

BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Oregon

Purpose

- ❖ To assist each other in genealogical research through association, inspiration, and mutual exchange and interaction.
- ❖ To encourage and provide for genealogical education.
- ❖ To cooperate with the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and the Benton Country Historical Society in matters pertaining to genealogical research.
- ❖ To advocate for accurate research and careful documentation.
- ❖ To encourage the study of family history through mutual support and the exchange of information.
- ❖ To accumulate resource materials for the Society library.
- ❖ To assist in the preservation and publication of local history.

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Program News

April: Judy Juntunen, former commissioner to the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries (OCHC), gave an informative overview of the Commission's purpose. She referred us to the very useful [Heritage Bulletins](#) on the Oregon.gov website.



May: Ann Smart, **RootsMagic** aficionado, will demonstrate some of the basic and new features of



this very popular genealogy and family tree software. Plenty of time will be made available for answering questions and showing how whatever they are asking about works.

Library News

We have some really good news to announce. Thanks to the generosity of past-president Danell Aukerman, we now have a new computer to use in the library. Thank you, Danell, for a wonderful surprise gift! We're still in the process of determining which of the older disks will work on the new computer, so we'll be keeping the old computer for now for those disks.

In addition, the board approved the purchase of a new printer/scanner/copier because our old one was ready for recycling. Now we have two new machines for you to try out the next time you're in the library.

The Society has purchased a book in memory of long-time member Mabelle C. Martsching. She was well-known for her kindness in helping other members with their research. For that reason, we purchased the book *A Crash Course in Family History* by Paul Larson. It's an illustrated guidebook for the beginner to the expert. The book is up-to-date with such topics as Software and Tools, Best of the Internet and Organizing and Archiving. Other topics cover ways to share your research through blogs, online photo albums, and family reunions. It will be available soon for check-out. →

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We are going to be open this summer every Saturday to see if there is an interest in having an extra day per week for research. In September, we'll decide what to do for the next months. We still need a volunteer for the third Saturday.

The library inventory will be on May 21 this year from 9-4. If you have some books out that could be returned, that would make the inventory easier. Thank you in advance.

-- Sue

Other Genealogical News and Events Adair Living History Wants You!

There are recent openings on the Adair Living History, Inc. Board of Directors. We are seeking people who are talented and enthusiastic about historic preservation to join us in raising the barracks. See the attached flyer for more information about how you can join the board or volunteer in other ways. We hope you will join us and please write or call if you have questions or an interest in ALH's work.

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-- email forwarded from Chris Bentley

The Digital Public Library of America will Launch on April 18 and 19

Here is a question for you: what do you get when you take the basic idea of Google Books and then wed it to the US public library system? Answer: the Digital Public Library of America.



The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) is a project to make the holdings of America's research libraries, archives, and museums available to all Americans, and eventually to everyone in the world, online and free of charge. Quoting from Robert Darnton's article for *The New York Review for Books*, *The National Digital Public Library Is Launched* at <http://goo.gl/G1lr6>, "Thanks to the Internet and a pervasive if imperfect system of education, we now can realize the dream of Jefferson and Franklin. We have the technological and economic resources to make all the collections of all our libraries accessible to all our fellow citizens—and to

everyone everywhere with access to the World Wide Web. That is the mission of the DPLA."

The DPLA plans to provide a centralized portal to a decentralized network of digital media from libraries, museums, universities, archives, and other local, regional, and national collections. One way to look at the DPLA is to consider it to be an "umbrella organization" that helps coordinate the efforts of an alliance of independent institutions. The items available via the DPLA will be accessible free of charge. If DPLA becomes what its founders planned, a future researcher or genealogist will be able to put a search term into the library's one web site and get results from all of the collections. This will be one-stop shopping research.

Highly-visible libraries that have already joined the organization include the New York Public Library (NYPL), the Kentucky Digital Library (from the University of Kentucky), Digital Library of Georgia, Minnesota Digital Library, Mountain West Digital Library (Utah, Nevada and Arizona), South Carolina Digital Library and the Digital Commonwealth (Massachusetts). Harvard University also will initially provide select digitized special collections to the DPLA.

