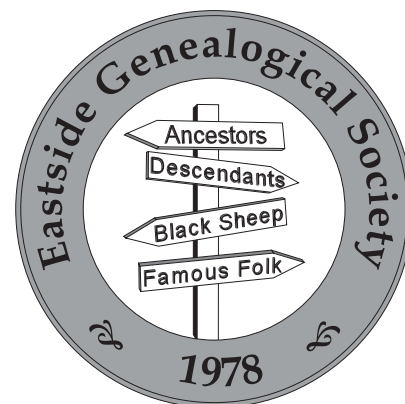


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### NEXT MONTH'S EGS MEETING:

Thursday, March 12, 2009  
 7:00 PM  
 Bellevue Regional Library

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### EGS MEETING INFORMATION

**Date:** Thursday, February 12, 2009  
**Time:** Welcome New Members 6:30 PM  
 Meeting Begins 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Bellevue Regional Library  
**Topic:** Sharing Successes, Websites and More  
**Speaker:** Discussion led by Judy Meredith and Bob Barnes

#### About The Program:

Do you have a burning question? Have a success to brag about already this year? Have you discovered a new database or website? Since we're all about sharing, join us for the February meeting for a lively discussion led by Judy Meredith and Bob Barnes. Bring your laptop if you wish. Wi-Fi access is available in the library. Please join us and visitors are always welcome.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since our Vice-President Judy Meredith authored last month's message this is my first opportunity to wish all of you a Happy New Year and many genealogical successes in the coming year. The EGS had many good things to celebrate in 2008 starting with our participation in the Strawberry Festival, Bothell River Fest and the Family History Expo. Then the Society's education activities were successfully re-energized with our Introduction to Genealogy Classes this fall at the Bellevue Regional Library. I thank each and every one of our members who helped make these activities possible.

Our members continued to provide research assistance at the library on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons. The members of the EGS library committee and acquisitions continued their work to enhance the EGS/BRL partnership and to continue to provide quality genealogical materials for the use of all library patrons. Then there were the Society's active, entertaining and informative programs that we all enjoyed throughout the year, culminating in the Show and Share Program in November where many of our long-term members were honored and shared some of their EGS experiences with us. We owe a big thank you to Judy Meredith and all those who provided ideas and assistance in making these programs possible.

To Kim Nichols go many thanks for her unsung work as both our Newsletter Editor and as our webmaster. She is the one who is most responsible for the face that the EGS presents to the genealogical world at large. And to my fellow board members my thanks for jobs well done and I look forward to even more accomplishments in 2009!

Bob Barnes

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Please welcome the following new members:

Ron E. HADLEY— is researching the name SULLEY in England (Ipswich and Suffolk County).

Arlene MARKS

Lawson SEBRIS — is researching PRESTON, TAYLOR, BROWN, LAWSON, McDOWELL, GREEN(E), and BRYAN in the Old South.

Thomas E. WEBB — is researching WEBB and WILLARD and says his area of interest is Family Tree.

Sharon C. BROWN

**FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The EGS Board Meeting scheduled for February 5, 2009, from 10:00 AM to noon, will be held at Bob Barnes home at 1652 128th Ave SE, Bellevue. We are trying to get the meeting moved to the Redmond Regional Library but the library will not be accepting reservations until February 1 so stay tuned.

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

We have added two people this month to our slate of volunteers for library research assistance at Bellevue Regional Library. Sue Aho will be working on the first Wednesday afternoon with Jack Newman. Dawn Thompson will be working with me on the second Tuesday evening. Thanks to both of them. *(Submitted by Winnie Sihon, EGS Library Chair)*

**NEW CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP**

A new Canadian Interest Group has recently formed. We meet the first Thursday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Bellevue Regional Library, Meeting Room 4, first floor. We share information on research sources: Web sites, books, magazine articles, maps and personal experiences. Anyone with Canadian ancestors is invited to attend. For more information, please contact John Howell, [jhowell54@comcast.net](mailto:jhowell54@comcast.net) or 206-817-7516.

