

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 County 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

[Names, email and phone numbers removed for security reasons.](#)

BCGS

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See: www.bcgs-oregon.org

Program News

January: In case you were wondering, our “surprise, surprise, surprise” turned out to be well attended and our library collection was the guest of honor. Various members gave a short presentation on each of our information sources.

Meet your newly installed officers:

(L-R) Linda Olsen, Katie Ross, Ron DeYoung, Margaret Fox, Lois Courtney, & Faye Abraham



February: Wendy McKenna will be giving a power point presentation on a family journey to Ukraine and her successes there.

From the Desk of the President

I appreciate the goodness in people that are so tolerant of the newcomer-as-president; I am thankful for the many well-wishers and those who have so helpfully given me suggestions, reminders and perspectives on the pattern of how this organization has run in the past. I am grateful to have begun to better know some of you and look forward to coming to know more of you in the future. I joined this organization just one year ago and have a desire to serve in our shared objectives to preserve and grow this organization. Where else do we find others with such interests as old books and photographs, gravestones, fragile city directories, maps, musty books, cross country trips or e-mail correspondences to connect with long-lost relatives..... this group that understands why one would be bleary-eyed after wheeling away the hours on a computer the night before researching Family Search or Ancestry, pouring over on-line ship's manifests or family history surname blogs trying to find your 4th great grandmother and her children? We better stick together.....much of the world wouldn't understand!!



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I express thanks to Faye and the other officers who have served so well, appreciate Katie Ross's willingness to serve as VP and Lois Courtney as intern to Margaret as acting Treasurer and the numerous others who continue to help until we find replacement officers for open positions. Much work has been done by Sue in the Library organizing and relocating books, putting plans in place for numerous projects including new BCGS signage; she has done yeoman's (yeowoman's?) work! Thanks as well to all those who serve as staffers of the library. Without each of you, the organization would cease to be.

Hope to see you at the next general meeting on Sat, Feb 8 @ 10 with the program to follow.

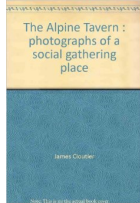
A thought, how about bringing a friend to the meeting with you, perhaps they may catch the "bug", join and share in the resources, fun and service as well?

Thank you all.....

— Ron DeYoung

Library News

We are still working diligently to accession the materials gifted to our society by Raymond Stone's family. One of the best books I've worked on lately is about the community of Alpine, Oregon. The name of the book is *The Alpine Tavern: Photographs of a social gathering place* by James Cloutier.



Cloutier, in 1968, was wandering around Alpine taking photos of some of the slowly decaying buildings in the once-bustling mill town in rural Benton County. Waiting for the sun to show itself again so he could continue with his work, Cloutier walked into the Alpine Tavern. Thus began 15 months of getting to know the people of Alpine and chronicling their lives through his photographs. The tavern was the center of the town, the community hall. It was a place to have a beer, get something to eat, laugh and cry and commiserate with one another. The respect that the author had for his subjects is so evident, and he celebrates their hard work along with their personalities. I hope you'll take a look.

Another book I enjoyed was written by third and fourth graders from Alpine School in 1963. Their teacher Edna Mintonye writes that the children decided to write a book of their own about Alpine: *Alpine History: Special Edition*. They did research and gathered stories from the elders in their community. As Mintonye writes in the introduction,

"We don't guarantee that all the stories are authentic, but most of them are, and all of them are remembered by at least one 'old timer'."

Here is a fun example: Mr. Jim Bailey was a legend unto himself. Every business deal he made turned into a huge success so money just kept adding to his already bountiful supply. There was just one drawback. He never could spend for his own comfort. He was a grand citizen of the community and a friend to all. No one could call him stingy or tight, because he gave generously to community needs, and nothing was too good for his family. On the other hand, he could be as saving as the poorest of us. His porch roof leaked like a sieve, and every year when the assessor came round he would take him out to sit on the porch. Jim was happy to have it rain at that time. No man could raise your taxes when your roof leaked.

I've been reminded from these two books that lives of ordinary people make the best stories. I hope that we'll all continue writing about ourselves and our people. Our stories are interesting, too.

— Sue

NORPAK Label News

Time to bring your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak UPC labels to the annex to be counted, bundled and sent off to the Redemption Center in March.

Please be careful removing the labels from the cans. We only need the UPC Bar Code so do **NOT** tear the code and **DO** cut the rest of the label off.

By the way, Campbell's soup and other 'Labels for Education' labels are **NOT** redeemable in this program. Give them to your local school.

Thank you for participating in this fundraiser for BCGS.

-- Gene



Ted & Gene trim collected NORPAK labels.

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 identify 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.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon's Open House & Book Sale

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is one of the best places in our state to learn about genealogy! Between February 9 and 15, the GFO will be hosting an open house and book sale. Come talk to their experts about genealogical research, view their genealogical records and other historical materials, and attend a wide array of genealogy classes! During the open house, the library and classes will be open and free to all. For information about the classes and book sale, visit www.gfo.org



—OHS Genealogical Newsletter; posted 23 January 2014

RootsTech Conference Announces Free

Online Broadcast Schedule

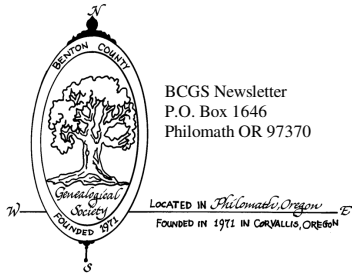
RootsTech is the largest genealogy conference/ seminar/expo in North America. It starts next week on Thursday, February 6. The fourth-year conference already has more than 10,000 pre-registered attendees and there will be a few more tickets sold at the door. If you can be in Salt Lake City next week, I strongly urge you to attend. However, if you cannot attend in person, you can stay at home or anyplace else that has an Internet connection and 15 of its more popular sessions will be broadcast live and free of charge over the Internet. Actually, 15 sessions is only a fraction of the total number of sessions available. However, the conference organizers obviously have picked the sessions they believe will have the widest appeal. The streamed sessions include a sampling of technology and family history presentations. More than 20,000 additional viewers are expected to watch the sessions online.

A list of all the broadcast sessions and speakers may be found at <https://familysearch.org/node/2519>. Please note that all times are in Mountain Standard Time (MST).

—Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter; posted by Dick Eastman, 29 January 2014

You may have heard something about the Reorganization Plan for the Oregon State Library, State Archives, Oregon Historical Society, and the State of Oregon Law Library. More specific, accurate information and updates are available at <http://www.oregon.gov/osl/Pages/OregonStateLibraryTransformation.aspx>

Other Genealogical News and Events



Meetings

Board Meetings will be held prior to the General meetings. The February 2014 meeting will be Tuesday, 4 February in 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, The January meeting will be held in the Social Hall, College United Methodist Church, 1101 Main St., Philomath OR. Everyone is welcome.
Business: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Program : 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

