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Eileen Dodge, Editor

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

Membership - Bob Monn

Please welcome Eileen Nashleanas who joined OGS early last month.

In the event you haven't seen a notice about the new 2021-2022 OGS membership year, our new year has begun and dues-paying members should renew their membership if you haven't already done so. Please see the article at the top of the OGS home page for more information on how to do so.

Thanks to those members who already have renewed their membership and a very special thanks to David and Jean Coons, Kathy Erlandson, Mike Jauhola, Carol Jenner, Greg Nordlund, and Barbara Ritchie 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

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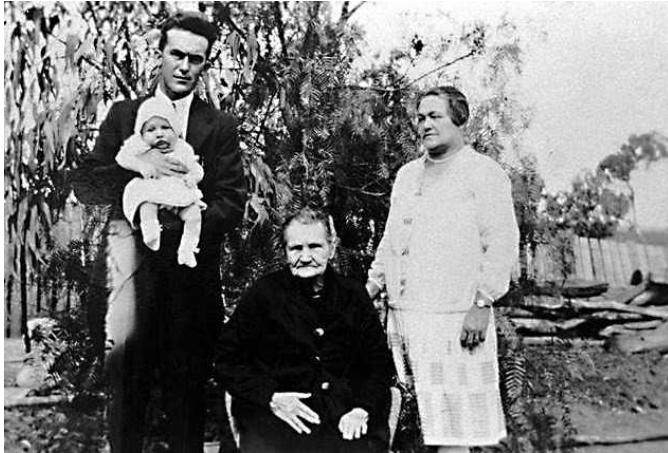
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General Meeting - Greg Nordlund



September

Welcome back from a toasty and tumultuous summer. At our first meeting of the year, Sept 9, we'll be looking at the mysteries that our family photographs hold and how we might unravel them. Our expert guest will be Maggie Cogswell from the Washington State Archives. She will cover the basics of what you might look for in these photos and offer tips and resources that may help us learn more about the people, dates and places in them. If there's any time at the end, we'll ask Maggie to take a look at a couple of member photos if you care to bring one.



October

Since Halloween is in October, we are going to turn our attention to otherworldly issues. We are looking for members to tell stories from their research and family lore about supernatural phenomena! Do you have a grandmother that wouldn't stay at rest? A house that hosted ghosts or poltergeists - witches, crop circles, alien abductions, you name it. If it is weird and unexplainable, we want to hear it! If you want to volunteer to share an eerie tale at our Oct 14 general meeting, send a note to gregnordlund@gmail.com. Don't be afraid!

President's Musings - Kathy Erlandson

Happy New Year! No, I'm not nuts. Well, yes, maybe I am nuts, but I'm not mistaken. September 1 is the beginning of the OGS Program Year. Our last general meeting was in June, but that doesn't mean that OGS has been sleeping for 2 months. No, no! There has been a lot going on! Some of our SIGS (special interest groups) have continued to meet, and so has our Board of Directors. The Tech Team has been very busy with the website, Facebook page, and many other aspects of keeping OGS operating in the virtual world. Several members carried on some public relations activities at the Dupont Farmers Market. Our new Program Team has begun meetings to plan our monthly programs. Board members created and distributed a three-part member survey, and the Seminar Committee, now called the Seminar Team has undergone some changes and begun planning for the 2022 seminar. See what I mean? Summer break doesn't mean nothings going on!

One important decision made by the board regards our program meetings. Because of the continuing risk and uncertainty surrounding the Covid virus and its variants, the board agreed that OGS will continue to meet via Zoom, at least through the end of the year. It is sad that we can't yet hug, shake hands and eat home made goodies together, but at least we can see each other's faces every month.

Here's a little tip for those who wish they could gab with other genealogists more often. You can join one of our action teams. They get to meet in smaller groups, which gives more time to get to know each other and visit, besides planning the work of OGS. Our Tech Team needs someone who will coordinate publicity of our meetings and events. We need someone to keep track of our events and activities for our historical record (this is the perfect job for a scrap-booker). An Education Team would be a real asset; they could reinvent our Beginners Workshop & the community Drop-In-Genealogy sessions. None of these positions is rocket science. Each just needs a few people willing to give a little extra time to make OGS better. And here's a little incentive. The first three members to contact me about getting more involved will receive a little thank-you gift. Give me a call, or email me!

I look forward to seeing you at our September 9 meeting. This is going to be a wonderful year for Olympia Genealogical Society!

ZOOM Coordinator - Erin Quinn 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 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!

