

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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# **WVGS ACTIVITIES - SALEM**

August 7th, Thursday—11:30 am to 1:00 pm WVGS Executive Committee meeting. Room 308 at Oregon State Library.

# August 9th, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will meet in the Oregon State Library Building, 250 Winter St., NE. Metered, on-street parking in the vicinity is *free* on Saturdays (and the underground Capitol Mall Parking Structure is closed). Visitors are welcome at all events. Use the Winter St. entrance—the mall entrance is locked on Saturdays. The building is not heated or cooled on Saturdays. Please dress accordingly!`

Note—Name tags must be worn for security reasons. WVGS provides them for members and visitors on our meeting day. Please stop for yours in Room 103.

#### **Schedule of Events**

# 10:00 - 11:00 am General Membership Meeting

Conference Room 103 (1st floor, opposite the elevator). Business meeting to conduct society business.

# 11:00 am- 12 noon: Program

A follow up to our June WVGS meeting featuring Susan Niggli, who spoke about Native American resources available at the Oregon State Library, the July speaker will be Mr. David Lewis, Cultural Resource Manager, from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. He will speak about their Oregon History and how to do research for Native

American genealogy both on and off the Internet. The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde is now a conglomerate of Native American Indian tribal members that reaches beyond the Oregon borders. Mr. Lewis will explain who and how one can become a member of their organization.

# 1:00 pm—<u>Beginners' Class</u>

The Beginner's Class, conducted by **Joan Kaiser**, will **not** be held in **July or August**. Joan will probably be available for individual help in the afternoon this month.

#### **Genealogy Information Assistant**

The Oregon State Library is looking for **Volunteers** to help in the Reference Room with Genealogy research. Position duties include: assisting library patrons with genealogy research; instruct patrons on the use of online catalogs and CDs. research written and email requests for information, and more. Qualifications: good knowledge and background in genealogy research, database search and research experience, ability to work with public in person, by phone and email. Shifts that are needed: Tuesday 10-1, Thursday 10-1, Friday 1-4:30.

Please contact Robin Speer at 503-378-5014 (email: robin.d.speer@state.or.us). See our website for more information about Volunteering at the Oregon State Library: http://egov.oregon.gov/OSL/Volunteer\_Lib.shtml.

The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on Saturday July 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for genealogical research. Use the Winter St. entrance.

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#### **Oregon State Library**

Call the Genealogy Volunteer at the Reference Desk by dialing the new phone number. Also patrons can leave a message at that number and the next volunteer will call back. The greeting will also be updated monthly with information about the upcoming meeting and program. The new number is (503) 378-5708.

This newsletter is now available on the internet through our website at OSL in pdf format. In addition you can look at earlier issues as well as the current one. Remember you can find WVGS at http://oregon.gov/osl, then clicking on Genealogy on the right side of the screen. Also a research request form is there, as well as information on our DNA Project and a list and order form for all our publications.

**Ancestry.com** and **World Vital Records** are available at the Library. **Ancestry.com** is available on all computers in the library, with 2 computers reserved specifically for genealogical research.

#### **Upcoming Programs**

September 13: Susan LeBlanc, "Valuable Hidden Sources

October 11: Researching Native American History from the Siletz Indian Tribes of Oregon". Robert Kenta.

November 8th: Open

**December 13th: Auction and Potluck** 

If you plan on going to the State Library, State Archives, or City Library during the week, be sure you have lots of quarters for parking. Parking is metered at all the places and the staff does not make change. Be prepared! On street parking in the Capitol area is free on Saturdays.

#### **NORPAC Label Redemption Program**

This program is just to cut out the UPC code on FLAV-R-PAC, Santiam, and WESTPAC products and turn them in to WVGS. We then (as a nonprofit organization) mail them in once a year and receive 5 cents per label. Labels can be turned in at any Saturday WVGS meeting throughout the year.

