



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)

Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .

President's Letter October 2023



October is Genealogy Month! Do something momentous for our craft—even if it's just one more detail in your tree.

Our meeting this month comes from a member suggestion to me. I'm working on booking two programs for next year that started out as requests. **What would you like to see?** Be as general or specific as you'd like. With the advent of Zoom, an array of excellent speakers is at our fingertips. Email info@wags-web.org and let me know what you'd like to learn more about.



Kate Townsend

October Membership Meeting

Follow the Records and See Where They Go

A snowbird WAGS member recommended this presentation after seeing it at her California society, so we jumped right on it! Kate will be coming to us from Pittsburgh, PA. She is a former professional investigator-turned-genealogist. She also served as an Archives Technician at NARA. Kate will invite us to get into the habit of “following the records.” Often if you find one record, it leaves a trail to something else. The clues you find will lead you to a treasure trove of information about your family!

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

Follow the Records and See Where They Go

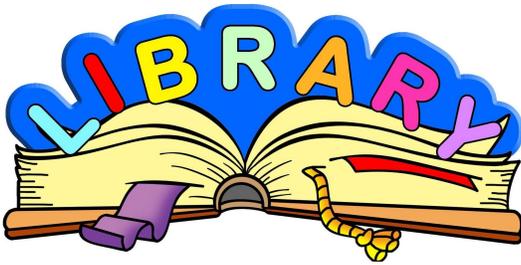
In person at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee

and via Zoom: Topic: WAGS General Meeting - October
Time: Oct 9, 2023 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87536984736?pwd=YU5lbEFXVWZTV1RrRngxWnZuVHlvUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 3698 4736 Passcode: October



October at the WAGS Library

Last week's rain with those chilly temperatures should have you thinking about getting back to your indoor projects—like that family tree! We've got librarians at the ready every Tuesday and Saturday from 1 to 4 at our WAGS Library to help you kick off that new tree or tackle that old roadblock with new information. Come on in and we'll share spook-tacular family stories (special treats may be available if you stop by on Tuesday the 31st)!

Would you be interested in being part of a workshop for turning your data into a shareable story about your family? Let us know so we can pursue putting that class together. If that doesn't interest you, let us know what does . . . we'd love to hear what we can do for you! Contact us at Library@wags-web.org.



Genealogy 101

On behalf of WAGS and our partnership with the LDS FamilySearch Center for the use of their facility for our meetings and classes, and since Hank volunteers at the FSC on Wednesday nights, he has volunteered to instruct a class for WAGS members, LDS Church members, and the public using the FSC beginning **October 4 at 7 p.m.** and continuing the first Wednesday of each month at the FamilySearch Center at 667 10th Street in East Wenatchee.

The class will cover the basics of collecting your family history information, entering it into a home computer based database of some sort like Roots Magic, Legacy, Family Tree, etc., or entering your information into an online database like Ancestry, Family Search, or others.

This is effectively a Genealogy 101 course that will consist of a lecture period—45 minutes to an hour— followed by a hands-on period using the FamilySearch Center's computers; folks can bring their own computers if they want.

Hank has volunteered at the FamilySearch Center (formerly the Family History Library or Center) on Wednesday evenings for going on 32 years and is happy to provide this service. The general public, WAGS members and friends, as well as LDS Church members are invited.

Everyone's got stories . . .

One of our newer members, Victoria Owsley, will show you her wonderful SnapFish books on her trips to France, Norway, Scotland and England at the drop of a tam-o'-shanter. So much amazing OLD architecture and gorgeous scenery. She usually comes to our in-person meetings, so be sure to detain her.





Hank and his amazing camera set-up

Got photos? We can help . . .

Kris McGregor recently took some old photos in for Hank to digitize and copy. Here's her story:

“I had some pictures from my grandfather's family (Jess and Elizabeth [Lizzie] Bare Jarrards). They had a farm in the Rockford, Mt. Hope and Fairfield area in Spokane County. I was especially fond of the pictures of bringing in the wheat harvest in 1915-1917. They were still using horses back then, and I have a great picture of my grandpa in front of the chuckwagon. The photos were very mismatched in size, from 8x10s, mounted on card stock, to a postcard of my grandpa in his third grade classroom in Rockford in 1907.

Hank digitized them with his camera, worked to standardize the size, and then downloaded them onto my flashdrive (the quality is excellent). Now they can be blown up, still keeping an amazing amount of detail. I didn't even know Grandpa Jess was in one of the pictures until I zoomed in on it, and there he was by the horses!

I have found more pictures that will be digitized and added to the flashdrive. One is of a Christmas tree in their front parlor—I should be able to zoom in and get a close-up of the pictures on the back wall. I have four tintypes of the gr-gr-grandparents on my mother's side that I'll also have digitized.”

Kris McGregor

Our artist-in-residence . . .

We are honoring Mardi Scott as WAGS' Outstanding Volunteer for 2023. Each year, the state society asks each society to nominate an individual or a team for recognition of their volunteer service to the genealogical community, and they award a special certificate. WAGS was proud to nominate Mardi in appreciation of the excellent bulletin boards she creates for us each month. Her boards are always interesting, educational, and sometimes even controversial. Thank you Mardi, for sharing your talent!



Mardi Scott

Welcome

Two new members . . .

This month we're welcoming **Joyce Harrell** of Poulsbo, and **Deniece Miller**, from up in Loomis. We're wishing you both many great discoveries.



Enjoy the fall,
Susan Rumble,
WAGS President

Our October Board meeting: Wednesday, October 11 at 9:30 a.m., via Zoom.

Topic: WAGS Board Zoom Meeting

Time: Oct 11, 2023 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83624814672?pwd=NTJRQTNUcVdhN1FJV05ldGYxT2YvZz09>

Meeting ID: 836 2481 4672 Passcode: Board

Your Action Items . . .

After every board meeting, I make up a list of Action Items—things we talked about doing at the meeting. With an Action Items list, things don't fall through the cracks.

Well, why not give you, our members, a to-do list from this and previous President's Letters? I'll arrange them from easiest to most scary and horrifying . . .

1. Attend (in person or Zoom) our meeting on October 9 at the FamilySearch Center
2. Give us ideas for workshops and programs
3. RSVP to participate in a workshop on turning data into shareable stories
4. Share your research in our “Everyone's got stories” feature in this newsletter
5. Volunteer to index and proof
6. Volunteer to help with promotion
7. Volunteer to be our Volunteer/Project Coordinator
8. Volunteer to be our new WAGS Treasurer
9. Share your knowledge by teaching a class

That's right—public speaking has got to be the most horrifying of all! See if anything out of the nine items above piques your interest, and join us as we make WAGS all it can be.