



### UPCOMING DATES

- Thursday, Oct 13th, virtual General membership meeting begins at 7:00pm (Meet and Greet at 6:30pm)
- New membership year begins September 1.
- SIGs meeting throughout October
- Oct 15th deadline to submit stories for Nov newsletter
- Spring seminar—April 2023 "Judy Russell— *The Legal Genealogist*"

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# Olympia Genealogical Society

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## President's musings

Hello again! I first wanted to let you know that Carol Jenner stepped up and was appointed our OGS Secretary. Congratulations and thank you to Carol!

I have been recently very engrossed in research writing, re-learning to write clearly and concisely, with good transitions and flow, as well as creating hundreds of source citations. I feel like I am retaking my College Composition courses. This work is my after-the-day job focus right now, and I look forward

to having time to research again.

Before the focus on writing, I was working on my biggest brick wall. I have yet to identify one of my great-



grandmother's parents on my father's side. I set to work on this by first summarizing everything I knew about her par-

ents--some clues about the name of her mother from a brief family interview and the names of her sisters that I had located. Next, I compiled all of the research I had into proofs, for example, a list of records I have to prove birth, marriage, etc. I also summarized all of the research I have about her two sisters, who had a different surname than she did. I discovered one of her sisters had married a friend of my great-grandfather, who he apparently met via the Mississippi River Commission, later starting a business and purchasing property with. **Continued on Page 2.**

## October Presentation by Lynda Solter and Maria Adams



Lynda Solter assists with the genealogical and historical research behind the Roslyn, Ronald, Cle Elum Heritage Club. She discovered her love for genealogy while researching her family history

as a hobby after retiring from the Boeing Company. Her vast knowledge, detailed research, and keen detective skills provide a significant amount of enriching and fascinating information for the interactive digital kiosk.

Lynda also volunteers her time on projects with the Kittitas County Genealogical Society. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband, children, and doting on her grandchildren. **Continued on Page 2.**

Have any tips to share about research or an interesting family story? All you need is 100-150 words and submit by the 15th of each month for inclusion. Email [newsletter@olygensoc.org](mailto:newsletter@olygensoc.org) with your submission.

## President's musings continued...

I then began to zero in on location—my great grandmother was born in Tennessee or Arkansas, depending on the census. I identified a list of likely counties to research, to look for families with the surnames and research probate and deeds. I will also create a [FAN club](#), look for the surname in additional records (military, immigration), and create DNA

groupings, using [Diahans Southard's](#) method. I've already identified a line related to her in DNA—but I'm missing the link. I think I could also benefit from checking in with the [Genealogy Chat SIG](#) to get some ideas.

Here's a photo of Mary Ella Hulit's four children, from two husbands, including my grandfather, in Memphis



## October Presentation by Lynda Solter and Maria

### Adams continued...

Maria Adams is the Roslyn Ronald Cle Elum Heritage Club President and assists the Roslyn Cemetery Committee with organization, communication, and outreach. She also works on collecting photos, documents, and information for the interactive [digital kiosk](#). Maria has always been in-

terested in history and historic preservation. She also enjoys traveling, gardening, yoga, motorcycling, snowmobiling, boating, and spending time in the outdoors with friends and family.

Photo: Maria Adams



Lynda Solter

## Spring Seminar with Judy Russell

Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist<sup>®</sup>, is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, providing expert guidance through the murky territory where law and family history intersect. A Colorado native

with roots deep in the American south on her mother's side and entirely in Germany on her father's side, she holds a bachelor's degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and a law degree from Rutgers School of **Continued on Page 3.**



# Spring Seminar continued...

Law-Newark. Before she retired, she worked as a newspaper reporter, trade association writer, legal investigator, defense attorney, federal prosecutor, law editor and, for more than 20 years, as an adjunct member of the faculty at Rutgers Law School.