#### **Saturday Volunteers**

Our agreement with Oregon State Library states that WVGS will provide Genealogy Volunteers whenever the library is open. This includes the Saturday that the Library is open for our meeting and to the public. It is important that our members help out or the library cannot be open. The following members have signed up to volunteer:

August 9th Ruby Pantalone Joan Kaiser Sept. 13th Liz Tice

#### **Meeting Dates for 2008**

The meeting dates for 2008 have been set by WVGS and the Oregon State Library as follows:

August 9th September 13th
October 11th November 8th

December 13th

# WVGS Constitution and Standing Rules Review

It is time to review WVGS's Constitution and Standing Rules. The Board will be reviewing and then publish recommendations in the newsletter. If you would like input or to get a copy of the documents, contact **President George Cropsey.** 

#### WVGS Officers for 2008

President: George Cropsev

1st Vice-President (Program): Ruby Pantalone and

Bob Baldwin

2nd Vice-President (Membership): Elizabeth Tice

Recording Secretary: Marilyn O"Neall Corresponding Secretary: Linda Doran

Treasurer: Joan Kaiser

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Tice Beaver Brief Editor: Sue Bell

Librarian: Jim Willhite, assisted by Susan Niggli

Periodical Librarian: Karen Farmer Volunteer Coordinator: Susan Niggli

Beginners Class: Joan Kaiser

Publicity Coordinator: George Cropsey

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# Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's DNA Project

WVGS has started a DNA Project for both men and women. To join under WVGS...

- 1. Go to the State Library URL at: http://oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml
- 2. Click on Genealogy Research on the left.
- 3. Click on WVGS DNA Project
- 4. Click on the Family Tree DNA icon in the middle of the page.
- 5. Scroll to the bottom of the next page and complete the form
- 6. Click CONTINUE to complete the next screen
- 7. Be sure to click only once when you are done so you order just one test.

You will receive a confirmation in your email box that your order was taken. Remember: Only men can order the Y-DNA test, but both men and women can order the mtDNA. It is cheaper to order the Y-DNA 37 marker test as it will tell you that you have a common ancestor within genealogical time for persons you match. Lesser tests (12 markers) provide information on older ancestors prior to 600 years ago. However, you may wish to start small and upgrade. For the mtDNA order both the HVR1 and HVR2 panels (mtDNA plus) as this will give you the best information on your ethnic origins. Again, you can start small and upgrade, if needed.

#### **Questions?...**

More information on Genetic Genealogy can be found at the following website by linking to its various pages (Click LEARN on the right side of the page):

www.familytreedna.com If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please email Emily Aulicino at: aulicino@hevanet.com

The DNA Project is open to anyone, not just WVGS members. You are not charged until you send in your test kit. You can do the DNA testing through WVGS and submit it to other groups.

## **WVGS Volunteers**

Our agreement with the Oregon State Library relies on volunteers to allow WVGS to use the building. Each month this year there will be an article featuring one of the volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, contact **Susie Niggli,** the Volunteer Coordinator.

#### Elizabeth Tice

I am the volunteer at the Oregon State Library on Wednesday mornings. I am also the WVGS Newsletter Editor (which is why I am writing about myself) and the Membership VP for WVGS. I became a volunteer 4 years ago after retiring from teaching and moving to Salem. I found that WVGS has many opportunities for volunteering, a way indulge in my hobby.

My interest in genealogy started about 20 years ago thanks to my sister who also is a member of WVGS. She always had an interest in the family stories on both sides of our family. Our mother was Greek and we inherited many stories and treasures from our grandparents but are not able to do much research beyond greatgrandparents. My father's mother was English, descended from many early English immigrants, including William White and James Chilton of the Mayflower. My paternal grandfather's ancestry was mostly German from the Palantine in the 1700's to Pennsylvania, going to Canada after the Revolutionary War, and later returning to Minnesota, then Washington and Oregon.

The Oregon State Library is a wonderful place to do genealogical research. We have many of the early New England resources as well as resources from all the states. We have over 500 CD's as well as microfilm and periodicals. Most of our materials are underused. Patrons don't realize that the Library has so much available that is in the stacks. As Susie always says, check the online catalog.

