



Olympia

# Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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*The Olympia Genealogical Society (OGS) was founded in 1974 to promote the study, interest and research of family and local histories, and to encourage assistance, cooperation and guidance in those efforts to members, friends, and the community.*

### *President's Musings - Kathy Erlandson*

Early in the pandemic and self-isolation, I saw the promising opportunity of unlimited time to spend working on genealogy. Nowhere to go. No appointments to keep. Sit in front of the computer all day in my jammies and slippers. I did that for a while. More and more webinars, blogs, and online classes were added every day, many of them free. It was a genealogical windfall, and for a time, I took advantage of it. But as time went on, I found myself becoming apathetic, lazy and unmotivated. I was doing less genealogy instead of more.

Then, it seemed that the final nail in my coffin of apathy came with the death of my mother, in November, followed by the death of my daughter, in July. Indeed, I have found myself fairly paralyzed very daunting task at first, but in my effort to put together meaningful tributes, I had to dig back in family records and photo albums. The end results were obits for both of my loved ones, as well as a 10-minute photo-biography of my mother's life, and an illustrated biographical sketch of my daughter's.

Now that I am coming out of my fog of grief, I find myself becoming motivated to really get my records and photos organized. I'm not getting any younger, and I don't want to leave behind a mess that my descendants will just throw away. I hope to leave orderly records, stories and albums that will bring joy to those who come after, and that inform them about the lives of their forbears. I've never known such pain before, but out of the pain, like a phoenix from the ashes, my joy is returning.

If you are interested to see my mother's photo-biography, you can find it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxmtOu-OYIQ>

### November Meeting - Greg Nordlund

Lori Lee Sauber will speak to the members of the Olympia Genealogical Society at their monthly meeting on November 11 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Lori Lee is a Washington genealogist and owns a genealogy business, ... the use of creative tools will vault your research process into assured success. What you do with your research information when you're done is key to knowing how to maintain an organized research process.

Handout. She will have a handout but does not want it distributed until she starts speaking in the chat. She says that this can be a problem for anyone using an iPad or iPhone so they can request an emailed copy in the chat?

Recording. The recording is fine and may be left up on our site for up to one year.

Fine print. All materials copyright of Lori Lee Sauber. Place questions in the Chat throughout the presentation and she will answer them at the end.



During the November meeting there will have a chance for members to share meaningful and/or fun photos and memorabilia. If you have such items, please consider sharing

***ZOOM Coordinator - Erin Quimn Valcho***

I am delighted to be of service to OGS as your Zoom Coordinator. Thanks to Nancy Cordell for her great work in these stressful and changing times in filling this role! You can reach me at [quinthecurator@gmail.com](mailto:quinthecurator@gmail.com) for any of your Zoom needs.

If you are having problems logging into Zoom meetings, your first step should be to download updates for the Zoom App on a regular basis for all of your devices. You can find step by step instructions on their YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/E7zERcVLUBM>.

Happy Zooming!

***Sunshine - Gayle Strom***

As the Olympia Genealogical Society Sunshine person I like to bring a bit of "sunshine" when needed. I would like for you all to let me know, when you know, that someone is ill or needs a thoughtful note. You may contact me at [gggnpoppa@comcast.net](mailto:gggnpoppa@comcast.net)

***Membership - Bob Monn***

Please welcome Karin Coppernoll, Tom Gibb and Lainie Dodd who joined OGS this past month.

Thanks to those members who have renewed their membership for 2021-2022 and a very special thanks to Linda Fialkowski, Tom Gibb and Siri Nelson for generous donations to OGS.

If you have any questions about logging in to the OGS website or renewing your membership, please contact us at [Membership@OlyGenSoc.org](mailto:Membership@OlyGenSoc.org).

***Remember OGS When You Shop At Amazon***

When shopping at Amazon, go to <http://smile.amazon.com>. You must register at AmazonSmile and select the Olympia Genealogical Society as your charitable organization. OGS will receive 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. There is no cost to you.

