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Program Chairperson: Peggy Cooley presents:
Jerri McCoy with "PERSI, Periodical Source Index"

In June **Jerri McCoy** will enlighten us regarding PERSI, Periodical Source Index. This subject-based index, maintained by the Allen County, IN Library, is another tool for genealogists. **Jerri** is a long-time member of the OGS and is currently our webmaster as well as webmaster for the WA State Genealogical Society. She is a member of the DAR, a specialist on lineage organizations, and can often be found at our Genealogy Cafe. Come unravel the mystery!

We're looking for speakers for next year's programs. If you have an idea, but need help (or a little push), I can help you put a program together. I would love to hear someone talk about what one can find in tax records, fashion through the ages (which can tell us about social conventions, industrialization and help to date photos) and all sorts of military records. What about those pieces of information that should be in everyone's obituary so that future family historians are given clues, not more mysteries! As a public health nurse, I'm amazed that our ancestors survived unsafe water, lack of refrigeration and no antibiotics and still lived to a ripe old age. I'd like to explore that in a program. I can be reached at jerseymouse@comcast.net or by phone, 360-459-9759.

OGS President's Message from Pat Harper:

Hello OGS Members,

A new book on the library shelves has allowed me to get some insight into life on the Oregon/California Trail several of my ancestors traveled. [Hard Road West: History and Geology along the Gold Rush Trail](#) details the geologic reasons the old trails followed the routes they did and how geology affected the pioneers' lives and the mark left on the landscape by the passage of those many thousands of emigrants. This is not a fast read, but it's definitely worth the effort.

Thinking ahead to summer, Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner, WA, has a monthly workshop in June: Profile of a Quaker with Steven Morrison; in July: Researching Norwegian Ancestors with Deanna Dowell; and in August: Immigration From and Through Canada with Jim Johnson. The cost for each is \$10.

The National Archives in Seattle will have two workshops on June 14: The National Archives Online in the morning and an Overview of the Archives after lunch. The 2nd Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Brick wall Genealogy Discussion Group meets.

I hope you will all have a great summer.

Message from Kathleen Newcomer, Membership Chairman:

The Olympia Genealogical Society presently has 94 members.

Fran Anderson, Quarterly Newsletter Editor, reports:

The deadline for the July Quarterly is June 15, 2008. Submission of any and all pedigrees, articles, and stories would be appreciated by Fran.

June 2008 OGS Calendar

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, June 12, 2008 Program: "PERSI" By Jerri McCoy	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 17, 2008	7:00 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library 313 8 th Avenue, SE, Olympia
Genealogy Café	Thursday, June 19, 2008 Hosted by David Purtee	1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library

August 2008 OGS Calendar

Board Meeting TBA

September 2008 OGS Calendar

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, September 11, 2008 Program:	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 2, Room 129
Genealogy Café	Thursday, September 18, 2008 Hosted by David Purtee	1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
Board Meeting	TBA		



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