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December 13 Program - Annual Christmas Party, Auction, and Raffle

The December 13th program will be our annual Christmas party, auction, and raffle where you can get an unique Christmas gift (perhaps some special jam or Christmas bread) and socialize with fellow BCGS members. If you have something to offer for the auction, fine, but come anyway with a snack to share (cookies, nuts, etc.) for a buffet potluck lunch and be prepared to have a good time. Ted Gump has agreed to be our auctioneer again this year and we all know how much fun he puts into the bidding. For our Christmas raffle we will be offering one of John Martsching's beautiful hand-carved wood bowls (made with a combination of juniper and cherry), as well as, the throw that Betty Brummett made. It's not too late to buy tickets for our raffle - you can still purchase them at the door before our party.

Remember - all proceeds from our raffle go to the book fund.

Best Wishes to All for a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Library Purchase

BCGS has purchased a new CD-ROM: SAR Revolutionary War Graves Register. It is an index of more than 140,000 Revolutionary Soldier grave sites from the records of the SAR and DAR. Remember, those of you who do not have computers are home are free to make use of this CD, or any other in the library's collection on the library computer. The CD will be available in the library in the near future.

BCGS Library Closures

The BCGS Library will be closed on Tuesday, December 23rd and also on Tuesday, December 30, 2003.

The library will resume regular hours on Tuesday, January 6, 2004.

THIS 'N' THAT

The Benton County Pioneer Database has been updated as of November 16, 2003. It can be viewed at:
<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=benton>

The Board Meeting for January will be held at 7 pm on December 29, 2003, at Damaris'.

INSTALLATION OF 2004 OFFICERS

The election of BCGS Officers for 2004 was held at the November 8th meeting and will be sworn into office at the December 13th meeting. Elected officers are:

President: Danell Aukerman
1st Vice-President: Bill Gleaves
2nd Vice President: Margaret Hays
Secretary: Leila Crawford
Treasurer: Gene Newcomb

Upcoming Programs

January 10, 2004 - The Oregon National Guard will present a program about the "Uniforms and Equipment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition."

QUERIES

By Mabelle Martsching

Mary Elizabeth Sensibaugh Peters. She died in Lobster Valley in 1905.

MISSION MILL MUSEUM SPEAKER SERIES

Mission Mill Museum kicks off its annual Speaker Series **January 15, 2004** with a presentation by Jim Kopp: *Eden Within Eden: Exploring Oregon's Utopian Heritage*, the series takes place the **third Thursday of the month, January-April, 7:30 pm**, at Mission Mill Museum, 1313 Mill St. SE in Salem.

Kopp's presentation examines aspects of the attempts to realize an Oregon utopia both before and after statehood was achieved. He is the director of the Aubrey R. Watzek Library at Lewis and Clark University in Portland, holding a Ph.D. in American Studies from George Washington University. Mr. Kopp is one of the featured speakers from the Oregon Council for the Humanities' Chautauqua program.

The series continues **Feb. 19**, with Soul-saving, Circuit-riding, and School-starting: *The Methodist Origins of Jason Lee's Mission*, presented by Charles Wallace, chaplain and religious studies professor at Willamette University. On **March 18**, John Ritter will present *Wool, Water and Workers*, an examination of how the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill and it's people helped to put Salem on the map. By day, Ritter is a Youth Corrections Specialist at the Department of Education, and for the past 23 years he has taught history in the evenings at Chemeketa Community College.

Nadine Sanders, the Singing Weaver, will round out the series with a presentation of weaving tales, legend and music on **April 15**. Sanders received education in Fiber Arts at the Oregon School of Arts and Crafts and her Speech Communications degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN.

Tickets are available at Mission Mill Museum, 1313 Mill St. SE, or at the door. Tickets are non-refundable, and all proceeds benefit the museum's education and preservation programs. For more information, call 503-585-7012 or visit the website at www.missionmill.org

WEBSITE

To view a collection of specialty gifts for genealogists, visit the following website: www.fungengifts.xaper.com

Browse and click on a picture and it will link to the site that sells it.

Benton County Genealogical Society's Books for Sale

Benton County Marriage Records

Marriage Records - Volume 1 - 1850 - 1924	\$25.00
Marriage Records - Volume 2 - 1925 - 1945	\$25.00

WPA Historical Records

Benton County Interviews	\$35.00
Bible Records and Cemetery Records	\$10.00
WPA Commissioner Journals: Probate Court A & B, 1850 - 1856	\$20.00

Benton County Cemeteries

Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 1	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 2	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 3	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 4	\$25.00
Cemetery Records and Tombstone Inscriptions - Vol. 5	\$25.00
Combined Index to Volumes 1 through 5	\$25.00

Add Shipping Charges \$3.00 for 1st book, \$1.50 each additional

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BOOK INTEREST

The book committee would like Society members to complete the following survey to identify interests for future library purchases. Please bring it to the meeting, mail it to the Benton County Genealogical Society, Attn: Damaris Reynolds, PO Box 1646, Philomath, 97370. The Society really needs your help as a guide in selecting future books, so please return the survey.

