



WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

October 9th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
WVGS Executive Board Meeting. We will meet at the Broadway Commons in the Monmouth Room 203. The Broadway Commons is at 1300 Broadway Street NE, Salem.

October 11th, 2014

Please note the new location!
General Meeting—October 11,
10 am to 1 pm

Our October General Meeting will be held the **Salem Book Bin East, at 2235 Lancaster Dr. NE. Please thank the Book Bin for this free space .**

The Oregon State Library is now closed on Saturdays and they are ending our partnership.

We cancelled our speaker for October due to the uncertainty of our situation. We will have many issues to discuss, including Salem Public Library, newsletters, finding grants, moving and much more.

If you're interested in helping our society continue, please plan on attending this meeting.

We will also meet at the Book Bin in November.

Nominations for WVGS Officers for 2015

Nominations for Officers for 2015 are:

President: Elizabeth Tice

1st Vice President (Program):

2nd Vice President (Membership): Suzan Rempel

Recording Secretary: Barbara Foster

Corresponding Secretary (Research): Tony Hoff

Treasurer: Lauren Teubner

Great news from ***Salem Public Library***

In spite of the sadness about the Reference Room closing at the Oregon State Library, we have good news. The City of Salem and Salem Public Library have offered to have us as a partner. Our books will be housed at the Salem Public Library, with WVGS retaining ownership. And we won't have to pay rent!

Space will have to be made on the first floor so this won't happen immediately. WVGS will be responsible for providing genealogy volunteers. Most of our 4500 books will be circulating. We will have desk space, computers and tables to work with patrons.

It is an exciting change and an opportunity to have more public exposure. Salem Public Library is very active and has many public events. Starting in January 2015, we can rent one of the meeting rooms in the basement for our Saturday meetings for a reasonable cost.

According to our agreement with Ancestry, we can have access for 20 users on Ancestry.com, Institution Edition (this has been confirmed by Ancestry). We will have costs involved in the move and new equipment.

Members will have a final vote on this when a written agreement is finalized.

Nominations for 2015 Officers will be taken from the floor also at the October meeting. Voting will take place at the November meeting. We still need someone to volunteer for 1st Vice-President for Programs. This is an important office as we all enjoy good programs and without someone in this office we will not be able to have programs .

**WVGS News****MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel**

Membership for September 2014 was 19 Life Members, 69 single memberships, 9 family memberships (18 individuals), and 3 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 109 members.

Newsletter

In order to use our Bulk Mail permit, we must mail at least 200 newsletters. We no longer have close to that on our mailing list! So for October we are doing a trial e-mail newsletter to as many members as we have e-mail addresses for. If you would prefer a hard copy, please let me know. Or if we don't have your e-mail and you're willing to get your newsletter by e-mail, let me know.

The same is true for our exchange societies and complimentary newsletters.

We'll discuss the results at our October meeting and decide whether to continue with e-mailing newsletters.

September Program

Our September speaker was local artist **Sonia Allen**. She gave a wonderful talk about some of her projects, such as Heritage Cards (cards portraying family members in photos, drawings, stories). She is a painter and educator.

Sonia's website is at www.SoniaAllenArt.com. And she artwork is at Lunaria Gallery in Silverton, Oregon.

NORPAC Label Redemption Program

This money-making 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.**

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

WVGS has a DNA Project for both men and women through 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. 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.

Reference Room at Oregon State Library

As you know the Reference Room will no longer be staffed after October 1, 2014. According to the Library's website, "the State Library has a collection of materials that will be accessible to state agency staff, Oregonians, and made available for loan through the State Library and existing libraries within the state". Signs posted at the Library say to make an appointment to use materials between 1 pm and 4 pm.

