



Olympia

# Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR OF OGS !

*By Pat Harper*

The Olympia Genealogical Society will start it's new year with a program entitled " What I Did On My Summer Vacation — Genealogically Speaking". This will give everyone a chance to share their adventures — successful, funny and otherwise— with fellow OGS members. One of the best ways to pick up great pointers is from hearing other people tell about their research. So plan to be at the September 8 general meeting at the Thurston County Courthouse. This month we are in Building 2, Room 129. That's the courtroom with the comfortable padded benches!

October is genealogy month and OGS celebrates with their annual dinner at the Panorama City Restaurant in the Garden Room. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., but you can come at 5:30 p.m. to sign in and circulate. Our speaker this year will be Edward Echte the new director of the Bigelow House. He lectures at both TESC and Saint Martin College and is a founding member of the Olympia Historical Society.

Since his days at The Evergreen State College Mr. Echte has been interested in Olympia and Thurston County Local History, particularly the Chinese community in Olympia which was the subject of his thesis. He was on the committee that erected a historical marker commemorating the long standing presence of the Chinese in the old China Town area. The Olympia Historical Society's website, which is filled with wonderful information about our local history is also his work. There you will find his story of the Chinese in Olympia and Thurston County as well as many other pictures, stories, maps and bibliographies. Check it out at [www.olympiahistory.org](http://www.olympiahistory.org) For our program Mr. Echte will tell us about his struggles tracing the roots of the Chinese immigrants and the wonderful stories he found in their records.



### September President's Letter

Well, have we got a year for you!

This is the year that OGS hosts the Washington State Genealogical Society conference! It will be a full day of seminars from some of the area's top genealogical experts in the field with specialties in the British Isles, some German & Scandinavian seminars. Being that we are in the state capitol where most of the state records are kept, we will be arranging tours of the archives & the State Library. As well as having representatives from these agencies give seminars during the day. Quite a full schedule that Dick Johnson, Dave Purtee & Steve Morrison have scheduled for us! This will be no small endeavor however, so your help is needed. Please look for opportunities to help them out. Through out this year, they will be giving us updates on the progress as well as opportunities for you to help out!

This month Pat Harper has asked that we come with our stories of this summer. What did we do genealogically speaking with our summer vacation! Give her a call if you would like to share your summer stories. Pat also has a great evening planned in October for our annual dinner, invite a friend to come along for early Chinese history in Thurston County.

The library will also be sponsoring a Beginner's Workshop on October 15<sup>th</sup>. So, if you know of someone who is interested in starting their genealogy, invite them to the Beginner's Workshop.

I look forward to hearing all of your summer time genealogy stories! We meet up again September 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at the Courthouse, in the courtroom.

Kerry



**September 2005 OGS Calendar**

<b>OGS General Meeting</b>	Thursday, September 8, 2005 Program: "What I Did On My Summer Vacation (Genealogically Speaking)"	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 2, Courtroom 129
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, September 20, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Kerry's Store (Ken Schoenfeld Furniture) 403 Capitol Way S
<b>OGS Annual Dinner</b>	Thursday, October 13, 2005 Speaker: Edward Echtle "The Chinese Immigrant Experience in Olympia"	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Panorama City Restaurant Garden Room 1751 Circle Lane SE Lacey, WA
<b>OGS Beginner's Workshop</b>	Saturday, October 15, 2005	10 a.m.	Olympia Timberland Library Meeting Room
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, October 18, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Kerry's Store
<b>OGS General Meeting</b>	Thursday, November 10, 2005 Program: Jerri McCoy "Genealogy Computer Programs"	7:00 p.m.	Thurston County Courthouse Building 1, Room 152
<b>Board Meeting</b>	November 15, 2005	7:00 p.m.	Kerry's Store

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Do you need a ride to the meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Single Membership      \$20.00 per year (Membership year is from Sep 1 to Aug 31)

Family (one newsletter) \$25.00 per year

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Reinstatement \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership applications/renewals must be received before November 1 to be included in the 2005-2006 Membership Book.