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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

- Time: November 12, 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. Be prepared with your questions, successes, or brick walls. This is your opportunity to get help from “Ask a Genealogist” at each meeting.

12 noon – 1 pm Program:

WVGS Member Barbara Hunter “Mining for Genealogical Gold in California, and the 2022 National Genealogical Society Conference”.

Barbara Hunter gave us a short report on her trip to the National Genealogical Society Conference in Sacramento, but now we will get the full report. She will talk about California Research including the California State Library and State of California Archives. She also will report on the National Genealogical Society Conference, which included Western migration and cultures, lands and maps.

This will be a very interesting program by Barbara; not only can you learn about the NGS, but researching in California.

Plan on attending! There will be time to ask questions.

WVGS programs are always open to the public – invite your friends.

There will be a Board meeting on Thursday November 10, 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 Membership.

This does not include the additional \$10.00 fee 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 October 8, 2022 was 3 societies, 21 Life Members, 171 single memberships, and 19 family memberships (38 individuals) for a total of 233 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

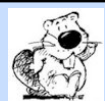
We will conduct searches using resources such as Ancestry.com, censuses, city directories, Oregon Donation Land Claims, newspapers, and other sources. General research is not restricted to research in Oregon only! The minimum fee for research is \$10, if successful. This includes a copy of one document. 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.

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WVGS News

President's Report for October by Liz Tice, President

The October meeting was held at Salem Public Library in the Collaboration Space on the lower level. I want to welcome new members Frank Benford, Jean Hutchinson, Janie Jennie, Patricia Potts, Peter Gekakis all of Salem, Caroline Schulte of Keizer, and Frances McKinney and Don Henne. Treasurer Barbara Foster reported that the balance in our account is \$28,152. Income was mostly from donations and research and we had our usual expenses, except for \$1,000 for the appraisal for our book collection at Salem Public Library.

For our program in October instead of a presentation we had four scanners available for members to scan documents. Also our Scanning Advisory Committee is working to determine which publications need to be scanned. Research requests have been slow—Juli Kennedy only received two requests.

We have not signed an agreement with City of Salem/Salem Public Library yet. We have had many discussion at Board meetings about how to attract members and keep them involved. One suggestion, which we are implementing, is to offer what we have most – knowledge. So if you live in the area, please come to the next meeting and “ask a genealogist”.

Christopher Rumbaugh, Adult Services Manager at Salem Public Library, resigned his position. We will greatly miss him. Christopher had a love of genealogy and always supported us. We wish him well.

Our classes at the Senior Center 50+ were successful. The next series will be sometime in 2023.

See below for information on elections and how you can help our society

Liz Tice

Elections for Next Year

According to our Constitution “The slate of nominees shall be printed in a newsletter sent to the membership at least ten (10) days before the November meeting. The election of officers shall be held at the November meeting. Officers will be elected by a majority of members present at the meeting.”

Slate of Nominees for 2023 Officers

President: Doug Crosby	1st Vice President for Programs—open
2nd Vice-President Membership: Sue Rempel	Treasurer: Barbara Foster
Recording Secretary: Liz Tice	Corresponding Secretary: Juli Kennedy

Please consider running for an office, especially 1st VP for Programs!

The First Vice-President for Program shall:

- 1) Assume and perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- 2) Serve as Chair of the Program Committee which plans programs for all meeting
- 3) Reserve meeting facilities for Executive Board, for general or special Society meetings, as needed.

In addition to elected offices, we have a need for: Newsletter editor (I have been doing it for over 10 years, time for a change!), also Hospitality, Publicity, help with Genealogy Class.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We want to set up a Finance Committee to look at our financial situation, membership dues, costs of Beaver Briefs, and to make a plan for keeping our society financially sound.

SALEM PUBLIC LIBRARY WELCOME BACK:

We want to have an Open House at Salem Public Library in January and need help!

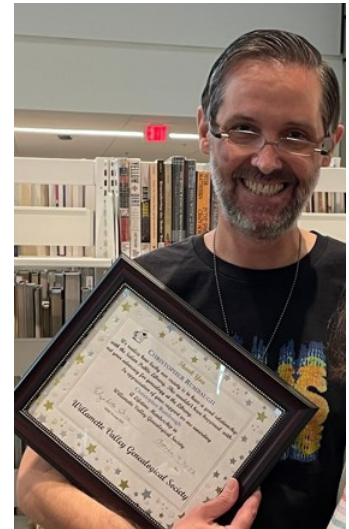
CONSTITUTION REVISION:

We need to revise our constitution to update it.