She is a member of the [Association of Professional Genealogists](#), the [National Genealogical Society](#) and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. A recipient of the

[Silver Tray Award](#) from the Utah Genealogical Society and the 2017 Award of Excellence from the [National Genealogical Society Quarterly](#), she now serves as a member of the NGSQ editorial board. An internationally-known lecturer and course coordinator and faculty member at numerous genealogical institutes, she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certi-

fied Genealogical Lecturer<sup>SM</sup> from the Board for Certification of Genealogists®. Her award-winning blog appears at [The Legal Genealogist](#) website.

The 2023 Seminar is scheduled for April 2023. We are continuing to hold the seminar virtually. Registration will open in early 2023. More updates to come in future newsletters.

*Know any local heroes or living legends? Send their stories to [newsletter@olygensoc.org](mailto:newsletter@olygensoc.org).*

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## Special Interest Groups (SIG)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are a perk of membership in OGS. Free and open to all members, these groups meet monthly around a variety of topics related to genealogy. Current SIGs include: [ancestry.com](#), [familysearch.org](#), DNA, family history writing, [Family Tree Maker](#), Genealogy chat, Italian heritage, and [Legacy Family Tree](#). These groups offer a small group setting to dive deeper into topics.

OGS is always interested in starting new SIGs so if you have a topic you would like to lead, please contact [Kerry Upton](#). Meeting format is currently virtual using [GoogleMeet](#), a platform very similar to Zoom. If you would like to be on the SIG list please send an email to the facilitator to be included on their list of members. You'll find their email contact on the Membership List (accessible only to current OGS

members). A list of days, times, and facilitators for current SIGs is listed on the [OGS website](#).

### Special Interest Groups and Facilitators:

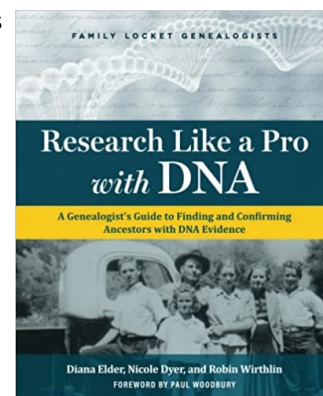
- ANCESTRY - Greg Nordlund; meets 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- DNA - Nancy Cordell; meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 pm
- FAMILY HISTORY WRITING - Laura Carroll meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 6:00 - 8:00 pm (note September will meet 9/12/22)
- FAMILY TREE MAKER - David Abernathy; meets 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10:00 am
- FAMILY SEARCH.org - Carolyn Gibbons; meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- GENEALOGY CHAT - Peggy Cooley; meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- ITALIAN - Greg Nordlund; meets quarterly (Nov, Feb, May, Aug) 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11:00 am.
- LEGACY FAMILY TREE - Jerri McCoy; meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 1:00 pm

## SIG Highlight: DNA

The OGS DNA SIG continues this year. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm (Pacific Time). In addition to helping each other with DNA questions, this year we will be working through "[Research Like a Pro with DNA](#)" by Diane Elder, Nicole Dyer, and Robin Wirthlin (2021, Family Locket Books).

This book will take us through steps to combine documentary and DNA evidence using step-by-step methods to analyze and write up your evidence. We will all work on our individual family history challenges and share them with others in the DNA SIG. There will be homework. The [Family Locket](#)

[Genealogists](#) have a fabulous website that includes podcasts, blogs, books, and courses. You can purchase the book there or, if you prefer the Kindle version, on Amazon. —Nancy Cordell



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## Family tree maker update and SIG

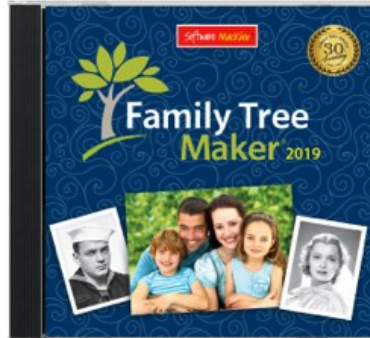
Family Tree Maker (FTM) SIG will meet on October 5th at 7:00 pm using Google Meet.

