

# THE BEACON

## MARCH 2018

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**SIGS Research Library**  
**Humble House, Heritage Park, 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA**  
**Library hours: 11 to 3 on Tues., Thurs. and Sat.**  
**Telephone 425-775-6267**

### **\* \* \* SIGS MEETING WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH 2018 \* \* \***

Our speaker this month is David Richardson, - yes, his name MIGHT be familiar from a GREAT presentation he gave at a SIGS monthly meeting a few years ago, and yes, he'll be talking about Book Repair ("Can This Book Be Saved?") Dave suggests that attendees bring a book that might not be in the best of shape, and he can evaluate its condition and suggest possible alternatives to a one-way trip to the Recycle Bin.

As always, the meeting venue is the Family History Center in the LDS building at 22015 48th Avenue West in Mountlake Terrace. The (brief) General Meeting starts at 6:30, followed by socializing (also brief and with cookies) with Dave's presentation beginning at 7. Use Google to find directions and/or create a map. Park around the back of the building via the SOUTH side driveway access. The entrance to the FHC is at the NORTH end of the building.

### **SIGS WEBSITE IS STILL DOWN**

As of 4 March, our SIGS website is STILL down, and even more frustrating is this – the latest RootsWeb/Ancestry “news update” was posted 25 January 2018! It's not surprising that RootsWeb/Ancestry is NOT offering even a “best guess” as to when our SIGS site (AND similiar sites) will be up and running. We KNOW that people miss the online resources that have been available for free on our site - the library catalog, the CamWood Obits Index, the Snohomish County Gazetteer, several indices to published SnoCo biographies (to name a few). Your Board is discussing options for creating our own web space with our own domain name and LOTS of room for expansion. Stay tuned!

## More Details on Classes at the FHC in MLT

Keith Allred of the Family History Center in Mountlake Terrace recently told The Beacon that classes on Family Search, DNA for Family History and Writing Family Stories will begin in March. These free classes are open to all; each class will be presented twice and will last 1 ½ hours. Find more details including an online electronic signup for each class at [www.shorelinefhc.com](http://www.shorelinefhc.com) Here's a quick summary of the classes:

MARCH CLASS - Introduction to Family Search, with Keith Allred - 2nd Thursday from 7 pm to 8:30 pm; repeated 4th Saturday, 10 am to 11:30 am

APRIL CLASS - Intro to DNA for Family History, with Janice Allred - 2nd Thursday from 7 pm to 8:30 pm; repeated 4th Saturday, 10 am to 11:30 am

MAY Class - Writing Your Family Stories, with David Williams - 2nd Thursday from 7 pm to 8:30 pm; repeated 4th Saturday, 10 am to 11:30 am

## Still Hopin' and Wishin' – March 2018

Keeping our fingers crossed that a certain SIGS member who has expressed an interest in serving as our Web Manager WILL sign on the dotted line! She certainly has the skills and experience to re-design our website so that it meets the needs (if not the wishes) of site visitors, and to teach US how to effectively bring our website into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Library Director is THRILLED to announce that The Library has TWO new staff members!!! Currently they are undergoing INTENSIVE training on the Third Thursday of each month, but may make an appearance on other days. Of course, we could ALWAYS use more volunteer staff and interns; there are many on-going data-entry projects, not to mention the upcoming Collection Inventory! We will cope with YOUR schedule and availability!

Curious about any of these volunteer opportunities? Call the Library during Open Hours and the staff person on duty will get your name and contact information to the appropriate Director.

REJOICE! We now have a DESIGNATED TECHIE! Mark comes with AWESOME credentials and can translate Geek into words that (most) members and patrons can understand!

## I DON'T HAVE TO BE SMART AS LONG AS I HAVE SMART FRIENDS

Finding too much "conflicting information" about your current ancestral target (and MAJOR contributor to the Brick Wall to end ALL Brick Walls)? Fear not, boys and girls: your Smart Friend Michael John Neill offers a nifty strategy that might get rid of a brick or two...