### *Washington State Digital Archives - Volunteers Needed*

If you aren't familiar with Scribe, it's an online digital application that enables users to become "honorary archivists" by transcribing and indexing records that are historically important to Washington. By using Scribe, volunteers are able to add information to the images, making them searchable on the Washington State Archives Digital Archives.

Scribe users are volunteers from around the globe who have access to the ever-growing collection of digital images ready to be transcribed and indexed, from home, on their own time.

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please go to <https://scribe.digitalarchives.wa.gov/> to create an account. You can view a short tutorial there. Happy Scribing!

### *Special Interest Groups - Kerry McHugh-Upton*

Special Interest Groups, better known as SIGs, have you heard the news! We have added four new SIGs this year as of our October General Membership meeting. Legacy Family Tree, a genealogy program; MyHeritage, an online DNA testing company with added family tree, databases and picture enhancing features; Italian ancestry, anything to do with researching your Italian ancestors, and Genealogy Chat, where you can meet to discuss the many ways to enhance your research and share your genealogy journey.

Here's the lineup for this year with facilitator and time of meeting. All on Zoom, of course!

Italian - Greg Nordlund - 1st Saturday of the month; 11:00 am

Legacy Family Tree - Jerri McCoy - 3rd Saturday of the month; 1:00 pm

MyHeritage - Jan Minzel - 3rd Tuesday; 6:30 pm

Ancestry - Greg Nordlund - 4th Saturday; 11:00 am

DNA - Nancy Cordell - 2nd Tuesday; 6:30 pm

Family History Writers - Laura Carroll - 1st Monday; 6:00 pm

Family Tree Maker - David Abernathy - 4th Thursday 10:00 am

Genealogy Chat - Peggy Cooley - 3rd Wednesday - 1:00 pm

FamilySearch.org - Carolyn Gibbons - postponed until first of the year

Log onto OlyGenSoc.org website to access the Zoom link at time of the meeting. This is a benefit of membership!! Feel free to join in any session, ask questions, members welcome at any time!

Thanks to all of our facilitators for saying "Yes!"

*Publicity - Mandy Stahrs*

*A new face for Publicity*

I'd like to welcome Mandy Stahrs as our new Publicity chair for 2021-2022. She will be posting our meeting notices on a variety of local and regional outlets advertising our general membership meetings. She will also be working with the Seminar team to advertise this year's seminar.

Mandy is off to a fresh start by getting OGS set up with a Twitter feed. If you are a Twitter user please add Olympia Genealogical Society to your feed! If there is something of interest that you would like Mandy to post, please send her any information. You can also find the Twitter link on our OlyGenSoc.org page, found on the left side banner. Once again, Thanks Mandy for saying "Yes!"

*A Special Thanks - Kerry McHugh Upton*

A special Thanks to the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Library for their donation of 2 microfilm readers that were their surplus. These microfilm readers have been donated to the Lacey Museum for our genealogy research library to be housed in the new Lacey Museum. We will be in need of a member who maybe mechanically inclined to be able to tinker with the readers as needed. Belts or a light bulb may need to be changed. Please contact Kathy, Kerry or Erin if you are interested in helping out!



Thanks again to YVGS for their contribution! If you are ever over Yakima way, plan a trip to their awesome research library! They have a great library!

## *Tech Team - Kerry McHugh-Upton*

### Updates From The Tech Team

Welcome back everyone from hopefully a summer of active research, in spite of the restrictions! During the summer break several of us on the Tech Team spent our time preparing for this coming year.

- Joe Brookshier spent some of his free time getting acquainted with our website as our newest member to the website team, under the direction of Bob Monn.

- Nancy Cordel worked with Erin Quinn Valcho in transitioning the coordination of the Zoom facilitator responsibilities, preparing for this year's meetings which will include the general membership meetings, the board meetings and the SIG meetings.