**NEW MIDWEST SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FORMING**

Several people expressed an interest in getting together to form a new Special Interest Group (SIG), focusing on the Midwest. If you are interested, please email or call Kim Nichols (360-668-3937 or [kimberly@dormik.com](mailto:kimberly@dormik.com)). Let me know when you would be available to meet—day or night, days of the week, and if you have a meeting location suggestion. Also be sure to tell me your contact information (phone or email) so I can contact you. Once I hear from a few people, we will set a time for our first meeting. Looking forward to it! *(Submitted by Kim Nichols, EGS Newsletter)*

**GENEALOGY IS ALL IN HOW YOU INTERPRET IT**

The Smith's were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. They had included Senators and Wall Street wizards. They decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They hired a fine author.

Only one problem arose -- how to handle that great-uncle George, who was executed in the electric chair. The author said he could handle the story tactfully.

The book appeared. It said, "Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution, was attached to his position by the strongest of ties, and his death came as a great shock." *(Submitted by Sharon Pakkala, EGS member)*

**EGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY**

EGS Board Meeting – November 6, 2008

**Present:**

Bob Barnes, President; Judy Meredith, Vice-President; Bob Osworske, Treasurer; Sharron Filer, Trustee; Margery Perdue and Sherry Holthe, SIG co-chairs; Walta McCarley, Secretary

**Actions:**

EGS-Bellevue Library Contract has been signed, renewed for 10 years. A copy is held by the EGS Secretary, Walta McCarley.

Norb Zeigler was appointed chair of the Nominating Committee. Margery Perdue will be a member of the committee. One additional member (not a board member) is needed.

**Discussion:**

Bob Osworske, Treasurer, led discussion regarding our insurance coverage: particularly determining membership numbers on what date, and personal liability coverage.

Open positions: Education chair, library research assistants, library co-chair, publicity assistant/co-chair.

Website – Need to change from free Rootsweb? Advantages? Further discussion needed.

**Reports:**

Education: A new chairperson is needed. An ad hoc committee is working, but there needs to be a chair.

Membership: 274 memberships, 290 members – 5 new members, 3 reactivated and 6 individuals deactivated. Membership packets used to be given to new members – if we do this again, what would they include?

Program: November Saturday meeting to acknowledge members who have been active since before 1985, have “show and tell” and cookies with an ethnic theme.

Outreach Schedule and Status: About 20 people attended our genealogy classes October 18, 25, Nov. 1 at the Bellevue Regional Library. The Library has requested more classes. There will be a computer class January 31st.

Family History Expo, November 8. EGS and Computer Interest Group will have tables.

The new EGS flyer/membership form is not yet ready to release.

SIG report: There is interest in a Midwest group and Kim is willing to chair. Canadian SIG is having its first meeting today (Nov. 6, 2008) chaired by John Howell.

*A complete copy of the minutes can be made available upon request.*

**PENNSYLVANIA GRASSROOTS EFFORT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Do you have Pennsylvania ancestors? If so, you may be interested in helping in a grassroots effort to have Pennsylvania make its older state death certificates much more accessible and available online.

There are millions and millions of people who are into genealogy but unless we all speak up we are allowing those who don't care about genealogy decide what records we may or may not have access to. But this will not happen on its own. We need you to personally let the State of Pennsylvania know you support this cause. The more of us that speak up the more likely we are to succeed. Otherwise we could be stuck with the same old existing archaic system indefinitely. If you are interested or would like more information, please see the website:

<http://users.rcn.com/timarg/PaHR-Access.htm> (Submitted by Margery Perdue, EGS SIG Representative).

## IRISH GENEALOGY CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE

There will be an Irish Genealogy Conference on Sunday, March 8, 2009, from 10:30 AM to 6:30 PM. The conference is sponsored by the Irish Heritage Club and the Seattle Galway Sister City Association, and will be held at the Sand Point Education Center, 6208 60th Ave NE, Seattle.