I truly enjoy helping patrons who come in. I enjoy hearing their stories and seeing if we can help with anything. People do need to have some basic information with them and have to realize that we help them do their research, not do it for them. Having Ancestry.com available on all the computers has been a big help, but as all good genealogists know, you still need the paper trail!

Have you visited the website for the **National Archives and Records Administration** lately? They have done a wonderful job of increasing the amount of information available to researchers online. Visit **www.Archives.gov** today and browse through all of the other sections as well. You can jump right to the genealogy section by visiting **www.Archives.gov/genealogy** 

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#### June Program

**Susan Niggli** was the speaker for the June program. She had examples of some of the periodicals available at the library. She suggested checking each state for periodicals, getting a box brought out and looking through it. We also have family-name publications. Examples like the Journal of the West has a variety of topics. We also have WPA records.

Concerning Native American research, Susie showed examples of handbooks to help you figure out the time period, state, and tribe. The Handbook of North American Indians is in 17 volumes. We have books on Oregon Native Americans, as well as other tribes. A list that Susie compiled is available in the Volunteer Handbook at the Reference Desk. Thank you, **Susie**, for another great informative program!

#### **Benton County Historical Society and Museum**

The **Benton County Historical Society and Museum** website has been re-designed with increased research information online. New features at <a href="http://">http://</a>

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www.bentoncountymuseum.org/research includes both digital reissues of Kenneth Munford history publications and an online searchable database of Benton County business directories from 1867 through 1932. The Munford articles were originally published as part of the Horner Museum Tour Guide Series. The society plans to embellish the online articles with historic and contemporary photographs. Pioneer Trails from Corvallis to the Coast and Pioneer Trails from Benton to Douglas Counties are fun travel companions for summer drives. Included in the online database are excerpts from McKenney, Langley and Polk business directories with emphasis on Corvallis, Monroe, and Philomath. For more information, call

Treat yourself to a summer genealogy event. The GCO conference in Eugene, Oregon, on 19 July is the place to be if you want to hear Cyndi Howells or to see new genealogy products or to learn about FamilySearchIndexing or to find a new resource to solve genealogy problems.

The early registration deadline is 30 June. The registration for the fun-filled day is \$50.00. (GCO members pay \$45.) A lovely pasta buffet is available for \$15.00. Send your registration check made out to 'GCO' to

# Mary Jean Crawford, Registrar 1349 Parkway Dr NW Salem, OR 97304

Here's the schedule: Saturday 19 July 2008 **7:00 a.m.** Registration & Vendor area open

8:45 a.m. Welcome, GCO President

9:00 a.m.

S-1: Plotting, Scheming, and Mapping Online the Internet; Cyndi Howells. [The first time this lecture has been given.]

10:30 a.m. [Select from one of the following or sign up for a one-on-one session.]

S-2: The World Wide Web - Quit Surfing and Start Researching; Cyndi Howells.

S-3: Going There, Walking their Ground©Doing On-site Research; Leslie Lawson

S-4: Using Online Resources to Find the Death Date and Obit of Mercer Girl Annie, A Case Study; Peri Lane Muhich

Noon Jessie Spisak, FamilySearchIndexing

2:00 p.m. [Select from one of the following or sign up for a one-on-one session.]

S-5: Evaluating Web Sites; Cyndi Howells

S-6: Consider the Source: Cite Your Sources; Connie Lenzen, CG

S-7: What if You Can't Afford to Do Onsite Research?: Barbara H. Basden

3:30 p.m. [Select from one of the following or sign up for a one-on-one session.]