Mark Olsen from software company [MacKiev](#) (the maker of FTM) will present "What is new in FTM 2019 24.1.0?".

This release has been in the works for some time and came out on August 11th, 2022.

This build provides significant fixes, more stability

and performance in many areas.



The change log, check du-

plicates, hint performance and some GEDCOM compatibilities have all been improved.

For those that are not members of this SIG, contact Dave Abernathy at [ftmsig@olygensoc.org](mailto:ftmsig@olygensoc.org)

## Beginning Genealogy: Part 2

In Part 1 we discussed the importance of documenting. Part 2 covers what you should do with all of this information. You can get a genealogy program – there are many out there – but maybe first you want to do it the old fashioned way, on paper. You can get a long list of forms from [FamilySearch](#).

Now down to the nitty gritty. You have the tools. Go talk to your family members. Take along a recording device so you don't keep interrupting their flow. It is often a good idea to get two or three together because they will spark each other. You want the basic information – the

bones, so to speak – but stories are gold. That will make the difference between a dry list of names and dates and a good read. Once you have talked with all the family members you can – the older, the better – start looking for online information. **That is Part 3.**

- Carolyn Gibbons

## Genealogy Book Reviews

I read "[The Home for Unwanted Girls](#)", a novel by Joanna Goodman. The setting for this novel is in the 1950's in Quebec where a young French/English girl finds herself in the "family way" with a French boy of lower status. She is forced to give up her daughter to an orphanage. During this time the

Quebec government changes the reimbursement for orphanages to lower than psychiatric hospitals. The orphanages declare all of the orphans mentally ill, thus receiving higher compensation. Over the years this law was repealed. If you have missing children in Quebec during the 1950's and early

'60's this novel may give you some insight as to what took place. If you are interested, I do have them available to lend out. Send me an [email](#) and we'll make arrangements to get them to you! Have you read any great genealogical mysteries? Let me know and I'll add them to the list. - Kerry Upton

# FamilySearch SIG and a personal story

Family Search SIG meets the 14th Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm. The last meeting was Wed, 28th. I'm writing this before the meeting so can only say what I am planning. I will introduce the members to what might be the greatest free source of information around – [The Family Search Wiki!](#) Gives you answers to so many questions and also links to a great many free and paid sites for genealogical information around the world. Send in your questions about Family Search and join us next time! Send me your email at [SEfromNC@gmail.com](mailto:SEfromNC@gmail.com)

or [familysearchsig@olygensoc.org](mailto:familysearchsig@olygensoc.org) to receive your invitation link.

Speaking about family history: I was talking today with a couple of our genealogists, and we started talking about timelines. I mentioned that I had known my great-grandfather who was born during the Civil War, which put me back quite a bit. Jefferson Miles Dougherty was an interesting person. He lied to me, of course. Jeff was 89 when I met him as a child of 10 but told me he was 96. He was a tough old Missouri farmer and at the time was keeping a quarter



acre of truck garden by hand. He told me about building the railroad across South Dakota. He said he had worked on the Golden Spike road, which of course was a lie, too. The Spike was driven in 1869 and Jeff was born in 1864. He also taught me to play Euchre, and old card game.

- Carolyn Gibbons

## In Memoriam

We pay tribute to Olympia Genealogical Society members past and present Charles "Chuck" Hornbuckle and Evelyn Wawrinofsky.

Chuck Hornbuckle (January 30, 1939 - May 16, 2022). From his [obituary](#) "Chuck was an avid genealogist, tracing his Hornbuckle (English) and Larson (Swedish and Norwegian) lines back several generations. During his research, he

and his wife Suzanne traveled extensively meeting distant relatives around the world. He recognized the importance of his Cherokee heritage, through his grandmother Rebecca Fleetwood. In 2018 he commissioned a headstone for her grave at Yakima, Washington. Along with Suzanne, Chuck was a Life Member of the Tumwater Historical Association, Oregon-

California Trail Association (NW and Colorado Chapters) and Benefactor Life member of the National Rifle Association."