Presenters will be Fintan Mullen, Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation, and Dr. Brian Trainor, former Director of the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland. Topics include Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research Part 1 and Part 2, Emigration from Ireland to America and the Sources for Its Study, Records Relation To the Different Churches in Ireland, Researching the Farming Community in 18th and 19th Century Ireland, Irish and Scots-Irish Research: 'Not Always at the Bottom of the Pile', The Ulster Plantation: Sources for 17th Century Families and round up of major sources available by country, and a Question and Answer Session.

Cost of the conference is \$40, but for those who pay before February 21 or who are Irish Heritage Club members, the cost is \$30 per person which includes a box lunch. For more information or a registration form, please see the website at <http://irishclub.org/GenealogyProgram.pdf> If you have any questions please contact John Keane at 425-290-7839 or [j.f.keane@gte.net](mailto:j.f.keane@gte.net) (Submitted by Ann Lamb, Irish Interest group)

## NATIVE AMERICANS – LIFE IN WINTER TALK

Come join Barb Williams, Eastside Heritage Center volunteer, for an unforgettable evening at Lewis Creek in Bellevue. She will delight you with a program about the wintertime activities of local Native Americans. This will include their culture, technologies, uses of plants, games and stories. This is an interactive talk so you will have the opportunity to handle artifacts from her collection.

Bring your spirit of adventure, love of nature and desire to become involved in the Native American history of Lewis Creek!

- To register, call: 425-452-6885
- When: Thursday, February 26, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- Where: Lewis Creek Park Visitor's Center, 5808 Lakemont Boulevard S.E., Bellevue
- Course #: 37183
- Cost: Free



Presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. For more information, call 425-450-1049 or visit [www.eastsideheritagecenter.org](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org) (Submitted by Savita Krishnamoorthy, Public Programs Coordinator, Eastside Heritage Center)

## HISTORY IS HAPPENING IN REDMOND



The Redmond Historical Society will meet on Saturday, February 14, 2009, 10:30 AM to Noon, at The Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Auditorium, 16600 NE 80 Street, Redmond, WA. Jerry Hammersberg will be telling us 'how the Post Office used to be.' Jerry was the first walking postal carrier in Redmond. Don't miss this meeting.

To receive the monthly newsletter, contact the Society office at 425-885-2919, or email your request to [info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@redmondhistoricalsociety.org). Books, note cards, free historic walking tour brochures, and the book, "Redmond Reflections," are available in our office, which is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM and by appointment. Visit our website: [www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.redmondhistoricalsociety.org).

## GENEALOGY SOFTWARE: TODAY AND TOMORROW

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State presents a presentation on "Genealogy Software: Today and Tomorrow" on Monday, February 9, 2009, at the Stroum Jewish Community Center Auditorium, 3801 East Mercer Way, Mercer Island WA 98040 . Doors open at 7:00 PM and the presentation starts promptly at 7:30 PM. Wi-Fi will be available (bring your laptops). Free admission for JGSWS members, \$5.00 for non-members. Visit our website at: <http://www.jgsws.org>

**About Our Program:** There are about two hundred(!) full-featured genealogy software packages available in today's market. This program will help you narrow down your choices to choose the one that's just right for you.

We'll look at a few ways to quickly sort the broad feature sets to help you evaluate the programs. You'll walk away with a list of criteria to use when selecting genealogy software programs. You will learn current and future trends in online software, genealogical "social networking" and how the use of online sites for genealogy can put you in touch with others researching the same families in the U.S. and internationally.

**About Our Speaker:** Dawn Bingaman compiled her first pedigree chart for a Girl Scout project when she was very young. Thirty years later she's still avidly working on her family tree. She is a long-time member of the Seattle Genealogical Society and co-chair of the SGS Computer Interest Group. She has been employed full-time in the information technology field for the past 13 years, and is currently the Director of Information Systems for a private country club.

### IN OTHER WORDS...

An amateur genealogical researcher discovered his great uncle Remus Star was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. The only photograph of Remus was taken when he was standing on the gallows just before he was hanged. On the back of the photograph was this inscription:

“Remus Star, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison in 1883, escaped in 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer 6 times, caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.”

