

Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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General Meeting
May 24, 2005, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
CCGS Research Library
715 Grand Blvd.

Election of Officers for 2005/2006
and
Review of Our Strategic Plan

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! VOTE!

Mark your calendar now. Attend the May General Meeting. A quorum (defined in CCGS bylaws as 8% of the membership, or about 45-50 members) is needed to elect officers. To maximize participation we will continue with morning and evening meetings.

Our 550+ members benefit daily from the effort put forth by those who successfully shepherded the Society since its beginning in 1972. Faithfully they elected officers and did the work necessary to bring us to where we are today.

Now it is our turn to carry the effort forward. Your nominating committee has done a wonderful job of identifying individuals willing to commit to the hard work of leadership. They are deserving of your discernment and support.

Your input to the Strategic planning effort is crucial to CCGS' long-term success. Our member and client base is changing. In order to meet Society objectives we must anticipate these changes and adjust to meet them. There is no one better equipped to define that effort than those individuals currently involved in and committed to genealogy. You have the answers to ongoing CCGS success and genealogical interest in Clark County.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

CCGS Nominating Committee has fulfilled its duties!!

The nominating committee consisted of chair Barbara Baker, Jan Mayfield, Jeanine Bailiff, Joy Schmoltdt and Lillian Fullerton. The committee put forth a great deal of effort to canvass our membership looking for people willing to serve. We enjoyed the opportunity to talk to many of our members. Most people appreciated being asked to serve, but many had to decline for various reasons. A number of the members invited us to contact them again in the future when they might be better able to hold an office.

Our slate for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 is: Diana Cruz, President; Glen A. Jones, Vice-President or Marie D. Morrison, Vice-President; Dorothy Wear, Secretary; Vonda Erickson, Treasurer; and Pat Long, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. You will find their biographical sketches on pages 6 and 7 of this Newsletter. The elections will be held at the General Meetings on Tuesday, May 24th with ballots cast at our morning and evening meetings. (Nominations will also be accepted from the floor under the rules outlined in our bylaws.) Note: we have two candidates for Vice-President. Please plan to attend one of our meetings on that date so we can have a quorum. We ask that you vote just once for each office. The installation of officers will take place at the following General Meeting on June 28th.

I want to thank my Nominating Committee for their time and effort. Each one of you played an important role in our task.
Barbara L. Baker, Nominating Committee Chair

A LADLE OF LIBRARY NEWS:

Mary Anne Best, Library Director

Books that arrived this month:

From the Donation Tree: Printed Sources for Oklahoma Genealogical & Historical Research \$55.00

- From the Doris Wastradowski Honorarium
- Census Records for Latin American and the Hispanic U.S.
- Guide to Cuban Genealogical Research
- Beginner’s Guide to Finnish Genealogical Research
- Beginner’s Guide to Danish Genealogical Research
- Norwegian Research Guide

Donation from Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner, WA: The Source Book,4th. Edition

We continue to thank those who are contributing to the Library Donation Tree Money Jar. As those of you who visit our Research Library on a regular basis have noticed, our Donation Tree has lost many of its leaves. We would welcome any suggestions for books, film, or fiche for future purchases. We would like to remind you that we are always looking to add to our collection with your donations. When you finish your research in an area, we would be honored by the donation of books, CDs, films, and/or fiche you have used in your research.

Phase II has began in our Library process. Inventory of our Books will be completed by the end of April. By the end of May we hope to have all the corrections made to our Readerware program. We will continue with Inventory of Vertical Files – Fiche at that time.

Phase III will include reading the shelves and correcting book labels for the ease of patrons and librarians alike; this will probably take us through September.

TO ALL OF YOU WHO WILL BE GOING TO THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY IN OCTOBER, AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE THINKING ABOUT GOING, HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT WILL HELP YOU PREPARE FOR RESEARCH:

- 1. To keep yourself alert and focused, make more than one research plan. It is hard to look at microfilm for hours, or come up against a brick wall. Change to another plan. Perhaps another surname, or go to another floor, go to the books.
- 2. Are the lines too long at the copy machines? Make a list of film, page numbers as you search. The next morning, after you get your desk gather the film or books and go to the copy machines. Usually this is a quiet time. You can copy to your heart’s content until the lines start forming.
- 3.Back in your room at night, or before you quit for the day, always organize the notes and material you have collected for the day. Take a few minutes to review your plan of attack for the next day.

