
Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Mail-In Ballot — 1 April 2013

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Ballots for Bylaws Amendment and Restated Articles of Incorporation must be received by

Monday, April 22

Proposed Action: Adoption of the Amendment to the Bylaws of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. (enclosed with the newsletter).

- For
 Against

Proposed Action: Adoption of the Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. (enclosed with the newsletter).

- For
 Against

Endowment Committee Member (3 year term)

Doug Henne

Write In Candidate:

Candidate Bios

Jeanette Hopkins

Jeanette Hopkins is a third generation Portlander and graduated from Portland State University. She is currently the accountant at a law firm in NE Portland. She joined the GFO in 1991 just after she started researching her family history. She is currently the Treasurer and has held this position for the past seven years, continuing during the past two years at the Board's request to facilitate the move to our new location.

Jeanette has prepared the GFO's tax return for the last four years and continues to spearhead the

Ballots for Officers and Endowment Committee must be received by

Monday, May 6

Vice President (2 year term)

- Jeanette Hopkins
 Mary-Elizabeth Kerchal

Write In Candidate:

Treasurer (2 year term)

Richard Crockett

Write In Candidate:

Director at Large (2 year term)

Judith Leppert

Write In Candidate:

Annual Appeal fund drive. In addition to her financial involvement, she is also a research assistant on the first Sunday of the month (12 years), co-chair of the Spring and Fall Seminars (5 years), an Education committee member (3 years), and a member of the current Bylaws Review and Strategic Planning committees.

As Vice President Jeanette's past experience and knowledge of the GFO will continue to be available to the Board. She also looks forward to the opportunity to explore new areas of service to our organization.

Candidate Bios (cont.)

Mary-Elizabeth Kerchal

Mary-Elizabeth Kerchal is native of Portland and has been a member of the GFO since 1990. She has been involved in genealogy since 1987 focusing on her American and European roots.

She has been an active member of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the DAR since 1998 and the Scandinavian Genealogical Society since 1995. Mary-Elizabeth is a retired elementary school teacher holding degrees in History and Elementary Education from PSU.

She has served as a GFO research assistant since 2010 with a continuing interest in history as well as the family lineage of others.

Richard Crockett

Richard was born outside of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1947. He did a bit of family tree charting back in the early 1960s, but no research. After moving to Portland in 1970, he served as secretary and treasurer of the Basset Hound Club of Portland for a number of years, resigning upon a move to a small apartment where there was no room for dogs.

Before retiring from Portland Public Schools as a seventh grade math teacher, Richard rejoined the Greater Portland Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society and quickly found a niche as the secretary. He took over the treasurer's position in 1997 and has held that post ever since, so he is familiar with handling money for a small nonprofit organization.

Richard is currently the Program Operations Director for Chess for Success, a leading provider of after school enrichment programs based here in Portland. As such, he works full time during the school year but has the summers free. He also does preventive maintenance of the GFO computers and is "on call" for emergencies. He has not served on any committees, but has helped with an indexing project and helped paint our new location prior to the move.

Judith Leppert

Judith Leppert comes from a long line of Oregonians. Her father, mother, and paternal grandmother all were born here. She has served as an RA for the past two years and is interested in learning more about

the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. A retired English teacher with Portland Public Schools, Judith has an MA in English Literature from Portland State University. Her interests include reading, opera, dogs, and gardening. She has been active with the Columbia River Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club for 25 years and volunteers at the Oregon Humane Society Hospital.

Doug Henne

Doug Henne graciously stepped in last year to fill a one year position on the Endowment Committee and is now running for a three year term.

Ballot Mailing

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Add first class postage and mail, or drop in the ballot box at the GFO.

Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation
Ballot must be received by April 22.

Officers ballot must be received by May 6.

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Notes on Revisions to the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation

The proposed revisions to the Bylaws were developed in accordance with the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Handbook, written by a lawyer specializing in nonprofits, which contains current legal requirements for Oregon nonprofits. It recommends:

- Writing the Bylaws for maximum flexibility,
- Including requirements for how the Board operates in the Bylaws, and
- Addressing requirements for management and administration in the Policies document.