- Nancy Cordel, Bob Monn and myself attended a virtual meeting put on by the Washington State Genealogical societies President's group for discussion on how to facilitate a hybrid meeting. A hybrid meeting comprises of an in-person live meeting with some of attendees &/or the speaker attending virtually. There would be the ability for remote attendees to ask questions of the presenter much like an in-person meeting. We have also been watching some recordings provided by other groups on how to set up the meetings, what type of equipment would be needed and how to facilitate the meeting for an overall satisfactory presentation.

- Kathy Erlandson and I toured a facility in August with the focus of conducting our hybrid general membership meetings. Given all of this research this last summer in preparation for returning to in-person meetings we have decided, with the board's approval, to continue with all OGS meetings via Zoom until further notice. The timing just isn't right to start meeting in-person. The research that we have done isn't wasted though! There will come a time soon when we can start to meet in-person. One major caveat is that we would need to have an A/V person (preferably 2) who would be able to set up the onsite equipment to run the meetings for in-person & remotely with the help of our Zoom facilitator. With the team that we have currently, we won't be able to pull off a hybrid meeting. If you are interested in learning more about what it would take please drop me a line at [Kerry.upton123@gmail.com](mailto:Kerry.upton123@gmail.com) or give me a call! We sure need you! Hybrid meetings won't take place without 1 or 2 people stepping up to help. In the meantime, we will continue all meetings via Zoom. The general membership meetings will be recorded and posted to our members' only section of our website, hint, you'll need to log onto the website first before you will find the recordings located at Community Events - \*Recordings General Membership meetings via Zoom in real time will be open to the public, members and their guests. Recordings are only available for members.

*OGS UPCOMING EVENT*



THE OLYMPIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
VIRTUAL SPRING SEMINAR

# DNA: TODAY'S MATCHMAKER

**Saturday, April 9, 2022**

**8:30 am - 3:30 pm PDT**

**\$40 for members**

**\$50 for non-members**



**Register at: [OlyGenSoc.org](https://olygensoc.org)**

**Diahana Southard**

This year's seminar will explore the complex and rewarding topic of DNA and genealogy. Renowned expert, Diahana Southard will lead us through sessions like:

- Making sense of your DNA results
- What to do if your matches don't have family trees
- Organizing your matches
- Using female DNA to answer questions.

★ **Door Prizes!** ★

**Registration begins Dec 1, 2021**

Our featured speaker, Diahana Southard, teaches the concepts of genetic genealogy all over the world and consults with leading testing companies and forensics experts. She has a special gift for making this technical, complicated subject understandable.

Her company, Your DNA Guide ([YourDNAGuide.com](https://YourDNAGuide.com)), provides one-on-one genetic genealogy education and research services.

**Registration and full details at [olygensoc.org](https://olygensoc.org)**

## Genealogy Web Sites

### Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State (JGSWS)

To view the website use this Url: [jgsws.org](http://jgsws.org)

### Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter:

To read the most recent Online Newsletter go to: [blog.eogncom](http://blog.eogncom)

### The Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS):

To access their very informative web page: [wasgs.org/](http://wasgs.org/)

### Washington State Archives

To access their monthly and back issues of their Newsletter:

[www.sos.wa.gov/archives/newsletter-archive.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/newsletter-archive.aspx)

### Thomas MacEntee Genealogy Bargains

To access his website for genealogy bargains, genealogy do-over, and subscribe to his newsletter: [genealogybargains.com/thomas-macentee/](http://genealogybargains.com/thomas-macentee/)

## From the Refreshment Table - Diana Bargmann

**NOW BEING ACCEPTED:** Short Stories about your Holiday Memories. They must be sent to the editor, [edodge1946@acomcast.net](mailto:edodge1946@acomcast.net) by **November 25<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the December Newsletter. Share your memories about the best present you ever got, favorite holiday food, etc. Also, if you have favorite recipes for that time of year we'll accept those too. Questions? Call Diana Bargmann, 360-357-4251.

