



**Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)**  
*Finding ancestors since 1971 . . .*

**President's Letter**  
**November 2024**



Last month's program was eagerly anticipated.

Marriah Thornock, Executive Director of the WVMCC, came in person to show us slides of their remodeling plans and drawings, and to answer our questions about the future of the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center and the WAGS Library.

***We're just a bunch of softies . . .***

WAGS has been given a “soft notice” that we'll need to move out of the building by mid-2025 so that the museum remodel can proceed. We've also been given a “soft” offer of a smaller space in the newly remodeled museum once it's completed in 2027. This information is “soft” because the museum remodel is in the funding process and nothing is certain yet.

Your WAGS board will continue to firm up all this softness with more details from the Museum as they become available, and as we work on our 2025 budget. In the meantime, if you know of any office space that may be available to a worthy non-profit at a lower-than-average price, let us know ([library@wags-web.org](mailto:library@wags-web.org)).

See Marriah's presentation on our website ([www.wags-web.org](http://www.wags-web.org)). Go to Members Only, and find Membership Meeting Highlights in the dropdown menu.



*Jill Morelli*

**November meeting . . .**

***“The Great War and Its Stories:  
Researching Your WWI Soldier”***

In the past, our November programs have pretty much majored in the Civil War and the Revolutionary War. This year, let's change it up and look at World War I. There's a persistent rumor out there that all WWI records burned. Our speaker answers that with an emphatic NO. There are still records to be found, and Jill will show us where they are. We will look at a soldier through the lens of online and state repositories.

**WAGS November General Meeting**  
***“The Great War and Its Stories: Researching Your WWI Soldier”***  
**Monday, November 11 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** via Zoom and  
in person at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee

Topic: WAGS November General Mtg  
Time: Nov 11, 2024 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83006828680?pwd=gBs32mls0GPJDXm8ajZldLAp310Zn0.1>

Meeting ID: 830 0682 8680  
Passcode: November



***Play it again, Sam . . .***

What if you're busy at 2:00 on November 11? That's ok! Come to the WAGS Library at 1:00 on **Saturday, November 16**, and we'll play it again for you on the library's big screen—Zoom will also be available.

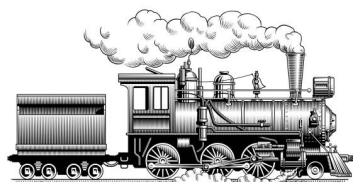
***Taking care of business . . .***

After Jill's presentation on November 11, we'll have our usual short meeting, but we'll be taking an important vote. **Shall we raise our dues from \$25 to \$30 (individual) and from \$30 to \$35 (family)?** Your board recommends “Yes,” but you get to decide!

***From the WAGS Library . . .***

WAGS Library hours are 1:00 to 4:00, Tuesdays and Saturdays. Stop by and take a look around while we're still here!

We received some interesting research questions last month! A number of our members collaborated to find some answers for our inquirers. Read on to see what they unearthed:



***Famous visitors to the Wenatchee area . . .***

One questioner wanted to know if the Liberty Bell ever came through Wenatchee. Here is a list of famous people and things that made a stop in our area:

- Liberty Bell – June 1915; and replica displayed in Wenatchee in 1950
- Constitution
- Bill of Rights
- General Jonathan Wainwright, hero of Corregidor
- President Roosevelt, on his way to dedicate Grand Coulee Dam; later passed through on the way to Mt. Hood

***That white stuff . . .***



Another questioner wanted more detail about a local ski hill up No. 2 Canyon. We put together this list of known local ski areas:

1. Leavenworth
2. Waterville
3. Entiat
4. Squilchuck
5. Wheeler Hill

In No. 2 Canyon, there is still a pully in the trees, and the tow rope line is discernable if you know where to look. The ski hill may have been operational in the 1930s to 1950s.

There are still three leads that need to be checked in the Wenatchee World microfilm at the Wenatchee Library. Would any volunteers like to join in the fun?



**A time to give . . .**

Once again WAGS is participating in the **Community Foundation's GiveNCW**. This annual event gives the community an opportunity to donate to one or many nonprofit organizations from **Thanksgiving Day to December 31**. WAGS is one of 80+ organizations participating this year. Here are the particulars, straight from the folks at Community Foundation:

- On or after Thanksgiving Day, visit [www.GiveNCW.org](http://www.GiveNCW.org)
- Click or tap on the **Donate** button on the organization you want to support .
- Enter the amount and **Continue Giving** until you are ready to check out.
- **100% of your donation** goes straight to the organization/s you support—we [Community Foundation] even take care of the credit card fees (unless you opt to do that yourself, which we always appreciate)!
- You'll receive a **tax receipt from the Community Foundation** and the Foundation will send your giving information on to the organization (unless you choose to be anonymous).
- Give on a **Funday Monday** and you'll be entered to **win \$1,000 to use on GiveNCW** any way you choose! Community Foundation will draw 5 winners each week.

- **Give to All** and your donation will be **matched** (up to \$50,000), thanks to our Partners in Giving, and equally distributed to all organizations that raise \$1,000 or more.

All GiveNCW nonprofit organizations are 501c3 public charities in good standing, and are creating significant value to the quality of life in North Central Washington. Your donations provide vital human services, creative arts and cultural experiences, preserve local history, protect local lands, and support the array of amazing recreation amenities across the region.

### **November board meeting**

The WAGS board will meet virtually on **Wednesday, November 13 at 5:00 p.m.**

Topic: WAGS Board Meeting

Time: Nov 13, 2024 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83541670224?pwd=1HtUmtbPNNYT2HfNCZZpCbQTWKD3sh.1>

Meeting ID: 835 4167 0224 Passcode: November

# Welcome

Welcome to our newest member, **Patricia Cooper**, from Fairfield, California. We're wishing you successful research.



### **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)*





**Rootstech**

March 6-8, 2025

Live at Salt Lake City and via Zoom

See more information at

<https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/home>

Wishing you a lovely Thanksgiving, savoring  
your family ties, past and present  
Susan Rumble, WAGS President  
and your WAGS Board