In the family history subsequently written by his descendant, Remus's picture was cropped and enlarged to show just his head. The accompanying biographical outline reads as follows:

“Remus Star was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory. His business empire grew to include the acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and he had close intimate dealing with the Montana Railroad. Beginning in 1883 he devoted several years of his life to service at a government facility until, in 1887, he finally took his leave from it to resume profitable dealings with the Montana Railroad. Later, in 1888, he was a key player in vital investigations conducted by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honour, when the platform on which he was standing suddenly collapsed.” (*From So. King News, Vol. 24, No. 4, January/February 2009*)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Could you donate a few hours a week (or a month) to the Eastside Genealogy Society to help keep our operation running smoothly? EGS is only as strong as our volunteers, and using the same people over and over, for every job, they are sure to get burned out. None of these jobs are full-time, serious commitment-type jobs.

- **Nominating Committee** —Some members are needed to work on the Nominating Committee each spring to locate new officers for EGS.
- **Research Assistants**— We need an additional volunteer to help researchers at our afternoon or evening help sessions at the library. And Winnie could use an assistant Library Chair.
- **Education Chair**—To coordinate classes and educational opportunities.



If you can help, please contact Bob Barnes at 425-747-4863 or [rstithbarnes@hotmail.com](mailto:rstithbarnes@hotmail.com).

**GENEALOGY NEWS AND ISSUES BY CHARLES S. "CHUCK" MASON JR., CG**

Recently a member of the two genealogical societies that I belong to here in Virginia passed away. Pat was a very thoughtful and generous person who shared her great knowledge of Virginia research with the members of the societies. Although I do not have Virginia ancestors, we shared a lot of ideas about research in general. I felt privileged to have known her and considered her a very close genealogical friend.

When she passed away, her daughter contacted their neighbor, who also happens to be another of my good friends. Her daughter was trying to find out about the genealogical organizations of which her mother was a member so that she could complete her obituary. The neighbor called me, and we were able to provide some information. However, we were not able to assist her with answers to all of her questions. She also asked for advice on what to do with all the genealogical books and information her mother had gathered.

This raised a couple of questions that I have seen before. Will your family be able to write an accurate obituary for you? The other question is what will happen to your genealogical books and research?

It is never too early to write an obituary. I am a part of a Methodology Special Interest Group that meets monthly to talk about genealogical research. In June 2007, we talked about obituaries, both using them for research and how to write our own and someone else's. I had written my father's obituary during the last couple of weeks before he died. He was in the hospital, and we had been talking about his funeral with one of his nurses. All the arrangements had been made, but his obituary had not been written. I agreed to write it, and several days later I showed it to him. What we discovered later that I left out was that he had been involved with the school band parents' organization and even served as its president one year.

The assignment for the group was to write an obituary over the summer. In September we shared the obituaries with the rest of the group. For one member of the group, the assignments made her talk with her mother, and she learned things about her mother she never knew. Another person wrote a miniseries for her obituary. The assignment got everyone thinking about learning more about their living family members.

Genealogists spend a considerable amount of time researching their ancestors. During that time they usually accumulate a lot of documents, research notes, and at least a few books on genealogy. This is true of the society member who passed away. Her daughter is now faced with what to do with all the things her mother accumulated. Pat had many books and many years of research.



The daughter did ask several of her mother's genealogy friends for advice, and they offered some very helpful suggestions. However, the question remains: what would her mother have wanted done with her work? Where would she have wanted her books to go, especially the ones that are out of print and considered rare books?

How about you? Have you thought about writing your obituary or what will happen with your genealogical research or other materials? Have you written an obituary or at least put some details together, or will your family be struggling to do it when the time comes? Have you made arrangements to have your research placed in a library or archive, or will someone just throw it all away, thinking it is worthless junk?

I have at least put some details together for my obituary, but I have not thought about what will be done with my genealogical research or books. Perhaps this would be a good way to start the New Year.

