

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

February 19th, Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
WVGS Executive Committee Meeting.  
Room 308 at Oregon State Library

### Please Note!

The February Meeting will be held one week late, on the 3rd Saturday, due to the Presidents' Holiday Weekend!!

**February 21st, 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 OSL now will have heat on Saturdays! **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 am—11:00 am **General Membership Meeting**  
Conference Room 103 (1st floor, opposite the elevator). Business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

11:00 am to 12 noon **Program Room 103**

We have had to make a change to our planned program. The speaker for February will be **Stephanie Flora**. Her topic will be "**History of the Families that settled at the end of the Oregon Trail**", very appropriate for Oregon's Sesquicentennial Celebration occurring on February 14th. Stephanie's personal bio states "**I am a genealogist and Oregon history student with a background in micro-computer support. My website "The Oregon Territory and Its Pioneers" first went online**

in 1987. It was the result of my desire to trace my own early pioneers. I retired in 2003 after 36 years as owner in a local business with my husband". About her presentation she says, "I will focus on the pioneers. I will tell who they were, why they emigrated and share stories relating to their personalities and their emigration. I will touch on some of the misconceptions of wagon train travel. I will note Oregon settlement patterns. And finally, I will tell how I personally go about researching them and the sources I use."

### 1:00 pm—Beginners' Class

The Beginners' Class will be conducted by **Joan Kaiser** in **Conference Room 103** (1st floor opposite the elevator). Pre-registration is not required. There is no charge, but we suggest a donation of up to \$3.00 toward the cost of printed handouts.

This will be **Class #1** in the Beginning Class Series. Joan will cover the basics of getting started: starting with yourself, how to record information, interviewing relatives, primary and secondary sources and the basics of how to get organized.

### 2009 Dues

It is time to pay your dues for 2009. Membership includes the monthly newsletter and quarterly Beaver Briefs as well as access to WVGS' library. WVGS members provide many services such as the monthly speakers, training, access to the OSL with no fee, genealogy assistance at the Library, seeing that we have [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) available to all patrons, DNA project, and providing genealogical materials to the OSL.

*The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on Saturday, February 21st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for genealogical research. Use the Winter Street entrance.*



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Oregon State Library

Call the Genealogy Volunteer at the Reference Desk by dialing the Volunteer 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 meetings and programs. The number is (503) 378-5708.

This newsletter is 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

March 14th:

April 18th: Emily Aulicino, "DNA Testing and WVGS Project, Q and A about DNA"

*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, mailed to WVGS, or left at the Reference Desk at OSL. The labels need to be turned in by March 15th! The Board will then evaluate whether to continue this program.

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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 for genealogy research. The following members have signed up to volunteer:

	<u>10 am—1 pm</u>	<u>1 pm—4 pm</u>
Feb. 21st	Susie Niggli	Liz Tice
Mar. 14th	Glen Abernathy	Darlene Griffith
Apr. 18th	Linda Doran	Bob Baldwin

Meeting Dates for 2009

The meeting dates for 2009 have been set by the Oregon State Library and WVGS as follows:

January 10th	May 9th	September 12th
February 21st	June 13th	October 10th
March 14th	July 11th	November 14th
April 18th	August 8th	December 12th

WVGS Constitution and Standing Rules Review

The WVGS Board is still reviewing the Constitution and Standing Rules, as time allows. Any recommendations for changes will be published in the newsletter and discussed at a general meeting. If you would like input or to a copy of the documents, contact WVGS President George Cropsey or Newsletter Editor Liz Tice.

WVGS Officers for 2009Elected Officer

President: *George Cropsey*  
 1st Vice-President (Program): *Bob Baldwin and Ruby Pantalone*  
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): *Elizabeth Tice*  
 Recording Secretary: *Marilynn O'Neall*  
 Corresponding Secretary: *Linda Doran*  
 Treasurer: *Joan Kaiser*

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth Tice*  
 Beaver Brief Editor: *Sue Bell*  
 Librarians: *Jim Willhite and Susie Niggli*  
 Periodical Librarian: *Karen Farmer*  
 Volunteer Coordinator: *Susie Niggli*  
 Beginners' Class: *Joan Kaiser*  
 Publicity: *George Cropsey*