WE ARE GOING TO SALT LAKE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER ON OCTOBER 9th-16th. NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES. We must give the hotel some idea how many will be going by the middle of July. Plane reservations should be made by the middle of August.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO SIGN UP CALL JEANINE BAILIFF at 566-9422 or e-mail igmb@pacifier.com OR CLARISSA FARNSWORTH at 574-2140 or e-mail clarfarn@pacifier.com.

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE SUNSHINE!

If you know of anyone who should receive a Get Well, Thinking of You, or Sympathy card, please contact Irene Page at 835-7642 or pageig@pacifier.com.

The following report was submitted in time for the April Newsletter. Your editor is embarrassed to admit that she lost it for a while somewhere in the mysterious depths of her computer.

SPRING SEMINAR IN REVIEW

Marie Adler

First of all, thank you to all that helped with the Spring Seminar. It is very much a team effort and I really appreciate everyone who took his or her time to help with the seminar. There were 166 attendees, with many traveling from out of our area. There were 13 who paid at the door.

Many of the evaluation forms were marked excellent for the speaker as well as the location. Some of the comments:

Cyndi Howells was fantastic, really great topics!
This was my first CCGS seminar it was a great experience.
So much good information, learned new things in Google.
Good explanation on use of CyndisList.
Very useful information for the not-so-experienced computer person and the experienced one.
Good ideas and ready to start next project.
Parking lot filled up fast and was a long distance for some to walk to the auditorium.
Many raffle prizes, drawings after the speaker would have been better.
Having Heritage Quest vendor was great; one comment: "I bought too many books!!!"

And some people mentioned that Cyndi talks very fast, but she sure has lots to share.
Most everyone enjoyed the lunch of wraps. It was well-balanced, tasty, and plenty. Hanging name tags were great, along with the color coding for lunch. Very well organized for lunch and breaks.
And almost everyone was cold in the auditorium, although the seating and viewing were good.

I can't say "Thank you" enough to ALL the volunteers who helped with all the organizing and set up and assisted the day of the seminar. I really had wonderful support with this program, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!

The following individuals selflessly volunteered their time:

Bill Duchie	Diana Cruz	Patricia Bauer	DeAnn Wilson
Alice Allen	Joy Porter	D Becker	Rosalie Kepler
Jeanine Bailiff	Anita Roberts	Charles Caughlin	Marge Fizzell
Dixie Arata	Lillian Fullerton	Diane Woodman	Linda Patton
Jane Germann	Karen Frost	Myrtha Hammer	LaVonna Dokken

I hope I didn't forget anyone. I really appreciated all your help. Please let me know if I missed any volunteers so you may be recognized in the next newsletter.

Of course the cookies, brownies and muffins were very appreciated and delicious; thanks to all that donated!

Next year we can always use more help. Get involved and volunteer. You may be surprised how much you enjoy helping your society present a successful seminar!

I do not have all the expenses so I cannot report on the financial end. Vonda Erickson should have the total expenses and revenues.

Some of the requests for upcoming topics were;
Organizing Paper Files, Source Documents/ Filing Systems
Immigrant Research, Italian Research, American-Indian Research
Gleaning Records
Different Types of Numbering Charts
Publishing Family Histories, including more than descendant charts/reports
Finding Female Ancestors
George Morgan, who writes for Ancestry; informative and with humor.

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT BILL DUCHIE:

It seems like yesterday that Charlene and I returned to the northwest to help with family care. Suddenly eleven years have passed. It has been a time of joy, sorrow, new friends and a great new hobby (genealogy).

It was always our plan to move away one day. While we have lived in the moment, we also had our eye to the future and tried to be true to both situations.

So it is with CCGS. While pursuing our basic goals and objectives, the Society's leadership and members have plotted a very successful course since forming in 1972. There are many significant milestones marking the path. The recent decision to expand our space was one of those important steps advancing the Society.

Early in Strategic Planning we identified positive and negative issues with the potential to impact our continued success. Not surprisingly the Internet was the most significant factor and it has both good and ominous implications.

