

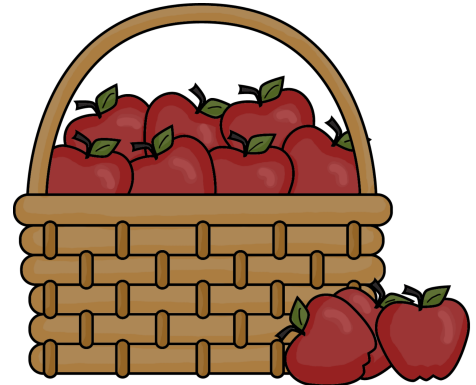


## Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

*Finding ancestors since 1971*

### September 2024 President's Letter

How can it be September already?! As we start another year of research, our thoughts turn, with a sigh, to getting organized. Is this the year we'll actually accomplish that? This month's program takes an intriguing approach to the chore of arranging all our papers and files . . .



*Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal*

#### September meeting

We'll make a new friend this month. Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal comes to us from Santa Barbara. She has been a speaker at RootsTech, Legacy Family Tree Webinars, and other venues. Her topic: **Finally Get Organized: Conquer the Clutter Using Your Natural Learning Style.** Have you had trouble finding an organizing system that you could stick to? Elizabeth will help you discover your specific learning style and share brain- and research-based organizing strategies for each style. *Learn how you learn* so that you can finally get organized with the right system for YOU!

**Monday, September 9, 2024 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

**A hybrid meeting via Zoom, or in person at the Wenatchee FamilySearch Center,  
667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee**

Topic: WAGS September General Mtg Zoom Info  
Time: Sep 9, 2024 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82124904792?pwd=aQr13KObNwXwgHY2aWXPOI32KSgnyZ.1>

Meeting ID: 821 2490 4792

Passcode: September

### **October meeting . . .**

Our in person guest will be Marriah Thornock, Executive Director of the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, along with a few museum board members. They will show us the plans for the proposed museum remodel and most importantly, how those changes might affect the WAGS Library. Your questions will round out the meeting. This will be a hybrid meeting—both in person and Zoom. **Save Monday, October 14, 2:00 p.m.**



*Marriah Thornock*



*Jill Morelli*

### **What about November?**

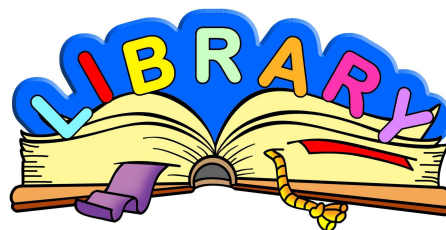
We'll welcome back Jill Morelli, presenting **The Great War and Its Stories: Researching Your WWI Soldier**. This too will be a hybrid meeting.

**Save Monday, November 11, 2:00 p.m.** (Veterans Day! How perfect is that?!)

### **Library news . . .**

Hello members! Your library team is working diligently to keep the library working for you.

1. We're open each Tuesday and Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00.
2. We've brought the WAGS website **Obituary Database** up-to-date by adding the 2017, 2020-2023 obituary indexes to our collection. We hope to add 2018 and 2019 before the end of the year (but until then, they're still available in our Digital Archive). Our obituary collection helps pay for the library supplies. In August, we had orders for 10 obituaries, 3 funeral home records and 1 hour of research.
3. We continue to create **digital indexes of books** in our library. Soon we'll be adding those to the website to allow researchers to find their people before they come in to read their stories in person.
4. There's always room for more **library volunteers**. If you're interested in working for an hour in the library, or a few hours from home, we have opportunities for you—just let us know at [library@wags-web.org](mailto:library@wags-web.org).



## A Frequently Asked Question . . .

Many of you are asking, “**How do I know when to pay my dues?**”

Way back when, our dues were paid at the end of each year, but we had many snowbirds who didn't return until March. With no email to remind them and no electronic pay system, we gave them a grace period until they returned—so their memberships didn't expire until March. That grace period is now causing plenty of confusion.

While the board works out the details, here's how to find out when your membership expires and when your dues are due. Go to our website and log on. Hover over Members Only, and a little more than halfway down, you'll see **Membership Account**. Click on that, and one of the first things you'll see is your expiration date. You should receive an email warning well before your membership expires—our webmaster is testing that now to make sure it's working for you. Hang in there—we don't want to lose you!

## *This just in from our State Society . . .*

Seems like just yesterday that the Washington State Genealogical Society launched **Pioneer Pursuit**, our contest for individuals and local societies to send in genealogies of individuals that were living in Washington Territory at statehood on or before 11 November, 1889. Again, congratulations to Ralph Brown (1,285 names), Vickie Bullard (272) and Jayne McCarley (269) and local societies: North Beach (150 names), Fort Vancouver Chapter 19 Daughters of Pioneers of Washington (269) and Kingston Historical Society with 92 names. We hope you put your winnings to good use.



Our launch was a huge success, adding **3,696 names** to Pioneer Pursuit. Since the contest ended, faithful members have contributed 120-plus more names. Now, let us try to reach **a goal of 5,000 names** by November 11, 2024! Encourage your members to check both the [Pioneer Pursuit index](#) and the [Pioneer Certificate Project index](#) to see if a family or individual is listed. The Pioneer Pursuit includes all family members who were here on or before statehood. The Pioneer Certificate Project index lists all heads of households. Let's work together to add additional names. **We ONLY NEED about 1,200 more names!**

We've made it easy to submit Pioneer Pursuit genealogies. On the [WSGS Home Page's](#) left navigation bar, select Washington Pioneer Pursuit. Check the Submission Instructions, Submission Example and Frequently Asked Questions to see how to type up your genealogy and add your source materials. The last step is to complete the [Submittal Form](#) (available in PDF and Word) and send it to [wapioneerpursuit@gmail.com](mailto:wapioneerpursuit@gmail.com)

or mail it to **Washington State Genealogical Society, Pioneer Pursuit, 1901 S. 12th Avenue, Union Gap, WA 98903.**

REMEMBER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO YOUR FAMILY – just **anyone who was in Washington Territory on or before November 11, 1889.** Let's do this together for Washington!

### ***WAGS Board meeting . . .***

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. These meetings seldom go long, being so close to dinnertime!

Topic: WAGS Board Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 11, 2024 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89018015355?pwd=Y5qiZ02KuvYwVWlGFxgPoSMitlwloP.1>

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### **We're taking it on the road . . .**

Susan and Diane will be making a presentation about WAGS to the **Retired Public Employees** on Thursday, September 12 at 10:30 at the Senior Center. Then on Monday, September 23, we'll visit Bonaventure in East Wenatchee.

**Welcome**

to new member **Cynthia Lauman**, just over the mountains in Tacoma. We hope you'll find just what you need at WAGS!

Happy Fall,  
Susan Rumble  
WAGS President  
along with the WAGS Board



**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](mailto:Info@wags-web.org) or [Library@wags-web.org](mailto: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)*