



## Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)

*Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .*

### President's Letter

**December 2021**

We're wishing you a holiday filled with all the people and things that brighten your life!

#### December meeting celebrating WAGS 50<sup>th</sup> . . .

You may have wondered just when we were going to start celebrating our 50th year. All the Covid restrictions have made it impossible to come together for an in-person event. But after a year's experience of meeting on Zoom, we're ready to party down . . . virtually. We've made a power point presentation that tells the story of WAGS from its beginnings in 1971. Join us—find out when the Appleland Bulletin was first published; all the places the WAGS Library has been housed; when we first got interested in computers—catch up on our 50 years of finding ancestors!



**Monday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m.**

*A virtual meeting on Zoom:*

Topic: WAGS December General Membership Meeting

Time: Dec 13, 2021 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82646974837?pwd=YkxScjAzOVBJYWp0cjNpaXdIWVBMUT09>

Meeting ID: 826 4697 4837

Passcode: 50years

#### We'll keep on celebrating . . .

Since we couldn't really celebrate our 50th this year, we'll continue to honor WAGS in 2022. In the winter months, we'd like to hear from you—send your WAGS recollections—what programs stick out in your memory? How did WAGS help you? We will make a special page on our website for us all to share. **I will send out an email on this soon, and you can Reply with your WAGS story**, and I will put them on the website.

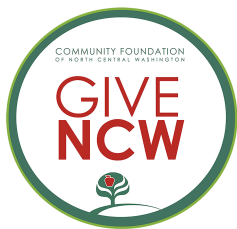
For the rest of the year, we're looking at perhaps a library event, an outdoor meal, a historic tour—there are lots of possibilities that will make the WAGS 50th—just one year late—one to remember.

### **WAGS swag . . .**

“Swag” means stylish confidence. That will describe you to a “tee” when you order special WAGS-themed gear.

As we begin to celebrate our 50 years as a society, we're excited to offer you the opportunity to show your WAGS pride! These are just a few of the items you can

purchase. Just click on [WAGS Swag](#) and order a t-shirt, sweatshirt, a tote or . . . well, you'll see all the options. And just so you know, a portion of each purchase comes back to WAGS! So start your holiday shopping now, or just get something for yourself and show your WAGS spirit. It's ok to splurge. Questions can be referred to Diane at [wagslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:wagslibrarian@gmail.com).



### **We're participating in Give NCW . . .**

Each year the Community Foundation gives the community the opportunity to donate to one or more nonprofit organizations from Thanksgiving Day to December 31. This is the second year that we are on the list. We don't yet know how much has been designated for us, but we are hearing good rumors that donations in general are up significantly from last year! We'll keep you posted.

### **Notes from the treasurer . . .**

The official total from our **No Work Fundraiser** is **\$6,231**. Thank you for your amazing generosity! We're closing the books on the fundraiser at this point. However, if you'd still like to donate this year, please go to [www.GiveNCW.org](http://www.GiveNCW.org) and select WAGS from their list—you have until the end of the year to do so.

Thanks to our **2022 Budget Committee! Kris McGregor, Nelson Martin, and Jerry Gibbons**, along with our treasurer, **Shirley Acheson**, will meet soon to work on the 2022 budget. You'll be seeing their results in January.



### **Don't let our members at-large get lonely . . .**

Did you know that the main job of a member at-large is to be a liaison between the board and the membership? They are there to collect the opinions and desires of our membership and represent them to the board. Hank Lubean, Kris McGregor and Diane Gundersen are our current members at-large and would be happy to hear your ideas on what is or isn't working at WAGS—but especially compliments! Contact them at [wagslibrarian@wags-web.org](mailto:wagslibrarian@wags-web.org).



### for WAGS connections . . . one member's story

Five years ago, I retired to a sleepy little community called Peshastin. I had this strange hobby called genealogy—I had started a family tree and completed a DNA test. I found other family trees and quickly incorporated every hint that Ancestry gave me! (I heard you all groan . . . what a neophyte!) I thought I was making amazing progress. I could spend hours digging, but I wasn't making the connections I needed. Maybe I didn't really know how . . .

Things changed when I noticed an ad in the Leavenworth Echo and attended a WAGS meeting. I met a great group of people who enjoyed both hearing and sharing stories about ancestors, the digging, the disappointments, the successes. The educational programs helped me understand sourcing and roadblocks. (Big sigh!) And I learned that Ancestry hints weren't really gospel! I was finally making connections that helped me build an accurate family tree.

The best WAGS connection of all was the day Phyllis Barnett called me and asked if I'd like to volunteer. I said sure. I thought I could help a little bit, somewhere. I started as a volunteer librarian, working one day a month, editing indexes a few hours a week from home, and as my interest grew, so did my time commitment. Now I'm a board member with a vested interest in the future of how WAGS will help its members and support the history of the Wenatchee community.

Thanksgiving reminded me that I'm thankful for all the connections I've made at WAGS—the casual relationships with other members, the library volunteers, the writer's group and the board. I have met friends and discovered resources. I appreciate each of you!

Are YOU ready to make a connection? Zoom into a board meeting or email me ([gundmisc@gmail.com](mailto:gundmisc@gmail.com)) or the library ([library@WAGS-web.org](mailto:library@WAGS-web.org)).

Diane Gundersen, member at-large

### *Speaking of volunteering . . .*

Treasurer Shirley Acheson is one of our most accomplished multi-taskers! She doesn't need to be quite so busy. She needs someone to work with her as **Membership Lead**. This person should be organized, somewhat tech savvy, personable and able to communicate cheerfully in person and in writing. Does this describe you? Contact Shirley at [treasurer@wags-web.org](mailto:treasurer@wags-web.org) for more information.



*If wishes were fishes . . .*

## Vignettes from WAGS' past . . .

What was the strangest program ever presented at WAGS? The prize would go to the 9th of April, 1976: **“Finding inexpensive means of duplicating family records: a demonstration of the use of the hectograph and retail outlets for supplies.”**

What the heck is a hectograph? Briefly, to do hectography, you melt gelatin in glycerin; pour it in a pan and let it cool until solidified. Place your master sheet face down on the gelatin surface and let it sit. Pull up the master sheet; place blank paper on this imprinted gelatin and rub the back, and pull the sheet up. You can make multiple copies.



No thanks—we'd rather just take a picture with our phones.

# Welcome

Our newest WAGS member is **Deborah Combs** of Vancouver, Washington. We wish you productive searching!

## **Board meeting December 8**

We'll Zoom at 9:30 on Wednesday morning, December 8.

Topic: WAGS Board Meeting Time: Dec 8, 2021 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84480564304?pwd=TTNIZ01uL3hLSWRySHg3M0JEK25jUT09>

Meeting ID: 844 8056 4304 Passcode: DecBoard



***On behalf of the WAGS board,  
wishing a Merry Christmas to all,  
Susan Rumble  
WAGS President***