



Olympia

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Eileen Dodge, Editor

A Note from President – Kathy Erlandson

Here I sit in my own quiet little corner, responsibly distancing myself from others, and like you, finding ways to fill all this time on my hands. A number of appropriate adages come to mind; be careful what you wish for, and if your going to pray for rain, carry an umbrella. My life has been so busy with responsibilities for the last year or more that I have longed for 'more time'. Well, now I have it.

What did I think I would do with that time I've been wishing for? I'd almost forgotten, but it is slowly coming back to me. I sincerely hope that I don't waste this precious commodity, because it surely won't last forever. So, what am I doing? One thing I'm very good at is procrastination, especially of those nasty or boring daily tasks. However, I'm finding it very rewarding to get them done and not have them hanging over my head anymore. I'm cleaning my garage, yard and house. They've needed it for so long! I'm making greeting cards for my grandsons, who will soon drive their parents nuts. I'm getting back to playing my fiddle and guitar. I've really missed that, but they always fall to the bottom of the list when time is short. And, no surprise to you, I'm sure, I'm starting to do some work on genealogy!

I'm really grateful to those OGS members who have posted interesting and useful information on our Facebook page. Because of some of those, I have read some great articles, and begun watching some webinars, something I've never taken the time for before.

I hope you are finding some interesting ways to spend this unexpected gift of time. I also hope that when you find something particularly helpful to your genealogical research, you will share it on our Facebook page, for more of us to benefit from your hard work. I'll bet that when we can all get back together again, face-to-face, we will have some wonderful stories to share. I look forward to it!

A Note from Sunshine Chair - Gayle Strom

As the Olympia Genealogical Society Sunshine chair 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.

A Note from Vice President – Greg Nordlund

Dee Bright, our planned speaker for March, put a ton of effort into putting her presentation together, so we hope Dee can be our first speaker when we begin meeting again.

I hope that genealogy will be a distraction for many of us during difficult periods of isolation and quarantine. Being alone for these long periods of time can be difficult, even for professed loners.

Tune into our Facebook group where there are several posts about free resources you can use during the outbreak. You can chime in, start new conversations and ask questions.

Try something new, be good to yourselves and hang in there!

A Note from Membership Chair – Bob Monn

Please welcome the following new OGS members who joined this past month:

Liz Boston

Mark Kenney

Roland Krebs

A Note from Spring Seminar Chair - Peggy Cooley

My thanks to all the Spring Seminar Committee members for their efforts to put on the Spring Seminar. We cancelled on March 10, when it became clear that the coronavirus outbreak was worsening. Today, March 27, we hear of over 100,000 Americans who are infected. None of us can even relate to these numbers and every single one of those counted are people with families and loved ones. Be safe and follow the CDC guidelines, please.

When asked, Teresa Steinkamp McMillin said she would be happy to reschedule! As soon as it is feasible, our committee will meet to decide how to proceed. At the time of cancellation, we had 89 people registered to attend so we know we picked a good topic!

Thanks again, everyone!

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

You can access information as to date, time, location and group coordinator in the Members Only area of the OGS website. Just click on Special Interest Groups.

Ancestry.com – led by Gred Nordlund

DNA – led by Kerry McHugh-Upton

Family Search – led by Carolyn Gibbons

Family Tree Maker – led by David Abernathy

Legacy – led by Gayle Strom

Roots Magic – led by Rosemary Walrod

Writing Your Family History - led by Cindy Neff

Olympia Genealogical Society Events Calendar

April 2020

Due to the COVID epidemic, an April meeting date is yet to be announced – when a date is decided, we will send you an e-mail with the details.

Olympia Genealogical Society Board of Directors 2019-2020

Elected Officers

President – Kathy Erlandson
Vice President – Greg Nordlund
Treasurer - Judy Artley
Secretary – Judi Hine
Past President – Nancy Cordell

Appointed Committees

Beginners Workshop – Ann Olson
Book Coordinators – Nancy Cordell & Rebel Romero
Cemetery Project – Norman & Eileen Dodge
Drop In Genealogy Help – Eileen Dodge
Election Committee – Varies from year to year
FaceBook – Kerry McHugh-Upton
Historian – Joyce Ogden
Library Liaison – Agatha Burstein
Membership – Bob Monn
Memorials –
Multi-Media – Rebel Romero
Newsletter – Eileen Dodge
Outreach –
Publicity – Joyce Ogden
Refreshment – Diana Bargmann
Research – Jerri McCoy
Spring Seminar – Peggy Cooley
Sunshine – Gayle Strom
Special Interest Groups – Kerry McHugh-Upton
Webmasters – Bob Monn, Kerry McHugh-Upton & Jerri McCoy