

WILLAMETTE VALLEY  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!**

- **Time:** September 10, 2022, 10:30 am to 1 pm
- **Place:** Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon  
Collaboration Space, Lower Level Opposite the elevator. Free parking in the Library Parkade.  
**10:30 am – 11:45 am General Membership Meeting.**  
A short business meeting will be held to conduct society business, with time for members to share information.  
**12 noon – 1 pm Program:**  
**Topic:** Using the Resources of the State Library For Genealogical and Oregon History Research.  
**Presenter:** Craig A. Smith

Craig was employed for 30 years as a Reference Librarian for the OSL (State of Oregon Library), including 10 years as Reference Supervisor; and 11 years as a Law Librarian at Willamette University Law Library. Mr. Smith has a B.A. in History from Pacific University and an M.L.S. from the University of Oregon. Conducting personal family research since 1979, Craig is a descendant of Tabitha Brown, the Official Mother of Oregon. Craig will be assisted, as needed, by his wife Deanne Yoder Smith, a retired cataloger, (30 years) from OSL.

**Content:** The 1 hour session will cover online resources, as well as, in person research assistance from OSL Reference Librarians. Included will be the history and background of the agency, special collections and aids; locating and using the public "Government Room".

Time permitting, very brief coverage of the services of the Oregon State Archives and Marion County Historical Society Museum will be addressed. Handouts will be included of material covered during the talk. WVGS programs are always open to the public – invite your friends.

**There will be a Board meeting on Thursday September 8, 2022 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.**

**Membership for 2022 and 2023**

All members of WVGS as of December 31, 2021 had their membership extended to December 31, 2022. For 2022 and 2023, new members can join at no cost!! Let your fellow genealogists know. Our online form for new members is at [www.wvgsor.org](http://www.wvgsor.org) Membership.

This does not include the additional \$10.00 fee (an increase due to increase in postage) for a hard copy of Beaver Briefs. If you wish to receive Beaver Briefs through the US mail, you will still need to fill out the form on page 7 and send a check or money order to WVGS.

Come visit our volunteers at the Genealogy Desk at Salem Public Library. We have volunteers from 11 am to 5 pm Tuesday to Saturday and 1 pm to 4 pm Sunday. Volunteers are there to help patrons for free with their genealogy questions. This includes members! Access to Ancestry.com, newspapers.com and other sites.



## WVGS Information

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of August 13, 2022 was 3 societies, 21 Life Members, 156 single memberships, and 19 family memberships (38 individuals) for a total of 218 members. We now have an online membership form. Welcome all new members!

### **Newsletter**

We send newsletters to our members and exchange societies **by email** from our Yahoo email account (willvgs@yahoo.com).

If any member 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 your e-mail address. The same is true for our exchange societies and complimentary newsletters.

We also are emailing the **Beaver Briefs** to members. If you want a hard copy, the cost is still an additional \$10.00 for postage. **Beaver Briefs** can be accessed by members on our website under Member Page with a password. If you need your password, contact Liz Tice.

### **Meeting Dates for 2022**

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

### **WVGS Officers for 2022**

#### **Elected Officers**

President: *Elizabeth Tice*  
 1st Vice-President (Program): *Doug Crosby*  
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): *Suzan Rempel*  
 Recording Secretary: *Sally Broadwater*  
 Corresponding Secretary: *Julianne Kennedy*  
 Treasurer: *Barbara Foster*

#### **Appointed Positions**

Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth Tice*  
 Beaver Brief Editors: *Dennis Hill & Craig Smith*  
 Librarians: *Deanne Smith*  
 Volunteer Coordinator: *Craig Smith*  
 Publicity:  
 Webmaster: *Dennis Hill*  
 Periodicals: *Jerry Rodgers*

**Document Research:** Searches for Oregon documents can be done. If successful, the fee is \$10.00 per document or 3 for \$20.00 for nonmembers and \$5.00 per document or 3 for \$10.00 for WVGS members. If these require a trip to the Oregon State Archives, Marion County Clerk's Office or other sites, the fee is \$10.00 per document for members and non-members (3 for \$10/\$20 does not apply). The \$5 and \$10 charges include postage for 5 pages or less. If over 5 pages there will be a charge for postage and handling.

### **General Research**

We will conduct searches using resources such as Ancestry.com, censuses, city directories, Oregon Donation Land Claims, newspapers, and other sources. General research is not restricted to research in Oregon only! The minimum fee for research is \$10, if successful. This includes a copy of one document. Research is \$10 per hour, \$5 for each additional 1/2 hour and the cost of additional documents. The \$5 and \$10 charges include postage for 5 pages or less. If over 5 pages there will be a charge for postage and handling. There is also a charge of 10 cents per page for every copy over 10 pages.

**WVGS FUNDRAISERS** Help support our Genealogical Society when you shop!!

Earn a donation for WVGS from Fred Meyer every time you shop and they scan your Rewards card. Go online and link your Rewards card to Willamette Valley Genealogical Society in your Fred Meyer Rewards account. The donation does not affect the rewards that you earn.