1. What are the top three US states you're interested in researching? _____
2. Which countries other than the US are you interested in researching? _____
3. Are there any special topics you are interested in? (ie: immigration, census, westward movement, etc) _____
4. What particular fields are you searching; (ie: census, probates, military records, ethnic or religious groups, etc?) _____
5. If there is a book which you believe the Society library should have, please name it and, if possible, give the publisher. _____
6. If there is, would you be willing to contribute to the cost? _____

If you wish to donate a book in memory of someone, a bookplate will be placed in the book.

Note: The Society has a policy that if you pay for 50% of the cost of a book or CD, then that member gets to use it first for 60 days before it officially becomes the property of the BCGS and available for general use.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewing your membership allows continuation to participate in Society activities, which includes the use of the Genealogy Library which has over 2200 volumes of various books, periodicals and CD's; sharing in the Society's activities (potlucks, Christmas buffet and craft auction, used book and periodicals sale); receiving the monthly newsletter; field trips, and the research assistance and sharing of information of other members. **To continue receiving the newsletter, dues must be paid by January 31, 2004**

Benton County Genealogical Society Membership Renewal Form Mail to: BCGS P.O. Box 1646, Philomath, OR 97370

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Membership by the calendar year.
Dues paid after September 1st are
credited to the next year.

Please enroll me in the Benton County Genealogical Society for the Year 2003 with full voting rights, use of the genealogical library at the Benton County Museum Annex, and 10 newsletters per year.

Individual Membership \$ 12 _____

Family Membership \$ 15 _____

Book Fund \$ _____ Contributions to the Book Fund are tax deductible and a receipt for that purpose will be mailed to you.

BCGS New Members
(since last newsletter)

D. Ray Powell
100 SE Crystal Lake Dr
Corvallis, OR 97333
541-752-0512
e-mail: ayp6217@comcast.net

Membership dues for the 2003/2004 year are DUE in January! Please get them to us as quickly as possible or you may miss out on future newsletters.

Thanks, Tonya

2004 Membership Renewals
(since last newsletter)

Norman Barnes	No e-mail
Gary Beck	zebidiah@comcast.net
Suzanne Doerge	No e-mail
Mary Huston	No e-mail
Judy Juntunen	judyjunt@peak.org
Gene Kelsey	N7eif@peak.org
Joan Mueller	JDempeMueller@aol.com
Ron & Linda Olsen	thekeeper@ronsarchive.com
JoAnne Phillips	phillips@cmug.com
Edward Putman	No e-mail
Lee Rudisill	rudy@proaxis.com
Joan Shaw	jofrshaw@proaxis.com
Ann & Bill Smart	annsmart1@comcast.net
Richard & Anne Trussell	atru@accessbee.com

A Special Thank You

A HUGE **thank you** to Mabelle Martsching for all her hard work on queries over the years. Enjoy your "retirement!"

Genealogy: A hay stack full of needles. It's the threads I need.

VA SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO INVENTORY ITS CEMETERY MEMORIALS

WASHINGTON (November 24, 2003) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking volunteers to research and photograph monuments in its 120 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots.

"We have a large number of cemetery memorials, large and small, remaining to be inventoried," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "The efforts of dedicated volunteers will assist VA in maintaining all national cemeteries as national shrines."

When VA's memorials inventory project began in May 2002, it was estimated that 300 memorials would be found in national cemeteries and soldiers' lots. To date, nearly 800 memorials have been identified with help from over 220 volunteers. Approximately 300 memorials in 20 states remain to be documented and VA will continue to recruit volunteers for the project until all are documented.

VA provides volunteers with project instructions, survey questionnaires and film. Volunteers take measurements and photographs, record inscriptions, make notes on a monument's condition and conduct historical research. The project has attracted a wide range of people, including students, teachers, scout groups, active and retired military members, scholars, history professionals and enthusiasts. The information obtained from the project will be made available to the public through the Smithsonian Institute's art inventory database.

VA is now in the largest expansion of the national cemetery system since the Civil War. Three national cemeteries have opened since 2000, and five more national cemeteries are now being built.

For additional information about the project or to volunteer, please contact historian Darlene Richardson at (202) 565-5426 or e-mail: nca.memorials@mail.va.gov.

Please Note: This is NOT a Benton County Genealogical Society project.