Originally published in UpFront with NGS, The Online Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society, Volume 9, Number 9-1 January 2009, <http://www.NGSgenealogy.org/upfront.htm> (Submitted by Dorothy Pretare, EGS member)

## GENEALOGY IN TIME ONLINE MAGAZINE

MissingLink Software Corporation announces the official launch of its new website Genealogy In Time™, a free online genealogy magazine containing genealogy news, articles and links.

"Genealogy is such a popular hobby, and yet there is a lack of good quality, free genealogy websites that can help people learn how to find their ancestors," said Miles Whittingham, President of MissingLink Software Corporation. "Our objective with the free online genealogy magazine Genealogy In Time™ is to provide useful genealogy resources and original, thoughtful content to help people track down their ancestors."

Genealogy In Time™ continuously monitors thousands of news and genealogy sites worldwide and then summarizes the best genealogy news stories so people do not have to spend their time searching through the internet for the latest developments in genealogy. Genealogy In Time™ also presents original genealogy resource articles and provides links to the most recent genealogy records. "The genealogy marketplace has grown so large that it is time for a good quality, free online genealogy magazine," said Miles Whittingham. "We want to help people save time in the search for their ancestors and, best of all, everything is free."



The free online genealogy magazine Genealogy In Time™ can be found at <http://www.GenealogyInTime.com>. (This article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter dated January 23, 2009, and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.)

## QUESTIONS FOR THE 2010 FEDERAL CENSUS

Granted, most of us will not be around to see the 2010 census released in the year 2082. But there's a good chance that our grandchildren will be. So it might be of interest to take a look at the proposed questions that will be asked. You can check out those questions at the census.gov website, reading the "Questions Planned for the 2010 Census and American Community Survey."

It's available as a pdf file at <http://www.census.gov/2010census/pdf/2010ACSnotebook.pdf>  
(Source: <http://www.genealogyblog.com/>, Submitted by Marty Gale, EGS member)

## NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DATABASES

New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) announces the addition of 5 million names to its databases during 2008 to help its more than 23,000 members around the country with their family history research. The new data includes more than 1 million new Massachusetts records and more than 3 million records to the Social Security Death Index database. The NEHGS website, [www.NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://www.NewEnglandAncestors.org), is home to more than 120 million searchable names in 2,500 databases covering areas like New England, New York, Canada, and the eastern United States.

Some of the new databases include: Massachusetts Vital Records Birth Indexes from 1911-1915, New Netherland Connections Vol. 1-7, Torrey's Marriages, Boston Church Records, Plymouth, MA Court Records, Families of Ancient New Haven, CT Vol. 1-8, and The Great Migration 1634-1635 A-F surnames.

"We are thrilled with the success of last year's content programs, said Sam Sturgis, Coordinator of website Database Development. "Our goal is to digitize one or two databases every week and make them available on our website." NEHGS has more than 100 volunteers around the country who help scan and digitize the vast collections housed at NEHGS' 8-story research library located at 99 Newbury Street in Boston. The NEHGS website, [www.NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://www.NewEnglandAncestors.org), has been providing access to important research information including vital records, published genealogies, manuscript archives, articles, resources, and other records since 1999. The site receives more than 15,000 hits per day. The New England Historic Genealogical Society, founded in 1845, is the country's oldest non-profit genealogical organization. With more than 20,000 members nationally, NEHGS collects, preserves, and interprets materials to help make accessible the histories of families in America. (This article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter dated January 21, 2009, and is copyright by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at <http://www.eogn.com>.)

**“WHEN YOU ASSUME” BY JULIANA SMITH**

“When you assume . . .” Whenever I hear that phrase, I flash back to "The Odd Couple" episode where Felix Unger is in front of the courtroom with a chalkboard warning of the dangers that come "when you assume." And while assumptions in family history won't necessarily make or break any court cases like it did for Oscar and Felix, it can waste a lot of precious research time by taking you down roads that just don't need to be traveled. Time and money can be wasted in researching the wrong records, in the wrong place, or even the wrong person.

