



Newsletter

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**March Meeting
Tuesday
27 March 2001**

**6:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Library Hall
Fort Vancouver
Regional Library
Ft. Vancouver Way**

**Business: Discussion
and vote on the
bylaws**

**Program:
"Genealogy and the
Internet"
Patricia McKee Bauer
Gene Swain
Kuechmann**

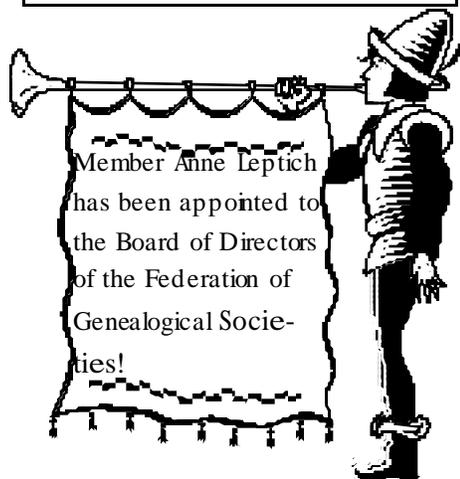
**The public is welcome
to attend.**

COME JOIN US ON THE INTERNET

At the March meeting, Pat Bauer and Gene Kuechmann will discuss and demonstrate some of the ways that computers and the Internet can contribute to your genealogical research. Ancestry.com has donated copies of the fall 2000 issue of Computer Genealogy, as well as catalogs, for distribution at the meeting.

Patricia McKee Bauer, CCGS Webmaster, has been using personal computers for about 12 years, and except for a one-day class, she is self-taught. She designed her first web page six years ago to advertise her book on reunion planning, and has since designed 25 or more pages that are currently active. She now creates web pages for CCGS members in exchange for a \$50 contribution to the Society. Several years ago Jennifer Petersen started the CCGS "chat room" and asked Pat to help. Nancy Petersen joined Pat as co-host when Jennifer could no longer continue. When Margaret Hepola donated an Internet computer for the CCGS Library, Pat was largely responsible for setting it up and getting it on line. As CCGS Webmaster she created and maintains our outstanding web site.

Gene Swain Kuechmann has taught the use of computers for a number of years to our beginning genealogy classes and helped found and direct the CCGS Computer Interest Group. She has a BA in mathematics and secondary education from the University of Tulsa and an MA in mathematics from UCLA. She studied computer science as part of her MA program, but like Pat is self-taught in the use of personal computers. Professionally, she has taught secondary school mathematics, written and edited educational and technical publications, consulted on the design and content of educational software, and co-authored a textbook on computer programming. She has also worked as a volunteer in the field of adaptive computing for individuals with disabilities.



NGS Conference in the States: 16-19 May 2001

We are quickly approaching "early" registration deadline! By 19 March 2001, less than a month from now, early registration fees are due. If we return our registration forms to NGS by that date we save \$25.00 for the four-day conference. Registration fee for NGS members is \$160.00 and for non-members is \$190.00. After 19 March 2001, the NGS member fee is \$185.00 and the non-member fee is \$215.00. Single-day registration is \$70.00 per day, regardless of NGS membership and regardless of time of registration.

NGS has arranged with Tri-Met that all paid registrants will have a letter pass that will allow conference attendees to ride the Max Train and busses in an expanded fareless square. (This is basically from the Lloyd Center to the Convention Center to Downtown. Downtown is already in fareless square.)

If you do not have a registration brochure, they are available at the CCGS Library. Or register on line at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>. After clicking the title "NGS 2001 Conference in the States, Portland, Oregon," click on "Conference Schedule," then click on "Registration," and the registration form will appear. Fill in your choices and payment method. Bingo! You're registered!

Additional local information for the host site, Portland, Oregon, can be found on the Genealogical Forum of Oregon web site <<http://gfo.org>>. Click on the headline "Host of the NGS 2001 Conference." There are many links to conference and local events. Several events will also occur in Vancouver, Clark County, Washington.

Introducing Alice Allen, Accessions Director for the Library

Alice comes to us as a USGenWeb webmaster for Marshall Co., Kansas, Geauga Co., Ohio, Seneca Co., Ohio, and Clark Co., Washington. Alice has lived in Oregon and Washington all her life, having been born in La Grande. Her parents were midwesterners who met in Portland.

Of her husband of 34 years, her 6-children (2 still at home), and 6 grandchildren, only one shares her love of genealogy. She had the privilege to be a stay-at-home mom for her last three children, where the volunteering bug caught up with her. The description of volunteer jobs I liked best is "Media Mom" – aren't we all!

