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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

• Time: Saturday, September 9, 2023, 10:30 am to 1 pm

• Place: Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon

Collaboration Room, Lower Level. Free 3-hour parking in the Library Parkade.

• 10:30 am – 11:30 am General Membership Meeting.

A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

• 12 noon – 1 pm Program: Rik Vigeland "Lost and Found: Family Treasures".

Rik has recently joined WVGS and is going to give a presentation on Finding family treasures and artifacts, Tips - tricks and resources for finding them, Unexpected finds - Look what I found – now what?, Finding a good home for your treasures - sharing your finds with others, High tech skills – maximizing computer resources, and Latest advances - Digitize your finds.

Rik was born and raised in Springfield, Oregon. He is a genealogist, belonging to many societies. He speaks Norwegian and German and has many genealogical specialties: Norwegian and Danish genealogy, Midwestern genealogy, New England genealogy, African-American genealogy, Genetic genealogy (DNA) and adoption search, and manages a Facebook group with over 700 cousins.

Come join us for this program. It is always a question what to do with those family treasures. The program is open to anyone.

There will be a Board meeting on Thursday September 9, 2023 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.

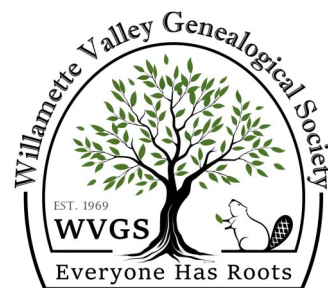
**There is bad news...**

"Coffee shops are now charging almost \$5 on average for a cup of coffee". [businessinsider.com]

**WVGS dues for 2024 will be \$30 !**

**and good news...**

You only have to sacrifice half a cup of coffee a month for dues!



**Thanks for your ongoing membership!**

WVGS FUNDRAISER 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.





## WVGS Information

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

Membership as of August 16, 2023 was 3 societies, 22 Life Members, 227 single memberships, and 22 family memberships (44 individuals) for a total of 296 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. The same is true for our exchange societies and complimentary newsletters.

We emailing the **Beaver Briefs** to all members with an email address. 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 us at willvgs@yahoo.com

### **Meeting Dates for 2023**

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

### **WVGS Officers for 2023**

#### **Elected Officers**

President: **Doug Crosby**  
 1st Vice-President (Program): **Kerry Wymetalek**  
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): **Suzan Rempel**  
 Recording Secretary: **Liz Tice**  
 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: **Alan Town**  
 Publicity:  
 Webmaster: **Dennis Hill**  
 Periodicals: **Jerry Rodgers**  
 Hospitality: **Sharon Hoff**

**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.

### **Membership for 2023**

All members of WVGS as of December 31, 2021 had their membership extended to December 31, 2023. For 2023, new members can join at no cost!!

### **Membership for 2024**

See page 1 for dues in 2024. We will have the new membership form in the next newsletter and on our website soon.

### **Genealogy Help**

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. Reminder: Ancestry.com Library Edition is free at Salem Public Library when you are there in person.



## WVGS News

## From Your President's Desk:

*Crosby's Comments, August 2023*

Hello again,

I hope you have all had a good summer. Family reunion? (Check!) Vacation Travel? (Check!) Home repair projects? (Check!) Work on family history? (Well, a little.), and some WVGS activity!

Even though it has been “summer break” the Society has been busy. Hopefully you have been keeping up via the newsletter... (Thanks Liz). We have made efforts at publicity - posters in various locations (Thanks Craig and Barbara H.) and a booth at the Saturday Market (Thanks Kerry and volunteers). We had a presence at Keizer Fest thanks to an invitation from the Keizer Community Library. The Society is partnering with them. We will be having introductory classes and a genealogy help desk there as well as at SPL. (Thanks Alan, Liz, and volunteers). We adopted a new logo (Thanks to many members for your input, and to Ahrielle for the artwork).

