



## Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

*Finding ancestors since 1971*

### June 2022 President's Letter



This month is the second anniversary of our first Zoom meeting. Zoom seems like second nature now. Who says old dogs can't learn new tricks?!



*Jean Wilcox Hibben*

#### June Meeting (Hybrid)

#### *“Life on the Farm: Records, Reports and More”*

Farmers have been the backbone of America from the time of the first settlers. Without these important people and their families, well, there would be nothing to eat. **Never again say that your ancestor was JUST a farmer!** We'll learn more about this vital occupation and how to locate farming records online and in repositories.

Coming to us from Corona, California, **Jean Hibben**, Ph.D., MA, has been involved in family research for over 40 years. She has worked on background research for two genealogy television programs. Her website: [circlemending.org](http://circlemending.org).

**Monday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m.**

#### *“Life on the Farm: Records, Reports and More”*

Via Zoom AND in-person at Douglas PUD Auditorium

1151 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee

Topic: WAGS June General Meeting - Zoom Link

Time: Jun 13, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87569689082?pwd=Qmo0eUQ0NGFiak1YVTIzNWWhWZkRaUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 6968 9082 Passcode: June

**Parking at the PUD:** In reviewing our agreement with the Douglas PUD, I see that we've been a little remiss. Since our meetings are *during business hours*, we're **not** supposed to park down by the door to the auditorium. Instead, go just a little farther south and up the hill—the bit of extra walk will be good for us.





### **Gratitude and appreciation!**

I want to thank the 2021/22 board for their hard work and support. We are very fortunate to have such talented, energetic folks who see the value of “paying it back” for all that genealogy has given to them.

Special thanks to:

**Lisa Vollrath**, Recording Secretary

**Patty Ostendorff**, Corresponding Secretary

**Shirley Acheson**, Treasurer

**Diane Gundersen**, Member at-Large and Co-Librarian

**Kris McGregor**, Member at-Large and Co-Librarian

**Hank Lubean**, Member at-Large and Tech Chair

*(Diane and Kris became Co-Librarians upon the resignation of Pat Thomas.)*

### **Elections for 2022-23**

Heartfelt thanks to Diane Gundersen, Kris McGregor and Lisa Vollrath, for taking on the ever-difficult task of being the Nominating Committee.



The **ballots** have been sent out, with instructions to return them, either by Reply email, or mailed to the Library (127 South Mission, Annex Building, Wenatchee 98801) before the June 13 meeting. (Thanks to Phyllis Barnett for being our ballot-counter!) At the meeting, after asking the customary THREE TIMES (Robert's Rules of Order requires that) if there are further nominations from the floor, a final vote will be taken (if need be) and the vote will be announced. Here is the slate:

President **Susan Rumble**

Vice-President **Diane Gundersen**

Treasurer **Shirley Acheson**

Recording Secretary **Lisa Vollrath**

Corresponding Secretary **Patty Ostendorff**

Member at-Large **Hazel Thornton**

Member at-Large **Kris McGregor**

Member at-Large **Hank Lubean**

Head Librarian Vacant

*(Diane and Kris will continue to serve as Co-Librarians.)*



### **Goings-on at the WAGS Library . . .**

Several of your librarians got together recently for a **work/learning party** and explored the treasures we have in the basement, as they filed some death certificates with the existing funeral records. We didn't get it all done—our current plan is to have one work party each month where

we'll explore different parts of the library to gain knowledge on what we have as well as to organize and map these treasures to make them easier to access for our members and patrons. Want to spend a few hours a month (or just one time) getting to know your library? Send a note to [Library@wags-web.org](mailto:Library@wags-web.org) and let us know that you'd like to "party" with us!

Our state bulletin review is completed, and we have paper copies of bulletins that are online from **Pennsylvania through Wyoming** available for members to take home for review—they'll be in the library **until June 11** for you to stop by and pick up.

In May, we had 47 visitors to the library by 18 people (12 volunteers and 6 patrons). We counted 129 volunteer hours.



Did you see the lead story in Section C of the May 28 *Wenatchee World*? It was an article entitled "**The Cost of War**" by Peter O'Cain, listing the fallen of Chelan and Douglas Counties throughout the 20th century and into the 21st. O'Cain cites WAGS as one of his sources. We are proud to be able to honor the memories of these soldiers through the resources we have available in our library!

### ***Something new on the website . . .***

Look on the home page and you'll see **Historic Photos**, thanks to the creative efforts of Kris McGregor and Hank LuBean. They have gathered and indexed over a hundred old pictures and made them searchable. Ask for the name of a town, or you could search more broadly for things like *dam, school, or avenue*.



Do you have an old photo of this area to **share** on our webpage? Email [info@wags-web.org](mailto:info@wags-web.org) and we'll set up a time for you to bring it/them in and make copies.

### **Vignette from WAGS' past . . .**



**FUNDRAISERS** How has WAGS financed itself? Early on, dues (\$3.00 for an individual!) and gifts were the only income. Then we branched out to **yard and rummage sales**, and in 1984 we were able to purchase our first new copy machine.

Then we got into **recycling**, having bins in the back of the annex building for newspapers and aluminum cans. After some vandalism, the museum asked us to stop doing this.

We actually had a **gift shop** in the corner of the Reading Room for a time, but we

needed library space worse. We participated in **bazaars** at the Wenatchee Valley Mall. We sold food, plants, knit and crochet items, various decorations, and the guys made wood projects.

In 1991, we began our **Nason Creek Rest Area** fundraisers, working with the Department of Transportation's Free Coffee program. The first year we made \$1,500! Eventually we ran out of volunteers and could no longer participate.

*Welcome* . . . to new member **Brian Welhoelter** of Wenatchee. We're looking forward to working with you!

See you at the farm!  
Susan Rumble  
WAGS President

