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# Genealogical Society

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### THE CHINESE EMIGRANT EXPERIENCE IN OLYMPIA

*by Pat Harper, OGS Program Chair*

Edward Echtle, interim director of the Bigelow House, will present his program about the Chinese area of Olympia and the experience of early Chinese in Thurston County and Washington State, at the December meeting of the Olympia Genealogical Society. In addition to the history, he will outline the methods he used during his research and some of the difficulties a genealogist might run into when researching Chinese ancestors. Mr. Echtle will have slides to illustrate his information, much of which he gathered for his thesis at the Evergreen State College. Since that time, he has created a webpage:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~thurstonhistory/olympiachinese/history.html>

and been on the committee that created an interpretive marker located in Heritage Park, near the site of Olympia's last Chinatown.

Well it's time to make out our Christmas Wishlists! What will be on yours? Could it be one of the family tree programs that we learned about last month with Jerri McCoy; perhaps some new notebooks or a new scanner for scanning those old family photos? What I am wishing for is Time! One of my daydreams is to have time to do my research or to just simply clean up my piles of "to do's." On these rainy days, while I am working, I dream of what I want to do next--perhaps visit the library and check out what is new there; browse through some websites that I haven't checked into for a bit and see what has been added; or just to review what I have already uncovered several years ago! Last night was one of those moments. After the turkey had been cleaned to the bone, I went to a previously visited website and found that more had been added to the Northern New York Newspapers' site. As it turns out, a relative from Washington State notified relatives in Northern NY of the death of my great grandfather Hogan. Now I haven't wanted to delve into this family, since I had little to go on in New York (and they have too few records!). But this newspaper article confirmed a family name and also added another twig to the family tree for me to research! Great news! More to add to my "to do" list! Just what I wanted for Christmas!!!!

Hope you and yours will have happy holidays and your wishes come true...perhaps blowing up that brick wall! Remember this is a great time of year to record family stories, put your own down in words, or record it for future generations! I see a New Year's resolution in the works here!

**Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas**

Kerry McHugh Upton

**Message from Fran Anderson, Membership:** Welcome to nine new members! They will be listed in the Membership Directory along with all who have renewed on time. The Directories should be available at the December 8 meeting. See you there!

For information regarding membership in the Olympia Genealogical Society, please access our website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~waogs/>

**December 2005 OGS Calendar**

**OGS General Meeting** Thursday, December 8, 2005 7:00 p.m. Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152  
 Program: Edward Echtle  
 "The Chinese Experience in Olympia"

**Board Meeting** *No Board Meeting in December*

**January 2006 OGS Calendar**

**OGS General Meeting** Thursday, January 12, 2006 7:00 p.m. Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152  
 Program: To be announced

**Board Meeting** Tuesday, January 17, 2006 7:00 p.m. Kerry's Store (Ken Schoenfeld Furniture) 403 Capitol Way S.

**Olympia Genealogical Society  
 Application for Membership**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Maiden Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip+4** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you need a ride to the meetings?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership year is Sept. 1 to Aug. 31**

**Single Membership \$20.00 per year**

**Family (one newsletter) \$25.00 per year**

**Membership Type:** New \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal** \_\_\_\_\_ **Reinstatement** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose SASE if you want a receipt and membership card mailed.**

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