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Eileen Dodge, Editor

A Note From President – Nancy Cordell:

There are many exciting OGS events happening this fall, including the Special Interest Groups, Ask The Experts, and various general meeting presentations.

I look forward to seeing you at the October 11th meeting.

A Note from Vice-President - Kathy Erlandson:

OGS sure got our new program year started with a bang! September's 'Special Interest Group Fair' was a smashing success. Seven groups were begun each with 8-22 members showing interest. If you were not at that meeting, I urge you to go to the Members Only section of our website and look at the Special Interest Group (SIG) page. All members are still eligible to join one or more groups.

At our October 11 meeting, we will resume the 'Meet a Member' feature. This month we get to meet Ann Metzler. Then our guest speaker, Jennifer Crooks, will tell us about "The Homefront: Thurston County during World War I". This should be a fun and interesting meeting. I hope you will be there!

Though there was some doubt, Ask the Experts is on track to occur Saturday, October 27. The committee is in the process of reviewing questions and matching them up with experts. This will be a great opportunity for our participating members to make progress toward breaking down some brick walls.

Our Board of Directors is still seeking a volunteer who is willing to watch for opportunities to share the work of OGS with the general public, and to organize a small committee to respond to those opportunities by staffing an information table for a couple of hours. Your help in being or finding such a person to be our Outreach Chairperson would be greatly appreciated. Contact me, or any board member if you would like to explore this further.

A Note from Spring Seminar Chair – Peggy Cooley

It's going to be a BIG ONE!

Our Spring Seminar 2019 will be held on March 30, 2019 at the Capital Event Center. Blaine Bettinger, the "Genetic Genealogist" will be our speaker on DNA topics.

We are opening up two more rooms so we will be able to accommodate 150 guests!

Once our brochure has been finalized, it will be loaded onto our OGS website. Registration opens at our January 10, 2019 meeting. We considered using our website for online registration, but we decided to wait until 2020 to avoid potential issues with a mix of paper and online registrations for this large event.

Percival Catering at South Puget Sound Community College will be catering lunch again this year with five selections and sodas.

All the vendors from last year will be back with their genealogy related items.

I am still looking for volunteers, so email me or talk to me at our General Meetings.

It is recommended that you purchase and read Blaine's genealogy books prior to the seminar. Blaine's books can be purchased from Amazon as follows:

The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy		
Paperback	\$29.99	Kindle Edition \$14.99
Genetic Genealogy in Practice		
Paperback	\$36.00	Kindle Edition \$9.99

Thanks to everyone for their work and support to make this a wonderful seminar.

A Note from Membership Chair - Bob Monn

Please welcome the following new members who joined in September:

David and Jean Coons	Anne Metzler
Leslee and Richard Dunlap	Pam Pierson
Ron and Suzette Frederick	Richard Skramstad and Abby Smith
Dan Gadman	Erin Quinn Valcho
Stephanie Gunther-Jones	Angie Warner-Rein

Judy's Genealogical Gems - Judy Artley

Note: Due to computer problems, my contribution this month is smaller than usual.

The Genealogist - by Dick Eastman (Pay Site)

International:

Warwickshire Parish Record Collection, updated

United States:

South Carolina State Library Invoices/Correspondence Confederate Purchases from England, 8/31

Find My Past - Pay Site

British & Irish Newspapers 1892-2008, updated

Kent, Folkestone Cheriton Road Cemetery Memorial Inscriptions

Wales: Montgomeryshire and Dorsey Memorial Inscriptions

Yorkshire Baptisms 1744-1917 and Yorkshire Burials 1797-1992

OGS – General Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2018

1. President Nancy Cordell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. She welcomed two visitors and several new members.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting (June) were approved as published.
3. Treasurer's Report: Checking \$12,835.66; Certificate Account \$4,116.08; Amazon \$1.00; Paypal \$513.64
4. Vice President Kathy Erlandson announced the need for people to sign up for "Meet a Member". She passed around a sign-up sheet.

Kathy also reported that the "Ask The Experts" event is scheduled for 27 October from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be 20-minute appointments. The final day to sign up for this event and submit questions is 22 September. See the OGS website for more information.

Kathy announced the programs planned for the coming year:

- September – Today's program is 'OGS Special Interest Groups'.
- October – Jennifer Crooks – The Role of Women during WWI in Thurston County.
- November – Nancy Cordell will answer DNA questions.
- December – Members will share stories.
- January – Ron Barron will share his story of the search for his father.
- February – Annual Dinner
- March – Diana Bargmann will give us a Civil War Parlor talk.
- April – Spring Seminar
- May – TBA
- June – TBA

5. Committee Reports

- Facebook –
Kerry McHugh Upton encouraged members to check out the Facebook page.

- Refreshments – Diana Bargmann
She circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers.
 - Seminar – Peggy Cooley
She needs two volunteers: a Lunch Coordinator and a Vendor Coordinator.
 - Drop In Genealogy Help – Eileen Dodge
This Saturday is the third Saturday which falls before the third Thursday. Please come for help, it's not just for non-members or new people.
 - Membership – Bob Monn
Please pay your dues. Please log-in to the website! Only members who've logged in can see the extended information. Also, member photos will be taken at this meeting for the website or a photo can be sent to Bob if you want it included in the "members only" area.
 - Beginners Workshop – Ann Olson
She brought some handouts that were donated by the Library for anyone to take.
6. Presentation of By-Law Changes
All proposed changes can be seen on the website. We will vote on these changes during the October meeting. Nancy highlighted several substantive changes:
- Article V – sections 1, 4, 5, a new 6, new 7.
 - Article X – sections new 3; new 4; new 5
7. Tumwater Historical Society is holding an event to honor the end of the Oregon Trail on Sunday, October 6.
8. Program: Vice President Kathy Erlandson introduced each Special Interest Group facilitator and their subject. See the full list on the website.
9. President Nancy Cordell then encouraged everyone to sign up for the SIGs, have refreshments, get to know one another, and have their picture taken for the website. She then adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judi Hine
OGS Secretary

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Name: _____

Maiden Surname: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Do you need a ride to the meetings? _____

Do you prefer to only have your name, but NOT your contact information included in the member directory?
Circle one Name only Name & Contact Information Neither

Single Membership \$20.00 per year (Membership year is from Sep 1 to Aug 31)

Family (one newsletter) \$25.00 per year

Join after March 1 Single membership \$10; Family Membership \$12.50

New Membership _____ Renewal _____ Reinstatement _____

Please list your areas of Family History Research on the back of this form.

You can pay at the meeting or send this form and a check (payable to OGS) to:

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