Honor Roll - Kathy Erlandson

Behind every successful club and organization is a mighty team of unsung heroes – volunteers. Without them, nothing would get done. Without them, OGS could not exist. But there comes a time for every volunteer when he or she needs a break, and a chance to let others do the work. The following members have contributed hundreds of hours over many years to supporting our society and making it a valuable and enjoyable part of your life.

Ann Olson has served as secretary, vice-president, and president, chairman of Beginners Workshop, registrar of our annual seminar, and many other positions over 47 years with OGS.

Judi Hine has just retired from three years as OGS secretary, having been elected in 2018, just months after joining! She is also a member and volunteer in several lineage societies.

Peggy Cooley, a member for 25 years, was vice-president for 11 years and a member of the seminar committee, most recently chairman, for about 10 years. Now, she has changed hats and will form a new team to organize monthly, informal genealogy conversations.

Eileen Dodge became active in OGS about 2012, and served for a time as membership committee chairman. She was elected president in 2013 and held the position for 3 years. She has chaired the 40th and 45th anniversary celebrations, Genealogy Café/DIG for 5 years, assisted with the Beginners Workshop for 3 years, and most recently been assistant chairman of the seminar committee for several years. She has decided to take a break, but she is still volunteering as our newsletter editor!

Joyce Ogden has, a member since 2010, has just retired as both publicity chairman and historian, positions she has filled for about 10 and 9 years.

Rebel Romero, who joined OGS in 2014, was quickly recruited as audio-visual tech, which she has continued for 6 years. She was secretary for 3 years, and took on the gargantuan job of cataloging our library of about 1000 books. Those jobs are behind her now, but she has just agreed to be assistant team-leader of the seminar team.

Cindy Neff has stepped down as facilitator of the writing SIG, to concentrate on her own 7-generation family history. Will you please add that, Eileen? Unfortunately, I don't know anything else about her, except that members of her SIG have been very complimentary.

I hope you will take a moment, perhaps during a meeting, or by phoning them or sending a message by mail or email, to thank these wonderful volunteers for all they've done for OGS.

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

Outreach - Peggy Cooley

On Thursday, August 5th, Diana Bargmann, Rebel Romero and I shared a booth at the DuPont Farmer's Market with Sacajawea Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington Society United States Daughters of 1812, Tumwater Falls Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists and George Rogers Clark Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

Rebel brought along some outreach materials (which need updating!), and we set up shop. I think the big draw for us was the Olympia Genealogical Society tablecloth hanging in front of our table, which could be seen from across the market. All three of us engaged with at least 15 visitors who are either current genealogists or those curious about genealogy. And in between visitors, Rebel, Diana and I got to chat about our lives and genealogy in person. This was fun! Sign me up for the next outreach program!

NEW! Genealogy Chat Group - Peggy Cooley

Do you wish that you could just talk about your genealogy with other like-minded people? I miss gathering with other Society members just to tell stories or talk about brick walls, successes, books, and webinars.

I'd like to start a group, for now on Zoom, where we can have free flow conversations with each other. There will be a little bit of structure, just so everyone knows what to expect. I think maybe 1-2 hours once a month, but should it be morning, afternoon or evening?

I need help from 2 people to hash out the details and get this group started. Email me at jerseymouse@comcast.net, please.

Genealogy Mystery Books- Kerry McHugh-Upton The Genealogical Mystery Books Review Continues

In the last couple of newsletters last spring I have been writing a quick review of books written by Steve Robinson's Jefferson Tayte series. I then moved onto the series by M.J. Lee with his Jayne Sinclair genealogical mysteries. Since the writing of the last article, I completed his series with the last three published mysteries: "The Sinclair Betrayal", in this mystery Jayne Sinclair researches who her grandparents were and the mystery of grandmother's role during WWII. "The Merchant's Daughter", tells the story of an actress's deep family secrets during the slave trade in the Caribbean tied to her English ancestors. "A Christmas Carol", takes place during the Dickens era with the story of how the book "A Christmas Carol" was inspired.

If you are interested in reading any of the books I've written about, please let me know, I'd love to pass them along!

As mentioned in the first article, I was hopeful of creating a page on our website listing genealogical mystery books. As of this time I haven't created that page. I'm hopeful to do that soon!

