



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)

Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .

President's Letter November 2021

Welcome to November—the thankful month. I am thankful for the good attendance we've had at our Zoom meetings this year—fully as good or better than what we used to have in person. Did you know that you can revisit the 2021 meetings on our website and access any handouts? Go to www.wags-web.org, log in—click on Members Only, and then Membership Meeting Highlights. Relive some great programs! Which was your favorite?

Our November meeting . . .

After our wanderings all over the country this year, enjoying speakers from Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts, and Colorado, we're staying close to home this month with Jill Morelli, past president of the Seattle Genealogical Society. Jill is a writer, lecturer and co-founder of the Applied Genealogy Institute (AppGen Institute)--read more about that at www.appliedgen.institute.



Jill Morelli

Jill will present **FamilySearch: The Other 95%**. FamilySearch has recently announced that all the film records in their collection have been digitized. And that's great news! But there's one catch: not all are indexed, so a simple surname search won't locate these records. Jill will show us how to access them with examples of searches that work, and a few that do not.

WAGS November General Meeting Monday, November 8 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. *via Zoom*

Topic: WAGS November General Zoom Meeting
Time: Nov 8, 2021 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86151480844?pwd=MmJVZElydnBodDdyTDM2UGxoVG5qUT09>

Meeting ID: 861 5148 0844
Passcode: November



If wishes were fishes . . .

. . . WAGS would be an aquarium! How often we've caught ourselves saying, "If only we had someone to do/to share that job!" There are lots of volunteer opportunities at WAGS. Be thinking about the skills you have honed in your life and how they might be utilized in our organization. We will talk more about this later . . .

From the WAGS Library . . .

November will be a thankful month here at the library as well. I want to especially thank those who helped move things as our painting project progressed. Long-time WAGS member and librarian Phyllis Barnett volunteered herself and her husband Dan (and his brother Dave)—the moving work was finished in no time.

I also want to thank Kris McGregor and Hazel Thornton who continue to help reorganize our holdings; and we appreciate Diane Gundersen's willingness to help with computer work.

Due to Covid restrictions, the library is still closed to the public, but WAGS members and volunteers can come in by appointment on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 (appointments can be made on other days too if Tuesdays don't work for you). Make your arrangements with Pat at Library@wags-web.org.
—Pat Thomas



November board meeting

The WAGS board will meet virtually on Wednesday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Topic: WAGS Board Zoom Meeting

Time: Nov 10, 2021 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89061754945?pwd=bGM2QkczQnF3UTBTYUxzYTBCVDZCQT09>

Meeting ID: 890 6175 4945

Passcode: Board

October treasurer's report

Our treasurer is also thankful this month. Let's find out why:

Painting bill paid! The City of Wenatchee invoice of \$5100 for the painting of the library arrived this month and was paid out of the following funds:

FUND	AMOUNT
Annual Spending Grants (Endowment)	\$513.63
Memorial Funds*	\$686.77
GiveNCW 2020 Grant	\$2473.83
Cash Reserves	<u>\$1425.77</u>
TOTAL	\$5100.00

*Memorial Funds had been donated in the memory of the following:

Louis Guizetti	1940 -- 2006
Peggy Hoaglin	1926 -- 2015
Joe Rumble	1927 -- 2016
Eugene "Gene" Hall	1930 -- 2016
Patti Wenham	1934 -- 2018??
Ida Wheeler	1925 -- 2019
Fred Pflugrath	1941 -- 2020

We want to thank former Head Librarian Phyllis Barnett for her inspiration; current Head Librarian Pat Thomas for her hard work managing the project logistics; and the following volunteers: Susan Rumble, Kris McGregor, Hazel Thornton, Dan and Phyllis Barnett and his brother Dave.

Thank you to the City of Wenatchee maintenance crew for a job well done.

We are grateful for regular spending grants provided by our endowment, **The Wenatchee Area Genealogy Legacy Fund** administered by the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. In addition, our inclusion last year in the Community Foundation's annual **GiveNCW** campaign provided for almost half of the funds needed for this project.

Every bit helps, thanks to everyone who made this possible!

Looking Back and Looking Ahead "No Work" FUNDRAISER 2021

What can we say? As of Thursday, Oct. 28th, you all sent in a total of \$5,886 in response to our annual "No Work" Fundraiser. A special thanks to the Walker family for their generous gift, making this our highest response in recent memory. **THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!**

So why participate in “GiveNCW”?

Give NCW is an annual online fundraising campaign hosted by the Community Foundation that begins Thanksgiving Day through December 31st. As a previous grantee, WAGS has been invited to participate again this year. From our society's point of view, this is an opportunity to let the community know who we are and what we do and allow those not in our membership or mailing list to participate financially in our mission.

Saving the best for the last: NO dues increase!

Your membership dues will NOT increase next year! With the library being closed, other activities being quiet, and your gracious fundraising generosity, we are very much operating in the black. Thank you. You may start renewing your membership for 2022 this month.

Wishing you a lovely Thanksgiving
as you savor your family ties . . .

Susan Rumble
WAGS President