On April 18-19, 2013, the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) will celebrate the groundbreaking work of hundreds of librarians, innovators, and other dedicated volunteers in the collective effort to build the first national digital library. You are invited to join the celebration at the Boston Public Library for this historic event.

Convened by the DPLA Secretariat at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society and co-hosted by the Boston Public Library, the two-day DPLA Launch will include a brief working day on Thursday, April 18th, followed by a formal reception featuring presentations and a series of interactive exhibits showcasing content from our many partners, including the Digital Hubs and Europeana. On Friday, April 19th, the DPLA will convene a focused half-day plenary meeting highlighting the DPLA's progress and potential.

You can learn more about the Digital Public Library of America at <http://dp.la/>. Now **THAT** is a short URL!

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter; posted by Dick Eastman; April 4, 2013

2013 Family History and Genealogy Conference

July 30 - August 2, 2013

BYU Conference Center, Provo Utah

The 44th annual BYU Conference on Family History and Genealogy will offer more than 100 classes, allowing participants to gain new skills and helpful information.

Class topics include:

- Family History Consultants
- Online Family Trees
- Youth and Genealogy
- Computers & Technology
- Methodology
- Internet Research
- FamilySearch
- British Isles Research
- International Research
- Scandinavian Research

The conference will be in the BYU Conference Center (770 East University Parkway, Provo, Utah).

Go to <http://ce.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/> for additional information.

BYU Continuing Education Home website



**36th Annual Conference
Association for Gravestone Studies
Willamette University
Salem, Oregon
June 18 – 23, 2013**

What can you expect when you come to the Oregon conference? Stimulating research papers, late night sessions with slides, music, refreshments and laughter, field trips to a variety of cemeteries large and small, workshops and classroom/participation sessions to sharpen your skills in caring for and promoting the value of cemeteries as community treasures, college dorm

accommodations and cafeteria dining experiences, and a chance to see old friends and make new ones.

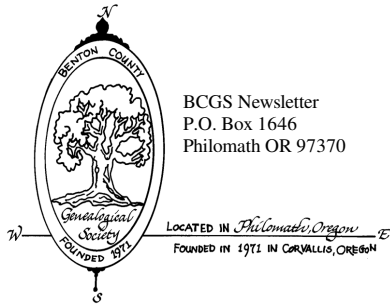
Sessions and lectures cover a variety of topics and geographic locations. There are mysteries...the keynote lecture is the tale of a star-crossed campaign to repatriate the remains of pioneer Chinese immigrants in Oregon; this presentation includes stories of emptied graves, embezzlement, restless souls and a collision between age-old traditions and inopportune civil war. There is history... one paper traces the development of the community mausoleum from its beginnings in Ohio in 1907 to its proliferation throughout the country in less than two decades. It examines the architectural design of these structures, public reaction to them, and some modern preservation issues. There is technology... one session explores the advantages and disadvantages of preserving gravestones digitally. Another session explores how new media has expanded our cemetery community, but it has also raised questions about ethical behavior in research, on-site behavior in cemeteries, gravestone photography and dissemination of images and information. Yet another lecture topic takes us to New South Wales to learn more about surveys of shipwreck cemeteries from the mid-1800s to World War II.

Of concern to all of us is what we can do to protect our cemeteries from vandalism. The defense and response to vandalism is the topic for both a classroom session and an evening lecture. Need help in your cemetery; there are sessions on cemetery preservation and conservation and another focusing on how to engage public participation in caring for cemeteries.

The outdoor museums of a number of cemeteries are on the usual tours including Lone Fir Cemetery in Portland named by the National Geographic as one of the top 10 in the world.

For more information on cost and a complete list of the lectures and classroom/participation sessions visit the Association for Gravestone Studies website: <http://www.gravestonestudies.org/conferences.htm>

Association of Gravestone Studies 2013 conference
press release



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Meetings

Board Meetings are held on Thursday prior to the General meetings. The May 2013 meeting will be at the Philomath Community Library, 1050 Applegate, Philomath. All members are welcome. Board: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

General Meetings are held on the second Saturday, September through June, in the Social Hall of the College United Methodist Church, 1123 Main St., Philomath OR. Everyone is welcome.

Business: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Program : 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Genealogy is
not fatal, but it
is a grave
disease.