The Genealogist's Psalm

Genealogy is my pastime,
I shall not stray.
It maketh me to lie down
And examine half-buried
Tombstones.
It leadeth me into
Still courthouses;
It restoreth my
ancestral knowledge.
It leadeth me in paths
Of census records &
Ship's passenger lists for
My surname's sake.
Yea, though I walk
Through the shadows of
Research libraries
& microfilm readers,
I shall fear
No discouragement.
For a strong urge
Is within me;
The curiosity & motivation
They comforteth me.
It demandeth preparation
Of storage space for the acquisition
Of countless documents.
It annointeth my head
With burning mid-night oil;
My family group sheets
Runneth over.
Surely birth, marriage, &
Death dates shall
Follow me all
The days of my life;
And I shall
Dwell in the house of
A family-history seeker
Forever.

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Historic Cemetery Preservation Grants Program

The Parks & Recreation Department, Heritage Conservation Division is doing a grant for, "Historic Cemetery Preservation Grants Program." They want to help protect and preserve historic cemeteries and burial sites.

They are giving away \$50,000. There must be an application filled out of course.

Eligibility: Any cemetery or burial site which contains burials dated on or prior to February 14, 1909. Individuals, organizations or groups concerned with the ongoing care of cemetery or burial grounds may apply.

You **MUST** send a one page letter by **December 15, 2003**.

You may visit their web site at: www.hcd.state.or.us Look for grant info. Contact Mirra Meyer at 503-986-0685 for information.

Mark Your Calendars

January 12-16, 2004—Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

The Utah Genealogical Association announced the ninth annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy at the Wyndham Hotel in Salt Lake City. A pamphlet outlining the conference will be available in the BCGS library for those who may be interested in attending.

March 19-20, 2004—Sweet Home Annual Genealogy Workshop.

April 17, 2004—Genealogical Council of Oregon, Spring Meeting, Madras, OR. (Open to all Genealogists).

May 8, 2004, 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m., 2nd BCGS Genealogy Book Faire. New and used books and genealogical merchandise will be for sale

October 1-3, 2004—Genealogical Council of Oregon, Bi-annual Statewide Conference, Red Lion Hotel, Salem, OR. (Open to all Genealogists).

BCGS Position Available

BCGS is seeking someone to be in charge of advertising/promotions for our upcoming Genealogy Book Faire to be held in May 2004. If you have experience in either area and are interested in doing this, please contact Danell Aukerman at 745-2003 or e-mail her at danellauk@comcast.net

Donations to the book fund can be made using the membership renewal form on the bottom of page 5.

Board Meetings are usually two Mondays before the second Saturday [our regular meeting time]. Dates of the upcoming Board meetings are:
29 December for the **10 January** meeting. Cookies—Tonya Rawie
3 February for the **14 February** meeting. Cookies—Ken Bielman
1 March for the **13 March** meeting. Cookies—Charlene Talbot

Membership Information

President	Danell Aukerman danellauk@comcast.net	745-2003
1st Vice Pres	Bill Gleaves gleavew@peak.org	738-8189
2nd Vice Pres	Margaret Hays	757-8633
Secretary	Jim Russell russellmj@proaxis.com	745-6423
Treasurer	Gene Newcomb	929-5715
Librarian	Ken Bielman bielman@pioneer.net	758-3769
Membership	Tonya Rawie Tonyamra@aol.com	812-1602
Newsletter Editor	Teri Greene mmteri@aol.com	929-6347
Publishing	Lee Gentemann rootsfinder@ciosa.net	
Activities	Mary Hardenbrook hardeme@exchangenet.net	

Dues are \$12.00 single and \$15.00 family per calendar year.
 Dues paid after September 1st are credited to next year.
 Web page URL <http://www.rootsweb.com/~orbentgs/> board minutes are posted here.

More Member Info.

Our meetings are held on the **second Saturday, September through June**, in the NE Dining Hall of the College United Methodist Church, on the east side of the parking lot, in the 1100 block of Philomath Blvd. Business meeting is at 10:00 AM with the program at 11:00 AM.
Our Library, in the museum annex, will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 PM and after meetings on Saturdays. Members may check out up to five books and return books any time the library is open.

Canadian Interest Group

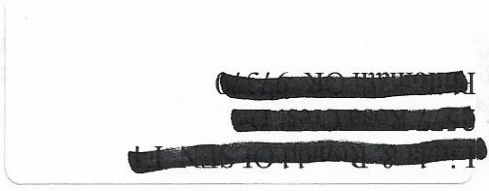
The Canadian Interest Group will not meet on a regular basis until further notice. If you have specific questions about research in Canada, or if you would like to look through my resources, please contact me at: 752-2243; e-mail: sprawlinson@proaxis.com. Thank You, **Pat Rawlinson**

Odds and Ends

Our number at the OSU Thrift Shop on Second Street in Corvallis is **492**. Please keep your Santiam and Flav-R-Pak labels coming in to the Library. There is a plastic sack in the library to keep them in. Leila Crawford is in charge of the label program. All you need is the UPC Symbol from the label. Be sure that you leave some area around the label when you tear it off.

THIS IS ALMOST OUR ONLY FUND RAISER!

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