This approach simplified parts of the existing Bylaws while bringing us into greater conformity with Oregon's legal requirements.

Notable changes:

- The Board is required to appoint a minimum of three officers in addition to those elected, giving a minimum Board membership of nine.
- More detailed parts of the duties and requirements for the Board to appoint other officers have been moved to the Policies, where they can be more readily revised to accommodate changing situations.
- Elections have been defined in one place with details offloaded to Policies, allowing the flexibility to more readily combine election of officers and amendments to Bylaws or Articles on one ballot in order to save expense.
- Parliamentary procedures are transferred to Policies.
- The Library Committee will be similar to the Endowment Committee in that it will have its own operating plan.
- Some reordering has taken place to put similar things together, such as committee definitions.

We also developed a restatement amending the Articles of Incorporation to comply with IRS requirements for the dissolution process of a 501(c)(3) and bring consistency to the Bylaws and the Articles. The Articles are a much simpler document and include the name, purposes, types of members, limitation of liability, nonprofit information, and dissolution.

~~Language removed in strikethrough~~

Language added in italic

[Proposed]

Articles of Incorporation of the GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON, INC.

As Restated April 22, 2013

~~The undersigned, acting as incorporators under the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:~~

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this corporation is Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. and its duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE II – Purposes and Objectives

~~The purpose of this organization shall be to educate, to record and to preserve genealogical and historical records.~~

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, literary, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

~~The objectives shall be to instruct members in research; to create interest in, to share, to compile, and to publish genealogical and historical materials, on a non-profit basis.~~
This corporation's primary purpose shall be to educate, to record, and to preserve genealogical and historical records and information.

The objectives of this organization shall be to instruct in research, to create an interest in genealogy, and to share, compile, and publish genealogical and historical materials.

ARTICLE ~~VIII~~ – Membership

Membership shall be of two classes, ~~Subscribing, and Active~~ individual and institutional.

The privileges of holding office, making motions, debating, and voting shall be limited to ~~active~~ individual members.

ARTICLE IV – Limitation of Liability

The personal liability to the corporation or its members, for monetary or other damages, of each member of the Board of Directors and each uncompensated officer of the corporation for conduct as a director or officer shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by current or future law.

ARTICLE V – Public Benefit 501(c)(3) Information

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for

services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE ~~IV~~VI – Dissolution

~~The assets of the Forum, if it is in the process of dissolution, shall be applied and distributed, after the payment of all liabilities and obligations, as provided by law, to the Oregon Historical Society, Inc., or to such organization or organizations as may be designated by said Association.~~

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit corporations organized in the state of Oregon as determined by the Board of Directors, if such corporations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. If the organization or organizations are not exempt, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for the public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the appropriate court of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for the purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

[Proposed]

~~BY-LAWS~~ BYLAWS OF THE

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON, INC.

as amended November, 2007 As Amended April 22, 2013

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be ~~GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON, INC~~ Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. (*Forum*).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

This corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable, literary, educational, and scientific purposes. Subject to the limitations stated in the Articles of Incorporation, the purposes of this corporation shall be to engage in any lawful activities, none of which are for profit, for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 65 of the Oregon Revised Statutes (or its corresponding future provisions) and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or its corresponding future provisions).

~~The purposes of this organization~~ *This corporation's primary purpose shall be to educate, to record, and to preserve genealogical and historical records and information.*

The objectives of this organization shall be to instruct in research, to create an interest in genealogy, and to share, to compile, and to publish genealogical and historical materials.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

~~3.1 Membership in the Forum is open to any person or institution interested in genealogy and history, upon payment of current dues. There shall be two classes of members of the Forum, individual and institutional. Each individual member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters for which a membership vote is permitted by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or the Bylaws of the Forum.~~

~~3.1.1~~ **3.1.1** Only individual members of the Forum shall have the privilege of making motions and debating issues at membership meetings, and voting and holding office.

