

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

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“Do you know the maiden name of your Grandma?”

This was the theme for the Gallery of Grandmas at our 50th anniversary celebration picnic on August 27, 2022. 77 people signed in to our celebration including some Life Members and many descendants of our Founders. The classroom has been renamed the Margareta Zimmerman Founders Room. The great granddaughter of Margareta Zimmerman cut the ribbon on the new (nearly new) sign. The weather cooperated and the day was just right. Lyman Ritter grilled hot dogs and guests enjoyed the cold salad, chips, and hot dogs. There was lots of conversation.

September is Volunteer Appreciation time and we express the Society’s appreciation for those who have contributed to the operation of the Society. Many have previously been recognized and are enshrined on our quilt. Jane Germann is the spearhead of this activity and we thank her for her efforts and the efforts of the Society in finding persons to recognize.

Our September General Meeting was held virtually and, in addition to the aforementioned recognitions of members, Lois Bosland gave a program on “What’s New in the CCGS Library”.

The General Meetings in October and November will be held in person at the Library at 10:00AM. The program for October 25 will be presented by Russ Francis, a GFO member, on “Writing a Memoir”. The program for November 24 will be given by CCGS member Stephen Poulsen on “Proving His Mayflower Heritage”.

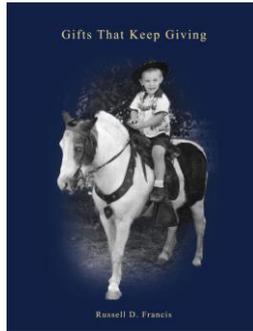
Marcia Grubb, Trail Breakers editor, reported at the Board meeting that the next issue of the Trail Breakers is almost ready to print. Watch for an Email with the link

Jerry Smith, a new member, plans to be in the Library on Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00pm with his scanner. He will scan photos for members, free of charge. There is a limit of 50. A USB (thumb) drive is required for you to take your scanned photos home. Another service by your Society. We also have for sale “My Roots Are Here” tote bags that can be enhanced with the cooperation of the Craft Clan which meets on the 4th Saturday of each month. Call the Library if interested.

Kay Cooke did an excellent job of getting us publicity for our 50th celebration. We had articles in the Columbian, Messenger, and the GFO Insider. The Columbian also sent a reporter and photographer to our 50th picnic and the coverage included parts of 2 pages! There were also 15 pictures in the online edition. Link is shown below. <https://www.columbian.com/news/2022/aug/27/clark-county-genealogical-society-has-been-digging-into-our-roots-for-50-years/>

Have you ever thought about being a librarian? Contact Sharon Thiesmeyer, Sharon Cleveland, or Lois Bosland.

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



**CCGS General Meeting (in-person & virtual)
Writing Your Memoir
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Presented by Russ Francis**

As a genealogist, we all want to know more about our ancestors. I wish my mother and father would have written more about their lives. There is no longer anyone alive who knows their true story. The same with my grandparents and great-grandparents. As the family historian, I've been working diligently to uncover their stories, piecing together information from census records, birth certificates, and photo albums. Names, locations, dates, and relationships are there for the gathering, but we can only speculate as to our forebears' contemporaneous thoughts and feelings. Consequently, I wrote my memoir so that future generations will know my thoughts and feelings—and so that our next family historian, in addition to inheriting my family history research, will know my story.

**Membership Report
Bea Ritter**

I am excited to welcome back four former members. Please remember to return the renewal letter or a membership form with your payment of dues. It helps us keep our records accurate.

WELCOME BACK:

Kathy Solheim
Elaine Meis

Linda Lindsley
Roger Lindsley

Our 50th Anniversary Book, "*Celebrating 50 Years of History*," is available for purchase at the library for \$20, which includes the tax. If you ordered a book, your name will be on a list. If you are unable to pick up your book, ask for the book to be mailed when you send your payment. Copies are going quickly, so get your copy now!

**Upcoming Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group Meeting
By Sheree Belanger**

October's FTMSIG meeting subject will be about the reports function of Family Tree Maker. Mark your calendars for October 17th at noon.



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Focus Group will be Tuesday, October 11th, 1pm-2:30pm in the CCGS meeting room. This is great opportunity to learn about new online resources as well as meeting other members researching their Scandinavian roots.

The annual Scan Fair will be held this year on December 10th and 11th at the Oregon Convention Center. Scan Fair brings Scandinavia to Portland through traditional food vendors, educational crafts, entertainment programs and welcoming local community organizations.

The Nordic Center in Portland, has a variety of activities and events that may be of interest. For example, monthly lectures on Nordic topics, Nordic Coffee Hour, Art Exhibits, Nordic Movie Night, Craft Workshops and more. Their website is nordicnorthwest.org

The Swenson Swedish Immigration Center is a great resource for Swedish researchers. For example, a new round of Swedish language classes will start soon. These are virtual classes. They host a Genealogy club which is also virtual. In October, the Club will compare different types of genealogy software. Their website is swensoncenter.org

The following event is sponsored by the Old Mill Museum in Lindsborg, Kansas. This will be virtual presentation.