<http://genealogytipoftheday.com/index.php/2018/03/03/chart-those-things-that-do-not-agree/>

## **Fred Meyers Rewards Program**

***If I link my Freddie's Customer Rewards card to SIGS, will I lose Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates?***

**NO!** Rewards Customers still get the Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates. The Community Rewards program is a separate program and in addition to all these other great benefits! Learn more at <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-frequently-asked-questions-for-non-profits>

If you're already participating in Community Rewards, **THANK YOU!** Be sure to check the **BOTTOM** of your Fred Meyer receipt to be sure that SIGS is mentioned! It may be necessary for you to RE-register your link to the Society!!

## **It's That Time of the Year!**

Our Nominating Committee will be contacting SIGS members by email inviting us to volunteer for Board Positions for the 2018-2019 year. Here's a great chance for YOU to make a real contribution to our Society by sharing YOUR ideas, creativity, talents and enthusiasm to make SIGS even better in the future!

## **BASIC DNA for FAMILY HISTORIANS**

DNA. You've heard about it.  
Have YOU taken a test?  
Do you WANT to take a test?  
Are you AFRAID to take a test?  
Do you know WHICH test you should take?  
Do you know which COMPANY you should use?  
Do you know WHAT a test will tell you?  
Do you know HOW DNA testing can HELP you with your family history research?

If you can answer "YES" to one or more of these questions, you will want to attend "An Introduction to DNA for Family History" presented by Janice Parker Allred. All these questions (and more) will be discussed at the SIGS Monthly Meeting on Wed, 4 April, at the FHC in MLT; the business meeting starts at 6:30 pm with Janice's presentation at 7 pm.

## **HERITAGE PARK ANNUAL CLEAN-UP EVENT**

You KNOW you just LOVE to play in the dirt, right? Well, you can join with a FINE bunch of Heritage Park supporters at the Annual Park Clean-Up, Wednesday, 4 April from 9am to 3pm! Interested in this project? Call the SIGS Library at 425-775-6267 for details. We need to let the Parks people know how many of us are going to show up!

## CALENDAR

- Sat, 3 Mar 2018 - Basic Beginning Genealogy** 10 am at the SIGS Library. FREE!
- Wed, 7 Mar 2018 – SIGS Monthly Meeting** Details on Page 1 of this issue of The Beacon.
- Sat, 10 Mar 2018 - DNA Focus Group** 1pm to 2pm at the SIGS Library. FREE!
- Mon, 19 Mar 2018 - SIGS Board Meeting** – 12:30 to 2:30 at SIGS Library.
- Tue, 20 Mar 2018 – Scandinavian Focus Group** - 11am to 12 noon, SIGS Library. FREE!
- Tue, 20 Mar 2018 – German Focus Group** – 1pm to 2pm, at the SIGS Library. FREE!
- Sat, 24 Mar 2018 – Brick Wall Busters Group** – 10am to 11am at the SIGS Library. FREE!
- Wed, 4 Apr 2018 – Heritage Park Spring Cleaning** – details on page 3, this issue.
- Wed, 4 Apr 2018 – SIGS Monthly Meeting at the Family History Center in MLT** – meeting at 6:30, speaker at 7. Find details on page 3.

## SEMINARS, CONFERENCES and SPECIAL EVENTS

- Sun, 18 Mar 2018 - Irish Genealogy Seminar** - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Location Upper Level Amory (formerly the Center House), Seattle Center, Seattle, WA. Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt o learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in your research. For more details, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/irish-genealogy-seminar-tickets-42301967323>
- Sat, 7 Apr 2018 – Olympia Genealogical Society Spring Seminar** – Venue is Capital Event Center, Tumwater. Lisa Alzo – “Find your immigrant and miscreant ancestors”; her topics include - Immigrant Cluster Communities; Silent Voices: Female Immigrant Ancestors; more. Find the event brochure at <http://www.olygensoc.org/2018SpringSeminarBrochure.p>
- Wed, 15 Aug – Sat, 17 Aug 2018 – Northwest Genealogy Conference** – Arlington, WA. Keynote speakers are CeCe Moore, Beth Foulk and Peggy Lauritzen. Visit [www.nwgc.org](http://www.nwgc.org) for the full schedule of classes.

**SNO-ISLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL  
YEARLY DUES - \$25.00 PER YEAR  
(1 September 2017 through 31 August 2018)**

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Fill out the form, include it with your check and either bring both to the Library OR mail to SIGS, 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, 98036.

If you would like a Membership Card mailed to you, please include a Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope with this application form and your check.