Also, the Board made a recommendation as to the 2024 membership dues which was accepted by the members at our August general meeting. Individual dues (Jan-Dec 2024) will be \$30, family \$40. At the Board meeting Aug 10 comments about this prompted a “Bad News / Good News” slide shared at the general meeting. You may see it reproduced elsewhere!

Will I “See You In September” ....

*Doug Crosby*

**We will be repeating our series of genealogy classes at the Salem Senior Center this fall.****Genealogy Classes Fall 2023**

- **Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will have a series of genealogy classes on a variety of genealogy topics. You sign up for each one separately-some or all of them. Each one will have a presentation and hand-out on the topic. You may bring your own laptop/tablet. \$10 for each class. This is a repeat of the Spring 2023 classes.**
- **The Genealogy Classes at the Center 50+ are in partnership with the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society.**
- **Six separate classes will be held— sign up for all or some. Cost is \$10 for each 3 hour class.**
- **When: Mondays, Sept 25, 2023-Oct 30, 2023**
  - Class 1: Sept 25, 2023, 10 am– 1pm How to Get Started on Genealogy**
  - Class 2: Oct 2, 2023, 10 am-1pm Ancestry.com and FamilySearch**
  - Class 3: Oct 9, 2023, 10 am—1 pm Vital Records**
  - Class 4: Oct 16, 2023, 10 am-1 pm Military Records & Land Records**
  - Class 5: Oct 23, 2023, 10 am –1pm Immigration & Ethnic Sources**
  - Class 6: Oct 30, 2023, 10 am-1pm Googling and Free Sites**
- **Cost: \$10 per class**
- **Where: Center 50+  
2615 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97301**
- **Contact: Senior Center 503-588-6303  
Register online at <https://egov.cityofsalem.net/center50Plus/>**



## Family Treasures



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You can receive the free newsletter from Family Tree Magazine even if you don't subscribe to the magazine.

<https://familytreemagazine.com/newsletter-signup/>

## The Genealogy Insider — Weekly on Thursdays

The Genealogy Insider is a free, weekly newsletter sent on Thursdays. It includes a new message each week from Family Tree editors, University instructors and guest family history experts. Subscribe for weekly research strategies, tips and tricks, as well as the latest goings-on here at *Family Tree Magazine*!

**Our topic of the September presentation is what to do with family treasures.**

**Here is information from FamilySearch and others:**

### **What to do with the genealogy and family history I collected** **What do I do with ... that never ending story of genealogy and family history I have collected?**

- Once you are ready to share and pass on your collection of genealogy and family history material, you need to organize what you have, decide what to share with whom and where.
- Create a plan, work the plan. Evaluate and adjust as needed. The more preparation you do early on, the easier it is to do.
- Well documented and organized genealogy and family history, in physical and digital formats, can be shared with many different people and organizations. Be aware that there are restrictions to the types of donated genealogy, family history and family heirlooms depending on the requirements of the institution or group you want to give to.
- Donate to: A specific surname project or geographic project.
- Use a program to build a family tree that can be passed on. Build your tree online, easily accessible.
- Equip your family for the future by giving them an insight into their past with a DNA test.
- Record audio or video.
- Distribute to heirs before you die.
- Items have sentimental value to family members so consider gifting these items now.
- Learn how to preserve, such as:
  - ♦ Avoid bright or direct light. Light is Enemy Number 1 for sensitive materials. Color photographs are especially vulnerable to fading when they are hit by light of any type. Do not store films, prints, or fabrics in direct sunlight.
  - ♦ Maintain a consistent temperature. If you choose the right setting for your storage, you have won half the battle in preserving your treasure. Do not store objects in attics, where the temperature varies by season and where, in the summer, it is far too hot and humid. Also avoid placing treasures near heaters, radiators, chimneys, vents, electrical sources, and open windows.
  - ♦ Keep objects clean and clean them with care. When dusting, use a soft, lint-free cloth, and avoid rubbing. Always clean gently and avoid harsh commercial cleansers or cleaning solvents.
  - ♦ Guard against insects and pests. Avoid excess moisture.
  - ♦ Do not store your treasures in areas that may experience water damage, such as near plumbing pipes, sprinklers, open windows, vents, or sinks. Avoid storing items in the basement – or anywhere in your house where humidity and mold are common and where flooding might occur.