DISCOVER YOUR SWEDISH ROOTS-VIRTUAL GENEALOGY WORKSHOP BY ARKIV DIGITAL-TOPICS: SWEDISH-AMERICAN CHURCH BOOKS, SWEDISH MILITARY RESEARCH, UNDERSTANDING NATURALIZATION PROCESS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND MORE. YOU CAN REGISTER AT: www.oldmillmuseum.org/events

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CCGS Membership Dues

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

We're making things easier to use in your research!

Have you been avoiding the dusty Vertical Files at the CCGS Library? We have a room full of donated research materials, and we've been working on digitizing them - turning them into searchable PDF files, which you can easily explore from the Library computers in the Research Room. We've digitized over 3/4 of our Vertical Files, and hope to have the rest done by the end of the year. It's easy to find them - simply open Readerware, our computerized catalog, on a Library computer, and use the Full Text Search option to search for names, places or subjects. If your search results include items with a green "Play" button in the Media column, simply click on that button to open the file. You can browse through the entire file, or Search the file for specific terms - instructions are included on the cover page. Or, ask a Librarian for assistance.

And we continue to digitize our obituary collections. Most of our yearly obituary collections since 2000 are available as PDFs in Readerware, and we're working on adding older ones. Eventually, all 112 obituary books will be available in PDF format. In Readerware, use the Keywords - AND - search option, and type in "Newspaper, Clark" to see all of our obituary collections. Again, look for the green "Play" button in the Media column for those available as PDFs. All PDFs are searchable, so you can look for terms other than the names that appear in the Index. Note that books prior to 2012 will return to the shelf after being digitized; collections since 2012 are digital only, and are in alphabetical order, by year, rather than by publication date.

Contributed by Barbara Schrag

Link for Volunteer Program flyer

<https://www.ccg-s-wa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-Volunteers-pamphlet-2.pdf>

Shared during the September 27 General Meeting

2022 Volunteer Appreciation Night September 27, 2022

As a society, we have made huge strides this year despite still being under Covid restrictions part of the year. Good Going, Society!!!

Listed first are volunteers honored by adding their names on the quilt! Then some of the volunteers who will get a jewel added by their name because of their outstanding contribution this year and the fact that their name is already on the quilt.

VOLUNTEERS:

- Donna Ten Eyck was one of the first to come back to help at CCGS after Covid shut us down and she has kept busy ever since!
- Denise Erkkila was winner of the scavenger hunt this year as well being a librarian and using her wonderful research skills with library and writing for the Trail Breakers.
- Jerry Smith He interviewed people remembering what it was like in the seventies for our 50th. You can see his product on YouTube under Clark County Research Library.
- One special pair of volunteers are Richard Engstrom and Kathy Manning Geyer. They are finding family information for those buried in the Vancouver Old City Cemetery. They will have their names added to the quilt under that title.
- Among volunteers who have kept working diligently this year are:
Brian Runyan who triple hits as Legacy Chair, Education Chair, and Library Committee and helped getting FamilySearch connections going...
Steve Young who was Vice-President, Tech. support, set ups, and took photos at the 50th celebration.
Mary McMonegal who has continued to help the society by keeping us connected with the This Week at CCGS weekly blurb.
Alice Allen who took over the Newsletter after Pat Bauer (who recently died) and Gene Kuechmann.
Elsie Deatherage who kept the society up-to-date with speakers, this year on-line.
Kay Cooke whose expertise at getting the word out to various newspapers and societies was invaluable PR.
Lowell Kenedy was not only our treasurer, but our unfocused genealogy leader.

Other volunteers who put in at least 100 hours of volunteer time: **Steve Aberle, Barbara Baker, Jane Germann, Marcia Grubb, Eric Jordahl, Dolly Merrick, and Paula Schoenlein.**

Of course, we could not operate without our hard-working librarians led by **Sharon Thiesmeyer**. She had a wealth of awesome help: **Lois Bosland, Sharon Cleveland, Maria Adler, Sharon Barnes, Christine Maitland** and **Sandy Thompson**, who has just become Volunteer Coordinator.

Not enough space to list everyone who contributed, but the link on the previous page is to the brochure prepared by Jane Germann, which should list everyone. If we missed you, let us know.

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Secretary: Richard Engstrom	Past President: Brian Runyan	360-750-5688

CCGS Meetings and Programs

October 3 Legacy Users Group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Book Club Group, 12 noon (meeting virtually)
October 6 First Thursday Unfocused Group, 1 p.m. (meeting virtually)
October 10 Board Meeting, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
October 11 Scandinavian Focus Group, meeting in person in the CCGS Meeting room (1 p.m. -2:30 p.m.)
October 17 Travel Research group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Family Tree Maker Users Group 12 noon (in person at CCGS Library)
October 19 Deadline for November Newsletter
October 24 General Meeting, 10 a.m. (meeting in person & virtually)
October 31 Halloween

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.