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Program Chairperson: Peggy Cooley presents:

The November Meeting program will be by **Steven Morrison**
"Profile of a Quaker, Friends in the Middle Colonies"

Steven Morrison, a past president of the Olympia Genealogical Society and an entertaining and informative speaker, will present his program: "Profile of a Quaker, Friends in the Middle Colonies."

He will describe the Movement, religious beliefs and persecution, ethnic origins and much more. Steve will talk about the rich history of the Society of Friends, and will guide us through the peculiarities of Quaker research.

Randi Moe will present the **January** program, "My Grandmother's Story." Randi states, "In 1935 my grandmother rescued five letters that her grandmother had written 80 years before. In the 1970s my mother used extensive genealogical research to fill in the story around the letters. Now, with the internet at my fingertips I've added more background information and am ready to share some of my great-great-grandmother's story. It is a story of an abolitionist who lived on a southern plantation. It is a story of a young woman observing a culture different from her own. It is a story of the complexity of social issues, then and now. It is also the story of the amazing detective work of a crack genealogist, B. J. Moe."

Randi Moe has been telling stories all of her life, from the anecdotes she used in her teaching career to the family stories she told to her children. In 2001 she joined the South Sound Story Guild to learn about the art of storytelling. Randi tells traditional folk tales and personal stories, including memories from her youth, family pet stories, vacation adventures, and glimpses into her ancestors' lives. She inherited 50 boxes of genealogy and 150 years of photos, along with family letters, diaries, and heirlooms, so has lots of material with which to work. Just for fun, she is a "Roaming Gnome," taking a monthly entertainment program to senior adult day care centers. There she tells stories, leads the seniors in remembering their rich life experiences, and guides the groups in creating original stories.

Dear Members and Friends of the Olympia Genealogical Society,

My Best Wishes to you for a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Pat Harper

OGS President

Fran Anderson, Quarterly Newsletter Editor, reports:

The January Quarterly deadline is December 15, and I'd appreciate members' pedigrees, or articles of interest such as research suggestions, local stories, or descriptions of research trips.

Message from Kathleen Newcomer, Membership Chairman:

Thank you to everyone for renewing your membership. We have 97 members this year. The new directories are being printed and should be available at the December meeting. I will bring them to the next several meetings so you can pick them up. I can mail them if you won't be coming to a meeting. They are heavier than a normal letter and require 2 stamps on the SASE.

Reinstated members:

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December 2007 OGS Calendar			
OGS General Meeting	Thursday, December 13, 2007 Program: "Profile of a Quaker, Friends in the Middle Colonies," by Steve Morrison	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
OGS January Quarterly	Saturday, December 15, 2007	Deadline for submitting material for quarterly to Fran Anderson	
Genealogy Café	Thursday, December 20, 2007 Hosted by David Purtee	1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
Board Meeting	No Board Meeting in December		
January 2008 OGS Calendar			
OGS General Meeting	Thursday, January 10, 2008 Program: "My Grandmother's Story," by Randi Moe	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
Genealogy Café	Thursday, January 17, 2008 Hosted by David Purtee	7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 th Avenue, SE, Olympia
Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 15, 2008	7:00 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
OGS Spring Seminar	Saturday, April 5, 2008	Program: "The ABC's of DNA"	



Celebrate them with family and friends

