Message from the Board and the desk of the Vice President...

Many of our Societies take a hiatus over the summer months. We take time off to travel, visit family and friends and attend weddings, graduation ceremonies and family reunions. Where ever you are planning to go this summer, take your genealogy with you. A few digital tools can take you a long way.

Old family photos can be scanned and saved on your laptop or a CD or a flash drive. Images are a good tool to use when trying to interview older relatives. They open doors to memories. Digital cameras take great photos at family reunions, which can be easily shared with friends and relatives via email. They can be used to take photos of everything from pages in the old family bible to the tombstones in the cemetery.

On my last visit to Tennessee, my granddaughter told me a secret. She didn’t think she looked like her siblings, her mother or father. I was able to open my laptop and pull up a photo of my great grandmother. Alyssa did indeed have an uncanny resemblance to her 3rd great grandma Sadie. My granddaughter’s confidence was restored in her connection to family and we had great fun looking at old pictures and talking about where our family came from.

There are lots of new gadgets that help take your genealogy on the road. The new tablets have genealogy apps that can be downloaded. There are little hand held scanners that come in handy when visiting an archive. GPS tools can mark sites of historical importance to your family. Right now the world is your oyster if you love gadgets and have some $$$. If you are a bit more frugal, a big family tree chart to hang on the wall at a family reunion is always a great conversation piece. You can purchase a multigenerational chart for a few bucks or print one from your genealogy software program.

Summer is a great time to do some digging and some sharing. Get out there and have a great summer. See you this fall at the WSGS convention!

Virginia Majewski, PLCGS

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

for the Washington State Genealogical Conference 2011!!

“Building Ancestral Bridges” will be held in Richland on September 16 and 17, 2011

Sponsored by the Tri-Cities Genealogical Society

Website home page for the Conference is at the following link and has lots of good information about the program for both days, such as the main program, breakout topics, maps, events calendar, B-Reactor Tour and other local activities:  http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wsgs2011/index.htm. It will be a jammed packed event!!!!

Registration is at this following link. You can pay using Paypal and/or a credit card. A registration form can also be printed out: http://www.tricitygenealogicalsociety.org/wsgs2011/index_files/Page2100.htm

The Clarion Hotel in Richland is the closest to the conference:  1515 George Washington Way, Richland http://www.clarionhotel.com/hotel-richland-washington-WA157 Call the hotel directly at 509-946-4121. There are other hotels in the area by doing a Google search on “Richland, WA Lodging.”

There are activities planned on Friday Sept 16th so go to the conference website listed above for ideas and sign up.
Washington State Genealogical Society

2011 Annual Conference
September 16 –17, 2011

BUILDING ANCESTRAL BRIDGES

Hosted by the TRI-CITY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY at Richland Baptist Church, 1632 George Washington Way, Richland, WA. Fri., 5:00 – 9 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 pm; Registration at 7:30 a.m.

FEATURED SPEAKER:

PATRICIA WALLS STAMM, CG, CGL

“Social Networking for Genealogists;”
“Death Has Many Faces;”
“Elements of a Useful Research Road Map;” and
“Discovering Our Ancestor’s Neighborhood.”

Choose 3 from breakout session topics planned:
Blogging, tax records, land records, Family Search.org, sources, researching in foreign countries, writing/verifying family history and stories, resources on and not on the internet, immigration/naturalization, state and national archives, Legacy genealogy software, 1812 veterans buried in Washington.

Vendors: Family Roots Publishing; NARA; Legacy; Society of U.S. Daughters of 1812 and more...

Friday activities: Visit local Museums, Libraries, Family History Center, & Wineries, plus a Surprise.


Come help us Celebrate the 50th ANNIVERSARY of the Tri-City Genealogical Society, 1961-2011
**Genealogy Society Spotlight—Heritage Quest Research Library HAS MOVED!**

On Friday June 10, 2011 Heritage Quest Research Library opened their new doors with a Ribbon cutting Ceremony at 11 AM.

Attendees came dressed in period costumes representing their ancestors. There were door prizes. Genealogical groups like The Daughters of the Colonial Wars, The Huguenot Society, The Czech interest group, The DAR and Lewis County Genealogical Society had tables.

There was a book signing by Winona Jacobson, the Author of “The Bonney Lake Plateau. Their new address is 1007 Main Street in Sumner, WA a few doors down from where they use to be!

Jim Johnson, Director, has reported that they have a new large meeting room that will accommodate 60 people and the library is now much bigger and they will be able to have more books!!!