- Information accessibility and interest in genealogy have increased greatly.
- Many people feel there is little to gain from belonging to a genealogical society.

We know genealogy will always involve seeking, finding and verifying the track of our ancestors through the records of time. The Internet speeds the search and promises to make it even faster. However there are many false prophets. Thus it is vital for the Society to encourage the proper and discerning use of the Internet.

The impact of the Internet must also be considered in every aspect of our work as we seek to:

1. Encourage and grow genealogical interest and CCGS involvement.
2. Educate new and experienced genealogists to enhance their family search.
3. Find, preserve and make local records available to many users.
4. Maintain a research library that meets the needs of our members and people seeking information about their WA ancestors.
5. Provide a place for people to meet and exchange ideas.

Please participate in the Strategic Planning activity where your schedule and interests permit. You can play a major role in the future success of CCGS. The draft study will be shared with the membership at the May general meeting.

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

JANE GERMANN

Andrea Watts, who was one of the speakers at our September meeting, has recently moved on and had this list ready to go on-line: Stevens County 1892, Spokane County 1887 (updated), Clallam County 1885, Jefferson County 1891, Clark County 1883 (updated), Douglas County Naturalization (updated), Benton County Naturalization (updated), Yakima County Naturalization (updated), Klickitat County Naturalization (updated), Kittitas County Naturalization (updated), Clark County Naturalization, Cowlitz County Naturalization (updated), Pierce County Naturalization, Grays Harbor County Naturalization.

You can visit the website: <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Index.aspx> to access these records: marriage, naturalization, census, death, birth, military, institution, miscellaneous historical records, physician's records, and oaths of office. If you have Washington relatives, this may help you in your research. Thanks to all who helped with the naturalization and census records to be able to put them on line. Jeannie Bailiff just completed the Clark County Death Records (1891-9107) and they will be put on line soon. We are adding the Clark County records we have completed to the library.

Mary Wear and Judy Riley have done some indexing that will be helpful to researchers. Indexes for the books, *Seven Bells Did Ring!* and *From a Forest Clearing* should be on the shelf by the time you get this newsletter. Many thanks to the rest of the workers who continue to process information, making it available to researchers.

SAVE THIS DATE !

**Clark County Genealogical Society
Fall Seminar
World of Genealogy**

With **Ron Bremer**

Author of the *Compendium of Historical Sources, The How and Where of Genealogy*

Saturday, November 5, 2005, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the CCGS Library Annex.

Ron Bremer, in constant demand as a motivational speaker, is also one of the most popular and sought after genealogical speakers in the country. His lectures are both informative and entertaining.

His ability to answer questions from the audience makes his seminars very personal. "All those attending are encouraged to bring all their hardest research problems!" Frequently he is able to help each person in attendance.

Mr. Bremer has lectured before all the major genealogical societies in America. A contributor to numerous genealogical periodicals, he has personally visited the major genealogical record centers in every state and province in North America.

His family descends from Scotch, Irish, Welsh, English, Swiss, German and Dutch ancestry.

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**Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society Presents
Donna Potter Phillips**

Saturday 11 June 2005 at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles, Oregon
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, including lunch; Topics: •Squeezing the Census
• Overview of Military Records •Leaving a Legacy •Finding Vital Records Information

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MAKING YOUR OWN WEB PAGE:

Marilyn Strode Fitze

Have you ever heard of Virtual University? It's a place on the internet where you can actually take classes. I've taken a few of them and found them interesting and helpful.

They charge only \$20 per quarter but there is a limit of four classes for that amount. I suggest you try only one or two classes the first time - to see how it works. There will probably be homework!

