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Program Chairperson: Peggy Cooley presents:

Karen Krogh Purtee with "Solving the Mystery of My Danish Name"

In this month's presentation by **Karen Krogh Purtee**, she will tell us about solving the mystery of her Danish name. She has been working on her family genealogy since Junior High, and in between, she and her husband moved fourteen times with the military. She is retired from the State of Washington's Department of General Administration and is a proud, picture-toting grandmother of two. Come join us!

On February 12, 2009, OGS will hold its annual dinner meeting at Panorama City. The program will be "Travelogue: Rome and Southern Italy," presented by **Greg Nordlund**.

OGS President's Message from Norman Dodge:

This is the time to start off the New Year by looking back over previously reviewed manuscripts. Collecting the information is only part of the picture. Analyzing it and recording it in a way that you can revisit it is most important, too. Many more people are using computers today and looking for their roots. Remember, too, that family information is very important. Family Reunions are excellent sources. Sharing information between Genealogy programs is most often done through Gedcoms. Be sure you understand what Gedcoms are and how to import and export them for you and others to use. Realize they have limitations. Also be sure to source the information you receive. And back up your files in one or more places, other than on your own computer. Have you tried to Find a Grave or Dead Fred? Type either into Google.

What's Happening:

The **Genealogy Cafe** will reopen at 1-3 pm and 7-8:30 pm on **January 15, 2009**. Everyone is invited to participate in the Cafe either to help others or to get help with their own brick walls.

The **Olympia Library** has scheduled the **Gala Grand Opening** for **January 16, 2009**.

Our **Beginning Genealogy Workshop** will be held at the Olympia Library on **Jan. 31, 2009**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with sign in at 9:45 a.m. This workshop is taught by members of OGS. Pre-registration sheets will be available at the Olympia Library information desk on Tuesday, January 6.

The **OGS Spring Seminar** will be held **April 25, 2009**, featuring Henry Z "Hank" Jones, Jr.

Message from Kathleen Newcomer, Membership Chairman:

Thank you to everyone for renewing your membership. We have 85 members this year. The new directories will still be available at the January 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 but they are heavier than a normal letter and require 2 stamps on the SASE.

January 2009 OGS Calendar

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| OGS General Meeting | Thursday, January 8, 2009 Program: "Solving the Mystery of My Danish Name" by Karen Krogh Purtee | 7:00 p.m. | Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152 |
| Genealogy Café | Thursday, January 15, 2009 Hosted by David Purtee | 1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m. | Olympia Timberland Library 313 - 8 th Avenue, SE, Olympia |
| Board Meeting | Tuesday, January 20, 2009 | 7:00 p.m. | TBA |
| Beginning Workshop | Saturday, January 31, 2009 | | Olympia Timberland Library |

February 2009 OGS Calendar

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| Annual Dinner Meeting | Thursday, February 12, 2009 Program: "Travelogue: Rome & Southern Italy" by Greg Nordlund | 6:00 p.m. | Panorama City Chambers House Restaurant, 1751 Circle Lane Lacey, WA |
| Board Meeting | Tuesday, February 17, 2009 | 7:00 p.m. | TBA |
| Genealogy Café | Thursday, February 19, 2009 Hosted by David Purtee | 1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m. | Olympia Timberland Library |

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May 2009 be filled with breakthroughs!