



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)

Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .

President's Letter October 2024



We're having a very different program this month! Instead of a how-to genealogy presentation, or something on local history, we're going to talk about **the museum's long-range plans** and how they will affect the **WAGS Library**.

You'll recall that, over the summer, we received word of the museum's plans to remodel, and we saw the architect's drawings. We've heard that our current library space will become offices, and we will most likely move over to the museum's research area. Is that still true?! We are looking forward to hearing more details.

Marriah Thornock, the museum's Executive Director, has graciously offered to come and speak to us. She wants us to know what she knows, and is looking forward to answering your questions about the proposed changes. (She is tailoring her remarks specifically to WAGS members. That is why we're not doing our usual publicity to the general public this month.)



Marriah Thornock during her Red Cross days.

October Membership Meeting **Future Capital Projects at the Museum:** ***A conversation with WVMCC*** ***Executive Director Marriah Thornock***

Marriah received a Bachelor of Arts degree, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture, both from the University of Washington. She holds an Executive Masters degree in Nonprofit Management, also from UW. She was Executive Director of the Wenatchee Red Cross before coming to the museum in 2013.

She has been the museum's Volunteer and Membership Coordinator, Deputy Director, and Director of Operations and Special Projects before replacing Keni Sturgeon as Executive Director in June of 2022.

Monday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. – a hybrid meeting

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

Topic: WAGS October General Meeting - Members Only
Time: Oct 14, 2024 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85236160487?pwd=4nfa8gpWGi00iw3jaVTMVEEaoolrwl.1>

Meeting ID: 852 3616 0487

Passcode: October



Lisa Vollrath

Our Outstanding Volunteers

Each year, the WSGS (state society) gives us the daunting task of choosing just two people as our **Outstanding Volunteers**. They receive a certificate from WSGS, and will be featured on their blog.

It was an easy choice, actually. **Lisa Vollrath**, on our board as Recording Secretary, makes taking minutes on Zoom look easy, even though she lives



Hazel Thornton

many miles up the valley. She drives down several times a month to volunteer in the library, and takes indexing projects home to work on. She is also a part of our website advisory team.

Even though **Hazel Thornton** was a new member, she did not hesitate to take on the position of Membership Chair. She also works as a librarian, board member, and on the website advisory team. She always has her eye out for things that can be better organized or improved.

Both Lisa and Hazel are wonderful assets to WAGS, and we thank them for their service!



And another bouquet to . . .

Kris McGregor and **Kari Strain** are our new Publicity Committee. They are making some good changes to our **Facebook** page, which is getting close to 250 followers now. Watch for more innovations as this new committee gives our promotion efforts a “Face” lift!

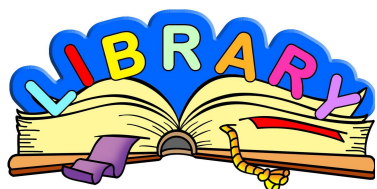


You really ought to get out more . . .

Actually, we are! In September, Susan and Diane have visited the Retired Public Employees at the **Senior Center**, and went to **Bonaventure** in East Wenatchee, taking brochures, beginner packets, meeting flyers, and the family histories we've written or are working on, to spread the news about WAGS. We'll visit the **DAR** early next year.

On the website . . .

Check out the “Latest News and Events” on the Home Page, and “Latest Member News and Out-of-Area Events” on the Members Landing Page—they have a **whole new look!** Also, the Military Records pages on Online Records Collections are **revised**. And hey, I'm wondering how many of you would know where to find “The Ancestor Hunt” and “Washington Rural Heritage” sites (hint: look under Research Links). Many thanks to **Hank LuBean** for countless hours spent on the website and digitizing!



At the library . . .

Interesting research questions!

We've gotten two captivating queries recently.

1. Someone wants to know more about a **ski hill up No. 2 Canyon**.
2. Another person would like to know when the **Liberty Bell** passed through Wenatchee. If you can help, please email us at library@wags-web.org.

For your calendar . . .

It's time to think about RootsTech! **March 6-8** on your computer and in Salt Lake City.

And it's almost time for our annual fundraiser—**GiveNCW** starts Thanksgiving Day.



Welcome

Two new members . . .

This month we're welcoming **Cheryl Webber** of Lakewood, Washington; and **Peggy Murray**, from up in Tonasket. We're wishing you both many great discoveries.

Happy fall,
Susan Rumble,
WAGS President
and the board



Fall is gorgeous in Wenatchee!

Our October Board meeting: Wednesday, October 9 at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Topic: WAGS October Board Meeting

Time: Oct 9, 2024 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86248381045?pwd=sNR85XfPzFLEQCAEXHbKaz4ksYDzaw.1>

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WAGS Library hours . . .

Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Located in the Museum Annex Building, corner of Mission and Yakima.

Contact WAGS at Info@wags-web.org or Library@wags-web.org.

FamilySearch Center hours . . .

Tuesday 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm

Wednesday 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm (Hank's night)

Thursday 1-4 pm



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee
(entrance is located on the west side of the building)