



## WAGS President's Letter January 2022

We have arrived at a new year! What are your goals and aspirations? Will this be the year of exciting genealogical breakthroughs? Or maybe organizing and consolidating what you have already done? Whichever path you're on, WAGS stands ready to assist you!



*Dana Palmer*

### Our January meeting

On Monday, January 10 at 2:00, we'll Zoom with an old friend of WAGS, Dana Palmer, who presented to us last October. This month, she'll be giving us **Connect Your Family: Useful Research Strategies**. This includes a comprehensive handout that will allow you to come out swinging at your brick walls and possibly vanquish them for good! Dana is based in Ohio, and has spoken at RootsTech and National Genealogical Society conferences. She reviews military repatriation cases, and is part of the Silver Books team for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and is a genealogy instructor at her local community college. Come and benefit from all her experience!

Topic: WAGS General Meeting - January 2022  
Time: Jan 10, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83756843543?pwd=eWVZNVA1bmRGOW5hTk9yQ3NtaVZhUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 5684 3543  
Passcode: NewYear

## **WAGS Swag: Easy as can be!**

Recently I took the plunge and ordered several items from the WAGS Swag collection. I'm happy to report that it was a very easy process to order and pay, and the company has been very communicative about production and shipping. So there's no reason to hesitate or procrastinate! Visit <https://wags.creator-spring.com> today!



## ***Vignette from WAGS' past . . .***

What was “The Book Nook?” In 1978, LaVelle Heideman found an available storefront near Third and Rock Island Road in East Wenatchee that had been the J&B Market. It had been damaged in the 1974 Appleyard explosion, so WAGS members rolled up their sleeves and did the repairs and furnishing required. This new Book Nook housed the fledgling WAGS Library, and was open from 1:00 to 4:00 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, as well as from 6:00 to 9:00 Tuesday evenings. The Book Nook was temporary—in March of 1979, the museum made space for our library in their annex.

## **Share your WAGS memories . . .**

You're invited to contribute to “WAGS 50th Anniversary—Member Comments” in the Members Only section of our website. Share with others what you remember best about your time at WAGS—memorable programs, your best discoveries or volunteer experiences—whatever you'd like to share. And you can be anonymous if you'd like. I will be sending out an email very soon detailing all this, and you can Reply to that. Or else you can email [info@WAGS-web.org](mailto:info@WAGS-web.org) with your submission, and I'll get it onto the website.



## **The 2022 Budget**

Thanks again to our 2022 Budget Committee (Kris McGregor, Nelson Martin, Kirk Mayer and Jerry Gibbons) who met via Zoom and created a sound monetary plan for us next year. The board will review it at our meeting on January 12, and you the members will see it shortly thereafter and vote to accept or reject at the February meeting. By the way, here is the Zoom information for our board meeting:

Topic: WAGS Jan 2022 Board Meeting

Time: Jan 12, 2022 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

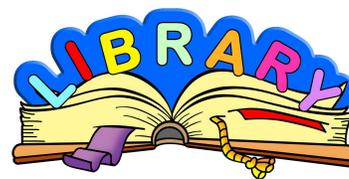
Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 831 7648 4383      Passcode: Board

## Library news . . .

We have sadly received notice of Pat Thomas' resignation as head librarian. We surely owe her a debt of gratitude for taking on the huge job of moving our "stuff" around to accommodate the painters this summer. Thank you Pat, for all your hard work!



In such a situation, the board is tasked to appoint someone/ones for the vacated position until the next election. We plan to tap two of our members at-large, Diane Gundersen and Kris McGregor, to share the position of librarian. **If you're ready to help**, you can contact them at [library@WAGS-web.org](mailto:library@WAGS-web.org).

Please note that Ancestry has ended the access to our Library Edition from your home computer. It was so kind of them to offer that service during Covid. Beginning January 2022 you will need to come into the library to use our subscription to the Ancestry Library Edition. We have four computers with online access, networked to a printer, and plenty of space for your laptop to use the wifi.

Starting in January, the WAGS Library will be open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (And Hank is in on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 to help you with any scanning or tech questions you may have.) Come in and take a look around!



## ***Fifteen minutes of fame . . .***

The Washington State Genealogical Society has come out with their list of the top ten most-read posts of 2021 on their blog ([wasgs.org/blog/2021/12/28/most-read-posts-of-2021/](https://wasgs.org/blog/2021/12/28/most-read-posts-of-2021/)). WAGS' August program with Brigid Clift of the Central Regional Branch Archives was #9! *This was the only genealogy society monthly meeting to make the top ten.* Thank you, Brigid, you made us look soooo good!

## **GiveNCW**

We have reached over \$1,000 in donations through the GiveNCW end-of-year campaign, making us eligible to receive a share of the "Give All" contributions. We'll let you know the total as soon as we know. Thank you for your generosity!



## ***In Memoriam***

Leilani Mae Schroeder Bangs  
April 28, 1943 — December 25, 2021

# Welcome

A warm welcome to Jane Kyle of Olympia. May this be your year of discovery, Jane!

## *A fresh look at queries . . .*

Do you remember queries? You would join a society in the area where your ancestor lived, subscribe to their bulletin, and then you'd write a query that would be published, asking for research help. Bulletins are a thing of the past, but queries still come in to WAGS. They used to be answered by our researchers Joanne Calhoun (who has well-deservedly retired) and the late Fred Pflugrath.



We thought we'd try asking **YOU** for help! Here is a recent request for local assistance from a family outside the Wenatchee area:

*We are compiling a brief biography of my brother, **Norman F. Danielson**, who grew up on an apple orchard in Sunnyslope. As a boy, Norm belonged to several organizations:*

- 1) Boy Scout Troop 49 from 1946-1951/52;*
- 2) Scout-A-Vista in 1949/50;*
- 3) Memberships or activities during the 1946-1952 period;*
- 4) Civil Air Patrol/Pangon Squadron around 1951;*
- 5) Any information on a play, "Oh Susanne," or other plays at Wenatchee Junior College during 1952/53*  
*(The Wenatchee World reported on the above play in March 1953. Norm had the lead role and a ticket stub for February 20, 1953.)*

*We are having great difficulty in locating these records, and hope you will be able to help us. Thanks.*

**If you have any information that could help the Danielsons, please contact us and let us know at [Library@WAGS-web.org](mailto:Library@WAGS-web.org). Thank you!**



Let's make 2022 a year to remember (in a good way!)  
Susan Rumble and  
the board at WAGS