



# Sno-Isle Genealogical Society Beacon

## JUNE, 2018

Welcome to the new Beacon format! We hope you enjoy the new look, and will bear with us as we may experience a few "growing pains." Please note that words or phrases in RED are actually links to websites or documents. If you have any trouble with these, kindly let us know.

### OUR SOCIETY

Officers 2017-2018  
President: Brenda Sanchez  
Vice President: Phylis Jorgenson  
Secretary: Kathy Morrow  
Treasurer: Samantha Morales

Officers may be contacted at [sigs@alderwood.org](mailto:sigs@alderwood.org)



- **Summer Break:** Just a reminder that SIGS Meetings run on an academic calendar. We don't meet during July and August, but will resume our monthly meetings September 5<sup>th</sup>!
- **June General Meeting:** will be on Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Come for an open house and share the story of one or two of your family treasures (small or bring a picture). We'll start at 6:30 pm and treats will be available.
- **New Members:** Five new members joined us in April. Welcome to all of you!

### OUR LIBRARY



Part of Lynnwood's Heritage Park, the library is homed at the north end of the park in the historic Humble House.

The library is a reference collection with more than 5,000 titles. In addition to local resources there are holdings for countries around the world. Books cannot be checked out, but the library has worktables and a dedicated volunteer staff is always ready to help users access our online and shelved collections. Please see the hours below.

#### New Library Additions

NORTH DAKOTA - EDDY COUNTY Century of Sowers...Harvest of Heritage (Hist of New Rockford, ND 1883-1983), [ND-02](#)

WASHINGTON - KITTITAS COUNTY – History, (inc. family histories with surname index) [WA-KTT-02](#)

WEST VIRGINIA - PRESTON COUNTY – Vol 1 Tombstone Readings-Preston Co WV,(vol1) by Janice Sisler c.1995 [WV-05a](#)  
In Remembrance:Tombstone Readings-Preston Co by Janice Sisler WV,(vol 2) c.1997



## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear members

It has been a great year for Sno-Isle Genealogical Society! We've had wonderful programs at our meetings which have been both educational and entertaining.

Our computers at the Library are being upgraded and a Web master has been selected, which will put us into a whole new world. It is very exciting! I want to thank all the officers and directors that have helped us get to this point. We're looking forward to our new Web site coming soon.

Our June meeting should be a fun event. It will be a Show and Share. Please bring one or two items and share the family story that goes with them. So far some of the items that will be shared are an ugly candle stick, a very old ledger and a darning egg, among other interesting treasures. What treasures have the sands of time revealed to you?

I look forward seeing you at our June 6th meeting. Have a great summer.

**Brenda**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- SIGS is a member of the league of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations. Find their website by clicking [here](#)
- The Fred Myers Community Rewards Program donates money to local non-profit organizations. Rewards customers whose cards are linked to the nonprofits earn donations for them. Distributions are made quarterly; and SIGS received \$23.67 for the first quarter of this year. You can help SIGS by earning donations whenever you shop with your Rewards Card. Rewards cardholders still get all their Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates. If you don't already have a Rewards Card, you can sign up at any Fred Meyer Cashier or Customer Service Desk (read about the [card](#)). Then link your Card by searching for the Sno-Isle Genealogy Society. The program is ongoing; you can enroll at any time. Then whenever you use your Rewards Card at Freddy's, you'll be supporting SIGS.

THANK YOU MARGE

*Presented the May SIGS General Meeting.*

## WV-05b

**New on the Used Bookshelf**

The following books are available for purchase at the library. Remember that members get an additional discount!

In honor of the Royal Wedding:

- British Kings & Queens - \$2.00

On Washington:

- Waitsburg: One of Kind by Orchard, \$3.00
- Washington State History by Pelz, \$1.00
- West Side Story (West Seattle Herald), \$1.00

For questions or more info, call the Library during staffed library hours.

**SIGS Research Library is located at:  
Humble House, Heritage Park  
19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA98036  
HOURS: 11am-3pm TU, TH, SAT  
Phone: 425-775-6267**

For holidays or inclement weather conditions, it's always best to call in advance to confirm the schedule.

## THIS MONTH'S GENEALOGY TERM:

**RELIC**

Genealogy has its own terminology, and documents often use phrases, words or abbreviations that are no longer used. Genealogical dictionaries can be very helpful. They are also available online, but what they include varies widely. You can also just search the term you are interested in:

**Relic: A widow or widower. A "relic consort" typically refers to the surviving spouse; in this context, "consort" means spouse.**

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Haven't joined yet...have a friend who may want to join?

Click below to open and print an application. If you have membership question, please email the membership chair, Kathy, at [Morrowk822@gmail.com](mailto:Morrowk822@gmail.com).