AmazonSmile is exactly the same as shopping on the Amazon site. The added bonus is that Amazon donates 0.5% of qualified purchases to a charity of your choice. Please choose Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Use your Amazon login and password at AmazonSmile.





## President's Report for September by Liz Tice, President

Our speaker for August, Barbara Hunter, had to cancel so Doug Crosby was our presenter—showing how to use our new scanner for books and documents. We are planning on another program in October for members to try out the scanner. We have formed a “Scanning Committee” to work on scanning our publications.

Craig Smith is still working on downloading digital books for the volunteers to use. He also has suggested that we have a "Grand Re-Opening" in November as an open house. If you are interested in helping with that, please let me know at [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com).

We have not signed an agreement with City of Salem/Salem Public Library yet. We still have questions about liability and theft. Doug Crosby contacted an appraiser for our collection at the Library and the members at the August 13th meeting approved spending no more than \$5,000 on the necessary appraisal. We are still planning on having a series of genealogy classes at the Center 50+ in September and October—see below.

Liz Tice

### Changes for Next Year

★ Sally Broadwater is retiring as Recording Secretary. Liz Tice will be running for that office.  
★ Doug Crosby will be running for President. **That means we will have no one in the position of 1st Vice-President.** This is the person who arranges for our programs—very important. **Please consider running for an office.** And don't forget we are still looking for a **publicity chairperson.**



**When:** Mondays

Beginning September 12, 2022      Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm      Cost: \$10 per class

Where: Center 50+, 2615 Portland RD NE, Salem OR 97301

You can register at the main desk in the Center 50+ or by calling 503-588-6303. You can also now register online for classes at <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/center50-classes.aspx>

Class 1 Sept. 12, 2022: How to Get Started  
Class 2 Sept. 19, 2022: Ancestry & Family Search  
Class 3 Sept. 26, 2022: Vital Records

Class 4 Oct. 3, 2022: Military Records & Land Records  
Class 5 Oct. 10, 2022: Immigration & Ethnic Sources  
Class 6 Oct. 17, 2022: Googling and Free Genealogy Sites





## Sites and Speakers



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### The National Archives of the UK

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

#### Popular collections



#### What is Discovery?

Discovery holds more than 32 million descriptions of records held by The National Archives and more than 2,500 archives across the country. Over 9 million records are available for download.

#### Research guides

Our guides are a great place to start your research. What are you looking for?



### Willamette Heritage Center

#### Zooming Back to History: A Community History Speaker Series

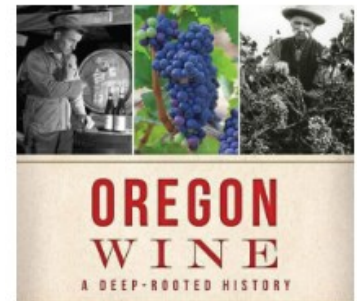
September 8 – Scott Stursa

The Lost Vineyards – Winemaking in Pre-Prohibition Oregon  
Before 1916 there was a small but flourishing winemaking industry in Oregon. Some two dozen winemakers were operating around the state, from Jackson County to Walla Walla Valley. Supplementing these viniculturalists were another dozen growers who were likewise cultivating the European wine grape, *Vitis vinifera*. Scott Stursa tells their remarkable stories.

\$10/speaker or \$30/series.

Speaker begins at 7pm

<https://www.willametteheritage.org/zooming-back-to-history/>



### Genealogical Forum of Oregon

## Manuscripts Collection

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### Personal Papers and Collections Go Digital

Welcome to the GFO Digital Manuscript Collections, a volunteer-led project established in late 2012. As our Manuscripts Committee will continue to add finding aids and digital images from over 100 unique collections of personal and family genealogical research material.

- Fully digitized collections are available for viewing and research at the GFO Library (please ask at the Reference Desk) and can be found via our online OPALS catalog.



## Libraries and Events

From Craig Smith:

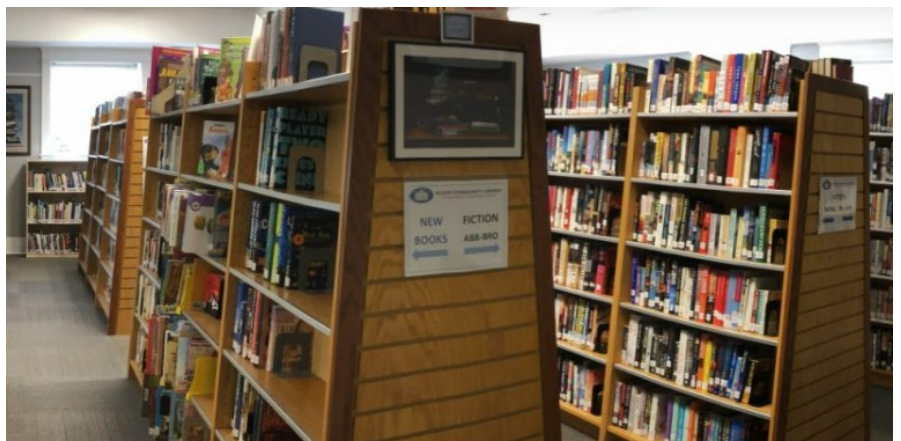
- Salem Public Library now has a brand new electronic microfilm/microfiche reader/printer. It can do automatic frame by frame copying and store via flash drive, print or send results to an email address. Purchased by the Salem Library Foundation and set up in the Genealogy section of the library.
- We now have an enhanced visual reader for the sight disabled in the public terminal area in front of the volunteer genealogy desk.
- Salem Public Library's catalog [https://catalog.ccrls.org/client/en\\_US/spl/](https://catalog.ccrls.org/client/en_US/spl/)
- Salem Public Library's Main Library is open 10 am -7 pm Tuesday-Thursday, 10 am—5 p.m. Friday & Saturday, and 1 pm—5 pm Sunday.