Please remember this is not a literary contest and there is no critiquing, no standard by which the stories are held accountable. They don't have to be a certain length, they don't have to be unusual, quirky or funny - they can be serious, sad or thoughtful too - like life itself. Just the story you might share with the rest of us at a meeting - something you uncovered during your research about an ancestor an experience you had while doing that research; and written in the same words you would use to tell it verbally, The same with the recipes - they don't have to be one that's been passed down through the generations or even holiday related, just one you think worth sharing, any type of food.

Thank you for your effort!

## **OGS Member Recipe - Kathy Erlandson**

### **Killer Mincemeat Pie**

You may remember that back in February I wrote about my dad's mincemeat pie recipe, and then I couldn't locate the recipe. Miraculously, while looking for another recipe this summer, I found the mincemeat recipe! I'm tickled that I can finally share it. However, I wish to share a sort of twisted story to go with it.

Ever since 1997, we've called this recipe Killer Mincemeat. My dad was CRAZY about mincemeat pie. (I never cared for it myself.) He almost always made one for either Thanksgiving or Christmas, and he ate the lion's share of it. Christmas of 1997 was celebrated at my house, and as usual, there was food galore, and as usual, Daddy made mincemeat pie. There were lots of leftovers. So, on December 27, I hauled the leftovers to my parents' house for a Christmas dinner rerun. I think Dad, who had a heart condition, ate more than anyone else at the table, and when we were all full and eating dessert, Daddy ate a piece of pumpkin pie. When he was just taking his last bite I said, "Oh! Daddy! I forgot to tell you I brought last piece of mincemeat. Oh well. You can eat it tomorrow." And Dad said, "Can't I eat it now?" I allowed as how he probably shouldn't, but could. So, he joyously ate the last piece. That night, full of Christmas cheer, and Christmas dinner, and Christmas mincemeat pie, my father died of a heart attack.

In the ensuing years, family members would remember the story of the last piece of mincemeat pie, and invariably, my mother would say, "It's a wonder it didn't kill him!" To which one of us always replies, "Mother, it did!"

### **MINCEMEAT PIE FILLING**

2 lbs. lean venison or beef	½ lb. suet
4 lbs. apples	1 ½ lb. dried currents
2 ¼ lbs. raisins	1 ½ t. cinnamon
4 c. brown sugar	1 t. mace
½ t. cloves	2 t. salt
1 ¼ t. nutmeg	1 c. grape juice, cider or water
½ c. molasses	

1. Place all ingredients in large kettle
2. Bring to a boil & reduce heat
3. Simmer until all ingredients are tender and flavors blended, stirring frequently
4. Don't let it boil dry. Add more juice or water if needed to keep it moist.
5. You may can the filling for later, or use it now to make 2 large pies

**OGS Member Recipe - David Abernathy**

**Pita Bread Loaves, Dinner Rolls, Cinnamon or Pineapple Rolls**

**Ingredients**

**5-6 Cups Flour**

**1/4 Cup Oil**

**2 Cups Hot Water**

**2 Packages Yeast**

**1 Tablespoon Sugar**

**2 Teaspoons Salt**

**Instructions**

**In a large bowl add 2 cups flour, yeast, salt sugar. Add oil and hot water. Stir well and keep adding remaining flour until "Satiny". Let rise in a warm place (around 30-45 minutes)**

**Preheat oven to 425°**

**Variations**

**Dinner Rolls - make into balls of dough. Each batch should make 24. Add to two lightly greased or non-stick pans. Let rise about 20-30 minutes. Bake for 10-12 minutes.**

**Cinnamon or Pineapple Rolls - roll out to ¼" thick, add melted butter, sugar and spread. Now add cinnamon or drained crushed pineapple and spread evenly. Cut into 24 slices and add to 2 lightly greased or non-stick pans. Let rise for 20-30 minutes. Bake for 10-12 minutes.**

**For Thanksgiving or Christmas morning - let rise in the refrigerator overnight, bake next morning for 10-15 minutes.**

**Loaves of bread - add dough to two lightly greased or non-stick bread loaf pans, let rise until doubled (about 20-30 minutes). Bake for 20-30 minutes or until golden.**

## **OGS Member Recipe - Gregg Nordlund**

### **The Family Fruit Salad**

Honestly, my family doesn't have any generations-old traditions that have survived except for my mother's fruit salad. She brought this salad to every Thanksgiving since I was a young boy.

