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Eileen Dodge, Editor

A Note from President - Kathy Erlandson:

As much as I have enjoyed my own genealogical research, and some of the wonderful stories I've unearthed, I find myself losing interest in the hard work of genealogy. It's a little embarrassing to say that to you. But I've thought a lot about it in recent months, and it's true. It's not that I'm lazy, really. In many ways, I have a short attention span. For instance, I love to do paper craft, and other craft projects. But I detest scrapbooking and would never be a quilter. Those things just take too long! I like to create something wonderful over a few hours or days, and move on to something new. So, I make greeting cards, holiday wreaths, or goofy toilet seat covers! So, what to do about my genealogy?

Two events have recently stirred a new interest in me. The first came as I was reading stories from *Little House in the Big Woods* to my mother. I found that those stories of life long ago sparked memories of her childhood. I would ask her, how did *you* celebrate Halloween, or Christmas when you were a little girl, and she would glow as she told the little things she remembered.

The second was when Kerry McHugh Upton forwarded a message, which said, in part, "Losing precious ancestral knowledge is a terrible waste. People who are on their deathbed contain the gift of priceless genealogical information, but they may have no way to share it with future generations. This can be emotionally devastating to someone at the end of their life. As a genealogist, you have the perfect skill set to be able to give a gift that will last for all time: the preservation of history. Would you be willing to donate your time to helping others who want to rescue their family history from the ravages of time?"

Those two events made me realize that it's the personal aspect of genealogy I love best. So, I replied to that request for volunteers, and got information about how to train for and get involved in this oral history project. Isn't it exciting, this journey of genealogy?

A Note from Vice-President – Greg Nordlund:

“Fun with Maps and Land Research” is the title of our November program.



Tracy Rebstock from the Washington State Archives will join us to talk to us about maps - an underutilized tool when doing genealogy or historical research. We will learn about the many different types of maps you can use, how to use them and what resources can be found in the State Archives. Tracy will also provide some records tips and tricks to use when doing land research...and she'll throw in some stories along the way.

I hope you can join us for a chock full program!

A Note from Membership Chair – Bob Monn:

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

Laurel Haas Cory Plantenberg Pat West Josey Young

The new OGS membership year began September 1 and our grace period ended Oct 31. Thank you to the members who have renewed your membership. If you haven't yet renewed for 2019-2020, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any trouble logging in, please contact me at Membership@OlyGenSoc.org and I'll be very happy to try to help.

A Note from Spring Seminar Chair – Peggy Cooley:

The Seminar Committee has chosen the topics for the Spring Seminar:

Kickstart Your German Research

Voyages of Our German Ancestors

He Took Her Name: Understanding German Farm Names

Naturalization

Working Title: [Ancestral Experiences: Through the eyes of a German Genealogist.](#)

We will have more information at next month's meeting.

Special Interest Groups (SIGS):

You can access information as to date, time, location and group coordinator in the Members Only section 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

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

Olympia Genealogical Society Events Calendar – November 2019

OGS General Meeting Thursday, November 14* 7:00-9:00 pm

* Correction from date originally published.

Thurston County Courthouse 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW Building 1, Room 152

Guests are always welcome

OGS Drop-In Genealogy Help Saturday, November 16 1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8th Ave SE Genealogy Area Table

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

OGS Spring Seminar Meeting Tuesday, November 19 5:00-6:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8th Ave SE Meeting Room

Any OGS member in good standing may attend

OGS Board Meeting Tuesday, November 19 6:00-7:45pm
Olympia Timberland Library 313 8th Ave SE Meeting Room

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Olympia Genealogical Society Future Events Calendar – 2020

Spring Seminar Saturday, March 28, 2020 9am – 4 pm
Capital Event Center 6005 Tye Drive South West Tumwater

Speaker: Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, C.G.

Registration opens January 9, 2020

A Note from Sunshine Chair - Gayle Strom:

As the Olympia Genealogical Society Sunshine person means I like to bring a bit of “sunshine” when needed and I would like for you all to let me know, when you know, that someone is ill or needs a thoughtful note. It is nice to think about them and let them know.

OGS General Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2019

1. President - Kathy Erlandson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were several guests who introduced themselves. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.

2. Secretary - Judi Hine. There being no corrections or additions the September minutes were approved as published,

3. Treasurer - Judy Artley gave the report.

4. Vice-President - Greg Nordlund said the programs for the year are coming along. Next month we will have someone from the State Archives talk on genealogy research with maps and land information.

5. Committee Reports

Beginners Workshop - Ann Olson announced that there would be an 'Authors Day' at the Schmidt House, Crosby House and Brew Master House on October 20th with 13 local authors participating.

Drop in Genealogy (DIG) - Eileen Dodge said the Olympia Library will be closed in December and January. The DIG will be held at the Tumwater Library instead.

Membership - Bob Monn asks for member photos to be sent to him so he can add them to the membership directory on the members only portion of the website.

Refreshments - Diana Bargmann passed around a sign-up sheet for members to bring goodies to the meetings.

Seminar - Peggy Cooley announced that the topics will be chosen for the seminar at our next board meeting on Tuesday 15 October. If members would like to help us select the topics, they may attend the Seminar meeting.

SIG - Kerry Upton announced there are three new SIGs starting.

- 1) Computer Support Group led by David Abernathy
- 2) Family Search led by Carolyn Gibbons
- 3) Writing your family history led by Cindy Neff

The other SIGs are:

- 1) DNA - Kerry Upton
- 2) Family Tree Maker - David Abernathy
- 3) Legacy - Gayle Strom
- 4) Roots Magic - Rosemary Walrod
- 5) Ancestry.com - Greg Nordlund

6. Program - Greg Nordlund introduced our speaker, Kathy Roberts. She spoke on "Cyber Security".

7. Meeting closed - Everyone was invited to partake in refreshments and visit with others. President Kathy Erlandson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m

Judi Hine
OGS Secretary