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### Willamette Valley Genealogical Supports Keizer Community Library becoming A Public Library!

- Funding a public library is on the November ballot. Keizer voters will have the opportunity to vote to decide whether to fund a public library. Currently, the Keizer Community Library is a nonprofit supported by volunteers and donations.
- Keizer Community Library currently meets all qualifications to become a public library, except the requirement that half the library's budget must come from public funds. Passage of the November ballot measure would satisfy this requirement.
- The level of funding is yet to be determined by the city council.



### Celtic Heritage??

The Samhain Celtic New Year Festival returns in person this year! It will be held on Saturday, October 22nd in the Willamette Heritage Center Spinning Room.

Would you like to be part of the Festival? Perhaps a workshop on Celtic Genealogical Heritage and Research? Contact at [orcelticfest@gmail.com](mailto:orcelticfest@gmail.com) or Facebook: [facebook.com/orcelticfest](https://facebook.com/orcelticfest)

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## Subscription Options

Attention! The **Free Demo Account** option has been **taken offline** for the time being, but **new options** will be **available soon!**

3 Month Billing	6 Month Billing	12 Month Billing
<b>\$20.00</b> *\$6.67 Per Month	<b>\$34.00</b> *\$5.67 Per Month	<b>\$59.00</b> *\$4.92 Per Month
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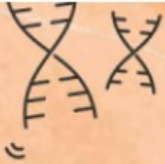
### Subscription Benefits

Each paid subscription includes **TOTAL ACCESS** to the **First Landowners Project** and our ever-growing **Antique Maps Collection**. In short, paid-subscriptions get all of the content and all of the map-tools on the site (charting migrations, adding personal data to maps, etc.).

All subscriptions are billed as recurring charges unless cancelled.

We hope you'll join us on this extraordinary journey which combines history and maps like never before!

## Legacy Free Webinar (not necessary to have Legacy)



## Webtember: All Genealogy. All September Long.

Join live for all five Fridays in September.  
31 live and pre-recorded **FREE** webinars in all.



# Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised September 2021, valid through December 31, 2022

## Mailing Address:

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083

Email: [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com)

## For more information:

WVGS Web Site Address: <http://www.wvgsor.org> Facebook: [www.facebook.com/wvgsor](http://www.facebook.com/wvgsor)

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.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

May WVGS include the following in our Members Only membership roster? (please check each box if OK).

☐ YOUR ADDRESS ☐ YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER ☐ YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

\$ Free Membership ~~Annual Dues for the calendar year are \$25 for an individual member or \$30 for a family membership.~~ For 2021-23 Membership includes the WVGS monthly newsletter and electronic copies of 4 issues of the quarterly bulletin *Beaver Briefs*.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional cost for *members only* for postage for 4 issues of hard copies of *Beaver Briefs* in the mail is \$10.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ A one-time payment for Life Membership is \$250 if under age 70 or \$200 if age 70 or over. See website for information on Life Membership or pick up a form from an officer.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hard copies (4 issues) of *Beaver Briefs* only, received by mail, is \$20 for non-members only.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED Please make check payable to WVGS.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED	CLOSED	9 am-4 pm	1 pm - 8 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7	CLOSED	CLOSED	9 am-4 pm	1 pm-8 pm	By appt.	By appt	By appt.
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	The Oregon State Archives building is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Our reference room is available on an appointment-only basis as we implement building security improvements. Please contact us to schedule an appointment or request reference services remotely.						
Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE, Salem, OR 97301 (503) 588-6315	Salem Public Library's Main Library, 585 Liberty ST SE, Salem, Oregon 10 am -7 pm Tuesday-Thursday, 10 am—5 p.m. Friday & Saturday, and 1 pm—5 pm Sunday.						
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-585-7012	The Research Library and Archives is closed to drop-in researchers due to precautions over COVID-19. We are still open, but by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, get help with a research or reference question or order an historical photograph please contact the Center. To help protect our staff and volunteers, we are still requiring face masks in the library area at this time.						



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