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**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's  
DNA Project**

**WVGS has 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 set.

**You will receive a confirmation in your e-mail 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](http://www.familytreedna.com). If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please e-mail Emily Aulicino at: [aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com). Emily is WVGS' Project Administrator.**

**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.**

**Emily Aulicino will be the speaker for April 18th Meeting, so if you have questions on how to get started or what to do after you get your results, plan on attending the meeting!**

**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.

**Linda Doran**

**Lind Doran** is one of the volunteers on Thursday afternoon. She has been volunteering for 14 years. She got started after coming to a WVGS meeting and being asked if she wanted to volunteer. She had done some genealogy years before but hadn't done anything for 20 years and now was looking for something to do. Linda is also the WVGS Corresponding Secretary. When she started volunteering she worked with the previous corresponding secretary, Jean Custer, and learned how to handle queries and how research at the OSL worked. Linda then took over the job of corresponding secretary and continued to volunteer.

**Linda's** ancestors include Scandinavians on both sides, her father being Swedish and Finnish, and her mother Irish, German, English and Scandinavian. Her mother's family immigrated in 1847 from Ireland during the Potato Famine. She has found the ships on the Ellis Island site. The only family that has been in the US for any length of time was a Wilson family on her mother's side, found in Kentucky in 1808.

Linda wrote a book on her father's side for a family reunion. Her grandfather kept journals (in Swedish) which she has and has found a site that translates.

Ancestry.com is essential these days (available at OSL). Also helpful for research is the Library Association of Portland's microfiche cards showing subjects for the Oregon Journal and Oregonian. Also there are many periodicals stored in the stacks at OSL. The family histories have been re-organized and are more usable now. We also have lots of information on Oregon counties and other states.

Research requests can be made to Linda through the WVGS website or directly to Linda on Thursdays. Obituary searches for example are \$5 each, Marion County searches \$10 and other searches \$10 an hour.



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Meeting Notes

Discussions will take place during the next few months at the General Meetings about options concerning increasing costs in postage and printing. We may need to increase dues or go to electronic publications.

We are looking for someone to help design and conduct new sessions for our Beginners' Class series. We need to include Internet Research and Using Ancestry.com.

With the Legislature in session now, parking is at a premium around the Capitol. There usually is metered parking available in the underground parking beneath the Mall.

The Corresponding Secretary's Report for 2008 by Linda Doran shows that she answered 59 queries. The most were from Washington (13), others from Oregon, California, Utah, Iowa, Missouri, Alabama, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Tennessee, Colorado, Kentucky, Florida, and Indiana as well as from Canada, England, The Netherlands and Ireland. **Income from queries was \$572.50.**

January Program

**David Lewis of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde** was the speaker. He has worked for the Tribe for over 2 years while working on his PhD in Eugene. His ancestry includes not only Native American, but ancestors from Ireland, Scotland, and Belgium. Grand Ronde was terminated for 29 years, re-instated in 1984 and is composed of 27 different tribes now. Tribe members are very diverse and at this point most are not interested in DNA testing because of the political implications, relying on kinship and familial relationships.

Resources actually at the Tribal Center are limited but they will help individuals. Resources that are used are settler and explorers journals; church, fur trade, government records, Indian oral history, newspapers, and correspondence; government and Congressional records; BIA Censuses written into the Congressional Serial Set (available at OSL) and BIA Censuses at the Archives.

Different tribes each have their own requirements for joining. **David was very knowledgeable and gave an excellent presentation!**

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!

Many of you have donated your time and skills to help the public research their genealogy in our Reference Room at the State Library. We are deeply grateful for your help.

Today we are in urgent need of volunteers to repair the playback equipment (portable cassette players) for the Talking Book program. In Oregon we have about 5,000 citizens who are print disabled and depend on the program. The playback equipment is old and in need of constant repair. We cannot meet the daily requests for repaired machines. If you are familiar with integrated circuits, diagnostic equipment, and have the ability to read machine schematic diagrams, we could use your help. For more information, please contact Robin Speer (503) 378-5014, or robin.d.speer@state.or.us. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

Robin Speer

Volunteer & Fund Development Coordinator

Oregon State Library

503-378-5014

Volunteers

Welcome back to **Frances Eddy**, who will be joining us on Tuesday mornings, and a big welcome to **David & Pauline Mikkelsen**, who will be working together on Thursday mornings.