Often we form our opinions without even realizing we are doing it. So, here are a few things to think about.

**Identity**

This one is a biggie! No one wants to waste time investigating someone else's ancestor. But it can easily happen, particularly when you are dealing with common names. In these cases, it is best to collect as much information as possible on each. By creating a profile for your ancestor and others with the same name, you may be able to separate yours from the pack. More information on this can be found in these articles:

- Separating Men of the Same Name, by Patricia Law Hatcher, [http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Article.aspx?id=903&sssdmh=dm13.190611&o\\_iid=23560&o\\_lid=23560](http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Article.aspx?id=903&sssdmh=dm13.190611&o_iid=23560&o_lid=23560)
- Searching for Catherine Kelly in a Sea of Kellys, by Juliana Smith, [http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Article.aspx?id=714&sssdmh=dm13.190611&o\\_iid=23560&o\\_lid=23560](http://learn.ancestry.com/LearnMore/Article.aspx?id=714&sssdmh=dm13.190611&o_iid=23560&o_lid=23560)

**Ethnicity**

Assuming ethnicity can lead to big problems when you attempt to research overseas, which can make for a very expensive error. But this is an easy mistake to make.

You may have formed an opinion, without realizing it, based on your ancestor's surname, but often surnames were changed—either Americanized to help the family "fit in" better in their new homeland or sometimes to avoid discrimination. My great-grandfather, John Mekalski, couldn't get a job for a time because Polish people were being discriminated against. Because he spoke fluent German, he changed his name to Wagner for a little while in order to find work. He was not alone in this. In some cases, the name may never have been changed back.



You may have also seen a place of origin on immigration records, like passenger lists. This may only reflect the port a person sailed from immediately before coming to this country, not taking into account that it was only a stopover on their journey. If the record you have lists Liverpool, Bremen, Hamburg, Amsterdam, Le Havre, or any of the other larger European emigration ports, it may be that your ancestor was not necessarily from there, but traveled to the port before sailing from it.

**Religious Affiliation**

In researching my predominantly Irish Catholic ancestors, I have to occasionally remind myself that they weren't all Catholic. We have found several ancestors in “Bishop Loughlin's Dispensations, Diocese of Brooklyn, 1859-66, Vol. I,” by Joseph Silinonte. These dispensations were often handed out for Catholics wishing to marry non-Catholics. This means that I will most likely be finding some of my ancestors in non-Catholic church records.

We may also be tempted to think of our ancestors as having the same affiliation that we do, but we need to remember that people may have converted for any number of reasons. Residents of sparsely populated areas may have attended the only church that was within a reasonable distance, regardless of denomination. Religious affiliation may have changed with a marriage between two people of different religious backgrounds. They may even have changed to avoid persecution and prejudice. Whatever the reason, it is important to keep an open mind when searching for religious records.

For more on finding religious records, see *Locating and Using Religious Records for Family History*, by Juliana Smith. (From *Ancestry Weekly Journal*, January 19, 2009, Copyright 2009, *The Generations Network and its subsidiaries*.)