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 Cordial 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 Cordial, 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 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 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

Special Interest Groups (SIGS) - Kerry McHugh-Upton
Special Interest Groups 2021-2022

Welcome Back! With the start up of this year's calendar, our SIGs (Special Interest Groups) are getting started back up as well. This last summer several surveys were sent out to the membership to respond to. One area that we were focusing on was the Special Interest Groups. There continues to be interest in DNA, Writing your family story, Ancestry, Family
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Tree Maker, and Family Search.org. Interest was also expressed by many members for SIGs covering Legacy Software, RootsMagic, Native American research, FindMyPast.com, and MyHeritage. There is quite a bit of interest for these groups, we just need someone to step up to be the facilitator. The facilitator does not need to be fluent or an expert in these areas, they just need to have an interest in the topic. The facilitator typically will set a time for the meeting possibly monthly, bimonthly or quarterly. A location isn't needed since our SIGs will be via Zoom. The facilitator should send out a reminder a day or two before the meeting to remind the regular attendees that it's time for them meeting. There will be someone from the Zoom team to assist you with running the meeting via Zoom, so no experience needed for Zoom. Check over the list and let me know if you can be a facilitator for any of these groups!

We have a few changes to this year's line-up, at present time, here is the line up of Special Interest Groups and Facilitators:

- ANCESTRY - Greg Nordlund; meets 4th Saturday 11am – 1pm
- FAMILY TREE MAKER - David Abernathy; meets 4th Thursday 10am
- FAMILY SEARCH - Carolyn Gibbons – starting in January 2022
- DNA – in need of a facilitator
- FAMILY HISTORY WRITING – in need of a facilitator
- ITALIAN – Greg Nordlund is interested in leading this group. Please contact him if you are interested in attending. He'll form a group!
- Native American – in need of a facilitator
- Find My Past – in need of a facilitator
- MyHeritage.com – in need of a facilitator

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Special Interest Groups are open to all members. Feel free to contact the facilitator to learn more about the group. More information is shared on the Forum page once you have logged onto the OGS website, Members Only section. Access to the Forums is a benefit of membership; if you aren't a member yet, join up and start taking in all that membership offers!

Washington State Digital Archives - Volunteers Needed

Death certificates are now available for transcription in Scribe. Scribe has long been without death/certificates, but our volunteers need not wait anymore. Tens of thousands of records from the Department of Health have been uploaded and are now available for transcription.

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!

Genealogy Web Sites

Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State (JGSWS)

To view the website use this Url: jgsws.org

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter:

To read the most recent Online Newsletter go to: blog.eogncom

Monthly Newsletter Of Claudia C. Breland:

Claudia is a Professional Genealogist and author living in the Key Peninsula in Western Washington. To read the most recent Online Newsletter go to www.ccbreland.com

The Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS):

To access their very informative web page: wasgs.org/

Washington State Archives

To access their monthly and back issues of their Newsletter:

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/

From the Refreshment Table - Diana Bargmann

As we continue to attend our meetings via Zoom with the start of a new OGS year this month, we will also continue to feature recipes and stories from members in our newsletter. Started last year as a way to add depth to the newsletter and share the results of research and discoveries from our fellow members, I think we have all enjoyed what we read and in the process, have gotten to know others in our group a little better in lieu of having the opportunity to socialize in person.

However, we know there are many more stories and culinary gems out there among our over 100 members - we have only begun to scratch the surface. PLEASE consider taking a few moments to jot down a recipe or a story to contribute to the newsletter this year. 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 or on certain subjects, they don't have to be unusual, quirky or funny - they can be serious, sad or thoughtful, too - just like life itself. A story can be a few sentences long or 1/2 page, for example, just a story you might share with someone while talking the language of genealogy during your research about an ancestor, an experience you had while doing that research, and written in the same words you would use to relate it verbally. The same with the recipes - they can be one that's been passed down through the generations or something recent you tried or just one of your favorites, any type of food you think worth sharing. (CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

Send your recipe or story to our capable and creative OGS newsletter editor, Eileen Dodge edodge1946@comcast.net by the 25th of the month and she will skillfully weave it into the next or subsequent issue. You can submit it to her in the body of an email or send it as an attachment. If you have any questions, give me a call - Diana Bargmann, 360-357-4251. And thanks for your contribution, we're looking forward to finding out more about you.

Special Note

In the October newsletter, we will not have a member contribution story as usual but instead are asking all of our OGS members to submit a brief answer to the following question: What was your favorite Halloween costume as a child and why? Or, what was your favorite Halloween treat? Send your answer to our OGS newsletter editor Eileen Dodge edodge1946@comcast.net any time prior to September 25. Thanks for participating, it should be fun to read the answers.

OGS Member Recipe - Diana Bargmann

Lemon Zucchini Muffins – from Allrecipes.com

For all you people with zucchini still coming out of your ears, this recipe is deliciously lemon and I added blueberries, too (1/2 C., lightly coat them with flour and add at the end). These muffins should freeze well. It can also be made as a bread but would need to bake longer. A spicy variation of the following recipe was to add shredded carrot (amt.?) and 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper.