Spring classes began Monday, April 11, but it's never too early to make plans for the next quarter. To browse the calendar of course descriptions or to enroll for classes, visit <http://vu.org/calendar.html>

You can learn how to secure your computer against spyware and other attacks with the very popular two-part course on Surviving the Internet; or create your own eye-catching web site with the step-by-step HTML and Web design classes.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Emile Brunese	Dora Green	Judith A. Peterson
G. Diane Brunese	Claudia Cram Henderson	Lee Bertha Smith
Bill Dawson	Jan Jorgenson	Art Sutherland
Carla Gooding	Deborah Kapral	Janice Weaver

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE CANDIDATES

Diana Cruz – President

My interest in genealogy and family history began about 1978 after I saw the two volumes of Chilton History compiled by my grandfather's cousin from Missouri. While slowly putting the pieces of the family puzzle together, my interest increased with the age of computers and the connection to the internet. I retired after 26 years as a secretary in the Vancouver School District, as well as 20 years as an Avon Representative. My life stays very busy in retirement with involvement in the Clark County Quilters (past President) and the Clark County Genealogical Society (Membership Chair and Vice President), managing ten web sites, involvement with the proposed Northwest Fiber Arts Center project, and enjoying time with my husband, George, sons Scott and Matt, daughter-in-law Tracey, and two grandsons, Alex and Jackson.

Glen A. Jones – Vice-President

I am a new member of Clark County Genealogical Society, joining just this year. I am also a new member of the Oregon Genealogical Society and a member of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.

My Great Great Grandfather William Craig, a mountain man and fur trapper, first entered what became the Oregon country in 1829. Later he married the Daughter of Nez Perce Chief James and was the first postmaster of Walla Walla before settling in Idaho at Lapwai. He was also sub Indian Agent for the Nez Perce and briefly settled on the Tuality plains West of Oregon City. My Jones surname comes from my father's adopted family, Griffon W. Jones and Julia Ann Emily Ayers, early pioneers in Clark County. They adopted Robert B. Jones, aka Louis Moody, in 1883. Robert lived in various places around Oregon until 1930, when he returned to Clark County. My mother, Helen Maggie Barber, was Robert's third wife, his previous wives having passed on. I was born September 22, 1944 in Vancouver.

My wife is Bonnie Elisabeth Sheppard. Her family, which we are just researching, goes back for some time in Oregon. We have no children, but do have a number of nieces and nephews in Clark County. My hobbies are genealogy and Northwest history, as well as travel and hunting and enjoying two spoiled rotten four legged brats: Kodi, a Pom, and Maggie Dawn, a Lhasa Apso. A ham radio operator for ten years, I am involved with Portland Emergency Services.

I lived in Clark County and Vancouver for thirty-eight years before moving to Portland. I attended Hudson Bay High for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Army. I served in Vietnam in 1962/63 and was stationed at Ft. Lewis until my discharge in 1964. In 1966 I went to work for the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad, now the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, as a clerk. I retired from the BNSF September of 2004 after thirty-eight years with the railroad.

Marie D. Morrison – Vice-President

I am a Southerner, born in Ponchatoula, Louisiana to a farming family. I graduated from Ponchatoula High School in 1946. I graduated from Charity Hospital School of Nursing in 1949. During this time, I met and married Don Morrison, a Tulane University medical student. In 1950 we moved to Portland for Don's Internship at Providence Hospital. My early nursing experiences included Veteran's Hospital Assistant Head Nurse and office nurse for a pediatrician. We moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1956, when Don joined the Pathology Department at St. Joseph Community Hospital and Vancouver Memorial Hospital. My nursing skills were then used raising five children. In 1971 I completed my BSN at OHSU and resumed my career. I was President of the Clark County Medical Auxiliary 1973-74. I then earned my MSN degree at OHSU and became a mid-level Nurse Practitioner certified in gerontology and cancer care. After gaining experience in a multi-discipline team approach in health care, in 1978 I practiced as a GNP in Van Vista, a HUD facility, in a clinic called Community Nursing Agency. From the data collected from these low-income patients, the Board of Directors saw a need for a new service, Hospice Care, and they became part of a movement to research the need in Clark County. Longview Home Health Agency received money for the first free-standing hospice in Clark County. As President of Hospice of Clark County, I submitted an application for the new group to collect donations as a c-503 non-profit. The volunteers provided extra services with existing healthcare providers. SWWA had a grant for in-hospital palliative care, which was similar to the services given under the Community Nursing Agency. They applied for hospice certification in 1984, and Hospice of Clark County finally became a certified agency. Community support and grants gave us the money to proceed with providing services. After the merger with Longview, I retired in 1988 as Director. I regard this as my greatest achievement as a volunteer.

