



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

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June 2023

President's Letter

It's the eve of Memorial Day. This next Monday is the day for honoring and mourning U.S. military personnel who have died while serving our country. I can remember when it was called **Decoration Day**, and it was on May 30, no matter what day of the week it fell. My mother would fill the car with coffee cans-full of irises, and we went to Reardan, and to Greenwood and Fairmont Cemeteries in Spokane—more of a family observance for us than a military one.



Decoration Day was a **Civil War** thing. It was actually started by the Ladies Memorial Association in Columbus, Georgia on April 26, 1866 to honor Confederate dead. The G.A.R. picked it up on May 30, 1868, making it a national observance to remember Union soldiers. In 1971 the holiday became **Memorial Day**, and was observed on the last Monday in May.

There are two other military holidays: Armed Forces Day in late June to honor those who are currently serving, and of course Veterans Day in November for those who have served.

After Memorial Day comes summer. Where are you going to take your **summer visitors**? WAGS has a suggestion . . .



June Meeting (hybrid)

“Greater Leavenworth Museum: A Museum on the Move”

Our special guest is Matt Cade, board president of the **Upper Valley Historical Society**, proprietors of the Greater Leavenworth Museum. He's got a real success story!

The Upper Valley Museum used to be housed down at Barn Beach Reserve, and not a lot of people were finding it. In 2019, they decided to do a complete make-over,

changing their name to **Greater Leavenworth Museum**, and moving to new digs in the Nutcracker Building on Front Street, the very heart of the Bavarian Village! I'll let Matt give you the exact attendance and revenue numbers that they are now experiencing, but here's a hint: you'll find them impressive.

We'll get an overview of the Historical Society's past, their accomplishments in the present, their plans for upcoming projects, and their vision for the future.

Monday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m.

“Greater Leavenworth Museum: A Museum on the Move”

Via Zoom AND in-person at Douglas PUD Auditorium

1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee

June Zoom link

Time: Jun 12, 2023 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85478061197?pwd=ZlZMcj9qQzBmWjhQUmlNMFdvQ21FUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 7806 1197

Passcode: June

The time of year for gratitude and appreciation!

I want to thank the 2022/23 board for their hard work and support. We are very fortunate to have such talented, energetic folks who see the value of “paying it back” for all that genealogy has given to them.



Special thanks to:

Diane Gundersen, Vice President and Co-Librarian

Lisa Vollrath, Recording Secretary

Patty Ostendorff, Corresponding Secretary

Shirley Acheson, Treasurer

Hazel Thornton, Member at-Large and Membership Chair

Kris McGregor, Member at-Large and Co-Librarian

Hank Lubean, Member at-Large and Tech Chair



Elections for 2022-23

Thanks to our board for being the Nominating Committee this year.

The **ballots** have been sent out as a link within a WAGS email, bringing up a form for you to fill out and submit (or else mail to the Library at 127 South Mission, Annex Building, Wenatchee

98801) by June 10, in order to be tallied before the June 12 meeting. (Thanks to **Phyllis Barnett** for once again being our ballot-counter.) At the meeting, I have to ask THREE TIMES (per Robert's Rules of Order) if there are further nominations from the floor, then a final vote will be taken (if need be) and the vote will be announced. Why not surprise us with a nomination from the floor? Here is the slate:

President **Susan Rumble**

Vice-President **Diane Gundersen**

Treasurer **Vacant**

Recording Secretary **Lisa Vollrath**

Corresponding Secretary **Patty Ostendorff**

(Diane and Kris will continue to serve as Co-Librarians if need be.)

Member at-Large **Hazel Thornton**

Member at-Large **Kris McGregor**

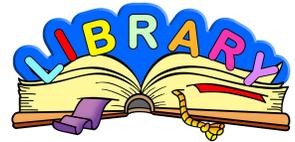
Member at-Large **Hank Lubean**

Head Librarian **Vacant**

At the WAGS Library . . .

Our acting librarian, Diane, has been gone lately—having a reunion with her husband's family in the Midwest to sort through and dispose of his late father's belongings. Ninety years of stuff!

Diane offers this pro-tip: “I could definitely recommend that anyone over [or under?] 90 should start giving/throwing things away now!”



A WAGS Want-Ad

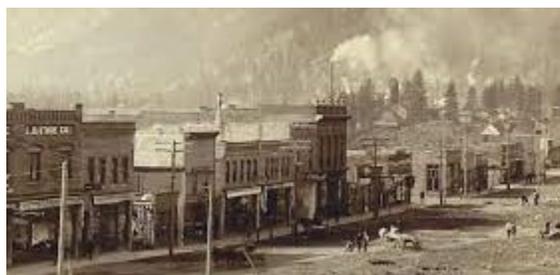
I (Susan Rumble) did not come out even on my printer ink when my old printer died. I have an unopened package of Canon 211XL color ink. I hate to just throw it away. Could you use it? (my email: b412letsrumble@gmail.com)



Welcome

. . . to new members **Charles and Camille Leidigh** of Wenatchee and **Teresa Vaughan** of Tacoma. We're happy to have you aboard.

See you on June 12,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President



Old Leavenworth