S-8: The Ups and Downs of Uploading and Downloading; Cyndi Howells

S-9: Military Records, Online and On-site; Beverly Rice, CG

S-10: Finding Death Data on the Net; JoAnne Haugen, AG

**5:00 p.m.** Oregon Chapter APG meeting **6:00 p.m.** Vendor area closes

For additional information and for a sign-up sheet for the one-on-one consultation sessions, see the GCO website, www.rootsweb.com/~orgco2

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#### **Mexico Vital Records**

The following was written by FamilySearch:

The Record Search pilot has added 72 million new names to its Mexico Baptism collection online. The collection was transcribed from Mexico parish records dating from 1659 to 1905, and is not necessarily complete for any particular place or region. It also includes records from the Middle America Vital Records Index--Mexico that was published in 1999 on CD only. The newly expanded database can be searched for free at http://pilot.familysearch.org. The data was transcribed by FamilySearch's impressive force of volunteer indexers worldwide (see

www.familysearchindexing.org). Volunteers donate a little time each week or month transcribing select information from digital images of original source documents using FamilySearch's online indexing utility. Anyone interested in joining the global, community-based indexing initiative, or wanting to see what projects are currently being indexed, can do so at

www.familysearchindexing.org

#### **FamilySearchWiki**

The Family History Department in Salt Lake City has developed a new research support tool

<www.FamilySearchWiki.org>. This resource has been developed to help make family history research advice easier to find and share. There are two ways to search the site; Keyword search or Browse by country.

FamilySearchWiki is intended as an online community for family history researchers and those interested in learning how to be more successful in the search for their ancestors. This site includes all research outlines published by the Family History Library and many other articles never published such as the wiki material for Japan, China and India. Go ahead, take it for a spin and feel free to tell others about it.

# Onondaga County Public Library Local History and Genealogy Databases www.onlib.org/dbtw-wpd/ Textbase/databaselist.html

Onondaga County is located in the west central part of the state of New York. Its county seat is Syracuse. The Onondaga County Public Library Local History and Genealogy Department has produced and uploaded three databases to its website.

1855 New York State Census for Onondaga County 1865 New York State Census for Onondaga County Onondaga County WPA Files

#### **Encyclopedia of Genealogy Updated**

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy now has an all-new "look and feel" as well as an updated set of menus. The result should be a bit easier to use. The basic functionality of the Encyclopedia remains unchanged.

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy is a free-content encyclopedia created by its readers, people like you. It is loosely modeled on the Wikipedia example. I created the "shell" of the Encyclopedia and I then "seeded" it by creating a few pages of information myself. However, most of the pages are the contributions of people like yourself: someone with a bit of expertise on a particular subject who would like to share that knowledge with others.

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy serves as a compendium of genealogical tools and techniques. It provides reference information about everything in genealogy except people. Look to the Encyclopedia of Genealogy to provide explanations on how to look up your family tree and definitions of terms found in genealogy research, including obsolete medical and legal terms. It describes locations where records may be found. It also will describe how to research Italian, German, Polish, French-Canadian, Jewish, Afro-American, Indian, and other ancestors. In short, the Encyclopedia of Genealogy will serve as your standard genealogy reference manual. If you see anything in this encyclopedia that is incorrect, YOU can change it! If you see anything that is incomplete, YOU can add to it! If you note anything that is missing, YOU can add it! This encyclopedia will succeed because people like you contribute nuggets of information. When enough "nuggets" are added, the Encyclopedia of Genealogy will become a gold mine.

**NOTE:** This encyclopedia is not a place to find all the ancestors of John Doe or all the descendants of John and Mary Smith. The World Wide Web already has many online message boards and databases that perform that function well. Instead, the Encyclopedia of Genealogy serves as a clearinghouse of genealogy techniques: where to find records, how to organize the data found, what the terminology means and how to plan your next research effort.

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy is available to everyone, free of charge. Everyone can also contribute information, again free of charge.

The Encyclopedia of Genealogy is available at http://www.eogen.com.