Dorothy B. Wear – Secretary

I was born in Los Angeles 66 years ago and married to Denver O. Wear, Sept. 15, 1956. We have four children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

After moving to Portland in 1974, I became a member of the Genealogical Society of Portland, now the Genealogical Society of Oregon. During my membership with the Society I served in various positions: membership, mailing, print shop and became the First-Vice-President, serving three terms. I also served with the Family History Center's East Portland Stake Library for more than 10 years. The family moved to Washougal in 1984 and I soon became a member of the Clark County Genealogical Society. I am a volunteer librarian and regularly assist with various data-entry requests. I am also a genealogy teacher with Camas Community Education and help others with their research. For the past five years I have been a professional researcher. I will give my very best to help out as secretary and to provide help when and where needed. I am honored you requested my help as a secretary with the Society.

My volunteer record shows me to have been a Cub Scout Den Mother/Leader, 13 years; Cub Master, Portland, 2 years; Religious teacher, 5 years, president of the Home Extension Club of Reedsport, OR, and Secretary of the Holy Cross Parents' Club, Portland, OR, three years.

In my professional years of employment, I worked as a Community Relations Representative with the McDonald's Corporation, with the Vancouver Parks Dept. as coordinator of the Teen Tree Steward Program, and as Assistant in the first Family History program with McLoughlin Middle School. In 1998, I applied to become a VISTA-AmeriCorps volunteer and helped the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) in Vancouver/Clark County and was coordinator of their Pen Pal/tutoring program until December 2000. I was chosen as one of the Columbian's 150 honored volunteers during the Vancouver School District's 150th anniversary celebration, and recognized with one of President George W. Bushes' Volunteer Service Awards. I am now a pen pal to at least 8 students in the Evergreen School District, and a regular baby sitter for my two-year old twin grandchildren.

Vonda Erickson – Treasurer

My association with genealogy came about when my husband and I started a little exploration of each of our family's histories, with the help of my cousin Diana Cruz. This led to my volunteering to help out in the position of treasurer for Clark County Genealogical Society.

I attended Clark College for Accounting and Chase Business School. I have held bookkeeping positions in the Vancouver-Portland area for the past thirty years. My career started in bookkeeping when I was treasure of our church junior league. I was responsible for recording all monies received from the Sunday school offerings for each of the children's offering envelopes, through making up the deposit for the bank. I am currently retired.

I enjoy knitting and meet with a group on a regular basis. My husband and I love to spend free time in the garden communing with nature, and when time is available we love to hit the links. I am also a beginner at quilting. I have one son, Luke, who is a student at WSU. I have also raised 3 step children.

Pat Long – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

I am a fairly new member of the Clark County Genealogical Society who enjoys our congenial membership and appreciates the education and services that CCGS provides to us and the community. Educationally and professionally I spent the last thirty years as a gerontologist administering programs for the elderly and disabled in Oregon and Southwest Washington. My family roots in Clark and Skamania counties go back to the early migration of the 1860's and 1870's. I'm fortunate in that our family has continued to keep the ties to each other and our history together. In some ways that makes me a lazy genealogist, because I have so many others in the family who have documented our history already, but I have still found some interesting puzzles to research. I am retired, married, and live in Cascade Park. Traveling and the garden are high priority activities that also take a chunk of my time.



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CCGS Meetings and Programs

- 2 May** Legacy Family Tree Interest Group, CCGS Library, 10 a.m. – noon
- 9 May** CCGS Board meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 7 p.m.; All are welcome.
- 24 May** General Meeting, CCGS Library Annex, 10 a.m. – noon and 7 – 9 p.m.
- 18 May** Deadline for May Newsletter; e-mail material to gskuech@pacifier.com
- 11 June** Donna Potter Phillips at The Dalles (page 5)
- 9-16 Oct.** Research trip to Salt Lake City
- 5 Nov.** Fall Seminar with Ron Bremer, CCGS Library Annex, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (page 5)

**General Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month (except November) at CCGS Library Annex. Morning meetings: 10 a.m. - noon. Evening meetings : 7 - 9 p.m..
No General Meeting is held in March (Spring Seminar), July, August, or December.**