Ingredients:

1 1/2 Cups Shredded Zucchini
3/4 Cup Sugar
1/2 Cup
1/2 Cup Vegetable Oil
1 egg
1/2 Cup flour
2 Teaspoons Lemon Zest (my note: preferably from an organic lemon)
1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
1/2 Teaspoon Baking Soda
1/4 Teaspoon Baking Powder
1/2 Teaspoon Salt

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease 10 (2 1/2 ") muffin cups.

Stir together zucchini, sugar, oil, and egg in a bowl. In another bowl, stir together flour, lemon zest, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Add flour mixture to zucchini mixture; stir just until blended. (Here is where you would add the blueberries, if using.)

Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups, filling each cup 2/3 full. Bake until a toothpick inserted into centers comes out clean, 15-20 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

OGS Member Recipe - Eileen Dodge

Dutch Apple Cake – A Family Favorite

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Spray or grease 8"x8"x2" Square Baking Pan or 9"x2" Round Baking Pan or 9"x3 Bundt Pan.

Cake Ingredients & Instructions:

1/2 Cup Softened Butter

1 Cup Granulated Sugar

2 Large Eggs

1/2 Cup Milk

1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract

1/2 Teaspoon Salt

2 Cups Flour

1 Teaspoon Baking Powder

1-1/2 Cup Diced Apples

1/2 Cup Chopped Walnuts or Pecans

Cream Butter and sugar in mixing bowl. Add in eggs, milk and vanilla, stirring to incorporate. Mix in flour, salt and baking powder. Fold in apples and nuts. Transfer to prepared baking pan.

Topping Ingredients and Instructions:

6 Tablespoons Cold Butter

1/3 Cup Flour

2 Tablespoons granulated Sugar

2 Tablespoons Brown Sugar

2 Teaspoons Ground Cinnamon

Combine ingredients and mix with a fork or pastry mixer until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter in pan. Bake for 55 – 60 minutes until toothpick inserted in cake comes out clean. Let cool and top with glaze.

Vanilla Glaze Ingredients & Instructions

1 Tablespoon Melted Butter

1/2 Cup Powdered Sugar

1 Tablespoon Milk

1/4 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract

Whisk glaze ingredients together until smooth and drizzle over top of cake. Store leftovers in an airtight container.

OGS Member Contribution - Carol Ballard
Helping Others Find Their Families

While so many of us are able these days to access a huge variety of genealogical data to build our family trees, there is one group that runs into far more brick walls than most of us encounter. People of African American ancestry frequently cannot learn even the names of their ancestors, let alone much about them. But gratefully there is a new awareness and effort to make more information available for those who want to research slave data and heritage.

Personally, I, like so many others, have discovered a long history of American ancestors who were slaveholders (SH). While this is troubling personal history, I am able to access information about these slave-holding ancestors that may be of great use to others researching enslaved persons (EP): eg. land records, wills and probate records and slave schedules. Separate census Slave Schedules were kept for 1850 and 1860 but, while listing the age and gender of the slave, only the name of the owner was included. 1870 was the first time that actual names of formerly enslaved persons were listed in the census. Personally, I am working with two sites to enter as much information as I can to help others find their families.

The Beyond Kin Project: <http://beyondkin.org> Here is some information taken directly from the site:

Genealogists who descend from slaveholders (SHs) are uniquely positioned to revolutionize genealogy for their African American colleagues... Finally there is a way to document EPs, linking them to the families of their SHs, using existing genealogy software. It will be a fulfilling and enlightening journey.

The challenge of documenting an ancestors' enslaved persons (EPs) logically falls to you for many reasons:

- The answers for antebellum African American family trees lie predominantly in the records of the white families who claimed ownership of them.
- The puzzles of enslaved identities can best be solved by studying them as groups, working outward from the SH's records.
- You will neither know nor understand your ancestors until you fill in the fuller picture of those who were integral to their most intimate daily lives.

The second site I am working with, Afrigeneas Slave Data Collection is a more direct means of entering and searching slave data. <http://www.afrigeneas.com/slavedata/>
Here is some information directly from this site:

About the Slave Data Collection:

Records kept by the slave owner are frequently the only clue to our ancestors, particularly during the period 1619-1869. We have designed this site to assist the African-ancestored researcher throughout the Diaspora to find a path to the last slaveholder or the suspected last slaveholder.