~~3.2 Membership in the Forum shall consist of two classes, individual and institutional. The Board shall define membership classifications and dues as required to address organizational needs. A person or institution shall become a member of the Forum by completing an application form and paying current dues.~~

~~3.3 Membership may be terminated by the Board of Directors after giving the member at least fifteen days written notice by first class or certified mail of the termination and the reasons for the termination, and an opportunity for the member to be heard by the Board, orally or in writing, not less than five days before the effective date of the termination. The decision of the Board shall be final and shall not be reviewable by any court.~~

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND VOTING

4.1 General membership meetings of the Forum shall take place as ordered by the Board of Directors; ~~but no less often~~

~~than quarterly.~~ A general membership meeting shall take place in March.

4.2 The annual membership meeting of the Forum shall ~~take place during June of each year.~~ *be held on a date in June at a place to be determined by the Board of Directors.*

4.3 *Special membership meetings shall be held at the call of the Board of Directors, or by the call of the holders of at least five percent of the voting power of the Forum by a demand signed, dated, and delivered to the Forum's Secretary. Such demand by the members shall describe the purpose for the meeting.*

4.4 *Notice of all membership meetings shall be given to each member at the last address of record, by first class mail at least seven days before the meeting, or by means other than first class mail at least thirty but not more than sixty days before the meeting. The notice shall include the date, time, place, and purposes of the meeting.*

4.5 ~~A quorum at any annual or general membership meeting shall consist of the members present.~~ *Those votes represented at a meeting of members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of the members represented and voting is the act of the members, unless these Bylaws or the law provide differently.*

4.6 *Any action which may be taken at any annual, regular, or special meeting of members may be taken without a meeting if the corporation delivers a written ballot to each member entitled to vote on the matter. The written ballot must set forth each proposed action and provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action. Approval by written ballot shall be valid only if the number of approvals equals or exceeds a majority of the ballots returned by the due date and voting.*

4.7 *There shall be no voting by proxy.*

4.8 *There shall be no action by consent of the members.*

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1 The Board of Directors (Board) shall consist of the elected and appointed officers of the Forum. ~~Each officer shall have one vote.~~

~~**5.1.1** Elected Officers of the Forum are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two (2) Directors at large.~~

~~**5.1.2** The immediate Past President of the Forum may serve as a Board member for the first year after the end of his/her term.~~

5.2 The Board shall have the following duties:

5.2.1 Determination of the time and location of ~~General~~ membership meetings, but it may not without amendment ~~to of these by laws~~ *Bylaws* alter the month of the annual membership meeting ~~or the~~

month of the March general membership meeting as determined in Article IV.

5.2.2 Creation of committees to carry out the business, purposes and objectives of the Forum;

5.2.2.1 The committee chairs may be selected either by the President with the approval of the Board, or by the Board;

5.2.2.2 The other members of the committees may be selected by the chair or by the Board;

~~**5.2.3** Appointment of a Financial Review Committee which shall review the Treasurer's accounts, books and records at the close of each fiscal year, and report its findings to the Board by September 30.~~

~~**5.2.3.4** Manage all of the business~~ *Management of the affairs of the Forum, including the power and duty to schedule Board meetings.* The Board may not modify any action taken by the membership of the Forum in a general, annual, or special membership meeting except for minor budget adjustments.