Alice credits her start in family history research to her aunt, Elsie Kirk, who lived in Yacolt before passing away in 1987. Elsie was an active member of the Yacolt and Battle Ground communities and an avid genealogist. Brief family histories were done and placed on a shelf until she got her first computer. In 1995 Alice discovered Internet genealogy. Her greatest achievement was finding her husband's Allen & associated lines, all Quaker, something her in-laws had failed to do in 30 plus years of searching. In 1996, while a member of a Kansas mailing list, she came upon the beginnings of the USGenWeb Project, and was off and running.

The following spring, at a Family History Center, Alice met Mary Katschke, who introduced her to CCGS. We are excited to welcome Alice Allen as our new Accessions Director for the Library. Alice says she is very excited to expand her "Volunteer Career" with CCGS.

Adopt - A- Utility Angels:

A special *Thank You* to all of those who jumped in and sent additional monies for meeting our PUD costs. -Sharon Wodtke, Pres. CCGS



RESEARCH TRIP IN THE PLANNING

The date will be October 7-14. We will stay at the Carlton. Let Marge Greenen or Jeanine Bailiff know as soon as possible if you wish to go so they can firm up the room reservations. (Please do not call the hotel yourself!) Also, let them know with whom you want to room and whether you want to go earlier or stay longer.

Please make your own airplane reservation. The hotel van will transport us to the hotel from the airport. There will be a get-together in September to provide information and answer questions for all that are going, and to give everyone a chance to meet the other participants.

Room rates (same as last year):
\$335+Tax for a single \$371
\$375+Tax for a double \$415.69
\$415+Tax for a triple \$460.03
Add \$70 for a kitchenette

Airline schedules (subject to change; non-stop):

SOUTHWEST:

11:20 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
4:25 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.
7:10 p.m. to 12:30 mn

DELTA:

6:05 a.m. to 8:46 a.m.
10:35 a.m. to 1:17 p.m.



Fares (subject to change):

SOUTHWEST: \$83.00 one way for seniors 65+
\$180.00 round trip regular.

Senior fares are refundable; regular fares are not.

DELTA: \$167.44 regular

Seniors 10% discount

If you have any questions please e-mail

Jeanine Bailiff, Trip Coordinator, or phone her at 566-9422 (local) or Marge Greenen at 892-6773.

Jeanine Martinell Bailiff

See my web page at:

< <http://martinellbailiff.homestead.com>>

Searching my Swedish Roots

SOMETHING'S COOKING!

An upcoming CCGS project will be a cook-book containing favorite recipes of our members. Start picking out your recipes now to contribute – the details for submission will be coming to you later. You will need the name of the recipe, list of ingredients, how-to instructions, etc. The recipes can be old family recipes and/or favorites



you've used for years. When the time comes, there will be forms available or instructions for sending by e-mail. Please DO NOT send recipes now.

Cook book committee:

Jeanine Bailiff, Irene Page, Barbara Peters

February Seminar With Past Tracker Associates Was A Success

Our 'Setting the Record Straight' Seminar drew 108 attendees. They enjoyed the three excellent Past Tracker Associates speakers, the interesting and clear handouts, the comprehensive syllabus, the neat door prizes, and the ample box lunch. Discovery Middle School provided a comfortable and pleasant environment for the event. Credit for the success of the seminar goes to the CCGS volunteers who worked and provided support. Thanks are also due all those who donated baked goods to keep us refreshed during the day.

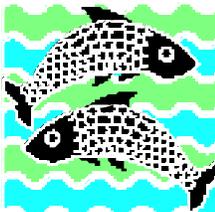
If you would like to hear any of the three professional genealogists who spoke, Beverly Rice, Marcia Rice, or Rhonda G. Edwards, you will have another opportunity at the NGS National Convention coming to Portland, Oregon, in May.

About the Library

with Mary Anne Best, CCGS Library Director

LET'S GO "FICHEING"!

It may not be like sitting on a grassy bank dangling your line in the pond, waiting for the fish to bite, but searching through microfiche for a lost ancestor is exciting when you catch one.



At the CCGS library we have a small collection of fiche – including Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications, Swedish settlements on the Dela-ware, History of Union and Tolland County, Connecticut, California Marriage Index 1960-1981, Oregon Marriage Index 1961-1992; Index of Maryland Colonial Wills, and many other interesting titles.

Microfiche are just a sample of what is available for your research at the library. But if you haven't been on a "ficheing" trip, this is a great time because the weather is always perfect to search through the fiche.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Clark County Genealogical Society member Doris Austin Cooney.

Mrs. Cooney died at her home on Friday 9 February 2001.