**Fern Hellie** is taking some time off as she deals with health issues. We will miss Fern and send her best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Evelyn Gatlin** will no longer be helping on the desk, but will continue to help with the cataloging of new resources.

As always, thank you for your good work.

--Alice & Robin

On Thursday, Feb 26, OBP & HD Channels are again showing the two hour program titled "Journey of Man". It has aired previously and there is also a book available to purchase from OPB. We viewed the second half of this program at a prior WVGS meeting. It might be of interest to those interested in DNA. The writeup in the OPB newsletter states "this program explains the global family tree of all humans alive today, ultimately tracing back to one African man who lived 60,000 years ago".





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By Jim Willhite

### OREGON CULTURAL TRUST

The Willamette Valley Genealogy Society has been added to the Oregon Cultural Trust's list of eligible cultural organizations. What this means to WVGS is that donors to WVGS are qualified to make a **matching gift** to the Trust and **therefore become eligible** for Oregon's innovative cultural **tax credit**.

**There is an important difference between a tax deduction and a tax credit. A tax deduction reduces your taxable income** – the total income on which the tax rate is applied to figure the amount of tax due. **A tax credit is an amount subtracted from the total amount of tax due** after completion of all other tax computations. **A tax credit reduces your taxes more than a tax deduction.**

**The use of this tax credit allows you to redirect a portion of your taxes.** You are saying to the State of Oregon, "please put \$500 (or \$1,000) of my taxes into the Cultural Trust to support arts and culture in Oregon."

You can receive a tax credit for your direct contributions to the Cultural Trust up to \$500 for individuals or \$1,000 per household filing jointly. You can take an **Oregon tax credit** and a charitable **tax deduction on your Federal taxes** for the gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust.

In summary:

**Step One:** Make a donation to one or more of your favorite qualifying Oregon cultural organizations.

**Step 2:** Add up all your gifts to cultural organizations from the calendar year and make a matching gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust.

**Step 3:** Claim your 100% tax credit when you file your Oregon tax return.

For more information visit: [http://www.culturaltrust.org/donate/donate\\_and\\_receive\\_your\\_tax\\_credit.php](http://www.culturaltrust.org/donate/donate_and_receive_your_tax_credit.php)

## ANCESTRY.COM

The Ancestry.com Library Edition is a valuable resource used by both OSL patrons doing genealogical research and others doing State related business. WVGS has a special category in our budget to try and accumulate donations for future funding of Ancestry after June 2010 should the need arise. ***If you have a desire to assist WVGS with donations please contact any of the Board members who can assist with your tax deductible contributions.***

## GENEALOGY PERIODICALS

WVGS each month is bringing a few issues of OSL's Genealogical and Historical Periodicals from the stacks for your review. OSL has a complete list by State. If you find something of interest, check to see if the Library has additional issues. We started with the "A's". The following will be on the shelves just inside the door in the Microfilm Room until after the **February** meeting:

### Genealogy Periodicals List February 2009

- **The Sands of Time (Anna, IL), v. 4 no. 1 – v. 4 no. 7 (1999)**
- **Santa Clara County Connections (Santa Clara, CA), v. 31 no. 2 – v. 44 no. 2 (1994 – 2007)**
- **The Santiam Legend (Gates, OR), v. 2 no. 2 – v. 4 no. 2 (1989 – 1991)**
- **San Joaquin Genealogical Society Newsletter (Stockton, CA), v.19 n.4 – v.24 n.3 (1998 – 2003)**
- **The Searchlight (Toledo, OR), Fall 1986 – Fall 2002**
- **The Second Boat (Machias, ME), various issues (1981 – 1992)**
- **Sherman County: For the Record (Moro, OR), v. 1 no. 1 – v. 8 no. 2 (1983 – 1990)**
- **Siskiyou Pioneer (Yreka, CA), v. 4 no. 6 – v. 5 no. 10 (1973 – 1987)**
- **Smoky Mountain Historical Society Journal (Sevierville, TN), v. 3 no. 1 – v. 33 no. 4 (1977 – 2007)**
- **Sonoma Searcher / Sonoma County Genealogical Society (Santa Rosa, CA) v. 29 no. 2 – v. 35 no. 1 (2001 – 2007)**