The News Tribune had this article about the event:


The Heritage Quest Research Library is worth visiting to explore their collection of books, films and attend one of their frequent classes. Explore their website at: [http://www.hqrl.com/](http://www.hqrl.com/)

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**WSGS Proposed Budget for 2012**

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Respectfully Submitted
Carole A. Medeiros, Treasurer

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**Next WSGS Board Meeting**

WSGS will have their next Board Meeting
On Friday, September 16, 2011, 3 p.m.
Held at the WSGS Conference in Richland!
WSGS board meetings are open to members.
The public is welcome!
Eight genealogical societies participated in the new affiliated membership program and they earned $310 and saved $84 in their own dues to WSGS. 155 individuals (or families) were able to save $2 on their dues and at the same time earned their local society $2 while joining WSGS which will also provide them with the Newsletter and conference discounts. This was definitely a win/win opportunity for local societies and the state society.

I know this initial year was not without a few challenges for the treasurers of the local groups but I hope we solved the problems without too much confusion. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a success.

--Alma Greenwood, Membership Chair

National Archives and Records Administration
Genealogy Workshops
6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115; phone 206-336-5115 Check this link for more information and the schedule:

Location: NARA-Pacific Alaska Region, 6125 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Classes are held either in the upstairs Conference Room or in the new Learning Center.

Registration: Advance registration is advised. Classes are held on a first come, first served basis. To register, call 206-336-5115, or e-mail: seattle.archives@nara.gov, or in person during normal business hours, 7:45 am to 4:15 pm., Mon-Fri. and 9-4 on the second Saturday of each month. We reserve the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment and bad weather.

Seattle Public Library Closures
during the
Summer of 2011!
No classes offered for July or August
July 4th, 2011 Independence Day
From August 29 to Sept 4, 2011
a whole week
September 5 Labor Day
Be sure to Check your local library for closures as well!
Cyndi's List Launches a New Web Site
June 6, 2011
A major upgrade to celebrate 15 years of service

http://www.cyndislist.com/

EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON: Cyndi's List is proud to announce a newly upgraded web site. With improved navigation, a custom database, and a custom administrative interface, the upgrade means that everything will be quicker and easier for both visitors and for the site's owner and administrator, Cyndi Ingle Howells. The upgrade has been done by fusionSpan of Maryland. Their staff worked closely with Cyndi to make improvements and to implement new technology and new ideas designed specifically for Cyndi’s List and for the genealogical community.

Part of the upgrade was made possible by donations from generous users of Cyndi’s List. To date, 20% of what was accomplished in the project was thanks to them. Donors have been listed on the web site.

What's New with the Upgrade:
- The front page of the Cyndi’s List site has a rolling genealogy news feed and a link to The Cyndi’s List Daily, a daily dose of family history news as tagged in Twitter and Facebook. Start each day with the front page of Cyndi’s List and read the current genealogy news stories.
- The links are now contained within a database and pages will be dynamically loaded on each visit.
- Cyndi’s List remains free for everyone to use just as it has for the past 15 years.
- This is still just a one-woman show!

About CyndisList.com
CyndisList.com is the world's largest one-woman family history resource, with more than 300,000 categorized links for genealogical research. For more than 15 years Cyndi's List has helped hundreds of thousands of people with their online journey to trace their family history. The site averages 275,000 unique visitors and 5,000,000 page hits every month. Cyndi's List has won numerous awards and consistently remains one of the top genealogical portals for beginners, intermediate, and veteran researchers.

This excerpt was taken from the June 6, 2011 press release sent to the Editor by Cyndi

The Washington State Genealogical Society NEEDS YOU!!!

All genealogical societies need the help and support of people like you to provide services to their members. WSGS is no exception. WSGS brings to you the yearly Washington State conference, this newsletter, the Pioneer Certificates and Volunteer Awards and volunteers dedicate their time to these endeavors. Won’t you consider volunteering?

You would be joining a very dedicated and knowledgeable group!!!

Region Representatives for Region #2 (King and Pierce county)
Region #7 (Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Orielle, Spokane and Stevens)
Region #8 (Chelan, Douglas, Grant and Okanogan).
Conference Liaison
Membership September 2011.

Contact: Sue Ericksen, President, for more information: ericksen@wabroadband.com
Whatcom Genealogy Society Celebrates the CIVIL WAR!!