Society Business

- ♦ Craig and Deanne Smith have resigned as Volunteer Coordinators, effective January 1, 2023. They both stepped in when we were new to Salem Public Library in 2015 and have done a wonderful job of getting our volunteer program established. We wouldn't have the program that we have without them.
- ♦ Alan Town, a new volunteer, has stepped up and will be the Volunteer Coordinator. He is being trained by Craig and Deanne. Thank you Alan!
- ♦ WVGS Member Kerry Wymatalek was recognized by the City of Salem with the Mayor's Merit Award for his work at the VFW for providing free lunches and other services to veterans.
- ♦ As said in the October report, we will miss Christopher Rumbaugh at Salem Public Library. One of the last things that he did for us was to pass on six boxes of cemetery books from around the state of Oregon. Deanne is still going through those books, many of which we do not have in our collection. The WVGS Executive Board awarded him a Life Membership in the society.



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NOVEMBER 2022

- Starting 11/2 . . . **ONLINE SEMINAR:** Finding Origins: Cluster Research in Practice, 3 weeks, \$
- 11/3 **AMERICAN INSPIRATION VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT:** Robert Pinsky with *Jersey Breaks*, FREE
- Starting 11/8 . . . **ONLINE SEMINAR:** An Explosion of Beauty: The Art, Architecture, and Collections of British Country Houses, Part I, 3 weeks, \$
- 11/10 **ONLINE LECTURE:** Migrations from New England To and Thru New York, FREE
- 11/14 **AMERICAN INSPIRATION VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT:** Kerri Greenidge with *The Grimkes: The Legacy of Slavery in an American Family*, FREE
- 11/17 **ONLINE LECTURE:** GEDmatch Basics, FREE
- 11/29 **AMERICAN INSPIRATION VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT:** Stacy Schiff with *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams*, FREE
- 11/29 **AMERICAN INSPIRATION VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT:** Writing History with Stacy Schiff, \$
- Starting 11/30 . . . **ONLINE SEMINAR:** New York City Research: Four Hundred Years of History and Genealogy, 4 weeks, \$



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Digital Collections Spotlight: Lars C. Henrichsen Photographs

OHS's research library staff recently digitized 225 glass plate negatives featuring the Portland skyline and Oregon landscapes from about between 1900 to 1910 (Org. Lot 64). The photographs are attributed to Portland jeweler and photographer Lars C. Henrichsen, who immigrated to Portland from Denmark in 1861, where he operated a jewelry business. Henrichsen was a member of the Oregon Camera Club and self-published a 14-panel panorama of Portland in 1903.



You can learn more about this collection and view the photographs online on OHS Digital Collections.
<https://digitalcollections.ohs.org/org-lot-64-lars-c-henrichsen-photographs>



For 125 years, the Oregon Historical Society has preserved Oregon's history through its collections, library, educational programs, exhibitions, and scholarship. As we near our 125th anniversary in December 2023, Curator of Exhibitions Megan Lallier-Barron has been engrossed in our archives, working to develop an exhibition that tells our story — a tall order for an institution whose mandate for over a century has been to collect and preserve Oregon's history.

Our Unfinished Past: The Oregon Historical Society at 125, opening on January 13, 2023, will feature objects, photographs, manuscripts, and more from our museum and library collections that highlight diverse voices from Oregon's past, the many people who have entrusted their stories to our care, and those who have worked to preserve those stories for over twelve decades.



Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised September 2022, valid through December 31, 2023

Mailing Address:

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P. O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083

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For more information:

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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.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email: _____

\$ Free Membership for 2023. Membership includes the WVGS monthly newsletter and electronic copies of 4 issues of the quarterly bulletin *Beaver Briefs*.

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

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

\$ _____ One-time payment for Life Membership ☐ Under age 70 (\$250) ☐ Age 70 or Over (\$200). See website for information on Life Membership or pick up a form from an officer.

\$ _____ Other (please identify) _____

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

SIGNATURE of New Member _____ Date _____

Members from 2022 do not need to fill out a form. Your membership will be rolled over to 2023.

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

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