



**Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society**  
*Finding ancestors since 1971*

**President's Letter**  
**February 2025**



Let's take a break from all the commercialism of Valentine's Day and celebrate our humble, hard-working little groundhog who shows up year after year!

We're brimming with thanks to all who donated to our Give NCW Fundraiser! We made a little north of \$4,000. The impending relocation notwithstanding, your generosity gives us confidence that we can 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:**



*Lisa Gorrell*

***General Land Office: Get the Most Out of the BLM-GLO Website***

**with Lisa Gorrell**

Lisa comes to us from the Bay Area, and is a co-founder, along with Jill Morelli and Mary Kircher Roddy, of the Seattle-based Applied Genealogy Institute. This presentation will give us a deep dive into the GLO website, and offer tips for future research in other records. We'll find out that this website is tremendously useful, whether our public-land-state ancestor claimed federal land or not.

**WAGS Meeting for Members and Guests**

***General Land Office: Get the Most Out of the BLM-GLO Website***

**Monday afternoon, February 10, 2025 2:00 p.m.**

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

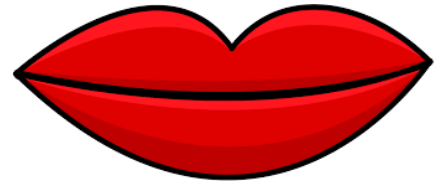
Topic: WAGS General Mtg Zoom Link  
Time: Feb 10, 2025 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87405234522?pwd=N1RVbFxbnwE6xfpAlktnk4aeA4kBEe.1>

Meeting ID: 874 0523 4522 Passcode: FebWAGSMtg

### ***A question that's on everyone's lips . . .***

*How do I find out if my dues are due? Go to our website and log on. Click on **Members Only**, and then down to **Member Account**, and there you will find your answer.*

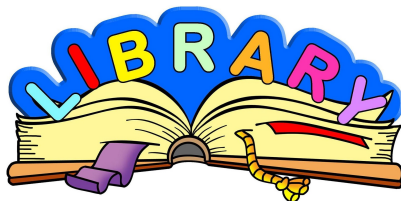


### **It's financial time . . .**

At the January meeting, you voted to accept our **2025 proposed budget**. Thanks to all of you for giving the board members feedback throughout the year to help us decide where you'd like our dollars spent. And, we had our Audit Committee meeting on January 16 to see how your rookie co-treasurers did this year. All went well. Thanks to **Shirley Acheson, Kris McGregor** and **Marian Halverson** for doing this important job.

### ***. . . and it's RootsTech time!***

RootsTech 2025 is almost here! The world's largest family history celebration will take place Thursday, **March 6** through Saturday, **March 8**—coming to you online (for free with registration) **and** in person at Salt Lake City. WAGS will be offering you a chance to gather at our library and watch some of the presentations together on our big screen. Stay tuned for further announcements.



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

Our “Name Your Price” book sale generated lots of interest and library traffic over the holidays. We're busy evaluating even more books for a new list or two. **Which sounds best to you?** 1. Countries of Origin or 2. Yearbooks (duplicate or out-of-area only!) Let us know at [library@wags-web.org](mailto:library@wags-web.org).

 **Fred Meyer** Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Make sure you're signed up for the **Fred Meyer Community Rewards** program—when you designate WAGS as your beneficiary, we will receive a percentage of every purchase you make at Freddie's. Go [HERE](#) to sign up. How can you tell if you're already participating? The bottom half of your receipt will contain the words “Fred Meyer Community Rewards—On your behalf, we are contributing to Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society.”

What will Punxsutawney  
Phil have to say to us??  
Susan Rumble  
WAGS President  
and Board



P.S.: The February **WAGS board meeting** will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, February 12 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Topic:WAGS Board Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 12, 2025 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89511243078?pwd=Z6sSzUTacBcEV9QSLNmfw62ctcxLha.1>

Meeting ID: 895 1124 3078

Passcode: WAGSBoard

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 nite)

Thursdays 1-4 pm

667 10th Street, NE in East Wenatchee