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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6
10 A.M.-NOON
BOARD MEETING**

Held each month on the Tuesday before the general meeting in the Philomath Community Library's meeting room. All members are welcome.

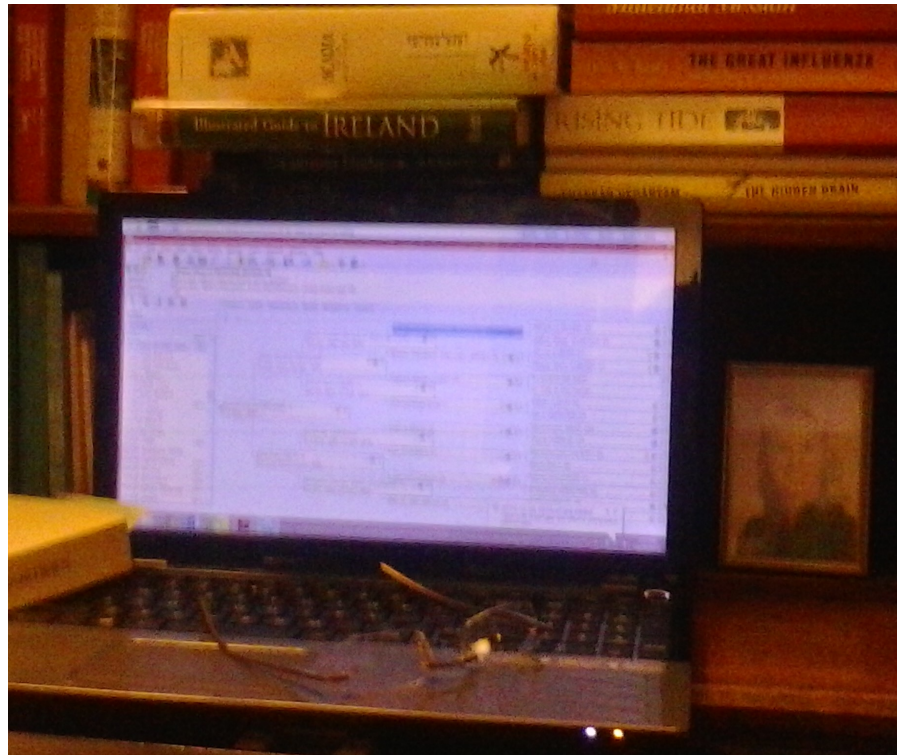
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
10-11 A.M.
BUSINESS MEETING**

Held the second Saturday from September through June. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the College United Methodist Church's Social Hall (1101 Main St., Philomath). Everyone is welcome.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
11 A.M.
MONTHLY PROGRAM**

The Benton County Genealogical Society's January program will be a field trip to the Benton County Historical Society's library. Those in attendance will be able to get an inside look at the society's holdings and how it could possibly help in your genealogical research.

Do you have an idea for a monthly program. Contact Katie Ross at 541-929-2884.



>>>>By Ron DeYoung

From the Desk of the President

Welcome to 2015! May this newsletter find you in good health with another year's experiences mellowing into wisdom, the promise of a new year full of possibilities and with the recent series of holidays behind us, hopefully enriched by visiting with those whom we hold dear.

And speaking of the new year, have you renewed your membership? The 2015 membership may be assured by filling out a form and submitting

the fee at our general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m., or during the program that follows at 11. Don't forget! We welcome, benefit from and appreciate all of our members and don't want to lose a one! Membership forms will be at the general meeting and are attached in the newsletter (page 4).

For those who were able to attend, the December general meeting was followed with the

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Ted Gump auctions off an item during the Benton County Genealogical Society's holiday auction on Dec. 13. The event drew 24 people and it's believed, a new record for funds raised.

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annual society benefit auction which not only was great fun, in no small measure due to Ted, our great auctioneer and his lovely assistant, but also the generosity of those who made contributions as well. I believe this year we set a new fiscal record for the funds the auction generated, for me the laughter and camaraderie followed by the potluck and social at the Annex are something I thoroughly enjoyed.

Well, we made it to and passed the first day of winter which means the days grow steadily longer for the next six months, and though only a few seconds a day initially, lengthening daylight is always a great thing.

The long and cool nights of winter are a wonderful time for family history work, unencumbered by gardens, mowing, pruning and the like; dozens of hours a week are spent with me inputting data found recently, communicating with new-to-me cousins, research on various genealogical sites and compiling some of this in a printed form to be read. It sure beats the drivel on television!

So in this New Year, what do you have planned? Is this the year that you take that family history vacation that you have postponed, start to actually write your own personal history or compile it in a fashion for publication? And what of conferences, whether on the web, some of which are listed in the newsletter, in

other cities or states? Might you have time to assist in the society's mission and help our organization to function and grow? Perhaps it is time to prepare for or host that family reunion to renew old family relationships, meet new cousins and benefit from one another's knowledge, history and photographs?

Just as with anything that is important, beginning with the end in mind and planning ahead for success will often bear great fruit; I don't want my stories, perspective and accumulated archives to die with me. The work we do, the data and stories we have accumulated will never reach the generations to come if we don't make it available to them; the next best thing to having my fifth-grade granddaughter in conversation about the people that I know and love will be to record it and make it available to them. In truth, if we do not, who will?

Each of us has an area of expertise, skills and body of accumulated knowledge, wisdom and perspectives that are invaluable, hopefully our society may be a means of sharing among ourselves. To that end, we'd like to develop a survey to see what people might like to learn, what skills they might have been be willing to share and thereby be a solution to others who might benefit. More of that to come!

On behalf of our board whose mission it is to serve, I hope and trust that you are well. Hope to see you on Jan. 10!

Enjoy the Benefits of Membership
Benton County Genealogical Society

NAME: _____
First name Last name
(please print)

List names of other family members if "family membership" is desired:

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Dues enclosed: single / family \$20 _____ email newsletter

\$25 _____ regular mail newsletter

Dues due before January 1st each year - make checks payable to Benton County Genealogical Society

Donation to BCGS _____

Mail application with your dues to: Benton County Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370

>>>>By Brad Fuqua, Newsletter Editor

Genealogical society announces results of election

The Benton County Genealogical Society announced the results of its election at the Dec. 13 meeting.

Elected to positions were the following:

- Ron DeYoung, president
- Katie Ross, vice president
- Linda Olsen, secretary
- Lois Courtney, treasurer

In news from the December general meeting, DeYoung said the society's current deficit should disappear with the arrival of membership dues. He urged members to renew and said Connie Patterson would handling membership duties in January.

DeYoung also talked about ongoing discussions about the society offering classes. He

mentioned putting together a survey of what subjects or areas people would find interesting. This survey would reveal a level of interest and whether such an endeavor would be viable.

"Teaching classes is an ongoing commitment," he said. "We're trying to determine what the interest is ... and find a comfort level."

2014 BCGS Holiday Auction



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Free Genealogy Webinars

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 6-7 p.m.

“Using Google Earth for Genealogy” by Lisa Louise Cooke for Illinois State Genealogical Society.

www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

“Tracking Migration Using the Big 4 U.S. Record Sources” by Mary Hill

<http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com>

Thursday, Jan. 15, 5-6 p.m.

“Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan” by J. Mark Lowe for the Florida State Genealogical Society.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2367608438153798657>

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 5-6 p.m.

“Researching Your Swedish Heritage in Living Color Using ArkivDigital” by Kathy Meade for the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6233649651065875970>

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 6-7 p.m.

“Finding Your Female Ancestor's Story in the Newspaper” by Gena Philibert-Ortega for the Southern California Genealogical Society.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2403597652357015297>

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