In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the start of the U. S. Civil War, Whatcom Genealogical Society has published a new CD: Civil War Veterans, Whatcom County. The CD identifies 493 Civil War veterans who died or were buried in Whatcom County. A list of the veterans’ names, their units and death information may be found on the USGenWeb Project home page for Whatcom County at http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/militaryindex.htm

The CD also provides biographies for the veterans, ranging in length from a single paragraph to 4 pages, are based on material from census records, military service, land records, cemetery information, death certificates, soldiers’ home records, county histories from Whatcom County and other states where the veteran lived, city directories and whatever other sources could be found. The CD is priced at $15, plus $3 shipping, and may be ordered from:

Whatcom Genealogical Society, PO Box 1493, Bellingham, WA 98227-1493. The WGS publication list is found at http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/cwcd.htm. Whatcom Genealogical Society home page is at the following link: http://wagenweb.org/whatcom/WGS/wgs.htm

NGS Unveils Civil War Records Course

The National Genealogical Society proudly announces the release of its newest American Genealogy Studies course, Introduction to Civil War Records, developed by renowned military expert Craig Roberts Scott, CG.

This NGS American Genealogy Studies course is available on CD-ROM as a PDF file compatible for a PC or MAC for $35.00 for members and $50.00 for non-members. For further information, or to purchase the course, visit the NGS website at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org and click on Educational Courses.

The NGS American Genealogy Studies are designed for both the beginner and the established genealogist. These busy individuals want to learn about a specific topic and put the ensuing knowledge to work quickly. NGS courses offer the convenience of completing a genealogy study at their own pace in their home.

Additional courses include:

- American Genealogy: Home Study Course,
- Introduction to Religious Records,
- Social Security Sleuthing,
- Special Federal Census Schedules,
- Transcribing, Extracting, and Abstracting in Genealogical Records,
- Working with Deeds
**National Conference Spotlight**

**September 9-10, 2011 Professional Management Conference of the Association of Professional Genealogists** will be held in Springfield, Illinois. Here is the link for more information: [http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html](http://www.apgen.org/conferences/index.html). This conference is held in conjunction with the FGS below.

**September 7-10, 2011 Federation of Genealogical Society Conference** will present “Pathways to the Heartland” in Springfield, Illinois for more information go to this link: [http://www.fgs.org/2011conference/](http://www.fgs.org/2011conference/) This is the conference blog: [http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org/](http://www.fgsconferenceblog.org/)


Note: Check out local genealogical websites at their events and links sections for some great information on upcoming events. So. King Co. GS has a great page: [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/natlcal.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/natlcal.html) or the Washington State Genealogical Society website Events: [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgscal.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/wsgscal.htm)

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**Saar Pioneer Cemetery Living History Performance**

Some biographies of those buried in the cemetery will be shared.

Each character will tell his or her story of life in the Kent and White River Valley.

Those featured will be: JSH Johnson & Family, Johnnie Hall, Kittle Nelson and Family, Lysander Smith and Family, Lewis Warren and Chris Hanson and Family

July 16 and 17, 2011 at the Saar Pioneer Cemetery

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

91st and 212th Way, Kent, WA

Sponsored by the South King County Genealogical Society


Reservations are required—Admission is $10.00 per person go to this link for more information at SKCG website or go to this flyer at: [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/files/Living-History-Performance-Flyer-2011.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/files/Living-History-Performance-Flyer-2011.pdf)

Saar Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Project Needs Your Help! At this link you will find a flyer explaining the project and how you can contribute.


Go here for photos of the tombstones at the Cemetery Album pages:

Auburn Library Closed for Expansion, Temporarily Location with some services!

The Auburn Branch of the King County Library System will be closed for expansion. During that time most of the South King County Genealogical Society collection will be stored in a off site location. A small portion of the most heavily used books will be available in the temporary location in the beige building across the parking lot behind Big Daddy’s at 1140 Auburn Way South. Used to be the old Herr Lumber Store Building. The expansion will take approximately one year opening sometime in May 2012. More information is at the South King Genealogical Society website: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskegs/library.html Library Phone: 253-931-3018.

BAD NEWS from Western Washington University

The Huxley College Map Library will shut its doors in Arntzen Hall and reopen tentatively in Wilson Library this June. Budget cuts mean no money to hire a new map librarian.

The core collection [Pacific Northwest] will move to Wilson Library so library staff there can help students with the maps. Other map resources will go to storage. See the story on The Western Front Blog at http://westernfrontonline.net/news/13518-huxley-map-library-evicted.

Grays Harbor Genealogical Society Has a new website!!!

http://www.graysharborgenealogy.com/index.php

Check them out!!! There is so much to see!!!

