



Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society
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President's Letter
April 2025



Welcome to April! Another year is flying by . . .

April Presentation for Members and Guests:



Jim Ruud

“Historic Records in Douglas County”

with Jim Ruud, Douglas County Assessor

Many of you remember our program last year featuring the historic records in Chelan County. This year we'll even things out with a look at the treasures that await us up at the courthouse in Waterville. Jim will give us a virtual tour of the historic ownership records, old deeds and photos that his office stewards. Jim is descended from early Waterville pioneers, so his interest in old records comes naturally.

WAGS Presentation for Members and Guests

“Historic Records in Douglas County”

Monday afternoon, April 14, 2025 2:00 p.m.

In person at the FamilySearch Center, 667 10th Street NE, East Wenatchee
and via Zoom:

Topic: WAGS April General Meeting Zoom Link
Time: Apr 14, 2025 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87157312948?pwd=7jB6HL8ZWm4nwb3wS3v8GrSmCg9liQ.1>

Meeting ID: 871 5731 2948
Passcode: April

Our May 12 meeting . . .

WAGS member Cathie Wengreen and her husband will present ***“A Genealogy Visit to the Netherlands.”*** They were there last year, and they're eager to share what they found!



Thomas
MacEntee

Our June 9 meeting . . .

We'll finish our year strong with Thomas MacEntee presenting ***“After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research.”*** I hear that Thomas is retiring next year, so this will be a very special presentation, bidding adieu to a good friend of WAGS these many years.

Out and about . . .

Four of us personed a table at the Pybus Nonprofit Day on March 22. We talked to folks about our passion for genealogy, history and our community. Thanks to **Kris McGregor, Hazel Thornton, Kari Strain** and **Susan Rumble** for giving us a slice of their Saturday!



Volunteering for a board position . . .

As our meetings have become more virtual, it has become more difficult to know our members and their skills and desires. So in addition to following the bylaws regarding nominating new officers, we need you to reach out to us if you've thought of being more involved with WAGS.

If you're interested in becoming a board member or even just attending our meetings to see if it's for you, here are the board positions you could apply for. Lest you think we are locked into our positions, please be assured that none of us would mind having someone run against us! And remember, two people can share an office.

President – OPEN – currently filled by **Susan Rumble**

Vice President – OPEN – currently filled by **Kari Strain**

Treasurer – OPEN – presently, tasks shared by **Susan** and **Diane** and a paid bookkeeper

Recording Secretary – OPEN – currently filled by **Lisa Vollrath**

Corresponding Secretary – OPEN – currently filled by **Patty Ostendorff**

Librarian – OPEN – currently filled by **Diane Gundersen**

Member at-Large – OPEN – currently filled by **Hank LuBean** (also works as our technology specialist)

Member at-Large – OPEN – currently filled by **Hazel Thornton** (also works as our membership specialist and as a librarian)

Member at-Large – OPEN – currently filled by **Kris McGregor** (also works on publicity and as a librarian)

The board meets the second Wednesday of the month via Zoom at 5:00 p.m. Our Nominating Committee will be making some calls, or contact us at info@wags-web.org and let us know of your interest.

How to find stuff:

Chelan County Marriages

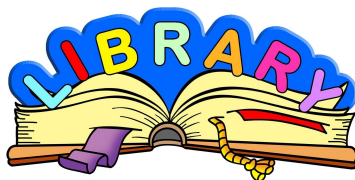
1. Go to <http://co.chelan.wa.us/auditor/pages/genealogy>
2. In the upper right, click/hover on **Online Services**
3. Choose **Recording: Document Search**
4. Choose **Name Search**
5. Enter last and first names
6. Under Document Type, choose **Marriage Application**
7. **Search**
8. Select the name you're searching from the drop-down list and click **Done**
9. Click on the person's name to see the image



Marriages in the State Digital Archive

Go to digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:1

Choose a county and follow the prompts.



The WAGS Library will be closed on Saturday, April 19 for Easter.

We're sorry to see that we lost long-time WAGS member **Sharon Paine** on March 8. She was one of our most awesome volunteers.



Have a lovely Easter,
Susan Rumble
WAGS President
and the WAGS Board



The April **WAGS board meeting** will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, April 9 at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Topic: WAGS April Board Meeting

Time: Apr 9, 2025 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84276858983?pwd=hR6kack0wPZHeXOEBt00EfdLI9BkAo.1>

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Passcode: Board

And finally,

WAGS Library hours

Tuesday and Saturday, 1-4 pm

Wednesday afternoons, digitizing by appt.

127 South Mission, Wenatchee

corner of Yakima and Mission

FamilySearch Center hours:

Tuesdays 11 am to 2 pm

Wednesdays 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Thursdays 1 pm to 4 pm

**Genealogy 101 First Wednesday
of the month at 7 pm**

667 10th Street, NE in East Wenatchee