## EGS JUNE 2009 MEETING CALENDAR

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| EGS Board Meeting<br>(First Thursday, 10:00 AM)                         | <b>Note Change:</b> The Eastside Genealogical Society Board will meet on <b>Thursday, February 5</b> from <b>10 AM—Noon</b> at <b>Bob Barnes' house at 1652 128th Ave SE, Bellevue.</b>  |
| EGS General Meeting<br>(Second Thursday, 7:00 PM)                       | The Eastside Genealogical Society will hold its General Meeting on <b>Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 PM in the Bellevue Regional Library.</b> Doors open at 6:30 PM and visitors are welcome.   |
| Canadian Interest Group<br>(First Thursday, 1:00 PM)                    | Will meet <b>Thursday, February 5</b> from <b>1:00 to 3:00 PM</b> at <b>Bellevue Regional Library, Meeting Room 4, first floor.</b> We share information on research sources: websites, books, magazine articles, maps and personal experiences. Anyone with Canadian ancestors is invited to attend. For more information, please contact John Howell, <a href="mailto:jhowell54@comcast.net">jhowell54@comcast.net</a> or 206-817-7516.  |
| Computer Interest Group<br>(Fourth Saturday, 9:30 AM)                   | Since Crossroads did not have an Internet connection in January, we moved that program to this month, so join us on <b>February 28 at 9:30 AM</b> in the <b>Community Room at Crossroads</b> to find out how to share your data with others by uploading to <a href="http://Ancestry.com">Ancestry.com</a> , WorldConnect at Rootsweb, <a href="http://MyFamilyHistory.com">MyFamilyHistory.com</a> or <a href="http://TribalPages.com">TribalPages.com</a> . (Margery Perdue, <a href="mailto:m.perdue@comcast.net">m.perdue@comcast.net</a> )          |
| Czech/Slovak Interest Group<br>(Check Bulletin for meeting information) | Will next meet on <b>March 7, 2009 9:30 AM to Noon</b> at <b>Fire station #22 in Kirkland.</b> See website for more information <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wacsig/</a> (Rosie Bodien, 425-828-0170 or <a href="mailto:rosie@bodien.org">rosie@bodien.org</a> .)   |
| EGS Lunch Bunch<br>(Fourth Thursday, 11:30 AM)                          | Meets every fourth <b>Thursday, 11:30 AM</b> , at <b>Crossroads Mall Shopping Center Food Court.</b>   |
| German Interest Group<br>(First Friday, 1:00 PM)                        | The German Interest Group will meet on <b>Friday, February 6 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM</b> at the <b>Crossroads Mall Community Meeting Room.</b> Dorothy Pretare will tell us about her recent trip to Germany and Poland. She attended a German Researcher's Meeting, visited ancestral villages and the two Emigration Museums. You're sure to get some ideas to help you plan you own trip! Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Ann. (Contact: Ann Passé 206 232-1104 or <a href="mailto:annp42@comcast.net">annp42@comcast.net</a> ) |
| Irish and Scots-Irish Interest Group<br>(First Wednesday, 10:00 AM)     | Contact Ann Lamb 425-557-0440 or <a href="mailto:AnnL7777@aol.com">AnnL7777@aol.com</a> for information about the next meeting.  |
| Italian Interest Group<br>(Third Saturday, 1:30 PM)                     | Sarah Fleming, EGS Library Acquisitions Chair, will give an overview of the EGS genealogy reference collection on <b>Saturday February 21</b> in <b>Conference Room 6</b> at the <b>Bellevue Regional Library from 1:30-3:30 PM.</b> (Mary Sangalang, 425-649-2250 or <a href="mailto:collectingroots@msn.com">collectingroots@msn.com</a> )   |
| Legacy Interest Group<br>(First Wednesday, 12:30 PM)                    | The next Legacy meeting will be <b>Wednesday, February 4, 2009 from 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM</b> at the <b>Crossroads Mall Community Room</b> , right after the Irish Interest Group. We'll learn how to work with locations in Legacy - proper formatting, options in the Master Location List and hopefully we'll have some time for Mapping. We'll be celebrating our first year as a group! Contact Sherry Holthe, <a href="mailto:sherdh@centurytel.net">sherdh@centurytel.net</a> or 425-880-4407 for meeting information.                               |
| Scandinavian Interest Group<br>(Second Tuesday, 10:00 AM)               | The Scandinavian Interest Group will meet <b>Tuesday, February 10, 10:00 - Noon</b> in the <b>Puget Sound Archive building at Bellevue Community College.</b> Please see the website for more information <a href="http://eastsidesig.spaces.live.com">eastsidesig.spaces.live.com</a> (Sandy Arildson, 425-747-5621, or <a href="mailto:sarildson@yahoo.com">sarildson@yahoo.com</a> )  |
| Shore to Shore Interest Group<br>(Changes monthly, call Shirley)        | Will meet on <b>Tuesday, February 17</b> , to celebrate birthdays. Please call Shirley Dowd, 425-454-0078 for more information.  |

