



Olympia

# Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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

The October Meeting program will be **Norman Dodge** with  
**"Dodge Family Association: An International Surname Association"**

**Norman Dodge** was an electrical engineer for Seattle City Light for 43 years. When he was 9 years old, he was handed a bound history of the Dodge and Farwell families and told, "Read it, study it, this is your family." His mother had nothing of hers, but Norman has now traced her father's family back 150 years, and her mother's family to 1635 in Maine. Norman is the current president of the Dodge Family Association.

**Tim Mallory**, Timberland Regional Library's coordinator for the Veteran's History Project, will speak at our November meeting. The Project's mission is to collect memories and accounts of American War Veterans, but locally, Tim hopes to expand this to include oral histories from local seniors. The Project is supported by community donations and needs volunteers. Training is provided to run the cameras and on interview techniques. For more information, go to the Timberland Regional Library homepage and click on Veterans History Project, or call Tim at 360-704-4502.

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

September was a busy month for the Olympia Genealogical Society. We started out on the 8<sup>th</sup> with a day long workshop for beginning genealogists. There were 18 participants eager to soak up the information **Ann Olson, Steven Morrison and Kathleen Newcomer** provided.

The next weekend, September 15<sup>th</sup>, OGS in cooperation with the Grays Harbor Genealogical Society invaded the Capital Museum Coach House to hear Alan Boyle, MSNBC.com science editor, talk about the basics of DNA for genealogy purposes. There was a full house with 50 members from the two societies and public attending.

For the September OGS general meeting **Kathleen Newcomer** gave an informative and fun talk about her trip to the English county of Rutland to visit the home of her ancestors. She also showed us how to prepare and pack for light, easy traveling. Thank you, Kathleen!

Finally, the Genealogy Café met on the third Thursday with a group so enthusiastic the librarian had to shush them! **David Purtee** initiated and chairs this program every month with the support members of OGS. Public and members with questions about genealogy research are invited to meet at the Olympia Library Genealogy table at 7 p.m.

The next few months will be a little quieter, but very interesting. Vice President and Program Chair, **Peggy Cooley**, has planned some wonderful and informative programs for the general meetings at the Thurston County Court House. We will meet in Building 1, Room 152 for the remainder of the year.

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

Once again it is the time of year when we invite you to renew your OGS membership. The membership year starts September and runs through the following August. Fran Anderson will be in my place at the October meeting to accept renewal payments, or you can mail them to the OGS address. See the return address on the bottom of this newsletter.

**New member: Elizabeth BAXTER**, 3700 14th Ave. SE #72, Olympia, WA 98501 (360) 491-4365

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**October 2007 OGS Calendar**

<b>OGS General Meeting</b>	Thursday, October 11, 2007 Program: "Dodge Family Association," By Norman Dodge	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, October 16, 2007	7:00 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
<b>Genealogy Café</b>	Thursday, October 18, 2007 Hosted by David Purtee	1-4 p.m. & 7- 8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library

**November 2007 OGS Calendar**

<b>OGS General Meeting</b>	Thursday, November 8, 2007 Program: "The Veterans History Project," by Tim Mallory	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
<b>Genealogy Café</b>	Thursday, November 15, 2007 Hosted by David Purtee	1-4 p.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, November 20, 2007	7:00 p.m.	Olympia Timberland Library



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