Everyone loved it! Aunts who would quietly disapprove of the lumps in the potatoes or dismiss the thin gravy, raved about the fruit salad. Uncles would have seconds and thirds. Cousins would run up and hug Mom. My favorite way to eat it was with a bite of juicy turkey - the classic combination of sweet and savory, salt and sugar.

When I asked my sister to send me the recipe last week, I saw that it had a title that I had forgotten - 24 Hour Fruit Salad. I went to Google to search the title to see if our family's secret recipe was anywhere online. Imagine my disappointment to see hundreds of pages repeating the recipe! Our precious salad was all over the place!

But my disappointment quickly turned to nostalgia when I saw hundreds of comments like, "always had a place on our Thanksgiving table," "wouldn't be Christmas without it!" It was like my family grew right before my eyes. I imagined all those cousins and aunts out there savoring the same delicious memory. Maybe you're one of them!

It's not the nutritious dish the title might imply but it is deniably scrumptious. I've left the recipe as written, but you can use any fruit - canned, or fresh. (My mom often omitted the banana. 24 hours is rough on a banana.)

#### **Ingredients**

- 2 eggs beaten
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 large can of fruit cocktail, drained
- 1 large can of pineapple chunks, drained
- 1 jar maraschino cherries, drained
- 1 banana sliced
- 1 1/2 cups mini marshmallows

#### **Instructions**

- Combine eggs, lemon juice, and sugar in a double boiler and cook until thickened into a custard, about 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from heat and cool completely.
- Whip the heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Fold in cooled custard sauce until combined.
- In a large bowl, mix fruit and marshmallows and pour cream sauce over and stir to combine. Refrigerate at least 8 hours or up to 24 hours before serving.

## **OGS Member Story - Diana Bargmann**

### **Be Thankful This Guy is not in Your Family Tree**

My paternal grandmother, Chloe, came from a large family of 12 children, 7 girls and 5 boys. She was in the middle of the brood. She and my grandfather were both from West Virginia. While researching his family line, I came up with ministers, teachers, shopkeepers and lots of farmers. I couldn't believe there wasn't a single coal miner in the whole lot, a profession distinctive of that particular state. However, when I turned to my grandmother's family, without exception, all of her brothers were coal miners (though their father dealt in farming) and all of the girls married miners except Chloe who wed a farmer/minister. In doing my research on all of her siblings, I found that her close-in-age sister, Straudia, had had a late-in-life baby, Patty Ann, who was only about 11 years older than me. I was able to track her down and contact her which has been a delight for both of us to this day. She resides in Florida and we've had many a chat about her family and what she can remember of the other siblings. Patty Ann was born when her mother was almost 50 y.o. In fact, her mother was visiting with one of her grown daughters at one point in the distant past and mentioned how she was going to have to see the doctor one of these days about this movement she kept feeling in her abdomen - she thought maybe she had worms! Certainly, my discovery of Patty Ann solved my mystery over why I had inherited photos showing several elderly women posing, always with a young girl present in the picture, too. But genealogically, what a lucky break for me that she was born! I had wanted to glean as much information on my grandmother's siblings as possible to enhance my research with something more than just the dates, and Patty Ann could fill me in on her mother at least. But in this case, the facts were anything but pleasant.

