



## Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

*Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .*

### April 2022 President's Letter

Venture out! It's Spring! You will be excused from doing genealogy every waking minute like we did in the long, dark winter. It's time to plant some colorful things and spruce up your surroundings. Maybe plan a trip to an ancestral haunt, or to visit some new-found DNA cousins?



Jill Morelli

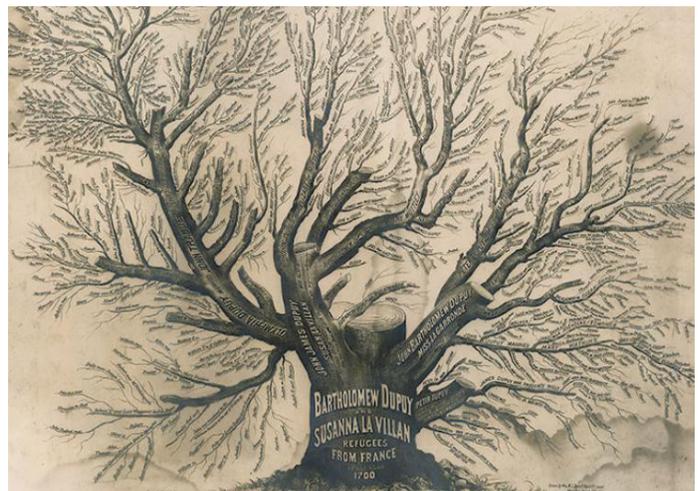
#### WAGS April program

##### *Rootless: America's Fascination with its Ancestry*

We've invited our new acquaintance (she spoke to us last November), **Jill Morelli**, back to give us the **history of genealogy in America**—a fitting topic for us as we celebrate our 50 years of pursuing family history! What attitudes and issues were associated with genealogy as time went by? I've always wondered why some relatives and ancestors never wanted to talk

about family. And how has genealogy changed, and where do you suppose it will go in the future? Jill will give us her professional predictions!

Jill is based in Seattle (past president of the Seattle Genealogical Society) and is a writer, lecturer and co-founder of Applied Genealogy Institute, providing educational opportunities for intermediate and advanced genealogists. She lectures nationally and locally—a great resource for us!



**April Zoom meeting—Monday, April 11**  
**Rootless: America's Fascination with its Ancestry**

Topic: WAGS General Meeting - April  
Time: Apr 11, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84180912594?pwd=Z2ZYL2hzVCt1NnJBb2pVbEh4WEtsZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 8091 2594 Passcode: April

### **Nominating Committee**

Thanks to these board members who have volunteered to take over the Nominating Committee duties this year: **Diane Gundersen, Kris McGregor** and **Lisa Vollrath**. They are looking for a Head Librarian and a Vice-President to complete our board.



WAGS needs **people!** Your board is moving forward, accomplishing things and even having fun in the process. Seriously, it's a great group of people. Please consider joining our team to make genealogy at WAGS even more rewarding.

With our new mode of meeting remotely via Zoom, it's tough to have those one-on-one chats to learn which members are willing to help a little or a lot. You could help tremendously by contacting the Nominating Committee and volunteering (see job descriptions below)—drop an email to [Library@wags-web.org](mailto:Library@wags-web.org) and we'll be in touch.

Your WAGS NomCom:

Diane Gundersen, Kris McGregor and Lisa Vollrath

### **Head Librarian**

*From WAGS Bylaws:*

The **Head Librarian** shall perform the duties usually associated with the operation of a genealogical library. The Head Librarian is an elected member of the board and has voting privileges.

The bylaws provide for a library committee (Part IV, Section 1, 1), to be headed by the Library Chair, to “meet at least quarterly to ensure the genealogical library continues to operate for the membership. This committee will report to the board after each quarterly meeting or as needed.”

Duties:

1. Coordinate and schedule librarians to cover the hours that the library is open to the public
2. Chair the Library Committee to help with the direction of the library and report to the board.

Committee tasks should include:

Keep library acquisitions and accessions up to date (including family history donations).

Budget concerns and suggestions for the library

3. Attend the board meetings and report monthly to the board.

## Vice-President

*From WAGS Bylaws:*

The **Vice-President** shall perform the duties usually associated with the office and serve in the capacity of presiding officer in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall call the first meeting of the Nominating Committee each year. Also, the Vice-President shall serve as chair of that committee which best suits his or her abilities.



### ***At the Library . . .***

Your WAGS library is ever-changing! We now have **new tables** that are flexible enough to accommodate individual research on library days, and they easily roll around to create a conference table or classroom configuration. Our NCW resources are moving into the reading room to put them closer to our new tables and make it easier to see the titles from your research table. (Anyone out there want to help me make a map of the new library layout?)

