



Olympia

Genealogical Society

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A Note from President – Kathy Erlandson

Among my responsibilities as President of Olympia Genealogical Society, is leading, managing, and developing the organization's employees, volunteers, and organizational culture. Sounds pretty obvious, doesn't it? It may even sound routine, easy. OGS has no employees. So, no worries there! But where does that leave us? That leaves us with volunteers. ALL volunteers.

Do you realize how many different things OGS does monthly, and throughout the year? If you look at our website, you will see that besides the Executive Board, there 15 standing committees and 6 special interest groups, and a number of special events and functions each month that require some volunteer effort. But do you realize that to fill those positions and to make our events and activities happen, takes a minimum of 40 people? (Not counting the additional volunteers who only commit to a single event or activity during the year.) Now, as that thought sinks in, I want you to consider one thing more. How many people do you think fill those 40 positions? You would think 40 people, right? The truth is that 16 people fulfill those 40 roles! Wow! What a wonderful group of volunteers we have!

So, what is my point? As president, I need to recruit more people to do the work of OGS. At the current rate of activity, those 16 people are going to burn out before long. OGS needs YOU. (You may picture me in a red white and blue top hat, pointing at you from a WW II poster.) Please, don't just fill a seat at meetings. Please, step forward, and tell me you are willing to help out in some small way. Swell the number of active volunteers from 16, and help share the wonderful work from which we all benefit. You may phone me, or just gab with me at our monthly meeting. I look forward to it.

A Note from Vice President – Greg Nordlund

Our March meeting will feature speaker OGS member Dee Bright and her talk "Who is Dorothy Bright?" Dee's mother was born in 1909, adopted as an infant, but did not know she was adopted until she was an adult. Her adoptive parents had since passed away and she had very little information about her adoption. When Dorothy died in 1999, Dee took up the search for her birth grandparents. She will tell us about the steps she has taken – her progress, successes, and failure.

A Note from Webmaster – Kerry McHugh-Upton

Last month President Kathy Erlandson noted in her President's letter that we have been looking into recording our General Membership meeting speaker's program. A test recording was successfully done at the January meeting! Using a smart phone (either an iPhone or Android) we can record the presenter's program (with their permission), upload it to our website and post it to a "Members Only" page, to be viewed for 30 days. If a member wasn't able to attend the General Membership meeting or if they simply wanted to view it again, they could log onto the website and watch the program from the comfort of their recliner! It's another great benefit of being a member of OGS.

If you have an interest in helping out with this project, I am in need of someone to help with March's meeting. I will not be able to attend March's meeting and would love to see the program. If you have a phone to record the meeting, we have a tripod available to use. We can work out the schematics to get this set up. Please contact me directly – Kerry.upton123@gmail.com or call me at 360.357.6853 to discuss what would be needed to make this happen!

A Note from Membership Chair – Bob Monn

Please welcome William Kautz, a new OGS member who joined this past month.

A Note from Spring Seminar Chair – Peggy Cooley

Our Seminar spots are filling up! Registration closes on March 16. Don't delay!

We will have Heritage Quest Research Library, Origami Owl jewelry, 408 Designs, DAR, Secretary of State, Association of Professional Genealogists and Stillaguamish Genealogical Society in the lobby.

I hope to see you there.

A Note from Spring Seminar Refreshments Chair – Patricia Philippsen

Attention all members who are attending the seminar on March 28: OGS members traditionally provide the refreshments for the seminar. We need a variety of snacks. Homemade or store bought items are welcome, but please do not bring anything that requires refrigeration. Please bring your serving dishes and utensils for the food you contribute.

A Note from Sunshine Chair - 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.

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 Greg 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 **March 2020**

OGS General Meeting Thursday, March 12 7:00 –9:00 pm
Thurston County Courthouse 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW Building 1, Room 152

OGS Spring Seminar Meeting Tuesday, March 17 6:00-6:30 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 – 8th Ave SE Meeting Room

Any OGS member in good standing may attend

OGS Board Meeting Tuesday, March 17 6:30-8:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 – 8th Ave SE Meeting Room

Any OGS member in good standing may attend

OGS Drop In Genealogy Help Thursday, March 19 1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 – 8th Ave SE Meeting Room

Any OGS Member interested in assisting others in their genealogy quest

is encouraged to attend – all skill levels accepted

OGS Drop In Genealogy Help Saturday, March 21 1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 – 8th Ave SE Genealogy Area

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Spring Seminar Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Capital Event Center 6500 Tyee Dr. SW, Tumwater
Speaker: Theresa Steinkamp McMillan, CG

“Ancestral Origin through the Eyes of A German Genealogist”

For further information and registration visit the OGS website at olygensoc.org

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

Minutes OGS General Meeting - February 13, 2020

This was the annual Dinner Meeting, so no minutes were taken.