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# Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### *Program Chairperson: Peggy Cooley presents:*

**Randi Moe** will present the January Meeting program, "My Grandmother's Story"

Our January program will be presented by **Randi Moe**. 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.

Please see the attached flyer for details and reservation information for our February 2008 **Annual Dinner Meeting** at the Panorama City Chambers House Restaurant in Lacey, WA.

### *President's Message, from Pat Harper*

**Happy New Year!** There is so much to be excited about re genealogy this year. More and more information is available online either free, through the **Timberland Regional Library** website or in paid databases. I feel that I might actually have a chance to break down some brick walls.

**Peggy Cooley**, Olympia Genealogical Society program chair, has a variety of programs and a great annual dinner lined up for us.

**David Purtee** has put together a totally interesting seminar on DNA which, hopefully, will finally start to answer some of the hard questions about what can really be learned from current testing. Stay tuned for more info about the speakers and their topics.

At the **Olympia Library**, we have added new genealogy books from purchases and donations. The Genealogy Café (no food, only genealogy served) has proved popular with OGS members and the public at both the 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. meetings on the third Thursday and will continue in the foreseeable future.

**Ann Olson**, OGS education chair, has another Beginning Genealogy Workshop in the works for Saturday, March 8.

Finally, there are many genealogy seminars, conferences and programs planned throughout the state which offer the chance to learn from nationally known genealogists. Check the **Washington State Genealogical Society** website for a list.

I hope to see every one of you at the OGS general meetings on the second Thursday. The programs are great and there is great information to be shared after the break.

### Message from Kathleen Newcomer, Membership Chairman:

We now have 102 members. The new directories were distributed 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 send me a SASE with two stamps on the envelope. The directories are heavy and require more postage to mail.

#### Reinstated members:

**COREY**, Arivilla, 5840 No Fork Rd, Deming, WA 98244, (360) 592-2633, [arwa3@comcast.net](mailto:arwa3@comcast.net)

**HANSON**, Rhys, 3604 Bittersweet St, Olympia, WA 98501 (360) 413-7252

**RHEAUME**, Marlene, 4747 69th Ave NW, Olympia, WA 98502, (360) 866-1924, [marligen@aol.com](mailto:marligen@aol.com)

#### Renewed members:

**MINNS**, Gary, 3916 Hoadly St SE, Tumwater, WA 98501 (360) 943-5594

**STAACK**, Elaine, 4802 E 29th St, Spokane, WA 99223, [princessfarha@yahoo.com](mailto:princessfarha@yahoo.com)

New Email: SWAN, Ed, [twoswans9@msn.com](mailto:twoswans9@msn.com)

### January 2008 OGS Calendar

<b>OGS General Meeting</b>	Thursday, January 10, 2008 Program: "My Grandmother's Story," by Randi Moe	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, January 15, 2008	7:00 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
<b>Genealogy Café</b>	Thursday, January 17, 2008 Hosted by David Purtee	1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, SE, Olympia

### February 2008 OGS Calendar

<b>OGS Annual Dinner</b>	Thursday, February 7, 2008 "Romantic Iberian Peninsula and the Mysterious Island of Madeira" by Ann Olson	6:00 p.m.	Panorama City Chambers House Restaurant, 1751 Circle Lane Lacey, WA
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, February 19, 2008	7:00 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
<b>Genealogy Café</b>	Thursday, February 21, 2008 Hosted by David Purtee	1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library

**OGS Spring Seminar** Saturday, April 5, 2008 Program: "The ABC's of DNA"

WISHING YOU

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

# Olympia Genealogical Society's Annual Dinner

February 7, 2007 6:00 pm  
Chambers House Restaurant in Panorama City

## Travel to The Romantic Iberian Peninsula And Mysterious Island of Madeira Your Host: Ann Olson

\*\*\*You do not need to order dinner to attend. Program will begin at 6:45 pm

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Cost: \$18.00 per person (includes gratuity)

Menu Selections: Please include # of each entrée desired

Stuffed Pork Loin (apple, walnut and mushroom stuffing, served with yams) \_\_\_\_\_

Honey Baked Salmon (brushed with Dijon, honey & butter, topped with almonds  
& bread crumbs-baked; served with rice pilaf) \_\_\_\_\_

Stuffed Portabello (vegetarian, stuffed with veggies, herbs & cheeses, served with pasta) \_\_\_\_\_

R.S.V.P. by Jan.30, 2008

I will attend the program only \_\_\_\_\_

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