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| Bellevue Regional Library<br>NE 12th St. and 110th Ave. NE<br>Bellevue, WA<br>425-450-1760      | Crossroads Mall Shopping Center<br>Community Meeting Room<br>NE 8th and 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA | FHC - Bellevue<br>10675 NE 20th St<br>Bellevue, WA<br>425-454-2690  | FHC - Kirkland<br>7910 NE 132nd St.<br>Kirkland, WA<br>425-821-8781         |
| Issaquah Public Library<br>140 East Sunset Way<br>Bellevue, WA<br>425-392-5430                  | Lake Hills Library<br>15528 Lake Hills Blvd. SE<br>Bellevue, WA<br>425-747-3350                    | National Archives and Records<br>Admin.<br>6125 Sand Point Way NE<br>Seattle, WA 98115-7999<br>206-336-5115 | FHC-Factoria<br>4200 124th Ave. SE<br>Bellevue, WA<br>425-562-0361          |
| FHC - Redmond<br>10115 172nd Ave. NE<br>Redmond, WA<br>425-861-9273                             | Newport Way Library<br>14520 SE Newport Way<br>Bellevue WA<br>425-747-2390                         | North Bend Library<br>115 East Fourth St<br>North Bend, WA<br>425-888-0554                                  | Redmond Regional Library<br>15990 NE 85th St<br>Redmond, WA<br>425-885-1861 |
| Wa State Puget Sound Regional Archives<br>BCC, 3000 Landerholm SE, MS-100<br>Bellevue, WA 98007 | Seattle Public Library<br>1000 Fourth Ave<br>Seattle, WA<br>206-386-4636                           | Snoqualmie Public Library<br>38580 SE River Street<br>Snoqualmie, WA<br>425-888-1223                        | Fire Station #22<br>6602 108th Ave NE<br>Kirkland, WA                       |

**2009 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SEMINARS & EVENTS**

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| <b>March 8, 2009</b> | Irish Genealogy Conference, 11 AM—6 PM, Seattle. For more information, see website at <a href="http://www.irishclub.org/GenealogyProgram.pdf">http://www.irishclub.org/GenealogyProgram.pdf</a>   |
| <b>May 16, 2009</b>  | The Seattle Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar will feature John Philip Colletta, PhD. He is a nationally recognized speaker, specializing in Federal Records, Writing Your Genealogy and European Records. John will present four topics during the seminar. More Info: <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags/</a> |

**TWO CZECHOSLOVAK CULTURAL EXHIBITS AT STAR CENTER ANTIQUE MALL IN SNOHOMISH**

These exhibits are displayed through the end of February at Star Antique Mall, Snohomish Washington. Star Center Antique Mall is located at 829 Second Street. The mall is open 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM every day.

The first exhibit is *CZECHOSLOVAK FIRST REPUBLIC DESIGNS 1918 THROUGH 1938*. It is located on the ground floor in the big exhibit case. Ceramics, glass items, and perfume bottles & sets are featured. These items were designed between 1918 and 1938 when the country had its first freedom of only twenty years.

The *CZECH AND SLOVAK COLLECTION FEATURING FOLK COSTUMES* is the second exhibit, also found on the ground floor but further on among the antique stalls. Colorful folk costumes on SLIP and TVOBA LIDOVA dolls brighten up the case.

These First Republic items are very collectible, first because there is no longer a Czechoslovakia. Second because after Hitler, these items were no longer made, making the "Made in Czechoslovakia" signatures very special. (Submitted by Rosie Bodien, Czech/Slovak Interest Group Chair)

**FREE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH HELP**

Genealogical research help is available at the Bellevue Regional Library, located at NE 12<sup>th</sup> St. and 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE in Bellevue. Eastside Genealogical Society volunteers are waiting to help you with problems and questions. They are available in room 6 on the second floor of the library, to the left of the reference desk. Hours are Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 PM.

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