And

Lewis County Genealogical Society is on Facebook

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lewis-County-Genealogical-Society/189803304393011

The Newberry Library’s:

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries is available online at:

http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/

Family Tree Magazine, Toolkit featured this website on pg. 70, the September Issue.

You might have to do a little studying to learn how to use it but it is a great way to discover how the county boundaries changed over the years.

Animap is also another option but it does cost a little $$ go to Goldbug:

http://www.goldbug.com/AniMap.html or check with your local genealogical society for they might have it available for members to use.
## UPCOMING EVENTS In Washington State

Is Your Event Not Listed?
The preferred avenues for listing events in this newsletter is via your regional representative, the newsletter editor or both. If you don't have a regional representative then send it directly to the newsletter editor at BON_MAC@msn.com. Announcements sent to the WSGS mailing address are often too late for the newsletter to post in a timely manner.

Next deadline is August 1 for the Sept-October issue.

(Moved up from Aug 15, 2011. The WSGS Newsletter Editor will be traveling at the time of publication)

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### Societies on Summer Break

This partial list covers General Meetings!
Any other meetings like interest groups or society board or standing committees or annual picnics check website.

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### JULY

**July 9, Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society** will hold its meeting at the IOOF Cemetery. The program for the month of July is “Dowsing for unmarked graves.” Penny Kennedy from Mosier will be demonstrating how to find unmarked graves. Starts at the Discovery Center 11 am, then lunch. Go to their website for more details: [http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/programs.html](http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/programs.html)

**July 12 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society** Program will be three Roots Television videos on Genetic Genealogy. Meeting at the StVGS Library, 135 Olympic Ave, Arlington. Time: 1 pm.

**July 13 The Northeast Washington Genealogical Society** will have a Computer Interest Group and they will meet at the Colville Public Library at 10:30 am and again at 1:30 pm at the Family History Center 260 E. Juniper they will try to solve research problems.

**July 14 The Eastside Genealogical Society** will have their general meeting at 7 pm in the Bellevue Regional Library. Check their website for details: [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcgs/index.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcgs/index.html)

**July 15 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society** will present How to Maximize Your Effectiveness in Cemetery Research by Betty Kay Anderson. Time: 10 am to noon. Location the Bainbridge Library.
July 16 The Jefferson County Genealogical Society will present Naturalization Records by Evelyn Roehl at 9:30 am to 11 am at the Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum.

July 16 Seattle Genealogical Society will have their meeting at 1 pm at the library. Topic: Navigating Google Earth by Joe Flint.

July 23 Heritage Quest Research Library will present a class on Maps, by David Liesse. Fee $10.00 at the new location of the library, see article on page three of this newsletter. Time 9 am to 11 am.

July 23 Seattle Genealogical Society will have their meeting at the SGS library. Topic: Write Your Ancestors’ Life Stories, by Becky Logan. Time 1 to 3 pm.

July 30 The Jefferson County Genealogical Society will present Business and Employment Records presented by Eileen Johnson at 9:30 am to 11 am at the Research Center 13692 Airport Cutoff Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368. JCGS has a new website at http://wajcgs.org/

AUGUST

August 4 Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will present Religious Records at 7 pm at the Somerset Retirement Apts. At 2025 Tibbets Rd, Longview, WA. LCGS has no July general mtg.

August 9 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Program: Members will share genealogical research or ask for help on brick walls. Meeting at the StVGS Library, 135 Olympic Ave, Arlington. Time: 1 pm.

August 11 The Eastside Genealogical Society will have their general meeting at 7 pm in the Bellevue Regional Library. Check their website for details: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/index.html

August 13 Seattle Genealogical Society will have their meeting at the SGS library. Topic: New Technology in Tombstones, given by David Quiring of Seattle’s Quiring Monuments. 1 to 3 pm

August 19 Bainbridge Island Genealogical Society will present How to Maximize Your Effectiveness in Cemetery Research by Betty Kay Anderson. Time: Noon, location the Bainbridge Library.

August—Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society will have a Tech Fun Day and their General Meeting is at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center at 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles. Time: 1 pm. Go to the website for further information: http://community.gorge.net/genealogy/programs.html

August 27 Heritage Quest Research Library will present a class on “Working around Burnt Courthouses,” by Myra Vanderpool Gormley. Fee $10. Time 9 am to 11 am at the new location in Sumner.

August 27 Seattle Genealogical Society will have their meeting at the SGS library. Topic: Family Search—What to do with what’s new, by Julie Monson. Time: 1 to 3 pm

WSGS Needs Input! The Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter was created to promote activities of genealogical societies in the State of Washington, and to feature its members contributions to the field of genealogy.