Evelyn [Wawrinofsky](#) (December 18, 1918—January 16, 2022) was an early member of the Olympia Genealogical Society. If you have any memories you would like to share about Evelyn, please send to [news-letter@olygensoc.org](mailto:news-letter@olygensoc.org).

## Membership update

Please welcome the following new members who recently joined OGS: Karen Bowen, Michael Spurzem, and Jennifer Wright.

Thanks to our members who have renewed their memberships for 2022-2023. Our new membership year began Sep 1

and our grace period ends Oct 31. An email reminder will be sent to current members who haven't yet renewed.

A very special thanks to the following for their generous donations to OGS recently: Carol Jenner, Siri Nelson, Barbara Ritchie, Jennifer Wright, and

Linda Spaulding.

If you have any trouble logging in to the [OGS website](#) or with the membership renewal process, please contact me at [member-ship@olygensoc.org](mailto:member-ship@olygensoc.org)

- Bob Monn

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Individual—\$20  
Family—\$25

### OGS Elected Officers

**President** — Laurel Haas  
**Vice President** — William Kautz  
**Secretary** — Carol Jenner  
**Treasurer** — Karin Coopernoll  
**Past President**—Kathy Erlandson

### Team Leads

Book Management— Rebel Romero  
Information Technology — Joe Brookshier  
Membership — Bob Monn  
Newsletter — Peggy Cooley  
OGS Historian — Vacant  
Publicity — Mandy Stahre  
Refreshments — Diana Bargmann  
Research — Jerri McCoy  
Spring Seminar — Nancy Cordell  
Sunshine—Gayle Strom  
SIGs—Kerry McHugh-Upton

### Community Partners

City of Lacey — Erin Quinn Valcho  
Timberland Library — Agatha Burstein

### “How To Prepare for a Research Trip”

September 8th’s presentation was by Shawna Valentine on . Although a lot of research is done from the screens of our home computers today, not everything is online, and nothing can replace the experience of being in the same environment that our ancestors once called home. The time will come when we want to view manuscripts or documents that are only available in the locality, or we want to see former homes, landmarks, or tombstones. Locating what we hope to find requires careful planning. We learned organizational techniques that will help us prepare before we go.



## September 8th Meeting Minutes

OGS President Laurel Haas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The June 2022 general meeting minutes were approved as published in the September 2022 OGS Newsletter.

Treasurer Karin Coppernoll reported an end-of-fiscal-year balance of \$15,757 in the checking account, \$106.84 in the PayPal account, and \$4,211.87 in the CD, for a total of \$20,076.61. Karin noted that the current PayPal account balance is considerably higher as members have been paying their annual membership fees. Vice President William Kautz reported that programs are lined up for October and November and that suggestions from members are welcome.

In Joe Brookshier’s absence, Kerry McHugh-Upton reported that the Tech Team is working on using Google Meet® as a platform for all OGS meetings except the monthly membership meeting and the spring seminar. Google Meet® allows all SIGs to set up meetings. All documents will be stored in a single area. Society history can be captured (no more file bins!)

Nancy Cordell reported for the 2023 Spring Seminar team. The virtual seminar, 15 April 2023, will feature Judy Russell, the “Legal Genealogist.” David Abernathy reported that the next Family Tree Maker SIG meeting will be on 5 October at 7 p.m. Mark Olson, a Family Tree Maker

Ambassador, will discuss new developments. Send an email to [ftmsig@olygensoc.org](mailto:ftmsig@olygensoc.org) to get an invitation. Members are encouraged to submit stories, book reviews, tips and tricks, and other items for publication in the newsletter. Send submissions to [newsletter@olygensoc.org](mailto:newsletter@olygensoc.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. There was no old business and no new business. After acknowledging the members of the program committee – Will Kautz, Terry Church and Diana Bargmann – Cindy Neff introduced Shawna Valentine, who gave us a very thorough presentation about preparing for a genealogy research trip.

President Laurel Haas adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.