5.2.4 *Adoption and revision of the Forum's rules of parliamentary order.*

~~**5.3** The Board shall meet at such times as may be called by the President of the Forum, but not less often than quarterly. A quorum at a Board meeting shall be one half of the members of the Board in office immediately before the meeting begins. If a quorum is present, action is taken by a majority vote of officers present. Where the law requires a majority vote of directors in office to establish committees that exercise Board functions, to amend the Articles of Incorporation, to sell assets not in the regular course of business, to merge, to dissolve, or for other matters, such action is taken by that majority as required by law.~~

~~**5.4** A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of any business. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. No other notice of the date, time, place, or purpose of these meetings is required, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.~~

~~**5.5** The Board may act by electronic communication or by mail ballot, so long as a quorum exists and a majority of the quorum agrees upon the action taken. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meetings, describing the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting, shall be delivered to each director personally or by telephone or by mail not less than two days prior to the special meeting. Written notice, if mailed postage paid and correctly addressed to the director at the address shown in the corporate records, is effective when mailed. The President or twenty percent of the directors then in office may call and give notice of the meeting of the Board.~~

5.6 *Action by Consent.* Any action required or permitted by law to be taken at a meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action to be taken or so taken, shall be signed by all the directors. A written communication includes a communication that is transmitted or received by electronic means. Signing includes an electronic signature that is executed or adopted by a director with the intent to sign.

ARTICLE VI: ELECTION OF ELECTED OFFICERS

6.1 *Elected Officers of the Forum are:* President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors-at-large. The President, Secretary, and one Director-at-large shall be elected in even numbered years, and the Vice-President, Treasurer and one Director-at-large shall be elected in odd numbered years. All officers of the Forum must be members of the Board of Directors.

6.1.1 *The immediate Past President of the Forum may serve as a voting Board member for the first year after the end of his/her term.*

6.24 Prior to its December meeting each year, the Board shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) to five (5) non-Board members. The nominating committee shall select a chairman and a secretary from its number. The nominating committee shall nominate eligible candidates for each elective office, except it shall not nominate candidates for Directors-at-large.

6.32 The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the board prior to January thirty-first (31st), and shall be published prior to March first (1st). Other nominations may be made from the floor at the March general membership meeting with the prior consent of such nominee. Thereafter, the President shall declare the nominations closed at the March general membership meeting.

6.43 Directors-at-large shall be nominated from the floor at the March general membership meeting and/or by ~~mail~~ *written nomination delivered to the Secretary of the Forum* prior to the March general membership meeting. ~~Mail nominations shall be addressed~~ *Nominations delivered to the Secretary of the Forum and shall be read at the March general membership meeting.* All nominations shall be made only with the express prior consent of the nominee.

6.5 *Only Individual Forum members in good standing may be nominated for elective office.*

6.64 Officers of the Forum shall be elected by a ~~mail~~ *written ballot in April of each year.*

6.4.1 ~~The mail ballot shall be prepared and printed under the direction of the Secretary of the Forum. The mail ballot may be accompanied by a short biography of each candidate for each office.~~

6.4.2 ~~The ballot shall be mailed prior to April tenth (10th) to all individual members of the Forum. Mailing shall take place under the direction of the Secretary of the Forum.~~

6.4.3 All ballots shall be returned no later than the close of business on the first Monday in May. Any ballot received later than that time and date shall not be counted in any election. For purposes of this section, "returned" means delivered physically to, and received by, the Secretary of the Forum or his/her nominee at Forum headquarters, either by hand delivery or by postal delivery.

6.75 In the event of a contested office, the candidate receiving the most eligible votes shall be declared the winner, even if he/she does not receive a majority of all votes cast for that office.

6.86 All officers shall be installed at the annual membership meeting in June *and shall take office on July first of the same year.*

6.97 All officers of the Forum shall serve in that office for a term of two years and until their successors ~~take office~~ *is duly elected or appointed.*

6.97.1 In no case shall any elected officer of the Forum serve more than two consecutive terms except at the express request of the Board.

6.97.2 No person shall hold more than one elected office simultaneously.

6.108 Any vacancy in any elected office ~~occurring between annual membership meeting dates~~ shall be filled *not later than the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors following the vacancy by a majority vote of the directors then on the Board. The appointee shall hold the office until his/her successor takes office following a regularly scheduled election. by the Board of Directors. Any such person shall hold the office until the next annual membership meeting and until his/her successor is elected.*

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

7.1 The Board shall operate on a division of responsibility or 'commission' form of government, with each ~~Director~~ *(including officers)* taking responsibility for management and oversight of one or more Forum functions as assigned by the President.

