

BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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.

Contact Us

Board and Officers Name
 Email and phone numbers
 removed for security reasons.

Benton County Genealogical Society
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From the desk of the President



As you may have guessed, this is my last "from the desk of the President."

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for putting your trust in me as President. I spent many years as a teacher, but this was my first shot as "President."

Needless to say, I learned a lot, mostly that leading genealogists is no easy task :) I must admit, however, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of you and the inner workings of the organization.

As you may have heard, the auction was a big success. We all laughed a lot, bought plenty we may or may not have needed, and raised \$167. Needless to say, the potluck was also a success. Lots of yummy treats. It was hard to decide which dessert to eat, so several of us of tried them all.

As you know, new officers will be sworn in at the January general meeting. Our new program person has an interesting one planned.

Hope you see you all there.

Margaret



Auctioneer Ted Gump & assistant Pat Cooligan

12.16.2011

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Program News

January

Dan Lower is a WWII re-enactor. He will be giving some of his and his wife's family military history and will tell what made him so interested in the WWII era. He will bring some pictures and artifacts, etc.



February

Small group discussions

Library News

New donations have been processed and are available for checking out. The vertical files are all squared away as well. Must be time to check them out. The BCHSM has graciously offered us the use of another room in the Annex. Just in time, don't you think?

Membership News

Membership dues were due January 1. If you wish to continue receiving the perks of membership, including the newsletter and library privileges, you must renew by Jan 15.

Publication News

Wanted:

For newsletter: genealogical related items which would be of interest to all, for example local workshops, seminars, etc; book review (including historical); website review (not a list please); a "library with great genealogy room" review or any genie things you might know about.

Contact Margaret for details.

Committees

Got a little extra time? Only a couple of hours a month will help the society provide all the wonderful things you enjoy. The Society does not run itself :) Commitment would be for one membership year - January to December.



The Bylaws identifies specific Standing Committees. Some of the positions are already filled and some are not. Most are appointed positions. We need folks for those unfilled positions, but there is always room for more. Most positions do not require special training or skills, just a willing person with the desire to see the society continue to operate. If you would like more information

before committing or want to serve, contact any officer.

Please consider giving just a few hours per month for one year.

Standing Committees

Finance Committee

Treasurer - Officer & Chair
Membership Person
People to assist with fundraising and public relations.

Publication Committee

Newsletter editor
Web Master
Any other persons involved in the publication of any document – digital or hard copy - related to the Society, such as brochures and books for sale.

Library Committee

Librarian - Chair
Society Historian
Library Staff
Make recommendations regarding donations, deaccessioning, and book, periodical and research material purchases.

Audit Committee

Audit the account books of the Society
Make a report to the Membership at the close of the fiscal year.

Program Committee (appointed with board approval)

Vice President - Chair
Assist in identifying, arranging, organizing & executing programs for general meeting.



Other Genealogy News & Events

Judy Juntunen reports that Harold Slavik, Jr. (1946-2011) of the Louis Renninger Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), passed away on December 11th at the age of 65. Harold was a Life Member of the SUVCW and was the first camp commander of the Baker Camp.



Judy worked with Harold when she first began researching and recording Civil War veterans buried in Benton County. The two of them usually kept in touch via e-mail and letters. Harold was a meticulous record keeper, and Judy had to support her work with photographs and obituaries. When Judy's e-mail was hacked and a false message sent out, Harold was the first to call to see if she was okay. After Harold's stroke early in 2011 and his move to a rehabilitation center, he was no longer able to keep up his contacts. However, he will be remembered for his active participation in the SUVCW and all the research and recording he did that added 100s of names of Civil War veterans to the Oregon list of veterans.

Harold served as 1st Sergeant of Company H, 37th Ohio Infantry, SVR and was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Harold was an Air Force veteran and a Civil War re-enactor with the 2nd Virginia Infantry. He was an outstanding recruiter and graves registration officer. He always considered himself as a teacher and loved to be in the classroom teaching children about his beloved Confederate flags and the soldiers who carried them.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, January 7th, 2:00 PM at the Eugene Masonic Lodge.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Events

2505 SE 11th Ave Ste B18, Portland

German Mini Seminar
Jewell Lorentz Dunn, MBA
Sunday, 18 Mar 2012,
9:00am - 1:00pm

Topics:

1. *German towns and how to locate them*
2. *Using unconventional records to find an ancestral German village*

Go to <http://www.gfo.org/> for registration and for additional information on the Forum.



GFO website

OGS Genealogy Class Schedule 2011-2012

"The following classes will meet Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. to Noon, unless otherwise noted. There is a \$10 fee for each class, payable by cash or check before class begins. Please email education@oregongenealogicalsociety.org or call 541-517-0984 to reserve your spot or for more information.

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| 7 Jan | Land Records: Why, What, Where & How |
| 14 Jan | Organizing Workshop (10am-3pm; \$20) |
| 21 Jan | Costume Preservation & Identification in Photographs |
| 4 Feb | 1940 Census: Finding Your Family
new |
| 11 Feb | Platting Land Ownership |
| 18 Feb | Forms: How to Use PDF & Excel Forms
new |

All classes will be held at the OGS Library, 955 Oak Alley. The library is located under the Overpark at 10th and Oak in the alley behind the Downtown Athletic Club. Parking is free in the Overpark on weekends."



OGS December eNewsletter

"ANNOUNCING 2012 Jamboree Extension Webinar Series

The Southern California Genealogical Society announces the return of the popular Jamboree Extension Webinar Series, which provides web-based family history and genealogy educational sessions for genealogists around the world.

Speakers for the 2012 Series include many distinguished professional genealogists and family history lecturers....

The live webcast is offered free of charge and open to the public.... Donations can be made by [PayPal](#), through the [SCGS website](#) or by check.

To join a webinar, most participants attend via computer with audio speakers or a headset. Those with a fast Internet connection (either broadband or DSL) will have the most satisfactory experience. It is possible to phone in to listen to the presentation. Long-distance charges may apply.

Saturday sessions will be held at 10am Pacific time / 1pm Eastern time; Wednesday sessions will be scheduled at 6pm Pacific time / 9pm Eastern time."

Go to www.scgsgenealogy.com for details
2012 Jamboree Extension Webinar Series e-mail

Meetings

Board meetings are once a month, September through June. All members are welcome. Contact us for date, time and place.

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

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

Registration is now open for the NGS 2012 Family History Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

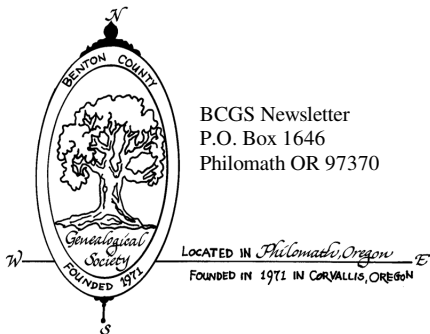
The conference will take place 9 – 12 May 2012 at the Duke Energy Convention Center.

For additional information and to register online, go to http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/attendee_registration.



NGS Webpage

When you search for ancestors, you find great friends!



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