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The site is also designed to assist descendants of slaveholders and other researchers to share information they find with any slave reference in records including, but not limited to:

Advertisements	Day Books/Logs	Military Records
Apprenticeship	Death Records	Miscellaneous Records
Bible Records	Diaries-Journals	Plantation Records
Bills of Sale	Inventories	Pension Records
Birth Records	Legislative Acts	Run-A-Ways
Census Schedules	Letters	Slave Owners
Church Records	Litigation	Slave Sales
Cohabitation	Manumissions	Tax Records
Court Records	Marriage Records	Wills

Both sites include step-by-step instructions on how to compile and enter the data. At this time, both Nancy Cordell and I are working on African American ancestry data. For me, this is a difficult but very rewarding journey. Carol Ballard gvgirl.ballard@gmail.com

OGS Member Memoir - Joyce Ogden Nine Years Old

When I became a wage-earning fisherman at 9 yrs of age in April 1878, there was an unbroken virgin forest extending from Bald Knob to Painter Hill and south from Springbrook to Rodney Mountain. (This was in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania-- Ed. note.) I explored and fished all the streams, which drained this region and I could easily find plenty of small trout. s

My outfit consisted of a 5 qt. pail, a suit made from old clothing that reached from neck to knee which contained a spacious pocket for a small knife, my bait box, and an extra hook and line. My pole was of a carefully selected birch with the usual hair line.

I was told to fear nothing but a bear or a rattlesnake. If a bear approached, he smelt the fish. "Throw him one and he'll go away. A rattlesnake will not molest or follow you, so circle around him and have no fear. If you get lost, go down hill until you find a stream and follow it until you come to some habitation. If night comes on and I am still unable to tell where I was, build a good blazing fire and make a bed of hemlock boughs." I never had to obey any of those safety rules except one, "Go down hill until you find a stream."

-- From memoirs of Ira S. Turner, grandfather of Joyce Turner Ogden

OGS Board of Directors 2020-2021

**President – Kathy Erlandson
Vice President – Greg Nordlund
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Past President – Nancy Cordell**

Appointed Teams

**Beginners Workshop -
Book Coordinators – Nancy Cordell & Rebel Romero
FaceBook – Kerry McHugh-Upton
Genealogy Chat Group – Peggy Cooley
Historian -
Information Technology – Kerry McHugh-Upton
Logo – Greg Nordlund
Membership – Bob Monn
Member Memoirs & Stories – Diana Bargmann
Newsletter – Eileen Dodge
Publicity -
Refreshments – Diana Bargmann
Research – Jerri McCoy
Spring Seminar –
Sunshine – Gayle Strom
Special Interest Groups – Kerry McHugh-Upton
Tech Team – Kerry McHugh-Upton
Webmaster – Bob Monn
Zoom – Erin Quinn Valcho**

Community Partners

**City of Lacey: Ms. Erin Quinn Valcho
Timberland Library: Agatha Burstein**

June General Meeting Minutes

ZOOM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 10 Jun 2021

There were 62 people participating, a couple of which were from out of state.

President – Kathy Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed visitors.

Secretary - Judi Hine was on vacation, the minutes she had submitted via e-mail for the April meeting was approved with no additions or corrections. Eileen Dodge filled in on her behalf for this meeting.

Treasurer, - Judy Artley, gave her report, but was still calculating the results from the Spring Seminar.

Committee Reports

*Books – Nancy Cordell, no report

*Historian – Joyce Ogden

* Information Technology – Kerry McHugh-Upton

*Logo – Greg Nordlund, no report

*Membership – Bob Monn, no report

*Newsletter – Eileen Dodge, no report

*Nominating Committee – Dennis McDonald, stated that the committee has several possible candidates for Secretary, but at this time there is no volunteer for the position of Vice President....NOTE: See New Business below

*Refreshments – Diana Bargmann, no report

*Research – Jerri McCoy, no report

*Seminar – Peggy Cooley,

*Special Interest Groups – Kerry McHugh-Upton, no report

* Sunshine – Gayle Strom, no report

Program – Greg Nordlund introduced the speaker, Maggie Cogswell, from the Washington State Digital Archives. She shared her adventures completing the massive project of digitizing and cataloging photos of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). A robust question and answer session followed her presentation.

Meet N” Greet Break-Out Session – The participants were separated into several groups of 5-6 people who shared their most surprising genealogical discovery. The sessions were well received and were enjoyed by all who participated. It was requested that we do the same procedure at a future meeting.

New Business – it was suggested that someone might volunteer for the Vice President position with the understanding that it is not expected for him or her to become President. Additionally, if the Vice President was to have a Program Committee to help with finding subjects and speakers for the meetings, then the position might be more easily filled. The following members have volunteered to be on the Program Committee: Greg Nordlund, Ann Olson, Terry Church, Alice Anderson, Diana Bargmann, and Marcelle Allen.

Submitted by C. Eileen Dodge, Secretary pro tem