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**NEW PERIODICALS RECEIVED THIS MONTH AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT OSL**

By Karen Farmer

Periodicals Received During January 2009

- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, Jan 09
- GA (Coweta), "The Coweta Courier", Coweta County Genealogical Society, V 28 No 1, Fall 08
- IL, "The Saga of Southern Illinois", Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V35 No 4, Oct-Dec 08
- IL, "Newsletter", Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, Jan 09
- IN, "Connections; The Hoosier Genealogist", Indiana Historical Society, V 48 No 2, Fall-Winter 08
- KY, "The Bulletin", West-Central Kentucky Family Research Ass'n, V 41 No 4, Winter 08
- KY, "Kentucky Family Records", West-Central Kentucky Family Research Ass'n, Winter 08
- LA, "The Genie", Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Ass'n, V 42 No 4, 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 08
- MA, "The Mayflower Quarterly", V 74 No 4, Dec 08
- NY, "Journal", Western New York Genealogical Society, V 35 No 3, Dec 08
- OH (Coshocton), "The Kinsman Courier", Coshocton Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, V 31 No 4, Winter 08
- OH, "Ohio Genealogy News", Ohio Genealogical Society, V 39 No 4, Winter 08
- OH, "Quarterly", Ohio Genealogical Society, V 48 No 4, Dec 08
- OH, "Ohio; The Cross Road of our Nation; Records & Pioneer Families", Ohio Genealogical Society, V 49 No 3 and V 49 No 4, 2008
- OK (Pittsburg), "Tobucksy News", Pittsburg County Genealogical & Historical Society, V 26 No 1, Jan 09

- OR, "The Forum Insider", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V 2 No 5, Jan 09
- OR (Benton), "NewsLetter", Benton County Genealogical Society, V 23 No 10, Dec 08
- OR (Benton), "NewsLetter", Benton County Genealogical Society, V 24 No 1, Jan 09
- OR (Crook), "Newsletter", Crook County Genealogical Society, Jan-Mar 09
- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes County Historical Society, Jan 09
- OR (Lane), "Newsletter", Oregon Genealogical Society, Issue 164, Jan-Feb 09
- OR (Lane), "Trees from the Grove", Cottage Grove Genealogical Society, V 21 Nos 3-4, Jul-Dec 08
- OR (Lane), "The Artifact", Lane County Historical Society Museum, No 190, Jan 09
- OR (Lane), "Oakridge Museum", Upper Willamette Pioneer Association, Jan 09
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V 23 No 1, Jan 09
- OR (Multnomah), "The Forum Insider", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V 20 No 5, Jan 09
- OR (Wasco), "Tales & Trails", Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, V 23 No 1, Jan 09
- OR (Washington), "The Genea-Log", Washington County Genealogical Society, Jan 09
- OR (Yamhill), "The West Side", Yamhill County Historical Society, Jan 09
- PA, "The Heritage", Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, V 17 No 4, Winter 08
- PA, "Mennonite Family History", Mennonite Family History, V 28 No 1, Jan 09
- SC, "Bulletin", Order of the Founders & Patriots of America, V 82 No 2, Fall 08
- TN (Warren), "Bulletin", Warren County Genealogical Ass'n, V 17 Nos 3-4, Fall-Winter 08
- TX, "The Explorer", Texana/Genealogy Dept., San Antonio Public Library, V 14, Nos 3-4, 2008

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- TX, "Forum", Federation of Genealogical Societies, V 20 No 4, Winter 08
- WA, "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Jan 09
- WA, "The Sounder", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, V 22 No 4, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 08
- WA, "The Stillaguamish Star", Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society, V 21 No 6, Nov-Dec 08
- WA (Clark), "Newsletter", Clark County Genealogical Society, Jan 09
- WA (Grant), "Big Bend Register", Grant County Genealogical Society, V 29 No 4 pp 47-59, Dec 08
- WA (Pierce), "TPCGS Newsletter", Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society, V 3 No 2, Dec 08

#### SALE TABLE

The Sale table will be set up at the February meeting. Proceeds go to the WVGS book fund.