- [Membership Form](#)

May 2, 2018

Dear Marge,

You have been the Beacon Editor for many years and you are so appreciated. We know that you have wanted to turn this position over for several years and it just did not happen,

Every season came, and every season went. Summer turning into Fall. Fall into Winter. Winter into Spring and back to Summer again. The different season brought all kinds of weather. The heat of summer with a glass of ice tea. Fall came with rain and wind. The colorful leaves covered the ground. Winters cold and icy days sometimes brought snow. Spring brings hope with the cherry trees starting to bloom with no time off,

Marge. you have been steadfast to this Newsletter (The Beacon) reaching far and wide to many members and other organizations. This has kept all informed on important information and upcoming events.

We have now found a new Editor and We want you to know, how much you have been appreciated. Your light has shown on our organization. You are now able to put all your efforts into the Librarian position which is your passion.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! (in all Languages).

Sincerely,

Brenda Sanchez, President  
Board, Directors and members  
Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

#### SIGS JUNE 2018 CALENDAR



Please mark your personal calendars with the following programming,

- June 2- Saturday 10-11 am @ Humble House  
Beginning Genealogy Class
- June 6 - Wednesday 6:30pm @ Mountlake Terrace  
LDS Church: [22015 48th Ave.W, Mountlake Terrace, WA](#). Heirloom Show & Tell (see "What's New")
- June 9 - Saturday 1-2 pm @ Humble House DNA  
Focus Group\*
- June 18 Monday 12:30 pm @ Humble House  
SIGS Board Meeting

#### RESOURCES

- The In-Depth Genealogist posted a helpful article titled "The 5 Easy Steps to Preserving Newspaper Clippings." Click [Here](#) to read the article.

#### SUNDAYS IN THE PARK



Members are invited to join Marge and Dan every Sunday at Humble House starting the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, through the Sunday of Labor Day weekend from 12noon to 4pm. Come and research or just "hang out" for a few hours. If you can cover the whole 4hrs. let Marge know so Dan can have a day off. Often the Visitor Center is closed Sunday afternoons so visitors will stop at our library for basic local information.

#### UPCOMING SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & SPECIAL EVENTS

A complete listing of local events can be found on the Washington State Genealogical Society's [Meetings and Events page](#)

#### FOR BEGINNERS



#### **Family History Forms:**

- Family history charts help to organize family history work. They make visible the relationship between individuals, identify what you've found and what you still need, and make your research faster and more effective. There is a large selection of charts available, but we're sticking to the basics here.
- Free family history forms may be downloaded from numerous sources. try your Genealogy software program if you have one, Ancestry if you belong, search the internet, or FamilySearch's wiki

[click here for the link](#)

- June 19 Tuesday 11am-Noon @ Humble House Scandinavian Focus Group\*
- June 23 Saturday 10-11am @ Humble House Brick Wall Busters Focus Group\*
- For advice on sorting out information, sources and evidence, read "**5 Things to Ask About Genealogy Information**" by Amy Johnson Crow on her blog

*\* Focus groups are discussion sessions exploring your individual research questions and providing guidance on strategies and resources to help you move forward in your research*

#### FAVORITE WEBSITES

If you're interested in Genealogy, you need to know about **Cyndi's List**. The list is a categorized and cross-referenced list of links for genealogy research. According to the creator of the site, Cyndi Howells, the list began as a one-page set of bookmarks she shared with fellow members at the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society. After that it was expanded to be a 6-page article for the society quarterly. On March 4, 1996 she published her personal web site and, as sort of an after-thought, added her "list" of bookmarks. According to Wikipedia, the site, which is free to use, now contains about 332 THOUSAND genealogy related link!



#### FOCUS ON: WASHINGTON STATE

Washington (officially the State of Washington) was admitted to the Union as the 42nd state in 1889. Named after our first president, George Washington, the state was created from the western part of the Washington Territory, which was ceded by Britain in 1846 in accordance with the Oregon Treaty in the settlement of the Oregon boundary dispute.

The State Records Collections provides a vital account of public government in Washington State, beginning with the establishment of Washington Territory in 1853 and continuing to the present. State Records transferred to the Archives are open to the public for research under the terms of the Public Disclosure Act. Providing access to these records is the top priority of the State Records research staff. Much more information on the Washington Archives is available at [https://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives\\_state.aspx](https://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/archives_state.aspx)

The Washington State Digital Archives is the nation's first archives dedicated specifically to the preservation of electronic records from both State and Local agencies that have permanent legal, fiscal or historical value. Located in Cheney, WA on the Eastern Washington University campus, the facility, web interface and databases were designed from the ground up to host a technically complex program and provide simple, straight forward access to researchers. As a result, Washington has one of the best digital archives available in the U.S.

In addition to historical records indexed and/or digitized at the **Digital Archives**, the State Archives and State Library have a variety of resources to aid in genealogy research:

- **Washington State Library**
- **Washington Historical Map Collection**
- **Historical Newspapers in Washington**
- **Statewide Historical Records Guide (1981)**
- **Washington State Constitution**

**Other helpful resources include:**

- **The National Archives at Seattle**
- **Cindy's List for Washington State**

**Contact Us:**

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Website: **stay tuned-new website coming soon!**

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