



Sno-Isle Genealogical Society

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While we normally meet on the first Wednesday of the month, for 2020 it falls on New Year's Day.

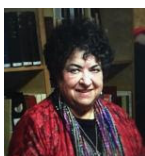
Our first meeting of the year will be on Jan 8 (the second Wednesday, this month only) in Heritage Park's Wicker's Building, the brick building downhill from Humble House.

Our meeting schedule will be the same: A short business meeting at 6:30 pm followed at 7 pm by our monthly genealogy program that runs until about 8:15 pm.

And a reminder that with winter weather on the way, if the Edmonds School District has closed school, our Library will be closed and SIGS activities for the day canceled. The Edmonds School District includes Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway and portions of Brier and unincorporated Snohomish County.



Around the Society



President's Message

Dear Members and future members of SIGS:

I hope your Christmas was the best one ever and that you had time to spend with family and share stories.

I want to thank everyone for the role they have played this past year in developing our organization. We've made great progress with our 2019 priorities to continue providing quality education, evolve our website, grow our membership, start implementing ePayments, begin our on-line catalog and coordinate with Heritage Park to make use of their new meeting space. We've accomplished a lot! Most of these projects will continue into 2020-21 as we've still got lots of work to do, and more ideas on how to continue improving our organization. My deepest thanks to all our members and interns who've dedicated countless hours to make all this happen.

We hope that our new location for meetings at Heritage Park will be convenient and our monthly programs will offer everyone who comes both an interesting learning experience and the opportunity to connect with others who share your interest in Family History.

My New Year's wish for all of you is for great success in your family research. If you have not done so, now is the time to start asking family members about grandparents and greats ... It is time to tell their stories and your stories. It's our responsibility to tell the stories, leave a historical record and leave a legacy to and for future family members.

Come and join us this year.

Happy New Year!

Brenda Sanchez President .



Society News

► We didn't have many folks at the Christmas/Holiday party, but a good time was had by everyone who was there as we swapped stories about our family holiday traditions and enjoyed the many treats everyone shared. Pictures are on our Facebook page.

► Heritage Park's traditional Alderwood Manor Santa and Cookies Sunday Dec 8th was a great success. The park was full of families, and lots of folks dropped by Humble House, where we had cookies plus coloring pages & crayons for the little ones.

Upcoming Events

2020 General Meetings will be held at the Wicker's bldg. in Heritage Park, Guests invited!

► **Jan. 8** Kent Morgan will be talking about *The Oregon Trail*.

► A Free Beginning Genealogy class is offered by the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society on the first Sat. of the month at 10am. (**Next class is Jan 4**) The 1 hour drop-in class will help the beginning researcher get organized and started to document their family history. Classes are held at the Sno-Isle Genealogy Research Library, 19827 Poplar Way, Heritage Park, Lynnwood. For more info call 425-775-6267 on Tues. or Thurs. 11am - 3pm.

► Have you hit a "brick wall" with your genealogy research? Sno-Isle Genealogical Society is offering free help on your "brick walls" on **Sat. Jan 25th**. Caroll Budny, an experienced research genealogist, has three 1 hour time slots available. Please call the Research Library between 11 am and 3 pm. Tues, Thursday or Saturday at 425-775-6267 to schedule an appointment.

► **Feb 5** Back by popular demand, bookbinder David Richardson will be showing how he repairs damaged books. He invites people to bring in their "sick" books for an estimate on repairs.

► **For other Upcoming Seminars, Conferences and Special Events** see the [Events Calendar](#) on our Website.

Membership



A Membership Form is available [here](#).

If you have membership questions, please email the membership chair, Kathy, at membership@snoislegen.org or stop by the Library when it's open.

Other News

Find-A-Grave just announced a new (Beta) Search. It looks like the regular search but uses a different search engine and offers more search options. [Read more](#) about it and click [here](#) to try it out.