Poor Straudia. Yes, I know, it's a weird name and though I have found lots of records on her, I never found her name spelled correctly - only on on her death certificate and that's because Patty Ann was the informant. But back to poor Straudia. I don't know what it was that she liked about her husband Bill initially - maybe his looks or a real charmer with his personality - I'll never know, but she paid dearly in linking up her life with his on April 27, 1913. You don't know a person until you've lived with them and back then that didn't happen unless you got married. Perhaps their marriage started out well enough, who knows . I hope she had a little happiness in the beginning. But as it turns out, Bill wasn't a very nice person. For starters, he didn't like to work. I had noticed on the census records that he was always listed with a different occupation until eventually none was listed at all. According to Patty Ann, he liked to sell horses and watches. For this reason the family was always poor, depending on others, mainly Straudia's sisters, for food donations and hand-me-down clothes. Bill didn't like having to pay rent either. Patty Ann remembers having to move a lot, often vacating their home in the middle of the night under cover of darkness so they would miss the landlord's visit the next day for several months worth of rent. (Continued)

Patty Ann can recall many times not getting her report cards as she also left behind her school and friends with each move.

Dishonesty was another one of Bill's traits as in the story when he sold a dead horse to a man. This was a story related to me by a "cousin" who grew up knowing Bill. A neighboring farmer had expressed an interest in buying a horse that Bill was selling, having seen the horse from a distance. Bill assured him it was in fine shape, though he really knew it was sick, and named the price. The farmer said he would return the next day. Unfortunately, the horse died overnight but Bill still wanted the money from that sale. The horse's death did not deter him. He had a couple of his sons help him prop the horse up so that its head rested in the crook of a tree some distance in the pasture, with the rest of the body hidden by the tree, as if it was dozing. When the farmer returned, he and Bill viewed the animal from the fence line - just far enough away. After money had changed hands and the farmer made to enter the pasture to get his new horse, Bill jumped on the horse the farmer had ridden over and made himself scarce the rest of the day. I don't know any further details but it certainly doesn't display Bill in a good light.

Bill had other endearing qualities - he was an alcoholic, unfaithful to his wife (at one time, bringing one of his girlfriends home with him - she proceeded to get into an argument with the then pregnant Straudia and kicked her in the stomach, resulting in a miscarriage), and was physically and verbally abusive to Straudia. Since this took place at a time when women rarely sought divorce and the stigma that went with it, Straudia stayed in her marriage. Besides, there were 10 children in the family. Patty Ann recalls her mother crying a lot in her father's presence. Bill was generally not very kind to other people either. Patty Ann remembers her father telling her frequently that it was God's pity she had ever been born. To this day, as a woman approaching her mid-80's, she still talks about how she wished she had been able to please her father more so he wouldn't have felt he had to say that.

The good news is that as Bill got older, he became too much of a physical burden for Straudia to deal with and she had to put him in a nursing care facility. Patty Ann was married at the time and she and her husband were planning to move to Florida. She invited her mother to come and live with them there and Straudia agreed to do so. So it was adios to old Bill in the nursing home in West Virginia. He died not long afterward. So Straudia lived out the remaining 8 years of her life without this cruel husband to berate and beat her up, verbally anyway. I would like to say this is the end of the story but not yet.

Straudia had confided to Patty Ann that when she died, she did not want to be buried next to Bill. But when she did die, the rest of the 10 children put so much pressure on Patty Ann that she felt she had to agree to her mother's remains being transported back to the West Virginia cemetery where Bill was interred. That part always gets to me!

