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Program Chairperson: Peggy Cooley presents:

Barbara Houtenbrink with "Benedict Arnold: Hero or Traitor"

November's program is an exciting look at Benedict Arnold. Was he a hero or traitor? I must confess that I know little about him and I'm glad that a historian of **Barbara Houtenbrink's** caliber will enlighten us. Barbara is a pioneer in nursing in Washington state with a love of history and travel. She is a member of DAR, Daughters of the American Colonists, and New England Women. Come, listen and form an opinion on Benedict Arnold on November 13.



Hero or Traitor?

December's program is titled, "Holiday Treats and Traditions." Please bring a holiday treat and or tradition to share with the group. Sign up at the November meeting, email Peggy at jerseymouse@comcast.net, ...or just show up with a family story that helps you feel good at holiday time.

OGS President's Message from Norman Dodge:

It seems while I was gone back East the State of Washington removed several images of Vital records for many persons which were previously displayed on the State Website. As I understand things at this time the State Dept. of Health and the Secretary of State's Office are having a disagreement over jurisdiction of records. Many of the Death records for the State of Washington some how ended up in Ancestry.com hands and you have to belong to Ancestry.com to access these. It has been the policy of the State of Washington, Office of Secretary of State to make many of these records free to everyone. These records have been available to the general public for some time. Now it seems that many have been removed.

DNA can be a useful tool when searching for your ancestors.

Good luck on your genealogy searches and be careful on what you go searching for, because you just might find it.

Message from Kathleen Newcomer, Membership Chairman:

Thank you to everyone who renewed in a timely manner. We currently have 75 members.

What's Happening:

Randi Moe will be presenting "My Great-Great-Grandmother's Story" on **Wednesday, December 10 at 12:00 noon at the First United Methodist Church in Olympia**. It will be part of the United Methodist Women's Christmas Tea, but all are welcome to attend and there is no charge.

Based on original letters passed down through the family, this is a story of an abolitionist who lived on a slave-holding plantation for two years. It is a story of a young woman observing a culture different from her own. And it is a story of the complexity of social issues, then and now.

Genealogy Café hosted by David Purtee:

The "Cafe" will be closed during November while the library is being re-modeled. We will restart in December if the work is finished.

November 2008 OGS Calendar

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, November 13, 2008	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
	Program: "Benedict Arnold: Hero Or Traitor" by Barbara Houtenbrink		
Board Meeting	Tuesday, November 18, 2008	7:00 p.m.	TBA
Genealogy Café	Cancelled – Library being remodeled		

December 2008 OGS Calendar

OGS General Meeting	Thursday, December 11, 2008	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
	Program: "Holiday Treats and Traditions" by Society Members		
Board Meeting	Tuesday, December 16, 2008	7:00 p.m.	TBA
Genealogy Café	Thursday, December 18, 2008	1-3 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
	Hosted by David Purtee		



Happy Thanksgiving