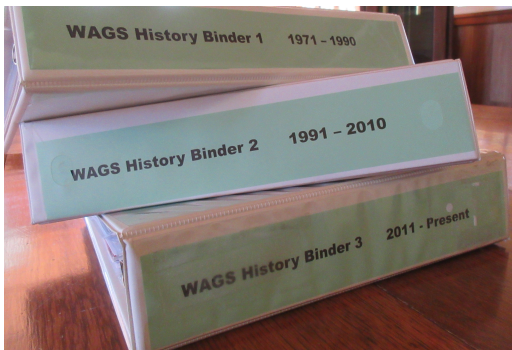




Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
Finding ancestors since 1971

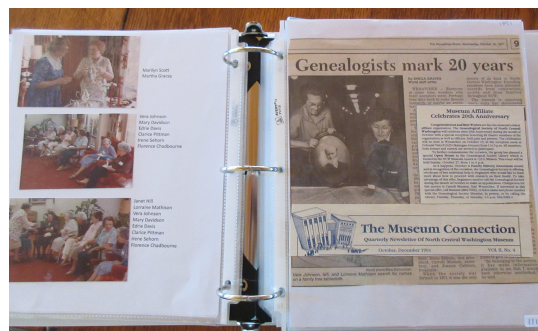
President's Letter
July 2024



July Planning Meeting for all members

In July, our thoughts turn to planning! I've been doing some organizing on our **WAGS History Binders**, and enjoying the camaraderie and strong sense of purpose that jumps off the pages at me. Not that we have no collegiality or purpose now! Just that we can't go back to the 1970s and 80s.

Computers became a thing in the early 90s, bringing with them Ancestry and the other big sites that make it easy/easier to conduct research at home. What would the 70s crowd have thought of DNA? Covid? We have witnessed some amazing changes! If only we had a "**WAGS Future Binder**" that would tell us what lies ahead and how we can get ready. I believe that our July Planning Meetings are the closest we'll get to anticipating the changes the future has for us, because it's what YOU are thinking and feeling that will guide us.



We're planning to divide our discussion into three areas:

1. Library and the future relocation
2. Meetings and Programs
3. Website

Library: Thanks to our wise WAGS founders, and all who came after them, our WAGS Library is packed with genealogical research treasures—local gems like maps, deeds and directories, as well as information from all over the country. Little of this trove is available online. Newer genealogists assume that the internet is the only place to find information. How can we change that perception and encourage newer folks (older ones, too!) that important data can be found in books and in collaboration with other researchers? Are there new ways that our library could engage you and the Wenatchee community? Are there opportunities for collaboration, both between members and with the broader community, that we could be taking advantage of?

Our librarians have been talking about projects. One that's promising is supplementing our scrapbook collection with a digital library of interviews of first-person accounts of people who grew up in Wenatchee. What stories did their grandparents tell them of starting an orchard/business/church in this valley?

The Library Relocation: As you know, the Museum is planning an extensive remodel. What we're hearing now is that WAGS will have to move to another area in the museum, or maybe to a whole new place. Give us your input! What shall we take, and what shall we leave behind? Picture it in your mind: what will the new space look like, and what will happen there? It's an exciting opportunity to re-imagine WAGS!

Meetings and Programs: A new idea is to offer an evening replay of our Zoom speakers so that our working members can attend. Have our programs served you well this past year? What would you like to see more of? Less of? Is the Zoom/hybrid format working out for you?

Website: What do you like best about our website? What doesn't work for you? Give us all your suggestions!

We'd really like to see you in person (or on Zoom) at the July 15 meeting. If you can't be there, send an email to Library@wags-web.org or wagslibrarian@gmail.com and share your ideas.

WAGS July Planning Meeting for all Members

Monday, July 15 at 2:00 p.m.

FamilySearch Center at 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee

or via Zoom:

Topic: WAGS July Planning - Zoom Meeting

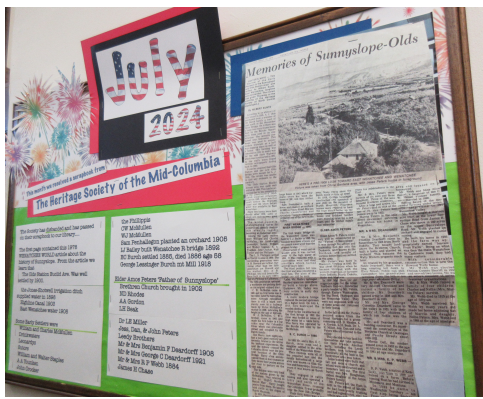
Time: Jul 15, 2024 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Our July bulletin board . . .

The Heritage Society of the Mid-Columbia (which, sadly, has recently disbanded) donated one of their scrapbooks to us. We're honoring the Heritage Society with our July bulletin board. It features a portion of "Review of the Early Pioneers in the Sunnyslope and Olds Station Area" by Hilbert Kuntz, long-time East Wenatchee orchardist. He presented this at one of the Heritage Society's meetings, and it was run in the

Wenatchee World on March 12, 1978. If you have ties to Sunnyslope, you'd better come in and take a look.

Thank you, Mardi, for another colorful and energetic bulletin board!

Happy summer,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President
and the WAGS Board



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)
Thursdays 1-4 pm
667 10th Street NE in East Wenatchee