Additionally, we completed reviewing the state bulletins from Kansas to Montana. Paper copies of those we found online will be available to members on **Tuesday, April 12**. Come in and pick up a bulletin or two—maybe a family clue is hidden inside . . .

**Remember, the WAGS library will be closed on Saturday, April 16.**

***The bulletin board is back!*** Now that the library is open, Mardi Scott is once again making it a more interesting place with her great bulletin boards. She chooses subjects that challenge her, so it educates both the maker and the viewer. In March she featured the Wellington Disaster as a tribute to long-time member Leilani Bangs who suggested it. Stop in and see how the library is changing, and be sure to see Mardi's work.



### ***Some good stats . . .***



In the library, for March of 2022, we had 52 visits to the library by 17 people. (During the last 7 months of 2021, there were 40 visits per month by 12 people.) There were 16 volunteers working in the library for a total of 141 hours. And we know that more hours were volunteered from home!

We're seeing quite an uptick in obituaries/document orders, ever since we fixed our links on Ancestry.com. It's rewarding to help far-away people with their NCW connections.

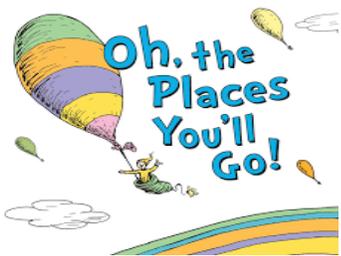
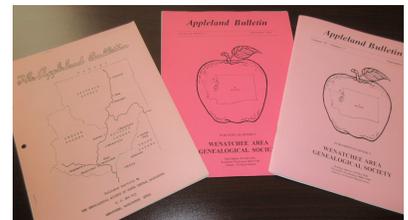


### **WAGS Facebook is humming . . .**

Kris McGregor has created an exciting Facebook presence for WAGS by publishing old photographs from our archives. Her post of the Chiwaukum Hotel (from Fred Pflugrath's collection) had 382 likes, 65 comments and 38 shares. The pictures of Lewis & Clark School (from our *History of the Wenatchee Schools* book) attracted many former Lewis & Clark scholars, with 243 likes, 56 comments and 22 shares. A postcard sent in 1907 showing the flume up Tumwater Canyon, carrying water to the Lamb Davis mill in Leavenworth (from Kris's brother's collection), garnered 198 likes, 16 comments and 19 shares. Each of these posts is being shared with other Facebook groups, giving us more connections and name recognition.

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

The Appleland Bulletin was first published in March 1972. Before the internet was a thing, the Bulletin was the way WAGS communicated with other societies, and as individuals it was the only way we could reach far-away researchers for assistance—this was done by submitting queries. (The December 1974 Saturday workshop was devoted to composing queries.) We started exchanging bulletins with other groups around the country until, in 1995, we were exchanging with 85 other societies—you can see them along the south wall of the library. Now, in 2022, we're finding that about a third of them are online, and so we are removing the paper copies —after offering them to WAGS members, of course! Oddly, our own Appleland Bulletin is not yet online—we'll have to put it on the list for digitizing.



### **On the website . . .**

I have mentioned the new **“Places to go . . . things to do”** page that's under Members Only on the website at recent meetings, but I want to make sure you know about it, and I hope you are visiting it regularly. Every week, our secretary Lisa goes through the state genealogy notices (and other sources) and picks out the cream of the crop for you so that you can be aware of all the programs happening in other societies around the region. With so many Zoom meetings taking place, you're sure to find things (many free!) to pique your interest.

Also under Members Only, visit the **WAGS 50th Anniversary—Member Comments**, and consider adding a remembrance of your own. The **Membership Meeting Highlights** contains handouts and recordings of recent WAGS meetings. For you policy wonks and number crunchers, there are the **WAGS Reports**, and the ever-entertaining **Articles and Bylaws**. Truly something for everyone.

**Participate in the 1950 census . . .**

Get information on how you can sign up as an individual to help proofread the 1950 census: [familysearch.org/1950census/](http://familysearch.org/1950census/).

***Anne Livingston's WVC classes . . .***

**CED271 Early American Research: 1800 to the Civil War**

Thursdays May 12 and 19 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$49.00

WVC Sexton Hall, Room 6002

**CED865 Getting the Most from the Census!**

Thursdays June 2 and 9 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$49.00

WVC Sexton Hall, Room 6002

*Welcome*

*. . . to new members **Stephanie Orton** of Wenatchee and **Amy Corris** of North Plains, Oregon. We're wishing you pleasant hours of researching!*

Sincerely,  
Susan Rumble  
WAGS President



*Down the hall and to your right . . .*