#### PURCHASES AND DONATIONS

The following purchases and donated material to OSL may not be immediately available. The books and microfilm have to be cataloged and put into the OSL system and the CD's installed on the hard drive before they are available for use. Books, Tapes, & Videos from the WVGS collection will be available for check out at the next meeting.

#### BOOKS DONATED by Thomas Branigar TO THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY

- Women's History in Minnesota (1993)
- A Supplement to Reference Guide to Minnesota History, 1970-80 (1983)
- Chippewa and Dakota Indians (1969)
- A Bibliography of Minnesota Territorial Documents (1936)
- Check List of Minnesota State Documents, 1858-1923 (1972)
- Minnesota Folk Life (1979)
- Mexican Americans in Minnesota (1977)
- Blacks in Minnesota (1976)

#### PERIODICALS DONATED by Thomas Branigar TO THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY

- Minnesota History, Winter 1985 to Winter 2005
- Roots (Minnesota Historical Society News letter) 1989-1993

#### BOOKS DONATED by Thomas Branigar TO THE SALE TABLE OR OTHER SOCIETY

- Reference Guide to Minnesota History (1974)
- Minnesota Territorial Census, 1850 (1972)

#### BOOKS DONATED by Anonymous TO THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY

- The Hanchett Family, by Junius T. Hanchett
- Launcelot Granger of Newbury, MA and Suffield, CT, a Genealogical History
- Genealogies of the Different Families Bearing the Name of KENT in the USA
- Dating Old Photographs 1840-1929
- More Dating Old Photographs 1840-1929
- Dropped Stitches in Tennessee History, Little Known Facts in the earliest History of TN

#### BOOKS DONATED by Anonymous TO THE SALE TABLE OR OTHER SOCIETY

- U.S. Military Records, A Guide to Federal & State Sources
- Land & Property Research In the United States

#### SUGGESTED PURCHASES - DONATIONS WANTED

Donors pay half and, WVGS's book fund pays the remaining half. Donations are tax deductible in accordance with section 501(c)(3) of the US Tax Code. The books go into our collection for use of our members, with donor's getting first use. When the books are no longer being checked out they are donated to the Oregon State Library for use of the public.

**BOOKS** – Suggestions Please  
**CD's** - Suggestions Please

## OTHER SOCIETIES



**1859-2009  
OREGON'S  
Sesquicentennial Celebration  
February 14, 2009**

**Yamhill County Historical Society**

Yamhill County Historical Society will host a Sesquicentennial Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 14th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Museum Complex in Lafayette and the new Yamhill Valley Heritage Center south of McMinnville.

The flyer is at the Reference Desk at OSL or visit [www.yamhillhistory.com](http://www.yamhillhistory.com).

**Genealogical Forum of Oregon**

Celebrate Oregon's 150th Birthday at the GFO OPEN HOUSE Saturday February 14, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join friends and colleagues in our library for simultaneous free activities including Ask the Experts, demonstrations of genealogy databases on the Internet, and the series of speakers.

1505 SE Gideon St or [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)  
Portland, OR 97202  
(503) 963-1932

**Join Us at the Capitol!  
Family Day at the Capitol  
February 14th, 2009**

**11 am to 4 pm  
State Capital  
Salem, OR**

Join Oregon 150 and partners at the State Capitol to kick off sesquicentennial celebrations! Governor Ted Kulongoski, Senate President Peter Courtney and Speaker of the House David Hunt will be making sesquicentennial comments in the Capitol Rotunda and helping everyone to a 6-tiered cake large enough to feed 3,000 people! Musical entertainment and performances on the Capitol Mall from Radio Disney, the Just For Fun Singers (80 person singing ensemble) and others. Oregon 150 partners are invited to participate by representing their city, county, tribe or organization. Blacksmithing and wagon wheel demonstrations, historic building tours, gift bags for the first 500 children, pictures with the Gold Pioneer, along with participation by the Siletz Tribe, candle making, and square dancing. Oregon geological and historical exhibits will also be on display.

