



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
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President's Letter **February 2021**

YOU are our special Valentine. Thank you for hanging in there with WAGS this year! Actually, we're getting more participation in our Zoom meetings than we did in-person, and our membership and financials have remained stable, so we are thankful and appreciative that we have such loyal members!



February: “Hopping Down the Paper Trail” with Sara Cochran

At February's membership meeting, WAGS will make a new friend—Sara Cochran from the San Bernardino area in California. She is passionate about discovering family history, and on her blog, calls herself “the skeleton whisperer.” Her presentation will focus on the records we find that lead us to other records, and sometimes take us down a rabbit hole. Learn how to scour those records for the next clue, and how to prioritize those clues so that you stay on track. Once again, this presentation is FREE to WAGS members--\$10.00 for non-members.

WAGS Membership Meeting via Zoom

Monday afternoon, February 8, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Register at WAGSlibrarian@gmail.com. We'll send the Zoom information and Sara's handout via a blast email, and the Zoom info will also be on our website.

Everyone loves a freebie!

We enjoyed our time with Thomas MacEntee in January, learning how to get the most out of a “genealogy pit stop.” Visit his website, www.genealogybargains.com/free-genealogy-cheat-sheets/ and find a list of 31 absolutely free, two-sided cheat sheets on all aspects of genealogy, ready for you to download and print out.

Get more of MacEntee! Go to www.genealogybargains.com/upcoming-engagements/ and check out his busy webinar schedule. (Some host societies may charge admission.)



The 2021 Annual Budget

We received a first look at the proposed 2021 budget at our January meeting. Stick around for just a few minutes after Sara's presentation in February, and we'll vote on whether to accept or reject it.

P.S.: A 2020 Audit Committee has not yet been formed, since we are still prohibited from in-person meetings. Stay tuned.

A new WAGS website!

Back in January, we received word that our web host, EasyNet Sites, will cease doing business in June! Our tech guy, Hank Lubean, has graciously volunteered to build us a brand new site. He is being assisted by Diane Gundersen, Pat Thomas, Kris McGregor, and Shirley Acheson, who are working on organization and presentation; and a mountain of database work is being accomplished by Betty Carrick and Mary Swartz. Thanks to all for many hours of focused attention to detail. We will let you know when our new “home” is ready for us to move into!



We can dream, can't we?

At the WAGS Library . . .

Our library is closed, but it's not empty! The city installed all new light fixtures over the last few weeks, so when we open, things will be much brighter.

Remember that although the physical library will remain closed while we're in Phase 1 of the pandemic, your digital library (WAGS website and Digital Image Archive) is open for

your research! Log in to the members-only section to access Ancestry and My Heritage. If you know that there's something at the library you need, you can contact your librarian at WAGSlibrarian@gmail.com and she will find a volunteer to help you.

A call for researchers: Do you need to get out of the house? Become one of our researchers—use our library resources to see if you can find answers to fellow genealogist's questions. Think how much your research skills could improve by helping others! Contact Pat Thomas at mitsvote@yahoo.com if you're willing to help.

It's raining money . . .

Seriously. When we received the report from the Community Foundation that we had garnered \$670 dollars in last fall's GiveNCW campaign, we thought we had cut a pretty fat hog (as our ancestors used to say). But the amount on the check they sent us recently was almost **\$2,500**, thanks to six individual donors, \$100 from a "Funday Monday" initiative, and \$1,700 from people who checked "Give to All." All this for simply putting our good name on a list!



Welcome

to our newest member: **Carmen Houge** of East Wenatchee.
We're happy that you've joined us!

Awaiting spring,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President