

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

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

I hope that you all had good Summer. It hardly seems like just over a year since we were able to re-open the Library to our members who wanted to research their ancestors. Since then, we have arranged for Family Search to digitize some of our holdings for our mutual benefit. This is possible since we are a Family Search Affiliate Library. We re-elected Lowell Kenedy as our Treasurer, elected Richard Engstrom as Secretary, and elected Paula Schoenlein as Vice President for the remaining 1 year term after Steve Young resigned..

I especially wish to commend our Historian, Bea Ritter, for researching and writing our 50th anniversary booklet "Celebrating 50 Years of History". She has spent many hours gathering the pictures and writing the text for that booklet. She also made the Founders pictorial display that hangs in the Zimmerman meeting room. If you want one of the booklets, the cost is \$20.00 if picked up at the Library.

Bea isn't the only one who has been busy. Marcia Grubb with the assistance of Dolly Merrick, Denise Erkkila, Jane Germann, Maria Adler, and the Craft Clan have put together an exhibit of Grandmothers for the 50th Anniversary Picnic. The approximately 25 Grandmothers pictures and text were supplied by both Society members and members of the Public. The Craft Clan members put the pictures and text on display boards for view by the picnic attendees. Kay Cooke did a great job of publicizing the call for Grandmother's information.

The Tech Team continues to work on the website. We are still fortunate to have Jared Schoenlein and Diane Kenedy to help with all of the hundreds of details involved in our website. The Tech Team continues to meet biweekly to make decisions, "solve" problems and add content to the website.

The pandemic will pass. Stay safe. Use the Library often and enjoy the air conditioning.



**CCGS General Meeting (virtual)
What's New in the CCGS Library?
Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m.**

You are probably aware that a cadre of volunteers have been busy sorting library donations, scanning obituaries and original documents, and creating indexes, but do you know where to find the fruits of their labor? Most of us are a little hazy on the specifics. Library volunteer Lois Bosland will fill us in on what we can access from home and what is available only in the library. She will give us a tour of the library collections, show us what we can find online, and walk us through the CCGS home page. She will also explain how to use Readerware to search our book collection.

**HISTORIAN REPORT
Bea Ritter**

We were so excited to be able to celebrate our 50th Anniversary on August 27, 2022, at our new library. We had an outdoor picnic luncheon, followed by a program hosted by President Eric Jordahl that recognized our Founders and their families, our Past Presidents, and Life Members. We dedicated our meeting room as *Margaretta Zimmerman Founders Room*, and cut the ribbon to dedicate our new sign in honor of Founder Lois Bauman and David Bauman. *Gallery of Grandmas* was displayed for all to see and drew a lot of interest. Tote Bags, *Finding our Roots*, and our anniversary book, *Celebrating 50 Years of History*, were for sale. We appreciate all of the people who worked to make this possible and to the many people who came to help us celebrate.

Condolences

Former life member Jennifer Taft Warren passed away on June 15, 2022, in Vancouver. An obituary appeared in the June 26th *Columbian* and will also be posted on the bulletin board in the CCGS lunchroom.

Long-time member Pat Bauer passed away on August 25th. She was the first webmaster for CCGS and served many years as co-editor of the CCGS newsletter. She was also responsible for many class reunions for Vancouver High School's class of 1949. Her obituary appeared in the September 4th *Columbian*.

CLARK COUNTY CEMETERY PROJECT

Richard Engstrom

As many of you know there has been an ongoing effort by CCGS members to update the records for Clark County Cemeteries. This has initially included, Vancouver Old City Cemetery, Brush Prairie Cemetery and Mother Joseph Cemetery. We are building on the work of previous CCGS volunteers who developed inventories of burials at Clark County Cemeteries. Most of this work is 30 to 40 years old.

One question, is why not just rely on internet sites like Findagrave or Billion Graves? These sites have great value but many times have just basic information or just a photo. Of course, there are many errors on individual memorials.