### Preservation



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#### Tips on preserving Books:

- ♦ Don't pull a book out by its spine as this can cause damage. Instead pull a book out by pressing on either side or by pushing out from behind.
- ♦ Store books standing up and not on their sides.
- ♦ Be careful when opening or photocopying a book. Support the spine and try to open only as wide as necessary.
- ♦ Do not use staples, paperclips, tape or glue.
- ♦ Keep away from light .
- ♦ Avoid extreme fluctuations in heat and humidity.
- ♦ Keep storage areas clean to avoid attracting insects and rodents .

#### Tips on Preserving Clothing and Textiles:

- ♦ Take it (wedding dress, family quilt, etc.) off the hanger.
- ♦ Protect it from light by placing it in an acid-free box.
- ♦ Inside the box, it is important to use acid-free tissue, as well. Place rolls of tissue between the folds of the textile for support.
- ♦ Do not store textiles in an attic or basement. Instead store in a cool, dry area that is not susceptible to extremes in temperature and humidity and that is free from pests and dust.
- ♦ Handle with clean hands.
- ♦ Before handling remove bracelets, necklaces, rings, tags, or anything that could catch or cling to a textile or its surface.

#### Tips on Preserving Paper Documents:

- ♦ Avoid extreme fluctuations in heat and humidity.
- ♦ Keep liquids away to prevent spills and stains.
- ♦ Keep hands clean to avoid stains.
- ♦ Do not use staples, paperclips, tape or glue.
- ♦ Protect it from light by placing it in acid free folders and boxes.
- ♦ Do not store in wooden drawers or cardboard boxes. Store documents flat instead of rolled or folded.
- ♦ Make sure documents are supported from underneath when handling.
- ♦ Make a copy to use for research or display and keep the original in proper storage.
- ♦ Avoid laminating documents or any other process that is not easily reversible.
- ♦ Separate acidic papers such as newspaper from other documents.
- ♦ Keep storage areas clean to avoid attracting insects and rodents.

#### Tips on Preserving Photographs.

- ♦ Protect photos from light by placing them in acid free folders, sleeves and boxes.
- ♦ Keep liquids away to prevent spills and stains.
- ♦ Keep hands clean to avoid stains.
- ♦ Do not use staples, paperclips, tape or glue.
- ♦ Protect it from light by placing it in acid free folders and boxes.
- ♦ Do not store in wooden drawers or cardboard boxes. Store documents flat instead of rolled or folded.
- ♦ Make a copy to use for research or display and keep the original in proper storage.
- ♦ Keep storage areas clean to avoid attracting insects and rodents.
- ♦ Be aware that many commercially available photo albums contain acidic paper, harmful plastics and adhesives. Avoid laminated photo albums.
- ♦ Avoid buffered tissue paper and plastic sleeves that contain polyvinylchloride (PVC).





Online Courses



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# Online Courses to Help You Discover Your Ancestors

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## Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised September 2022, valid through December 31, 2023

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 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.

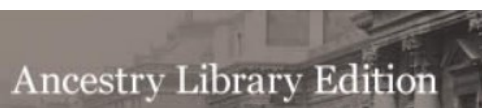
SIGNATURE of New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Come into Salem Public Library or contact us at [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com) for help with your research. WVGS subscribes to various websites and publications.

Ancestry Library Edition is free at Salem Public Library. You can do your own research.



NAME-ADDRESS-PHONE	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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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	Hours: 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday–Friday except state holidays. The Reference Room is open by appointment. <a href="http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/">http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/</a>						
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. Hours: 10 am -7 pm Tuesday-Thursday, 10 am—5 pm 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 by appointment only. Due to social distancing guidelines and reduced staff, the WHC Research Library is open on a limited basis by appointment only. Appointments will be considered only in cases where we can't provide services remotely. <a href="https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/">https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/</a>						



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