



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

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September 2021 President's Letter

To WAGS members near and far . . .

We have made it to Labor Day. And Pat Thomas reminds me that there are only 115 shopping days 'til Christmas! Time always goes too fast.

September meeting: Stepping back in time

If you have an ancestor in Cashmere who owned a business—well, we're envious! WAGS member Dick Brender and his colleagues Tom Hart, Pam Wonn and Mari Beckley have put in many hours to create a unique kiosk for the Cashmere Museum. The program lets you trace the development of a Cashmere business from the town's beginning—the year the building was built, its location, ownership and occupants through the years, using documents, pictures and newspaper clippings. WAGS will be a special guest of the museum, and one of the first groups to see this modern-day “time machine.” If you feel comfortable in-person, come to the Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village at 600 Cotlets Way in Cashmere; or attend on Zoom—here is the Zoom information:



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84443692870?wd=VmYybndBMDA2MXN6YkxkDY3ZFWWRXZz09>

Meeting ID: 844 4369 2870

Passcode: September

Monday, September 13, 2021 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

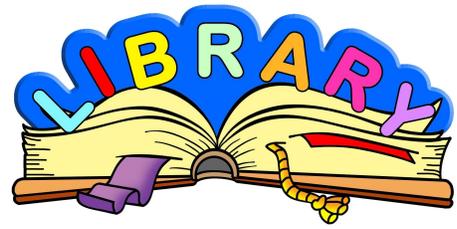
Cashmere Museum and Pioneer Village

600 Cotlets Way, Cashmere

or via Zoom

A note from our head librarian . . .

On August 24, we published a revised Covid policy for the WAGS Library. I'll repeat it here in the President's Letter:



- Face coverings need to be worn when more than one person is in the library.
- Please maintain a respectable distance when working together.
- We need to clean and disinfect the work area that we use. There are cleaning and disinfecting supplies in the bathroom cabinets.
- Please keep your hands clean.
- If you are exposed to or live with someone who has been exposed, please don't come into the library until you know that you are not infected.

As of August 25, 2021, the library is not open to the public. Hopefully, this will only be for a short time. But **members and volunteers are welcome**—simply contact Pat Thomas (email mitsvote@yahoo.com or call/text 509-699-1042) and she'll make sure we don't get over-booked.

Won't we all be happy when this virus has gone the way of the viruses of the past?!

—Pat Thomas



All dressed up and no place to go . . .

Thanks to those who responded to our “How shall we celebrate the 50th?” email! Lots of good ideas. But it's so difficult to plan something in these challenging times when regulations are lifted, only to be reimposed. We are considering different options. Stand by for more information!

What's your strategy?

In August, the WAGS board put on their strategic planning hats, and took a look around at how WAGS has changed, and assessed our new, almost-post-covid environment. Our big take-away was that we need to continue to look for ways to be relevant in a digital age. Some ways we can do that might be:

- Engage our members through meetings and interest groups
- Inventory and organize what we have in the library



- Work on a system for keeping track of what records we're keeping
- Be more active in marketing
- Engage volunteers effectively

We're approaching strategic planning more as an ongoing process rather than a one-time event. It's really quite an exciting time, with many possibilities. There are lots of areas where we could use your skills and ideas to move WAGS forward and make it all it can be.

Anne's classes

Getting Started with DNA

Thursdays October 21 and 28 6:30-8:30 p.m. CED980
\$49.00

WVC Sexton Hall, Room 6002

Genealogy Online—What's New?

Thursdays December 2 and 9 6:30-8:30 p.m. CED688 \$49.00

WVC Sexton Hall, Room 6002

You can sign up online by visiting wvc.edu/CED



Welcome

New members

A warm welcome to Linda Barta of Wenatchee, who made her career with the *Wenatchee World* as a librarian and researcher—she wrote the “Old News column for many years. And welcome to Shannon Lanning of Queen Creek, Arizona. She is the new county coordinator for Chelan and Douglas Counties on USGenWeb! Happy hunting to all.

This picture is a blast from the past:

Happy Fall,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President