WVGS Meeting 2014 Dates

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

**WVGS Officers for 2014
Elected Officers**

President: *Elizabeth Tice*
1st Vice-President (Program): *Carol Wolfe*
2nd Vice-President (Membership): *Suzan Rempel*
Recording Secretary: *Barbara Foster*
Corresponding Secretary: position open
Treasurer: *Joan Kaiser*

Appointed Positions

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



Seminars & Conferences

GFO Fall Seminar 2014

Saturday, October 25, 2014

9 am—4 pm

Milwaukie Elks Lodge

13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie, OR

Nationally known writer and lecturer

Judy G Russell

Topics: "Don't forget the Ladies"

Poll, Personality and Property

How old did he have to be...?

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Www.gfo.org

Milwaukee Stake Family History Conference

"Open the Door to Your Past"

Saturday, November 1, 2014

9 am—4:45 pm

8331 Cason Rd

Gladstone, Oregon

Keynote Speaker:

Hannah Allen, Oregon Historical Society

No cost!

Federation of Genealogical Societies

Salt Lake City, February 11–14, 2015

10 Reasons to Attend FGS 2015

- **Network** with other society leaders, sharing the latest ideas.
- **Visit** the world's largest collection of family history materials, just minutes away.
- **Get** tips from the pros for finding those elusive ancestors!
- **Spend** time relaxing and socializing with other genealogists from around the world.
- **Find** the latest family history gadgets and gizmos in the Expo Hall.
- **Go** behind the scenes of family history on TV at the FGS Opening Event.
- **Explore** genealogical societies from across the U.S. at the FGS Society Showcase in the Expo Hall.
- **CONNECT** with new genealogy friends and blaze new research trails.
- **EXPLORE** presentations on a variety of topics in the classrooms and the new tools you learn about each day.
- **REFRESH** your interest in family history, and leave FGS 2015 ready to tackle those challenging research projects!

<https://www.fgsconference.org/>



Research

We love our scoundrels!

From the Black Sheep website:

Welcome to **BlackSheepAncestors.com**! Here you will find genealogical prison records and insane asylum records for the US as well as genealogical prison records for the UK. You will also find numerous links to historical court records, execution records and biographies of famous outlaws & famous criminals across the US, UK and Canada.

Whether people realize it or not, they could probably find a black sheep ancestor somewhere in their past if they looked hard enough. The ancestor may not have been a ruthless criminal or outlaw, but perhaps a less deadly thief or crook. Also after having gone to court they may not have spent much time in a prison or penitentiary, perhaps they only spent a small amount of time in a county jail or city jail.

<http://blacksheepancestors.com/>

They Leave Documents. Lots of Documents

- Digitized newspaper databases make searching easier than ever before. Depending on the crime, an article may not be limited to a local newspaper; the "bigger" the crime, the more widespread was the coverage.
- Members of **Archives.com** and **Ancestry.com** should definitely make newspapers part of their search strategy. Other sites include the Library of Congress's **Chronicling America** and state digitized newspaper projects. Repositories local to where your ancestor lived might also have newspaper collections. Microfilmed newspapers may even be available via interlibrary loan, allowing you to research from your local library.
- Another place that may hold the court records you need is a state library or archive. If you decide to take a field trip to research court records, do your homework beforehand. Read **Christine Rose's Courthouse Research for Family Historians: Your Guide to Genealogical Treasures (2004)**.
- Don't forget to also search on your favorite genealogy website for criminal and court records. **Ancestry.com** has a section for **Court, Governmental & Criminal Records**. In this category, you will find databases such as the Atlanta, Georgia, U.S. Penitentiary, Prisoner Index, ca 1880-1922 as well as others.



WVGS News

From your president, my opinion only -

In answer to your many questions, the State Library is under the jurisdiction of the Executive Department, but the Legislature approves the funding. We have:

- Testified orally and submitted written testimony to the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee,
- Written letters and e-mails to all members of the subcommittee,
- Met with chiefs of staff for the Senate President and House Speaker,
- Met with the Governor's Policy Advisor on the State Library,
- Had three articles concerning closing of the Reference Room in the *Statesman Journal* as well as letters to the editor.

There has been no public response from any elected official. Reasons given for the closure have to do with "re-defining the role of the State Library", finances, restructuring assessment funding to pay for maintaining materials not used by agencies, modernizing, eliminating duplication of services and costs.

