



WAGS President's Letter January 2023

Just like that, it's 2023! Who knows what surprises the weather still has in store for us! Many long, dark evenings remain, perfect for working on your genealogy!



Mary Kircher Roddy

Our January meeting

On Monday, January 9 at 2:00, we'll Zoom with a new friend of WAGS, Mary Kircher Roddy. She comes to us from over the mountains in Seattle, and is one of the founders of the Applied Genealogy Institute. Mary will give us **The Evergreen State: Researching Your Washington State Ancestors**. We'll get a good review of our state's history, geography and ethnic groups, and then find out more about what records and collections are right under our noses here in the Pacific Northwest. Our out-of-state members and those planning to participate in the WSGS's Pioneer Pursuit will especially appreciate this program!

Monday, January 9 at 2:00 p.m.

The Evergreen State: Researching Your Washington State Ancestors

In person at the Douglas PUD Auditorium, 1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee
and via Zoom:

Topic: WAGS General Meeting for Jan 2023

Time: Jan 9, 2023 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88019015500?pwd=cUQ1REsvWmcxWS9rL1BRUFIQc0FJdz09>

Meeting ID: 880 1901 5500

Passcode: January

New WAGS Swag!

Kind of like looking at seed catalogs in the depths of winter—when summer comes, you'll be ready with t-shirts and sweatshirts of many new colors, plus our old favorite mugs and tote bags. Here's the link: <https://wags.creator-spring.com/listing/wags-est-1971>, or look for the WAGS Swag button on our website.



If someone has a design or color idea they'd like to see, to let us know at Wagslibrarian@gmail.com.

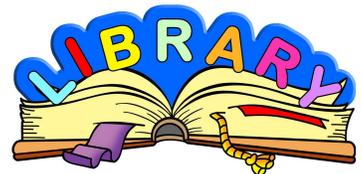


The 2023 Budget

Due to time constraints, your board (after checking our bylaws) voted in November to act as the budget committee this year. Our December meeting was dedicated to drafting the 2023 budget proposal. We will review our work at the January board meeting (Wednesday, January 11, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom). The board will then submit the proposal via email to the membership so that all of you have sufficient time to review the budget before voting to accept or reject at the February membership meeting (Monday, February 13, 2:00 p.m.).

Library news . . .

Are you starting the new year with resolutions? Have you ever wondered about volunteering for a non-profit? Do you want to increase your genealogy research knowledge? You can join us at your WAGS library and do both of these things! You can help us by working on special projects in the library or at home. Or you can just come in on library afternoons (Tuesday and Saturday) and start using our books and computer subscriptions to increase your research knowledge or your family knowledge. You can also learn more about the history of North Central Washington. Our librarians love helping our members and neighbors find more information on their families.



In 2022, we had 526 visits to our WAGS Library. Our patrons and volunteers spent about 1,335 hours working on genealogy, local history or just filling orders and improving the library for you. We also filled 234 orders this year for our customers! Yahoo! What a year! Let's continue to make each year better.

The library opens after our holiday break on **Saturday, January 7th** at 1:00 p.m. Please note that we're all volunteers so if the weather gives us an abundance of snow,

we won't risk an accident to open the doors. If the weather is questionable, please check the website or call before you come in.

We recently filled an obituary order for a customer's grandmother that turned out to be a treasure trove—it contained her maiden name, her father's name and her place of birth. The granddaughter later sent us a letter filled with enthusiastic emotion, thanking us for providing that information and helping build her family tree. There is so much satisfaction when we help our fellow genealogists discover one more bit of information, or several bits, as in this case.

Will this be the year you join us as a library volunteer?



Got Washington pioneers? Pursue them!

Help the Washington State Genealogical Society expand its database of pioneers who were in Washington Territory on or before it became a state on November 11, 1889. They're putting on a contest (called the **Washington Pioneer Pursuit**) with prizes

and recognition for the most submissions. Get the details at

<https://www.wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=96> .

GiveNCW

As of December 27 we have received over \$2,500 in donations through the GiveNCW end-of-year campaign, making us eligible to receive a portion of the “Give All” contributions. We'll share the grand total with you as soon as we know. Thank you for your generosity!



Welcome

Welcome back! We have no new members to report this month, but eight of you have renewed your WAGS membership. To join this elite group of “renewers,” log in at wags-web.org and go to Members Only. Then click on Membership Account to discover your status and expiration date. You'll be able to renew from this page (or send a check to WAGS, 127 South Mission Street, Annex Bldg., Wenatchee 98801-3039). Thank you in advance for your support!

Wishing you a productive new year with many new discoveries!
Susan Rumble, your president,
and the board at WAGS

