



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

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July 2022 President's Letter

June brought sad news

People arriving at Anne Livingston's second 1950 Census class the evening of June 9 were met by a WVC employee informing them that Anne had passed away that morning. We're all still reeling. It's a great loss for WAGS, the Family History Center, and the college. Anne was the best! Such an educator! Our hearts and prayers go out to her family. Ideas for a memorial observance are being discussed, and of course we'll share details with you as soon as we have them.



We remember Anne . . .



Janice Lovelace

July Meeting (Hybrid)

“DNA: Get Started with a Research Plan”

Anne would want us to carry on with our learning! We're focusing on DNA in both July and August. For this month, let's back up and consider just how we plan to use DNA in our research. It's a powerful tool—what's our objective for using it? If you're a seasoned genealogist, you might want to revisit your DNA goals and fashion some new ones after this presentation.

Coming to us from just over the mountains, **Janice Lovelace**, Ph.D., is known for her speaking and writing, specializing in ethnic minority genealogy and research methodology. She has served on the board of the Seattle Society for many years, and holds many national genealogical memberships.

Monday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.

“DNA: Get Started with a Research Plan”

Via Zoom AND in-person at Douglas PUD Auditorium

1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee

Topic: WAGS General Meeting for July

Time: Jul 11, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88949729946?pwd=quUFVHYmtVuKtXBO14VJvB8E49sDqE.1>

Meeting ID: 889 4972 9946

Passcode: July

Elections

WAGS has completed its third virtual election. At the June 13 meeting, we installed the list of officers below. Thanks to all who served last year, when we added to and refined our website and made changes at the library. Special thanks to Hazel Thornton for joining the board this year. I'm looking forward to working with all of you to continue to build on WAGS' firm foundation.

2021 WAGS Board:

President **Susan Rumble**

Vice President **Diane Gundersen**

Recording Secretary **Lisa Vollrath**

Corresponding Secretary **Patty Ostendorff**

Treasurer **Shirley Acheson**

Head Librarian **Vacant**

Members at-Large **Kristy McGregor**

Hazel Thornton

Hank Lubean



Our next Board meeting via Zoom: Wednesday, July 6 at 9:30 a.m.



We get gifts . . .

At our June 13 meeting, **Lynn Heminger** presented us with a copy of *Wenatchee Brethren Baptist Church United 1922-2022*, a very well-written and well-presented history. The Brethren sold their church building to Trinity Church in April 2022, and they knew they wouldn't truly be "done" without researching and producing this history. The authors/editors are Linda Marlene Heminger

Vickery, and her twin sister Leanne Marlys Heminger Ford. It gives a complete history of the denomination, and traces its establishment in our area, starting with the Sunnyslope Church of the Brethren in 1903. Thank you, Lynn--we are pleased to add this to our local collection!

We recently had a visit from Westside WAGS member **Susan McDaniel Aigner**, who grew up in Okanogan County. Her relative, Ron Griffith, had been a long-time resident of Wenatchee, and passed away in January. She brought us a flash drive containing his collection of pictures of the Malott flood, the Boston and Okanogan Apple Co., and a bio of Ron's



Pine Grove School, 1923



*Vivian Griffith with her young scholars
at the Bridgeport Bar School, early 1920s*

mother, Vivian, who was a teacher in rural schools from 1920 to 1966. She started her teaching career in the Okanogan area, then came south, instructing young scholars in Monitor, Orondo, Bridgeport and Malaga. Her last assignment was at Kenroy Elementary in East Wenatchee. Thank you, Susan, for generously sharing your family's story.

We get mail . . .

A patron from San Francisco recently requested an obituary for his father. When he received it, he replied with a handsome WWII picture of his dad, and a note: "Thank you for preserving these obituaries."



Another goodbye . . .

We've just gotten word that long-time member and Past President **Bob Berkley** passed away on June 13. He stepped in as president and gave us a big shot in the arm by arranging to have the state convention here. He got shelves from the Seattle Public Library and single-handedly installed them here. He indexed hundreds of thousands of records, and those are just the things we know about! He will be greatly missed.

Computer crash!

Without warning, our Admin 1 computer crashed early in June. **Mary Swartz** and **Betty Carrick** put in a lot of time, first trying everything they knew to resuscitate it, and then taking it to the folks at Axeon, who were able to recover our files. So we're back up and running—thank you, Betty and Mary!



Outstanding Volunteers

The WASGS (state society) requested our nominations for Outstanding Volunteer(s), and they have sent certificates which we have posted on the bulletin board. **Diane Gundersen** is making many important changes to our library, and **Hank LuBean** has built us a new website, and continues to put in many hours on digitizing.



Diane Gundersen



Hank LuBean

Are you feeling old yet? . . .

It's going viral in a good way! MyHeritage blog has come out with an article entitled "9 Skills Our Grandkids Will Never Have." It's reprinted in its entirety on our website at **Places to go, things to do . . .** under Members Only. A fun read for all of us boomers.



Have a great 4th of July celebration,
Sincerely,
Susan Rumble, WAGS President

