

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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10 am to 3:00 pm
3rd Thursday only
6-9 pm

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10 am to 3 pm

How to get here:
From I-5, take the Hwy. t
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Turn left onto St. Johns
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52nd St., turn left and we
will be on the left, across
from Hi-School
Pharmacy.

Presidents Message

Eric Jordahl

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The 2022 Appeal letter has been sent!! Many thanks to Bea and Lyman Ritter and Marcia Grubb for assisting in getting the letters folded, inserted in envelopes, labeled, and stamped. If you didn't get one, there are extra copies in the Library. The donations received as a response to the Appeal letter enable us to keep our doors open and maintain the Library. Please consider a donation, if you are able.

Are you buying gifts on Smile.Amazon.com? Are you shopping at Fred Meyer with a Rewards card? Both businesses "give back" a percentage of whatever you spend to the charity you choose. Details are shown in the "This Week" near the end. We get a small quarterly check from each of them.

The November General Meeting featured member Stephen Poulson speaking about his research into the Mayflower passengers, some of which wound up as his relatives. He also explained his path to receiving a certificate as a Mayflower descendant. Unfortunately our attempt to have a hybrid meeting was unsuccessful. We will strive to do better in the future. For those who were present in person, we had cupcakes (supplied by the speaker), coffee, and tea.

Last month I mentioned the loss of the Librarian's computer. Shortly after the newsletter was published, Tom Farrelly donated his old, but very serviceable, computer (less hard drive). With the gracious assistance of former member Steve Young, the Librarian's hard drive was installed in Tom's computer and memory added.

I wish every member a Joyous and Meaningful Christmas season along with a Happy New Year. Remember to ask those relatives that you visit, or that visit you, for their stories and genealogical data.

The pandemic will pass. Stay safe. Use the Library often.



Happy Holidays!

The Family History Guide™

General Meeting

10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24

Virtual Only

The Family History Guide

Presented by Bob Taylor

Bob Taylor is a volunteer at the Family History Center in Sandy, Utah. He found that patrons have many of the same questions, so he decided to create a free website to address them. The Family History Guide is intended to meet the needs of beginning to advanced researchers. Here are some of the unique features you'll find on the site:

- Goals for learning, supported by flexible Choices
- Step-by-step instructions to make learning easier
- Links to videos and articles from FamilySearch, Ancestry, and more
- QUIKLinks that take you to record searches from multiple sources, with a single click
- Project Tracker sheets and training materials for self-study or group instruction
- Activities for families, individuals, youth, and kids
- Family history resources for faiths, including members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Catholics, Protestants, and those of Jewish heritage

If you'd like to explore the website before his presentation, it can be found at www.TheFHGuide.com .



SCANDINAVIAN CORNER

Welcome to this edition of the Scandinavian Corner. The Scandinavian Focus Group will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm in the CCGS meeting room. We will have a presentation by member Lee Peterson. He will talk about his roots in Siggebohyttan, Lindesberg, Sweden-A Miners Estate. In addition, he will discuss his trip to Oakland, Nebraska in search of his family heritage. I wish you the best for the holidays.

Richard Engstrom rengstro60@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Bea Ritter

I am excited to welcome a former member back. Thanks to all of you who renew your membership on time. Please continue to return the entire renewal letter or a membership form with your payment of dues. We look forward to a great 2023 with classes and informative programs. Please come and join us!

WELCOME BACK REINSTATED

Lowell Norris

2022 DIRECTORY:

Thanks to Lois Bosland, our new directory is ready for Members. Printed copies are available in the library. Please feel free to pick up a copy. If you would like a digital copy, you can have a librarian download the pdf file to your flash drive, or send a message to gensoc@ccgs-wa.org and I will email you a copy. If you want a printed copy and cannot come to the library, let me know, and I will mail you a copy.

