



Olympia

Genealogical Society

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Eileen Dodge, Editor

A Note from President – Nancy Cordell

This is my last message to the Olympia Genealogical Society as the President. It has been an honor and pleasure serving in this position. The support of the OGS Board is fabulous, and I owe a debt of gratitude to those who have served on the Board for far more years than I. I certainly could not have been effective without their guidance, support and patience. I've learned a great deal from each and every one of them.

A Note from Vice-President - Kathy Erlandson:

What does June mean for OGS? It is the end of our program year, but for many members it marks the beginning of VACATION! Some will travel this summer to family reunions, or far off places for genealogy research. Some will bring back stories of ancestral homes visited, gravesites located, mysteries solved, relatives discovered. Some may even choose to share their discoveries with us at a monthly program! June is the beginning of term for newly elected board members, and the end of term for others. Such is the case for me, as June is my last month as OGS Vice President.

I've really enjoyed my two years as V.P. I've enjoyed the comradery with other board members, and the opportunities to become acquainted with speakers specializing in many different aspects of genealogical and historical research, from DNA to Buffalo Soldiers; from preserving documents and photos to the US/Dakota Wars. It's been a lot of work, but a lot of fun. Now I look forward to supporting the work of my successor as V.P. and hearing a whole bunch of new speakers and topics.

I hope you'll attend the June meeting. Your participation in elections is crucial to our ongoing activities. It is a last chance to wish all your OGS friends bon voyage for the summer. And you won't want to miss the last program of the year. The program topic is Daughters of the American Revolution. Our own Secretary, Judi Hine, will give us an overview of the DAR and what they have to offer all genealogists. I look forward to seeing you!

A Note from Election Committee Chair – Eileen Dodge:

At our June meeting we will have our annual election of the top four Board of Director positions. The following slate will be presented:

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

At the time the slate is read any member-in-good-standing who wishes to fulfill one of the positions may announce their intention at that time.

Additionally, if any member-in-good-standing wishes to nominate any other member-in-good-standing to any of the positions may do so at that time, though we ask that you have permission to do so from the person you choose to nominate.

A Note from Sunshine Chair - Gayle Strom:

As the Olympia Genealogical Society Sunshine person 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.

A Note from Membership Chair – Bob Monn:

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

Jan Wells-Minzel Norm Pritchett Linda and Alan Spaulding

If any member has a photo of yourself that you’d be willing to have added to the OGS Membership Directory, please send it to me at Membership@OlyGenSoc.org. The web platform allows members to maintain their own profile info, but it doesn’t allow you to upload your photos.

Special Interest Groups:

You can access information as to date, time, location and group coordinator on the OGS website; see “Special Interest Groups” in the main menu after you log in.

The Special Interest Groups cover the following topics: - Ancestry.com; DNA; Family Tree Maker; Legacy; and RootsMagic.

Judy’s Genealogical Gems – Judy Artley:

I'm no longer going to supply updates about what was posted to the major genealogy web sites for the month. However, don't despair; you can still find them.

Ancestry: Scroll down on the Search Screen to "What's Happening at Ancestry" New records are listed there.

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, <https://blog.eogn.com> which is free and lists all new and updated record collections for FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage, etc.

A Note from the 45th Anniversary Chair – Eileen Dodge:

I know many of you were unable to attend last month's meeting where we celebrated the OGS 45th Anniversary.

There are some photos of the celebration on the OGS website in the Gallery section.

I was honored to give an anniversary speech and have included it as follows:

In 1974 many events occurred in the United States – among them:
The Rubick's Cube was invented.

President Richard Nixon resigned from office.

Happy Days, The Six Million Dollar Man, and The Rockford Files debuted on television.

Evel Knievel attempted to jump the Snake River Canyon in Idaho on his rocket-powered motorcycle.

The Yankees, Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford, were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Patricia Hearst was kidnapped, in Berkley California, by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

The Three-man crew of Skylab Space Station returned to earth after spending 84 days in space.

Ted Bundy killed 8 women in Washington, Oregon and Utah.

The World Trade Center opened in New York City.

Dorothy Hamill won the US Female Figure Skating Championship.

The US 1st class postage stamp rose from 8 cents to 10 cents.

A gallon of gas was 35 cents.

The US Federal Hourly Minimum Wage was set at \$2.00 an hour.

And the beginning of the Olympia Genealogical Society can be traced to a program presented by Carol Lind and Ardelle Preston of Seattle on May 10, 1974, which was sponsored by the Friends of the Olympia Public Library.

Since the response to this program was so great, a meeting to explore the possibility of establishing a local organization was held on May 22. It was decided to form an organization and temporary officers were selected.

At this time it was agreed that the reason for "organization was to receive help from established genealogy groups in obtaining information and methods of recording materials; to gather and compile a genealogy library; to assist in collecting historic data on Olympia and the surrounding area; to sponsor workshops; and most importantly to share a mutual cooperation and passion in the study and researching of genealogy. "

After the Constitution and By-laws were written and adopted in October, a permanent slate of officers was chosen and December 31st was set as the date to close charter membership. By this time the Society had grown to sixty-seven members.