According to Duke Shepard, the Governor's Policy Advisor, this decision will not be reversed. There is no plan at this point for using empty space at the library and there will be no request for General Fund money.

The State Library is following its mission concerning their collection and what they will keep: Oregon history and genealogy, Oregon documents, federal documents and materials that agencies use. This doesn't include genealogical materials for other states.



WVGS News

Aside from the issue of the Library closing the Reference Room, WVGS needs to move our materials from the State Library by December 31st, 2014.

We have three options, but are restricted by our limited funds. We currently have a little less than \$25,000, which won't get us very far if we have to pay rent somewhere. We could:

1) ***Rent commercial space*** and find other similar non-profits to share the costs. This is not likely to happen by December 31st and we could only afford a space by ourselves for less than 2 years.

2) ***Willamette Heritage*** is a natural partner. They do not have room, but are interested in making space available. We would be expected to make a financial contribution and pay rent. We appreciate the interest, but it doesn't seem to be an option now.

3) ***Salem Public Library*** has offered to house our collection. We would not pay rent, but could make a one-time contribution to the costs of remodeling. We would be expected to have our own volunteers. Salem Public Library and Oregon State Library will work together so that as our materials are withdrawn from OSL they will be put in a database that SPL can import. Our books will be circulating materials. We will have more public exposure being at a public library. Details will be worked on in the next month, and you will have to vote on the final agreement. This is the best solution for us and really, the only one we can afford.

I'll be working with Salem Public Library and the City of Salem on an agreement.

We will need lots of help to move! Our Collections Committee will meet first to make lists of our materials and guidelines for books to be kept.
Liz Tice, President

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The **Willamette Valley Genealogical Society** was organized in December 1968, to create and foster the study of family history, to aid in the publication of local history, and to aid in the establishment of materials in local genealogical library collections. It is an Oregon Non-Profit corporation, and was determined by IRS to be a 501 (c) (3) organization. Your donations may be federal tax-deductible.

Membership Application

- Members will receive a monthly newsletter informing them of programs, activities, and genealogical news.
- Members receive online access to **Beaver Briefs**, a quarterly bulletin featuring Marion County genealogy and history.
- Members benefit from research assistance, monthly programs, and access to WVGS's books, periodicals and CDs.
- Help for beginners at the Beginner's classes.

WVGS MEMBERSHIP FORM Please ☒ if this is a ☐ **NEW** or ☐ **RENEWAL** membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **email:** _____

Amount enclosed -

\$ _____ for Annual Dues (\$25 individual or \$30 family membership), includes Beaver Briefs on-line

\$ _____ for postage to receive copies of Beaver Briefs in the mail (\$6.50)

\$ _____ for one-time payment for Life Membership ☐ Under age 70 (\$250) ☐ Age 70 or Over (\$200)

\$ _____ other (please identify) _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

Additional Donations

- ☐ **Patron \$100**
☐ **Sustainer \$250**
☐ **Benefactor \$500**
☐ **Corporate/Trust \$1,000**

- See our website for information on Life Membership or pick up a Life Membership form from an officer.

- **Pro-rated** Amounts for new members who join after March 31st:

SINGLE	FAMILY
Apr-Jun: \$18.75	Apr-Jun: \$22.50
Jul-Sept: \$12.50	Jul-Sept: \$15.00
Oct-Dec: \$6.25	Oct-Dec: \$7.50

SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

NAME-ADDRESS-PHONE	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back- ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOSED		10 am— 2 pm	7 pm- 8:30 pm	4 pm - 8 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
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	CLOSED
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7	4pm— 7pm	CLOSED	9am— 9pm	By Appt.	9 am— 9pm	CLOSED	9 am- 12 noon
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
Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	Open 1 pm- 5 pm Sept-May	CLOSED	10 am—9 pm (CLOSED City Holidays)			10 am—6 pm	
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-364-2128	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 pm—4 pm				



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