CELEBRATING. 50 YEARS OF HISTORY

Our anniversary book is still available in the library and on our website. If you wish it to be mailed, please include \$5 for shipping. If you ordered a book, please pay for it and pick it up or ask it to be mailed. I am grateful to all of you who showed an interest and bought a book. The proceeds help the society. It was a great experience finding out about our 50 year history and all of the many members who kept us thriving.

**Legacy Webinars
January-February**

Wednesday, January 4, 2023: 11:00 AM
The Five Steps to Organizing your DNA in 2023

Presented by Diahan Southard

Staying organized in your genetic genealogy research could mean the difference between celebrating the toppling of a brick wall, and beating your head against that same brick wall. Let's chat about how our DNA testing companies are making it even easier for you to keep your DNA organized in 2023.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023: 11:00 AM

Trail of Tears to Indian Territory

Presented by Billie Stone Fogarty, M. Ed

Following the 1830 Indian Removal Act about 100,000 American Indians were forced from their homes to westward lands. Follow their story, their trails, and their records.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023: 11:00 AM

Using Mitochondrial DNA Testing for Genealogical Problem Solving

Presented by Michael D. Lacopo, DVM

Utilizing this form of DNA testing in genealogy garners a lot of negative advice. Learn how vitally important this kind of testing can be when you use DNA as an active tool in the genealogical toolbox. This case study will show you how pairing good research and DNA testing can be the perfect marriage.

**Roots Tech is Coming
March 2-4, 2023**

Available both online and virtually.

For more information, visit their web site:

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023>

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From the Trail Breakers Editor:

Trail Breakers 48 is now readable both in the CCGS Library as well as online at www.ccgswa.org. TB 48 features more about CCGS 50 years and an especially personal family story about the Building of Highway 99 in Clark County Washington. Happy Reading!

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An Update from the Rankin's:

Kara Lynn and Ed Rankin have "updated" their new home. They are now living in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Gene Keuchman

We've recently learned of the passing of Gene Keuchman, a long-time member and past co-editor of the newsletter. She also taught genealogy classes for CCGS. She passed away on Christmas Eve.

WEEKLY NEWS VOLUNTEER POSITION

The current provider of the CCGS weekly news will be retiring in June 2023 after 10 years of volunteer service. We need someone new to take over. The person in charge prepares a weekly email blast to all CCGS members about the activities during the coming week. The information for this is obtained from emails from the CCGS board members and others, as well as the CCGS calendar on the website. If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact:

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FAMILY TREE MAKER USER FOCUS GROUP

The Family Tree Maker User Focus group will meet the 3rd Monday of the month at noon. Bring your lunch, laptop and let's talk all things Family Tree Maker. Contact Sheree' Belanger (shereebelanger@hotmail.com) if you would like to be added to the email reminder list.

Don't forget the other CCGS Focus Groups:

First Monday: Legacy Users Group 10: a.m. (meets virtually)

Book Club 12 noon (meets virtually)

Second Tuesday: Scandinavian Interest Group 10 a.m. (in person at CCGS)

First Thursday Unfocused Group 1 p.m. (meets virtually)

Third Mondays: Preparing for Travel Group 10 a.m. (meets virtually)

Family Tree Focus Group noon (in person at CCGS)

Reminder: if Vancouver schools are closed due to weather, CCGS will also be closed.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

December 20 Travel Research group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
December 25 Christmas Day
December 26 (Christmas Day observed)
January 1 2023 New Years Day
January 2 (New Years Day observed)
Legacy Users group 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Book Club Group, 12 noon (meeting virtually)
January 5 First Thursday Unfocused group 1 p.m. (meeting virtually)
January 9 Board meeting 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
January 10 Scandinavian Focus Group, 10 a.m. (live group), see related article
January 17 Preparing for a Research Trip Focus Group, 10 a.m. (meeting virtually)
Family Tree Makers' Focus Group, 12 noon at the CCGS Library
January 18 Deadline for February Newsletter
January 24 General Meeting, 10 a.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 or call Jeanine at 360-566-9422.