We will begin, in the near future, to upload these new inventories to the CCGS website. Initially, it has been myself and Kathy Geyer doing the majority of the work. I am pleased that Troy Maxcy, a new CCGS member, has joined our team. He will take responsibility for the Chelatchie Cemetery. If you have an interest in assisting in this effort, please see my contact information: Richard Engstrom: rengstro60@yahoo.com

CEMETERY PUZZLE

As we work on the individual burials, we are often faced with limited or no information. I am seeking your help with the following individual.



This individual, August Tefe, is buried at Brush Prairie Cemetery, Clark County, WA. The date of birth is 1876 and death date 1945, There is no record of this person dying in the States of Washington or Oregon. We have looked at Washington and Oregon Death Certificates with no matches. We have looked at local newspapers and again no matches. It should be noted that metal markers such as the one pictured are vulnerable to damage. One thought is that it is missing some letters and that Tefe is not the proper surname. We have reviewed the records held by Vancouver Granite Co, which manages the cemetery. Again, no additional information. One other possible clue was to see who was buried next to him or her. The other individual in the plot is Robert Messner, 1944-1973. I could find no connection. I know we have some great researchers in our society. Let me know what you find. Contact information above.



Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. I hope you have had the opportunity to travel and hopefully make it to Scandinavia. The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022 1:00pm to 2:30pm in the CCGS meeting room. I am working on an outside speaker for this meeting and will keep you updated. We are also looking for presenters for our future meetings. Please let me know if you are interested in doing a presentation.

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Membership Report **Bea Ritter**

We are excited to welcome 6 new members to our Society. Please return the membership form when you renew your membership. It helps us keep our records accurate.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Meehan
Mike Braithwait
Carol Braithwait

Rodney Schadewitz
Kathy Schadewitz
Troy Maxcy

We have lost a long-time member, Viola Arola, who died on August 19, 2022, at age 94. Besides being interested in genealogy, she also enjoyed cooking, sewing, reading, gardening and socializing with family and friends. She is survived by five children, Sam Arola, Bill Arola, Kitty Williams, Peggy Horne, and Mike Arola, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We extend our sympathies to her family.

CCGS Membership Dues

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

Subject: Opportunity for lovers of history

I am a lead tour guide for American Queen Voyages at the Camas/Washougal port. We do hop-on/hop-off bus tours for the ship passengers about once a week.

I am looking for people interested in local history that might be interested in becoming one of our team.

The job is 4 hours (8:30 am - 12:30 pm) and pays \$200 per shift.

If anyone you know might be interested please email me for details.

Kindest Regards,
Peri Muhich
pmuhich@yahoo.com

South Orange County California Genealogical Society
Fall Seminar: September 17, 2022

The South Orange County California Genealogical Society is pleased to be hosting **Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective®** for our annual **Fall Seminar on September 17, 2022!** Maureen teaches how to dig deep into your family photographs to tell the story of your ancestors and preserve the photos for your descendants. This year our seminar will be held online from 9am - 12pm.

Maureen will present two virtual sessions:

- 8 Steps to Organizing and Preserving Your Family Photographs
- Who's Little Joe? Photo Identification 101

Registration for non-members is \$20. More information and the **online registration link** can be found on our website at <https://soccgs.org/annual-seminar/>

Here is the link for the **seminar flyer for mail-in registration and your society newsletter**. <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:6e6a87d5-158e-4184-97f4-935dab7af561>

Please share with your society members - we hope you will join us!

More information about our society can be found on our website and Facebook page. We would love to share your society's events with our 300+ members.

<https://soccgs.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/soccgs.org>

Upcoming Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group (FTMSIG) meetings

For the September, 19th FTMSIG, we will host Mark Olsen from Family Tree Maker via Zoom to speak to us about the newest updates. We will meet at the library at noon to learn all about the update, how to download it and get our questions answered.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

September 1 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 p.m. (meeting virtually)
September 5 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Book Club Group, 12 noon (meeting virtually)
Labor Day, all First Monday groups are meeting virtually
September 12 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
September 13 Scandinavian Focus Group, meeting in person in the CCGS Meeting room (1 p.m. -2:30 p.m.)
September 19 Travel Research group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Family Tree Maker Users Group 12 noon (in person at CCGS Library)
September 21 Deadline for October Newsletter
September 27 General Meeting, 7 p.m. (meeting 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.