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A Note from President – Kathy Erlandson



I have recently become a photo detective. I LOVE a mystery! Doesn't everyone? At least I'm sure that every genealogist does, or they'd be doing something else at 1:00 a.m. A photograph is sometimes a mystery in itself, and other times it is a clue to solving a mystery.

I've been obsessed with photographs ever since I was a child. My father was a freelance photographer. So, it comes as no surprise that my family has thousands of photos. I too became interested in taking pictures but, alas, I did not inherit the photographer gene. Darn! However, that hasn't stopped me from taking thousands of mediocre pictures.

As the years passed, I have been the inheritor of all those family pictures, including many from grandparents and even great-grandparents. I love them all! If I could travel in time and change just one thing, I would have photography invented several centuries earlier. Pictures show me where some of my family lived, (I have pictures taken in the 1920s and again in the 1990s of great-grandparents' houses and farms), how they worked, their modes of transportation, their occupations, and avocations. Photos can pose and solve mysteries. When did women wear those sleeves? What kind of uniform is that? What is that machine in the background? Sometimes the clues are even more subtle. Who else in the family has those eyebrows, that nose, those ears? Can I determine family relationships from this picture?

I was recently presented with just such a mystery. What can we possibly deduce from the two pictures above? Do these women look at all familiar to you? The picture of the majorette was taken in 1941, somewhere in Texas. The other was taken in Tacoma, Washington in 1962. I'll bet you couldn't guess that one is of me. But who is the other woman? I have no idea. The picture was on the cover of *Reminisce* magazine. I have no record, yet, of relatives in Texas, but you can bet I'm going to start investigating!

A Note from Vice-President – Greg Nordlund

At our January meeting, we will welcome Godfrey and Merry Ellis, longtime researchers, who will guide us through online search strategies and resources for English research. Many of us have ancestors from England, so this will be a useful presentation.

The Olympia Genealogical Society Annual Dinner will be Thursday, February 13 at the Seventeen51 Restaurant at Panorama from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Our speaker this year is OGS member Peggy Cooley who will share research adventures she had during her extended European vacation in 2019.

This is a Members Only Event. You **must reserve** your space - seating is limited, so don't wait. See details on our webpage at: <https://olygensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=35>.

Please join us for all the fun – See you in the New Year!

A Note from Spring Seminar Chair – Peggy Cooley

Seminar Registration time is here! At our January meeting on the 9th, registration will open. We will have brochures to fill out so bring your checkbook.

For OGS members, the cost is \$50 plus \$15 if you want a box lunch; for non-OGS members, the cost is \$60 plus \$15 if you want a box lunch.

Information about the Seminar and lunch selections is on the website, but you will not be able to register online until after the meeting. See you there!

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

Computer Support Group – led by David Abernathy

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

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.

A Note from Drop In Genealogy Help (Dig) – Eileen Dodge

DIG Help usually meets at the Olympia Library, but the library is closed December 2019 and January 2020 for remodeling. Therefore, our sessions will be on the regularly-scheduled days and time in the meeting room at the Tumwater Library.

All members of the OGS as well as the public are invited to join us for one-on-one genealogy research assistance.

If, as an OGS member, you would like to assist others in their genealogy quest, you are welcome to join our team. All skill levels are encouraged – feel free to bring your own laptop or tablet.

As we assist others in their genealogy research, we learn from each other how to improve our research skills.

Olympia Genealogical Society Events Calendar **January 2020**

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

Guests are always welcome.

OGS Drop In Genealogy Help	Thursday, January 16	1:00-3:00 pm
Tumwater Timberland Library	7023 New Market Street SW	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, January 18	1:00-3:00 pm
Tumwater Timberland Library	7023 New Market Street SW	Meeting Room

Any OGS Member interested in assisting others in their genealogy quest is encouraged to attend – all skill levels accepted.

OGS Spring Seminar Meeting	Tuesday, January 21	6:00-6:30 pm
Thurston County Courthouse	2000 Lakeridge Drive SW	Building 1, Room 152

Any OGS member in good standing may attend.

OGS Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 21	6:30-8:00 pm
Thurston County Courthouse	2000 Lakeridge Drive SW	Building 1, Room 152

Any OGS member in good standing may attend.

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

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 - December 12, 2019

1. PRESIDENT – Kathy Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome and introductions were made; there were 5 guests and no new members.

Kathy asked if any of our members would like to adopt a new member to help them navigate the first few months of membership. There were a few who agreed to do this.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved as printed.

2. TREASURER – Judy Artley gave the Financial Report. \$15,789.12 in the checking account and \$4,158.32 in the CD.

3. VICE PRESIDENT – Greg Nordlund mentioned Godfrey Ellis who does English genealogy online.

The Annual Dinner will be held on February 13th at Panorama. The cost is \$25 and there is a 50-person limit. Greg put out sign up sheets for members to pre-register. The program will be given by Peggy Cooley about her European research trip.

Greg also said he needed a committee to work on refreshing our logo. He had a sign up sheet for that.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Drop in Genealogy – Eileen Dodge reported that the DIG would be held at the Tumwater Library in December and January. Volunteers are needed to help out. Just attend a DIG and observe what the other members do. This will not only help others but yourself as well.