Dick Eastman, Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

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WVGS LIBRARY REPORT	Research News
	Research Recommendations: Preparing for a Genealogical Research Trip by Michael J. Leclerc  The more preparation you have for a trip, the better the chances that you will have a successful experience. Like most researchers, you likely wish to conduct as much research as possible in the limited time you have in a distant repository. The first thing to do is to visit the repository's website and find the hours of operation. For example, unlike many other archives, the main research facility in Montreal for the Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales de Québec (BANQ) is open every Saturday and Sunday, but closed on Monday. We planned the trip so that on Monday and Tuesday the group researched at another repository. Some individuals were able to conduct additional research on Sunday, prior to departing for the airport.  While you are on the repository's website, use the online catalog to find materials you wish to consult. Many materials will be in open stacks, but many will need to be paged from secure areas. Being familiar with the materials you wish to consult beforehand will allow you to continue researching while waiting for paged materials to arrive. Having a list of call numbers to consult when you arrive at the repository means that you will hit the ground running as soon as you arrive.  In addition to the catalog, look around the site and see what materials they have available online. Many repositories are putting parts of their collection online, and those searches can be conducted from home, either before or after your trip, allowing you to focus your time there on materials unavailable remotely. In addition to these collections, you will often discover finding aids and indexes that will allow you to access materials more easily.  You will also want to read the repository's rules for access. Many repositories, such as BANQ, have restrictions on what you can take into reading rooms (e.g., no bags, pens, limited papers, etc.). You may also find their policies on photocopying, scanning, and photography. BANQ, f

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# **Civil War Soldiers and Sailors**

The National Parks Service hosts the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) at www.itd.nps.gov/cwss. The system provides basic information on those who served during the Civil War. In addition to service information on individuals, you can find histories of various regiments, battles, prisoner of war records, and cemetery records. The CWSS is a partnership between the National Parks service and other private and public organizations, such as the Allen County Public Library, Utah Army Corps, National Archives and Records Administration, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Civil War Preservation Trust.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

Join Jan Mar: \$20

Join Jul Sont: \$10

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# MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Elizabeth Tice

For 2008, we have 16 Life Members, 79 Single Memberships, 10 Family Memberships (20 Individuals) and 4 Genealogical Societies for a total of 119 Members.

#### Newsletters

WVGS currently exchanges periodicals with 47 societies. We also mail to 10 libraries. In addition we mailed 24 complimentary copies this month. Visitors who sign-in receive complimentary copies for 3 months.

Long time member Betty Book of Salem is now a Life Member!

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** 

Join Jul Sont: \$12.50

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ANNUAL DUES for the calendar year 2008 are \$20 for a single membership, \$25 to include spouse/family. LIFE MEMBER-SHIP fees are \$250 for those under 70 years of age, \$200 for those 70 or over. Membership brings you the quarterly BEAVER BRIEFS and the monthly NEWSLETTER, and for Willamette Valley residents, the opportunity to check out books from the Society library. Send your check and the form below to WVGS, P. O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083, enclosing an SASE if you would like your membership card and receipt mailed to you. Please notify us of address changes or corrections—the Post Office will not forward BEAVER BRIEFS or NEWSLETTERS. Members' address labels show dues expiration date following EXP. Dues received after labels are printed will be reflected in the following months' labels.

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Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back—ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOSED		9 am- 1 pm	CLOSED	By appointment only	CLOSED	12 pm-4 pm (CLOSED 3RD Sat)	
Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 – 45th Ave., NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED		9 am - 4 pm	2 pm - 9 pm	5 pm - 9 pm	9 am - 2 pm	9 am -1 pm (CLOSED 1st Sat)	
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd., SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext. 7	4 pm— 7 pm	CLOSED	9 am- 9 pm	6 pm- 9 pm Closed last Wednesday	9 am- 9 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	
Monmouth LDS Family History Center 783 W. Church St. Monmouth, OR 97361 / 503-838-2964	5 pm- 8 pm	12 pm- 4 pm	6 pm- 9 pm	6 pm - 9 pm	11 am - 3 pm	9 am— 1 pm	CLOSED	
Oregon State Library 250 Winter St., NE Salem, OR 97301-3950 / 503-378-5013	CLOSED	10 am-5 pm (Closed State Holidays)						
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St., NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED							
Salem City Library 585 Liberty St., SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6315	Open 1-5 pm Sept—May	pm   CLOSED					am- om	

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