Our condolences also go to member Arlene Paul and the family and friends of Clarence "Lee" Paul, who was also a member of the Society.

Mr. Paul died Wednesday, 21 February 2001.

Hi, CCGS computer users

The system for cataloging the CCGS Library holdings has been changed as of 1 February 2001. The new program is called "Library Manager". It's written in the Foxpro language.

As the programmer of the new system, I need help in two areas. I need one or more people who can program in Foxpro. I would like to have at least one person, and preferably more, who could maintain the programs, "just in case." Foxpro is basically DBASE, so familiarity with DBASE III or IV might also work, if you don't mind a little bit of learning.

Of more immediate importance, I am looking for someone with experience in setting up or maintaining a peer-to-peer network. The CCGS Library has three computers that were originally networked to share a printer. I have set up the network to enable updating the data files from the new system on all computers, under program control. Also, there is a system under program control to backup the data to a Zip disk. However, as it is currently set up, sometimes the network works and sometimes it doesn't. This means that I have to go to the Library every time any change is made to the files and ensure that the files on all computers are updated and that the backup is accomplished. I don't mind this, but I feel a simple fix to the network should eliminate the problem – I just need help figuring it out.

I would appreciate any help that anyone with experience in this area could provide. There must be someone out there. If you could be of help, please email me. For the network person, I expect that once it's set up correctly, no more involvement would be necessary, other than perhaps a question occasionally from me.

Ed Peters at epeters@worldaccessnet.com.



Because of personnel and computer program changes, no membership renewal cards were issued between 1 July and 31 December, 2000. If you renewed during this period, the Rol-o-dex at the CCGS Library and your address labels on the Newsletter and Trail Breakers should all reflect your current expiration date. Check your label; if you don't believe it is correct, please contact Alice Grant, Membership Chairman.

All members renewing after Jan 1, 2001, will receive a new membership card. Watch for yours in the mail. We are sorry for any inconvenience this change may have caused. Alice Grant - Membership
Barbara Baker - Treasurer

HELP OTHERS BY TEACHING FAMILY HISTORY

Want to help struggling genealogists learn how to become effective family historians? Join our highly motivated group of instructors. We teach the Beginning and Intermediate series at Clark Community Education. The job is very rewarding, but we need your help.

We also want to initiate a program of short courses or workshops at our library on cultural history topics, organizing a genealogy project, and other topics our members and others would enjoy. In order to conduct both the classes at Clark and the workshops, we need several more instructors.

If you would like to be involved in our exciting education program, please contact Burt Paynter, CCGS Education Director, at (360) 891-9411 or by email at <walkeriii@home.com>.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon and Genealogical Forum of Oregon invite you to "Attending a conference ... preparing for the NGS Conference" at Mittleman Jewish Community Center, Wednesday 21 March, 7:30 - 9 p.m. featuring Ann Leptich.

Microsoft Me seems to have a compatibility problem with some genealogical software (specifically, Legacy). Has anyone encountered this problem? Has anyone found a solution? If so, please e-mail me at <genekuech@aol.com>.

A Love Affair With Ireland

When: Saturday, 17 March 2001,

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Covington House

4201 Main St., Vancouver

What: The third in the series of Heritage Teas, fundraisers for CCGS presented by the Society and Carnelian Rose Tea Company.

Guest Speaker: **Anne Leptich**

Cost: \$25 per person

Menu: Finger sandwiches of mushroom and bacon on oatmeal bread, ham salad on wheat bread, cucumber with mint cream cheese on white bread; Irish cream scones, heart-shaped sugar cookies, lime squares, cherry thumbprints

Mail your check or bring it to the CCGS Library, marked Heritage Tea. There will be seating for a maximum of 40 people. Please bring your favorite Irish photo or St. Patrick's Day card to display.

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CCGS Meetings and Programs

26 January -	Intermediate Genealogy, 10 a.m. - 12
16 March	Town Plaza, Rm. 102
27 January -	Introduction to Genealogy, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
24 March	Town Plaza, Rm. 102 (no class 17 Feb.)
17 March	Heritage Tea III, Covington House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
20 March	Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - 12
27 March	General Meeting, 6:30 - 8:45 p.m., Library Hall 3Note time change
13 April -	Introduction to Genealogy, 10 a.m. - 12
8 June	Town Plaza, Rm. 102 (no class 18 May)
14 April -	Intermediate Genealogy, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
15 June	Town Plaza, Rm. 102 (no class 19 May or 26 May)
17 April	Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. - 12
21 April	Heritage Tea IV, Covington House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
24 April	General Meeting, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
16-19 May	NGS "Conference in the States," Oregon Convention Center