group meeting during Craft Clan. Watch *This Week at CCGS* for more information.

Spring Classes at CCGS

All Classes held at Clark County Genealogical Society Meeting Room from 10am to noon

Tuition for each class:

- \$15.00 for members
- \$20.00 for non-members
- Beginning classes are free

Register by calling 360-750-5688, in person at the library or via email education@ccgs wa.org

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.
**Photographing Family Heirlooms,
Artifacts, Photos and Documents**
Presented by Stephen Young

Steve's jam-packed two-hour class will instruct you in the use of digital SLR cameras, using our CCGS Cameras. Bring your own DSLR camera and learn how to incorporate a lightbox when photograph family heirlooms, artifacts, photos and other documents. He will touch on technical aspects of lighting and exposure for best results and will also suggest some best practices when using thumb drives, USB cards and readers to move images to your computer. Steve will also offer up suggestions as to how you might use these images to connect with your relatives by creating documents or through social media.

Tuesday, May 3, 10 a.m.
Getting Started Tracing Your Family
Presented by Brian A. Runyan

Brian will get you started researching your family tree. Topics include collecting information from the family, family group sheets, pedigree charts and genealogy database program.

Tuesday, May 10, 10 a.m.
There's Gold in Them Thar Probate Records
Presented by Dale Deatherage

Dale will teach us what kind of documents we might find in probate files, where we might find them and why they should be an important part of our research

Tuesday, May 24, 10 a.m.
**Accessing Genealogically Relevant Materials
In Your Bunny Slippers**
Presented by Brian A. Runyan

We all learned a lot about operating from home these past two years. We learned there are many ways to access books, articles and other non-vital record materials without leaving home. Brian will show many ways of getting published content in front of your eyes.



The Scandinavian Focus Group will meet on Tuesday, May 10th from 1pm to 2:30pm in the CCGS meeting room. Please note the change in time of day. 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. We will also plan to meet in June and then take a break and start up again in September.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday May 10th.

**Richard Engstrom
rengstro60@yahoo.com**

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, May 4th, 11 a.m.

Quickly Organize Your DNA Matches with the Leeds Method, with Dana Leeds

Wednesday, May 11, 11 a.m.

Finding Your Delaware Ancestors, with Irene Heffran Manley

Wednesday, May 18, 11 a.m.

Indirect Evidence—A Case Study, with Pauline C. Merrick

Wednesday, May 25, 11 a.m.

The Staff of the U.S. Census, with Seema Kenney

CCGS Membership Dues

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

50th Anniversary Celebration

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.



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.

And the winner of the free Jamboree registration announced at the April General Meeting is:

Barbara Schrag

Congratulations!

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Secretary: Elsie Deatherage	Past President: Brian Runyan	360-750-5688

CCGS Meetings and Programs

May 2 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Book Club Group, 12 noon (meeting virtually)

May 3 CCGS class: Getting Started Tracing Your Family Tree, 10 a.m. CCGS Meeting Room

May 5 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 p.m. (meeting virtually)

May 9 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)

May 10 CCGS Class: There's Gold in them Thar Probate Records, 10 a.m. CCGS Meeting Room
Scandinavian Focus Group, meeting in person in the CCGS Meeting room (1 p.m. -2:30 p.m.)

May 16 Travel Research group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Family Tree Maker Users Group 12 noon (meeting virtually)

May 18 **Deadline for June Newsletter**

May 24 General Meeting, 7 p.m. (meeting virtually)

May 30 **Memorial Day**

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.