



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society

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President's Letter August 2022



Welcome to August! We're calling our July and August programs our “summer of DNA.” I've looked for slightly different approaches to DNA, and not just “what is autosomal, what is mitochondrial?” In July we considered just where DNA ought to fit into our research plan, and this month . . .



Mags Gaudin

August membership meeting (Zoom-only)

We're going all the way to Ottawa, Canada (maybe it's cooler there) to bring back **Mags Gaudin**, a professional genealogist specializing in genetic genealogy. She is a Leader at WikiTree, shepherding their DNA Innovators Project and the United Empire Loyalist Project, plus several name studies and DNA group projects. Her website: grandmasgenes.com.

“**Using WikiTree's DNA Features in Your Family History Research**” will show you WikiTree's powerful DNA features, and how they can help identify matches.

Due to some vacation schedules, this month's meeting will be brought to you **only via Zoom**, with no in-person component. Turn up your a/c at home and settle in for a good presentation.

Monday, August 8 at 2:00 p.m.

A Zoom-only meeting

Using WikiTree's DNA Features in Your Family History Research

Topic: WAGS August General Meeting

Time: Aug 8, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89248490018?pwd=OGNvWXJPbUt4RDZlL2NYeFNNYVF5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 892 4849 0018 Passcode: August



Dusting off our strategic hats . . .

On Wednesday, August 3, 9:30 a.m., we'll have our August board meeting via Zoom. We hope to spend a good chunk of the time pondering questions like **What story does/do our budget/programs/library tell about us? What are the key issues facing our organization? What will success look like in the coming year?** If planning is in your wheelhouse, or if you're simply curious, please join us! Here is the Zoom information:

Topic: WAGS Board Meeting

Time: Aug 3, 2022 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

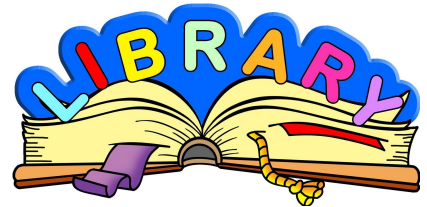
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Library News

The last of our new shelving has been put up, creating a nice corner in the Reading Room to feature our NCW books and PNW history. This will open up space in the Resource/Entry Room for another table, making obit research and other projects easier to spread out.



Our Library Questionnaire item about focusing on North Central Washington raised concerns that we might be getting rid of all our books, history and materials from other places. **NO!! We absolutely would not do that!** However, any new purchases or acquisitions will focus closer to home. Our first priority will be NCW, and then we'll branch out into the rest of the state and then into the Pacific Northwest.

The best way to learn about our library and its resources is to join us there—either as a patron or as a volunteer! Click on **Our Library** on the home page to get an idea of what we have for your research. We'd love to see you on Tuesday or Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. If that time doesn't work, we can open up by appointment (please give a couple days' notice).

Want to *really* learn about the library? We have some jobs for you!

Library Technical Specialist This might take an hour a month. You would be responsible for loading programs and installing updates on our library computers. You'd also be on hand to set up sound and video for library meetings.

Library Link-Checker Someone to check the library-specific links on our website and correct/delete as needed.

Volunteer Coordinator Someone to manage what needs done around here and who will accomplish it.



At your fingertips . . .

Our recent polling has shown that some of you don't realize that part of the benefits of WAGS membership is access to Library Editions of My Heritage and Ancestry, and free access to American Ancestors (New England Historic Genealogical Society). (Your new 2023 MyHeritage password is in the email accompanying this newsletter.) Here's how it works:

At WAGS Library computers: Access American Ancestors and the Library Edition of Ancestry.

At your home computer: Access the Library Edition of MyHeritage.

Over at the Family History Center . . .

Paul and Glennalee Stowell are your hosts, and Hank LuBean will welcome you on Wednesday evenings.

Hours:

Tuesday 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm

Wednesday 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm

Thursday 1-4 pm



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee

(entrance is located on the west side of the building)



Members Only—more than meets the eye . . .

I've told you before that there are fun things lurking under Members Only:

Places to go, things to do . . . gives you events outside our area

WAGS 50th Member Comments are memories of the good old days at WAGS

Membership Meeting Highlights contains the handouts and videos (if available) of our recent programs

And there's the **Members' Landing Page**, where you'll find the link to MyHeritage that you can access at home (American Ancestry and Ancestry are available on the WAGS Library computers)—the sweetest benefits of being a WAGS member!

There are also more business-like things on Members Only, such as:

Member Discount Code for anything you buy on the WAGS website. Who doesn't love a discount?!

Membership Account/Member Profile for creating or updating your personal WAGS information.

Get curious, and find out what is waiting for you under all the buttons at your WAGS website!

Sincerely,
Susan Rumble,
WAGS President



Imagine being this cool!