## OTHER SOCIETIES

**Carriage Me Back to 1859 in Brownsville, Oregon**

Mary 2nd, 10 am–3 pm  
and May 3rd, 12 noon–4 pm

Brownsville is celebrating Oregon Statehood. A celebration and reenactment of what life was like in 1859.

Cost: Adults \$7 Children \$3

For information and reservations, call 541-466-3390

**Oregon Genealogical Society & Research Library**

Spring Seminar will be Saturday, March 7, 2009

“Putting the Pieces Together”

With George Morgan

George Morgan began working on his family genealogy when he was 10 years old. He has published genealogy books and articles and is a frequent speaker at conferences. Topics will be “Planning a Very Successful Genealogical Research Trip”, “Bring ‘Em Back to Life: Developing an ancestor Profile”, “Introduction to U.S. Immigration Records” and “Using the HeritageQuest Databases”.

Cost \$45

8:30 am–5:00 pm

First United Methodist Church

1376 Olive St, Eugene, OR

Contact 541-345-0399 or [ogsinfo@comcast.net](mailto:ogsinfo@comcast.net)

Registration form available at the OSL Reference Desk.

**Clark County Genealogy Society**

Spring Seminar will be on April 4, 2009

Cost: \$40

8:30 am–4 pm

Clark County Genealogy Society Annex

715 Grand Blvd

Vancouver, WA

Two programs will be presented:

Morning session:

“Introduction to Genetic Genealogy” by Emily Aulicino

Afternoon session:

“Where to locate your Scandinavian Ancestors” by Carol Steele, Fred Hasle and Gwen Newberg.

For more information 360-750-5688 or flyer available at the Reference Desk at OSL.



It's time to renew for 2009. Send in the form below or bring it to the next meeting. Paid dues are indicated on your mailing label showing EXP 12/31/09, updated on January 28th.

Due to a computer failure, I had to re-enter all the names and addresses for the membership list and mailing list. If you find an error in your name, address or expiration date, please let me know.

Liz Tice, Newsletter Editor  
eliztice@comcast.net

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

By Elizabeth Tice

Renewals for 2009, we have 16 Life Members, 54 single memberships, 8 family memberships (16 individuals), and 5 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 91 members.

Newsletters

WVGS currently exchanges periodicals with 44 societies. We also mail to 10 libraries and mailed 29 complimentary copies this month.

Welcome new members: *Pauline & David Mikkelsen, Dr. Charles Colman, Paul Lawrence and the Yamhill County Historical Society!*

**ANNUAL DUES** for the calendar year 2009 are \$20 for a single membership, \$25 to include spouse/family. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP** 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 montly **NEWSLETTER**, and for Willametter Valley residents, the opportunity to check out books from the Society library. Send your check and the form below to **WVGS, PO Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083**, enclosing a SASA if you would like a 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.

**SINGLE MEMBERSHIP**

Pro-rated Amounts for new members only who join:

Jan-Mar: \$20    Apr-Jun: \$15  
Jul-Sept: \$10    Oct-Dec: \$5

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Pro-rated Amounts for new members only who join:

Jan-Mar: \$25    Apr-Jun: \$18.75  
Jul-Sept: \$12.50    Oct-Dec: \$6.25

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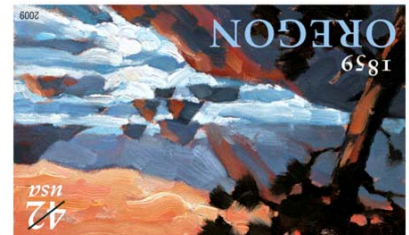
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Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back—ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOSED		9 am— 1 pm	CLOSED	By appointment only	CLOSED	12 pm— 4pm (CLOSED 3rd Sat)
Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED		9 am— 4 pm	2 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	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 Wed)	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	Genealogy/Reference Room, 2nd Floor 10 am—5 pm (CLOSED State Holidays)					February 21st ONLY 10am—4pm
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED	8 am—12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (CLOSED State Holidays)					CLOSED
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