



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Finding ancestors since 1971

President's Letter
February 2024

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who donated to our GiveNCW Fundraiser! We made right around \$5,000. We will use these funds to continue bringing our members and community the best tools and education to research and “connect, collect and protect” our local and family histories. We appreciate your support and your friendship!



February Meeting for Members and Guests:



NORTHWEST
RAILWAY MUSEUM

*“The Railroad Built
the Pacific Northwest”*
with Mary Horabik

Here's another possible destination for you and your house guests this summer! Just up the road in Snoqualmie is the **Northwest Railway Museum**. Mary Horabik is an educator there, and will give us a virtual tour of their facility, some history of the rail lines in NCW, and a look at what's available at their research library and archives.

WAGS Meeting for Members and Guests
“The Railroad Built the Pacific Northwest”
Monday afternoon, February 12, 2024 2:00 p.m.

In person at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee
and via Zoom:

Topic: WAGS General Meeting - Feb
Time: Feb 12, 2024 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82184240026?pwd=eFRiaUFpZ0NzSWZZL3hsN0RDT1Bmdz09>

Meeting ID: 821 8424 0026 Passcode: February

Our March meeting . . .

Erin Fonville, from the Chelan County Assessor's Office, will explain the different ways to search **Chelan County's historic records**. Knowing where to look is half—or more—of the battle and the fun. Save **March 11, at 2:00 p.m.**



Come watch with us . . .

The 2024 RootsTech Conference is coming up **February 29 through March 3**. We had a great time last year, enjoying excellent programs, **snacks**, and each other's company. We've been making a wish list of RootsTech 2024 presentations that we'd like to put

on the big screen in the WAGS Library and watch *with you!*

Register for the FREE RootsTech Virtual Conference so that you can see their topics too—go to www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/registration/online/. Let us know which ones interest you by emailing Library@wags-web.org, and which block of time works for you. We'll put together a schedule and keep you posted.

It's budget time . . .

You now have the revised **2024 proposed budget** in your inbox—10 days before the February 12 membership meeting—so you can study it and be ready to vote. Thanks to **Diane Gunderson** for being our budget czar this year, and many thanks to **Shirley Acheson** for serving as our treasurer in the past and making it look so easy!

And audit time . . .

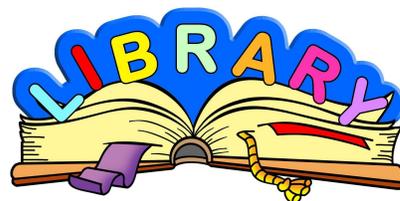
Thanks to **Kris McGregor, Marian Halverson** and **John Peters** for auditing the 2023 books. Diane and I observed their session, and we were impressed with their speed and thoroughness—like Shirley being treasurer, they made it look easy!

Library news . . .



Make your copies at WAGS!

Will you need copies of your tax documents? Why go to places that charge you 60 cents and up for your copies, when you can come to the WAGS Library and copy for just 25 cents a page for black and white or 50 cents a page for color copies?! Our hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays 1:00 to 4:00.



For kids of all ages . . .

A Girl Scout named Payton contacted us, first thanking us for all the help she got on our website's **Research Links** page, and then giving us other links she had found. We realized that having a Kids' Corner was a great idea! These links are by no means elementary—kids these days are really quite sophisticated—can we oldsters keep up? Visit this new feature by going on our website and clicking on **Research Links / Reference Links / Genealogy for Kids Links—Us Older Kids Too**.



Spring is coming, it really is . . .

Mary Swartz will be revitalizing our Adopt-a-Cemetery opportunity—watch for more information when winter is over.

Pioneer Pursuit results . . .

The contest part of the WSGS's Pioneer Pursuit is now completed. **Sixty people submitted 3,696 names** to the Washington State Genealogical Society of pioneers who lived in Washington Territory on or before 11/11/1889. You can still submit names tho, (no charge!): go to www.wasgs.org and click on Washington Pioneer Pursuit.

Remembering Bill Patrick, 1932-2023 . . .

The World has recently published Bill Patrick's obituary. He was devoted to preserving local history and was a faithful WAGS member and volunteer for many years.



Welcome

to our newest members—**Amy LeNoir** of Tacoma and **Nikie Passios** of East Wenatchee. We wish you exciting discoveries.

January is traditionally **membership renewal** time, altho our new computer system will let you join any month of the year. There is a generous grace period, for those who might forget ;-)
Find out the status of your membership by logging in at wags-web.org, clicking on Members Only, and then going down to Membership Account.

Awaiting spring,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President
and Board



P.S.: Hank's **Genealogy 101 class** will meet Wednesday, February 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee.

P.P.S.: The February **WAGS board meeting** will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Topic: WAGS Board Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 7, 2024 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85165955061?pwd=cjZaWm5KRy9ENDVNLzZWVmtMeUovZz09>

Meeting ID: 851 6595 5061

Passcode: Board

And finally,

WAGS Library hours

Tuesday and Saturday, 1-4 pm

Wednesday afternoons, digitizing by appt.

127 South Mission, Wenatchee

(corner of Yakima and Mission)

FamilySearch Center hours:

Tuesdays 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm

Wednesdays 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm

(Hank's night, and Spanish-speaking available)

Thursdays 1-4 pm

667 10th Street, NE in East Wenatchee