**OGS EVENTS CALENDAR**

**2021**

**Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> - Monthly General Membership Meeting via Zoom**

**Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - Monthly General Membership Meeting via Zoom**

**2022**

**Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - Monthly General Membership Meeting via Zoom**

**Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> - Monthly General Membership Meeting via Zoom**

**Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> - Monthly General Membership Meeting via Zoom**

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - Spring Seminar via Zoom**

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> - Monthly General Membership Meeting via Zoom**

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - Monthly General Membership Meeting via**

**Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - Monthly General Membership Meeting via Zoom**

**July and August - No Monthly General Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> - Monthly General Membership Meeting via Zoom**

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - Monthly General Membership Meeting via Zoom**

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**Elected Officers**

**President - Kathy Erlandson**

**Vice President - Greg Nordlund**

**Secretary - Jean Coons**

**Treasurer - Judy Artley**

**Appointed Teams**

**Book Coordinator - Rebel Romero**

**Historian - Kasey Schiewe**

**Information Technology - Kerry McHugh-Upton**

**Membership - Bob Monn**

**Newsletter - Eileen Dodge**

**Publicity - Mandy Stahre**

**Refreshments - Diana Bargmann**

**Research - Jerri McCoy**

**Spring Seminar - Nancy Cordell**

**Sunshine - Gayle Strom**

**Special Interest Groups - Kerry McHugh-Upton**

**Webmaster - Bob Monn**

**Zoom - Erin Quinn-Valcho**

**Community Partners**

**City of Lacey: Ms. Erin Quinn Valcho**

**Timberland Library: Agatha Burstein**

## **October General Meeting Minutes**

**October 14, 2021 Via Zoom**

**Approximately 33 members attended**

**Jean Coons, Secretary**

- **PRESIDENT - Kathy Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed the members.**
- **PRESIDENT REPORT - Kathy would like others to help her select the Society logo. Peggy Cooley, Mandy Stahre, Rebel Romero and Pat Harper volunteered. Mandy Stahre has agreed to work on publicity for the Society on the IT Team. Kasey Schiewe has agreed to serve as historian. At the November general meeting Kathy would like members to show and talk about interesting family photos or artifacts.**
- **SECRETARY - Minutes of the September meeting were approved as published.**
- **VICE PRESIDENT - Greg Nordlund announced that Lori Lee Sauber will speak on the topic of Organized Research from Cradle to Grave.**
- **TREASURER - Judy Artley gave the Treasurer's report.**

### **TEAM REPORTS**

- **GENEALOGY GAB FEST - Peggy Cooley explained that participants may talk about anything related to genealogy. The first session will occur via Zoom on October 20th at 1 p.m. and will last for an hour or hour and a half. Email Peggy Cooley if interested.**
- **IT (AV, FB, Publicity, Website, Zoom) Kerry McHugh Upton announced that the website has been upgraded. The web team will gather to learn more about the upgrade. Mandy Stahre is posting for OGS on Twitter. Bob Monn put a link to the new OGS Twitter feed on our website.**
- **SIGS: Kerry Upton McHugh announced that four potential SIGs will meet in break rooms this evening: Italian with Greg Nordland as facilitator, Legacy with Jerri McCoy as facilitator, My Heritage with Jan Minzela as facilitator, and Roots Magic with Bob Monn who will not be serving as facilitator. Find My Past, a British Isles focused site, similar to Ancestry, needs a facilitator.**

- **NEWSLETTER** – Eileen Dodge requested that members submit material for the newsletter by the 25th of the month. Please contribute Thanksgiving recipes or stories for the November edition.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Bob Monn reminded us that the membership grace period ends at the end of October. He sent out reminders to 39 members with a good response.
- **REFRESHMENTS** – Diana Bargmann asks for member stories of favorite presents, holidays, meals, etc, for December
- **SEMINAR** – Nancy Cordell showed a flyer for the coming April 9, 2022 Seminar featuring Diahan Southard, who will speak on DNA.
- **ZOOM** – ErIn Quinn-Valcho told members that Zoom must be updated by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **PROGRAM** - Greg Nordland welcomed the group to a sharing of members' paranormal experiences related to family history. The stories ranged from spooky to comforting, and many members contributed.
- **BREAK OUT ROOMS** – discussing possible new SIGs occurred for 10 minutes. At the close of the discussions Kerry McHugh Upton announced that the new SIGs will be Legacy, My Heritage and Italian Heritage.
- **ADJOURN** – Kathy Erlandson adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.