There were 18 Founding Members who joined in May 1974. There were 49 Charter Members who joined from May through December 1974. We have a few of those folks here tonight. Would Founding Members Alma and Bill Greenwood, Ann Olson, and Don White and Charter Members Ed Swan and Cecille White please come Forward?

Life Members are Charter Members who have attained their 80th Birthday and have maintained an unbroken membership in the OGS. Special Life Members are those who have been given Special Recognition for Meritorious Service. Would Life member Bill Greenwood, and Special Life Members, Alma Greenwood, Pat Harper, Dick Johnson, Jerri McCoy, Roger Newman, Ann Olson, David & Karen Purtee, Ed & Shirley Swan please come forward?

Over the years the OGS has had 24 Presidents, a couple of whom have served more than once. We have some of them here with us this evening. Would Don White, Ann Olson, Alma Greenwood, Jerri McCoy, Bobbie Scott, Al Goodwin, Roger Newman, Dick Johnson, Steve Morrison, Kerry McHugh Upton, Pat Harper, and Norman Dodge please come forward?

Would all current board members please stand?

I want to thank all of you for coming this evening. I encourage you to stay and visit, have some cake and look at the past anniversary scrapbooks.

Note from Newsletter Editor – Eileen Dodge

There will be no Newsletter in July and August during the summer break. Look for the next Newsletter September 1st.

Olympia Genealogical Society Board of Directors
2018-2019 Elected Officers

President - Nancy Cordell

Vice President - Kathy Erlandson
Treasurer - Judy Artley

Secretary – Judi Hine
Past President - Eileen Dodge

Standing Committee Chairs

Beginners Workshop	Ann Olson	Newsletter	Eileen Dodge
Book Manager		Outreach	
Drop In Genealogy	Eileen Dodge	Publicity	Joyce Ogden
FaceBook	Kerry McHugh Upton	Refreshments	Diana Bargmann
Historian	Joyce Ogden	Research	Jerri McCoy
Library Liaison		Seminar	Peggy Cooley
Membership	Bob Monn	Sunshine	Gayle Strom
Memorials		Webmaster	Bob Monn
Multi-Media	Rebel Romero		

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OGS Events Calendar – June 2019

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, June 13	7:00-9:00 pm
Thurston County Courthouse -	2000 Lakeridge Drive SW	- Building 1, Room 152
OGS DIG Help	Saturday, June 15	1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library	313 8 th Ave SE	Genealogy Area
OGS Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 18	6:30-7:45 pm
Olympia Timberland Library	313 8 th Ave SE	Meeting Room
OGS DIG Help	Thursday, June 20	1:00-3:00 pm
Olympia Timberland Library	313 8 th Ave SE	Meeting Room

OGS Future Events Calendar

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

Speaker: Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, C.G.

May 9, 2019 OGS General Meeting Minutes

The May meeting of the OGS was called to Order at 7:00 pm.

President Nancy Cordell was absent. Vice President Kathy Erlandson presided. Kathy welcomed everyone and asked visitors for a show of hands and new members for a show of hands. There were many.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed as part of the March newsletter. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer Report Treasurer Judy Artley was absent. Eileen Dodge gave the Treasurer's Report for her. The report is on file.

Vice-President Report Kathy Erlandson announced that our Program for the June meeting will be given by the Daughters of the American Revolution. She also announced that is the 45th Anniversary of OGS and we celebrate that this evening.

Committee Reports

Drop in Genealogy (Dig) Help – Eileen Dodge - The next DIGs are May 16 and 18

Newsletter –Eileen Dodge reminded all that the 31st of May is the deadline for newsletter submissions

Outreach – Kathy Erlandson passed around a clipboard for members to volunteer to man the booth at the Thurston Throwback event on 4 August 2019 at the Thurston County Fair.

Seminar - Peggy Cooley was absent. Kathy reported that the 2020 seminar will be held on March 28. Our speaker will be Teresa Steinkamp McMillan.

SIG – David announced there would be no meeting for the Family Tree Maker in June or November, but they will meet on December 26th.

Greg announced that the Ancestry group will meet in May but not June.

Nominating Committee – Eileen Dodge announced that the nomination for new President is Kathy Erlandson and the nomination for Vice President is Greg Nordlund; the current Secretary, Judi Hine, and current Treasurer, Judy Artley, plan to remain.

Meet a Member – Joan Huber shared her very interesting story with us during Meet a Member.

Program –Kathy Erlandson introduced the ladies of the Daughters of the American Colonists. Diane Smith, State President; Carole Holt, Honorary National President and current Tumwater Falls Chapter President; and Alma Greenwood Tumwater

Falls Chapter Registrar. There were also several members of that chapter in attendance. The ladies spoke about the history of the DAC and what they do now.

45 Year Celebration – Eileen Dodge led the celebration. She related what was going on in the world in 1974 and how OGS was started. The founders who were in attendance were honored as were others who have had an active role in the success of OGS. A program was printed for this event. There were two decorated cakes.

Kathy Erlandson adjourned the meeting at 8:07, cake was served, and the members visited.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Hine OGS Secretary