



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .

May 2022 President's Letter

The WAGS Library will be closed on the day of the Apple Blossom Festival grand parade (that's Saturday, May 7). We're wishing you a pleasant celebration weekend, no matter how you roll—seeing the parade, visiting the food and craft tents, whizzing around on the rides, going to the production of *Wizard of Oz*, or just some or none of the above!



Diana Elder

May program

“Look at Your Family in a Whole New Way: With a Mind Map”

Mind mapping made its appearance way back in the third century, but was popularized in a 1974 BBC television series. It is a creative and logical way to “map out” your ideas and to visualize the many pieces of data we accumulate. And we know how the computer changes everything it touches—there are now programs and apps to help with mapping. Nationally-known speaker **Diana Elder** will show us how to put this method and its technology to work for us. She is the author of *Research like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide*, and she co-authored *Research Like a Pro with DNA*. She and her daughter host a genealogy podcast and share tips on their website, FamilyLocket.com.

Monday, May 9 2:00 p.m.

**via Zoom AND In-Person at the Douglas County PUD Auditorium
1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee**

Topic: WAGS General May Zoom Meeting

Time: May 9, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88579028003?pwd=RUM1cDBWaWhiZ0lPcXJFa1g0R1VLQT09>

Meeting ID: 885 7902 8003 Passcode: May

We are all in SUSPENSE . . .

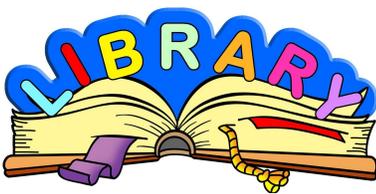
Who will be on our slate of officers for 2022/23? The Nominating Committee will make its report at the business portion of our meeting on May 9. Since the board meeting isn't until May 11, you will be the very first to know. The floor will then be open for your nominations until the close of the meeting. We will vote on the slate at the June 13 meeting.



Who are the lucky winners?!

This is why we do what we do . . .

A couple weeks ago, a lady came to the WAGS Library and, because of something she saw on WAGS Facebook, wanted to see our materials on a nearby community. She found her uncle, but not her mom. Our librarian put her on Ancestry, and there was the mom in a high school yearbook (one of the few that we don't have) and in some other sources. She was so touched that she teared up, and kept apologizing. She was really impressed with the library. We expect she'll visit us again!



The **WAGS Library** is seeing more activity as the weather warms. In April we had 62 visits to the library by 25 people. Ten of those were patrons, working on their research. The other 15 were volunteers who spent 150 hours in the library, as librarians, fulfilling orders, teaming up to improve the website, digitizing information, and more (including some social time and laughter). Let us know if you'd like to join us on one of our WAGS projects. Reach out by email at Library@wags-web.org.

We're continuing to work alphabetically through the **state bulletins and newsletters** (along the south wall). If we find them online, we identify the url and offer the paper copy to you, our members. We just completed North Carolina through Oregon. If you're researching in one of these states, come in on Tuesday, May 3; Tuesday, May 10; or Saturday, May 14 and take a few home with you.

Since we're working to improve the library for you, our members, we'd really like **your input** on the things you'd like to see us accomplish in the library. Share your ideas and your concerns either in person or via email at Library@wags-web.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

--Diane Gundersen and Kris McGregor

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

Lots of new members to report! We're happy to welcome **Stephanie Orton** of Wenatchee; **Amy Corris** of North Plains, Oregon; **Rebecca Lawson Morey** of East Wenatchee; **Tiffany Halverson** of Wenatchee; **Stacey**

Benson of Everett; and **Harry D. Brown, Jr.** of Walworth NY (that's east of Rochester).

We're glad you've joined us, and wish you exciting discoveries.

See you on the 9th,
Susan Rumble,
WAGS President

