



Olympia

# Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### *Program Co-Chair: Patricia Philippsen & Bobbie Hubbard*

On Thursday, May 12, 2007, **Bobbie Hubbard** will present a program on "**The Trail of Tears.**" The journey was destined to be an epic travel of misery and death that the Cherokees would call "the trail where they cried". The meeting will also be held at 7:00 p.m in Building 2, Room 129 of the Thurston County Courthouse.

**Ed Swan** will speak on "**Working on the Railroad: Railroad Genealogy**" on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at the Thurston County Courthouse, Building 1, Room 152.

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

I have to tell you, I am totally blown away by the way Olympia Genealogical Society members teamed up to produce an awesome Spring Seminar. It began with **Linda Fialkowski** finding a speaker, hiring a caterer (Plenty Restaurant), designing the flyer, finding a rosemaling demonstrator, decorating colorful display cases at the Olympia and Lacey Libraries, obtaining publicity with local Norwegian groups, and housing speaker Deanna Dowell. It sounds like a one woman show, but after Linda had done the groundwork, **Marilyn Connon** acted as registrar, and point person with the help of **Elena Guinn**. **Kerry McHugh Upton** got us a lot of ink in three local newspapers, and airtime on *KGY Radio*. She also organized lodging for speaker Jo Ann B. Winistorfer, and the speakers' dinner. **Lee James** picked Jo Ann from the airport. **Kathleen Newcomer** took charge of the door prizes which were donated by members. **Liz & Gary Foote** provided the table decorations. **Jerri McCoy** made the nametags and with **Gayle Strom** supervised the sales table. **Diana Bargmann** oversaw the refreshment table which had contributions by many, many of our members. **The Daughters of Norway**, dressed in traditional costumes, made delicious Norwegian cookies to accompany the rice pudding from **Linda Fialkowski**. **Ann Olson** supervised the money. **Keith Laws** greeted attendees with the Sons of Norway Viking ship. **Rob Harper** photographed it all for posterity. And finally, but not insignificantly, lots of people pitched in to set up the room and clear up after the seminar was finished. It was a day that even those of us without roots in Norway or the Dakotas enjoyed. Bravo!

Note: The Spring Seminar along with the Genealogy Café and Beginner Workshops are part of the Olympia Genealogical Society's mission to provide instruction in genealogical methods and resources to people interested in tracing their family history.

**Message from Kathleen Newcomer, Membership Chairman:**

We currently have 105 members. The current directories will be available at the May meeting.

**Changes:** Linda Burton-Ramsey, 4904 North Island Dr. E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391. ph (253)447-7697, [Doug.Ramsey@comcast.net](mailto:Doug.Ramsey@comcast.net)

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**May 2007 OGS Calendar**

<b>OGS General Meeting</b>	Thursday, May 12, 2007 Program: "The Trail of Tears" By Bobbie Hubbard	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 2, Courtroom 129
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, May 15, 2007	7:00 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
<b>Genealogy Café</b>	Thursday, May 17, 2007 Hosted by Dave Purtee	7– 8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library

**June 2007 OGS Calendar**

<b>OGS General Meeting</b>	Thursday, June 10, 2007 Program: "Working the Railroad: Railroad Genealogy" By Ed Swan	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, June 19, 2007	7:00 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
<b>Genealogy Café</b>	Thursday, June 21, 2007 Hosted by Dave Purtee	7– 8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library



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