



Olympia

# Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### **A Note from President – Kathy Erlandson**

I joined OGS in 2011. One of my retirement goals was to get back to my genealogy, and having just retired, I thought that joining the genealogical society would be a good way to make new friends too. I was right! But there was more. Never one to just fill a seat, I quickly became a member of the board, and what an exciting journey I've been on.

Since I arrived on the scene, I've watched OGS grow in numbers and sophistication; adapting to the digital age in countless ways, always in an effort to better serve our membership. Our meeting minutes, newsletter and member directory are now circulated digitally. Our board of directors has the freedom to have electronic meetings if necessary. In 2017 we made a massive leap forward when we appointed a committee to develop our own website, which has affected the way we do business in many ways, including registration for events, joining and paying annual dues, publicizing events and issues, publishing our newsletters and membership roster, and much more.

Another big improvement in our organization has been the upgrading of our audio-visual capability. We have better microphones, screen and projector enabling us to interface with other electronic devices and resources. Many of our improvements in operations are intended not only to make things easier, but to attract new members from a broader segment of our local population, and it has indeed had that effect.

So, what is next? Wouldn't it be wonderful not to have to miss an anticipated program because you are ill or otherwise unable to attend a meeting? Our board is exploring the possibility of video recording our monthly programs and posting them to be viewed by members for a limited time. An exciting idea! We've asked some other organizations how they do this, and it appears that it can be done very simply, with a smart phone and a tripod. Now, all we need is a couple of volunteers who feel capable of doing such a video recording. Are YOU someone who could do this? Please contact me, or another board member to tell us you are willing to give it a try!

### **A Note from Membership Chair – Bob Monn**

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

Howard Coblentz

Nancy Huddleston

Gail Sanders

Terry Sisso

### **A Note from Vice President – Greg Nordlund**

We only have three seats available for our Annual Dinner Meeting. If you want to reserve one, please e-mail me at [gregnordlund@gmail.com](mailto:gregnordlund@gmail.com) and I will follow up with food choice details. Deadline for reservations is February 4.

**Date:** Thursday, February 13  
**Time:** 5:30 pm (dinner at 6:15 pm)  
**Place:** Seventeen51 Restaurant at Panorama  
Gallery Room  
1751 Circle Ln SE  
Lacey, WA 98503  
**Speaker:** Peggy Cooley

### **A Note from Spring Seminar Chair – Peggy Cooley**

Registration for the Spring Seminar on March 28, 2020 is in full swing! We have more than 40 registrations thus far, which is pretty exciting! I did online registration and it took me less than a minute.

The Seminar is titled: *Ancestral Origins Through the Eyes of a German Genealogist* and the speaker is Teresa Steinkamp McMillin. Take a moment to check out the info on our website.

### **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 for as many as 125 people. Coffee and ice water will be provided. Homemade or store-bought items are welcome, but please do not bring anything that requires refrigeration.

In addition, I can use two helpers to see that ample refreshments are available throughout the day. If you are interested, please contact Pat Philippsen at 360-943-8239 or email [panovarra@outlook.com](mailto:panovarra@outlook.com).

### **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 [ggnpoppa@comcast.net](mailto:ggnpoppa@comcast.net).



## **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 –  
FaceBook – Kerry McHugh-Upton  
Historian – Joyce Ogden  
Library Liaison – Juliet Lawson-Hall  
Membership – Bob Monn  
Memorials –  
Multi-Media – Rebel Romero  
Newsletter – Eileen Dodge  
Outreach –  
Publicity – Joyce Ogden  
Refreshments – 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 - JANUARY 9, 2020**

1. PRESIDENT – Kathy Erlandson opened the meeting at 7 pm.
  - a. She welcomed one new guest. There were approximately 55 in attendance.
  - b. Kathy explained the “Adopt a Member” program and passed a sign-up sheet around for those who want a mentor or will be a mentor.
  - c. Kathy also announced the need for moving the contents of our storage unit to a new facility. She passed a sign-up sheet around for help.
  
2. SECRETARY – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the December Meeting; they were accepted as printed.

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3. TREASURER – Judy Artley stated that there is \$15,209.56 in the checking account and \$4,161.85 in the CD.

4. VICE PRESIDENT – Greg Nordlund was not in attendance. Kathy gave his report. The Annual Dinner to be held in February at the Seventeen51 Restaurant at Panorama has nine spaces available. A registration sign-up sheet was passed around.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Seminar – Peggy Cooley stated that registration is now open. Registrations may be done on-line.

SIG – David Abernathy reported that he will discontinue the Computer SIG as there is very little interest. He also reported that Rootsweb e-mail list is now history.

6. PROGRAM - Introduction of Godfrey and Merry Ellis by Kathy. Godfrey and Merry presented a very interesting and informative program on English Genealogy.

7. ADJOURNED at 8:40 p.m. followed by refreshments and visiting.