It is published 6 times per year:
January/February—Deadline is Dec. 15
March/April—Deadline is Feb 15
May/June—Deadline is April 15
July/August-Deadline is June 15
Sept/Oct-Deadline is August 15
Nov/Dec.-Deadline is October 15

- Do you have a great topic you are presenting at one of your meetings?
- A project you are working on like a cemetery restoration, or a compilation of local records?
- Are you planning a great Spring or Fall seminar?
- Are you about to head out on a field trip?
- Have you planned a great unique event like a walk with ancestors?
- What is your genealogical society most proud about?
- If you are a member of WSGS are you involved in a great project and what to tell others about that project?
- Do you have an article you wish to share on a genealogical topic like a research trip, a special topic you like?

The WSGS Newsletter Editor wants to know about it so that this newsletter can help to promote your project or event.

Email your information to the Editor at: BON_MAC@msn.com
Genealogical Seminars and All Day Events in Washington State!!
Check the “Upcoming Events” section of this newsletter for other great programs throughout our state. The deadline date for submissions to the next newsletter is August 1, 2011 two weeks earlier than usual. The Editor will be traveling out of state from August 16 to September 7, 2011. BON_MAC@msn.com.

October 1, 2011 Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will host Dr. George Schweitzer. The presentation will focus on the Civil War. More information to follow or check the EWGS website at: http://www.ewgsi.org/

October 8, 2011 Heritage Quest Research Library will present their Fall Seminar—Autumn Quest 2011 at the Tacoma Elks Club, 1965 S. Union Ave., Tacoma, WA. Featured Speaker is Michael John Neill. More details to follow or check the website: http://www.hqrl.com/eventcalendar.html

October 15, 2011 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society Fall Seminar - “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,” will feature Mary Kathryn Kozy. The event will be held at the Lynnwood Elks Lodge, 6620 196th St SW, Lynnwood, WA from 8:30 am to 4 pm. More information to follow or go to their website at: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/

October 15, 2011 Mason County Genealogical Society in partnership with the Puget Sound Genealogical Society Bellevue Chapter will present its first conference held at the Shelton United Methodist Church at 1900 King St. Shelton, WA 9 am to 4 pm. Featured speakers are Jim Johnson on “Animap and Maps on the Internet” and Steven Morrison “Irish History-For Genealogists.” http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wamcgs/conferencebrochure.pdf


October 22, 2011 Northeast Washington Genealogical Society will host their Annual Fall Conference from 9 to 4 pm at the Colville Ambulance Shack. The theme is “Moving Right Along,” with Jim Johnson Director of the Heritage Quest Research Library. Here is the link to their flyer and registration: http://www.newgs.org/upload/events/2011_Fall_Seminar_flyer.pdf


Are you about to embark on a summer Genealogical Research Trip? Here are a few tips:

• Prepare an itinerary listing each day and day of the week and with as much detail as you can so you don’t have to struggle to look for information while on your trip, like: addresses, phones number of repositories, hotels and more of the places you plan to visit. Place all your travel documents in a file with a copy of your itinerary!

• Study websites of target repositories that you plan to visit till you know them like you know your own hand! If necessary call to verify hours, ask questions, make an appointment and learn what their rules are for cameras, laptops and more!.

• Identify your research goals and to-do’s about each particular ancestor you wish to research to stay focused.

• Maps are your friend. You cannot have too many maps which have your route and location to visit clearly identified.

• Study the travel website of your target area and familiarize yourself with an area that you have not yet visited. Get a picture of it! Go to Massachusetts Meanderings and More for more tips: http://massmeanderings.blogspot.com/2011/03/preparation-preparation-and-more.html
It is now easier than ever to pay dues or renew your membership in WSGS. You can use PayPal and sign up online at:  
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/membform.htm

WSGS Website:  http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs

WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Extra funds will be considered a DONATION and will go toward valuable services of the society

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_____ Family   $13.00 per year (one newsletter for household)  

_____ Mailed Copy   $ 8.00 per year in addition to above membership

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_____ Renewal

_____ Reinstatement

DONATION to 501 (C) 3 Organization: $________________ (Your donation is tax deductible)

Send check or money order to: WSGS, 1901 So. 12th Ave., Union Gap, WA 98903
Enclose SASE if you would like a receipt and membership card. Membership year runs from January 1 through December 31.

You can renew or pay dues at the WSGS website using PayPal:  http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/membform.htm