About the Library

Humble House, Heritage Park,
19827 Poplar Way,
Lynnwood, WA 98036

The SIGS Research Library has more than 5,000 titles, including books, periodicals, newspapers, obituaries and the like.

Library Hours: Tue, Thurs & Saturdays 11 am-3 pm | **Phone:** 425-775-6267

For holidays or bad weather please call ahead to confirm the schedule. Remember that if the Edmonds school district has closed school, our Library will be closed and activities canceled for the day.

Library Improvements:

► Our used books for sale list is now online in the website: <https://snoislegen.org/used-books-for-sale/>. You can also find the page by clicking on the magnifying glass in the menu at the top of any page and searching for "used books". Remember that SIGS members get a 10% discount. Many books are only a dollar! Online payment isn't yet available so you'll need to either visit the library or call to arrange for your book(s) to be shipped to you; shipping costs will be added to the cost of your purchase.

► Our on-line catalog project continues, and is going well. If you can type and are interested in helping us with enter books into the catalog please call the library and leave a message for Ron Sailer, and he'll contact you. With about 4,000 titles to go, we can use definitely use any help you can give us!

Reinforcing Your Research Frugal Genealogy

Genealogy can be an expensive hobby, and given that many of us will see extra bills coming due in January, tightening our belts is sometimes a necessity. But that doesn't mean you have to stop your research! There are lots of resources available that won't cost you a fortune. Here's a list of ten of the best.

Resources

- [FamilySearch.org](#)
 - [Cyndi's List](#)
 - [FamilySearch.org](#)
 - [Chronicling America](#)
 - [Digital Public Library of America](#) (DPLA)
 - [Lisa Lisson, Are You My Cousin; free genealogy sites](#)
 - [Access Genealogy](#) :
 - [Google Genealogy Book Search](#)
 - [Internet Archive](#)
 - [David Rumsey's Historical Maps](#)
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For Beginners

- [7 Traits That Make a Good Genealogist](#) by Alona Tester on LonetesterHQ
 - [Googling Your Genealogy for Great Finds](#) by Devon Noel Lee on Family History Fanatics
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Genealogy Terms

Abstracts, Extracts and Transcripts

- **Abstract** : a summary of the text of a document, retaining all the essential details.
 - **Extract**: a word-for-word copy of selected portions of the document. Often helpful for removing long legal “boilerplate” language
 - **Transcript**: a complete word-for-word copy of the document, including all spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors.
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Favorite Blogs

► The Ancestor Hunt: <https://www.theancestorhunt.com/> - tons of links to “hidden gems of information that can assist you in advancing your family history and genealogy research.”

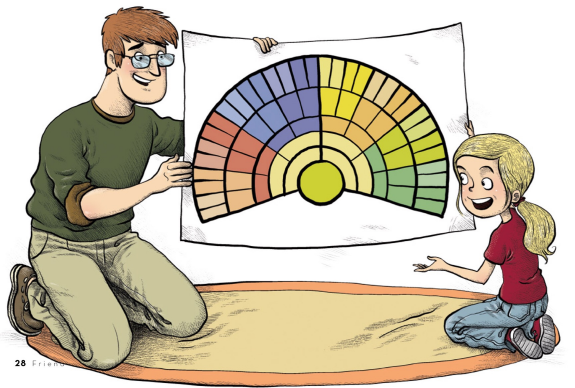
Have a cool genealogy site or resource? [Let us know](#) and we'll be glad to share it.

Quick Tips

Check the states you're researching for digital archives; more and more are coming on-line. WA has one of the best. Be sure to look for State censuses - they may have more info than the federal ones!

Do You Know?

Reclaim the Records has announced that there is now a New York City GEOGRAPHIC Birth Index. Unlike the more typical birth indexes arranged by surname or date, this one is arranged by the child's place of birth, the actual exact street address! Make sure to read their [introduction](#) on how the cards are indexed; most are not yet indexed.



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