7.2 ~~Duties of the President.~~ *The President shall be the chief officer of the Forum and shall act as the Chair of the Board. The President shall have any other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.*

7.2.1 ~~The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all general membership meetings including the annual membership meeting.~~

7.2.12 The President shall serve as an ex officio member of each Forum Committee except the Nominating Committee.

~~7.2.3~~ The President shall perform such other duties as are expressed in these By-Laws and/or in any published governing rules of the Forum, and such other duties as properly pertain to the office of President.

~~7.3~~ ~~Duties of the Vice President~~ ~~7.3.1~~ The Vice-President shall serve as the President of the Forum in the absence or incapacity of the President, and shall assume all the duties of the President in such event. ~~In addition, he/she and~~ shall perform any other duties assigned to him/her by the President.

~~7.4~~ ~~Duties of the Secretary~~ *The Secretary shall have overall responsibility for official correspondence and all recordkeeping relating to meetings.*

~~7.4.1~~ The Secretary shall keep a complete and correct record of all proceedings of the Forum including, but not limited to, all general membership meetings and Board meetings. Records of all proceedings shall be kept in record books designed for these specific purposes.

~~7.4.2~~ The Secretary shall conduct the official correspondence of the Forum, and shall send all official Forum notices except notices regarding dues.

~~7.4.3~~ The Secretary shall carry out all other duties normally ascribed to the Corporate Secretary of a non-profit corporation.

~~7.5~~ ~~Duties of the Treasurer~~ *The Treasurer shall have the overall responsibility for financial recordkeeping and all corporate funds except the Endowment Fund.*

~~7.5.1~~ The Treasurer shall receive and account for all monies of the Forum, and keep a

current and accurate record of all receipts and expenditures.

~~7.5.2~~ The Treasurer shall pay out funds of the Forum in the normal course of business as directed by the Board through the budget process, or by resolution.

~~7.5.13~~ The Treasurer shall serve as a member of all Forum committees dealing with financial matters except the Financial Review Committee.

~~7.5.23.1~~ The Treasurer shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the Endowment *Fund* Committee.

~~7.5.4~~ The Treasurer shall present a current statement of account at every Board meeting, the annual membership meeting, and at such other times as requested by the Board.

7.6 Directors-at-large shall specifically represent the general membership of the Forum.

ARTICLE VIII: APPOINTIVE POSITIONS APPOINTED OFFICERS

8.1 The Board shall appoint the following positions annually: Library Director; Publisher; Editorial Director; and Membership Director. Only individual Forum members in good standing may be appointed to these offices. *The Board shall appoint at least three other officers. The Board may appoint additional officers as it deems necessary and desirable. They shall hold their offices for such terms and have such authority and perform such duties as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.*

~~8.1.1~~ The Library Director shall be responsible for keeping books, papers, and other property of the Forum library in a safe and useful condition. The Library Director shall acquire, solicit and accept genealogical and historical material for the Forum, and shall catalog and keep accurate records of all such material.

~~8.1.2~~ The Publisher shall coordinate the production of all Forum publications. ~~8.1.3~~ The Editorial Director shall be responsible for the preparation of Forum periodicals.

~~8.1.4~~ The Membership Director shall be responsible for membership development and services.

~~8.2~~ The Board may appoint, without limitation, such other officers as it deems necessary. Such appointed officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. *Only individual Forum members in good standing may be appointed to these offices.*

ARTICLE IX: FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

~~9.1~~ *The Board shall appoint a Financial Review Committee which shall review the Treasurer's accounts, books, and records at the close of each fiscal year and report its findings to the Board by September thirtieth.*

ARTICLE IX: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

~~910.1~~ The President shall appoint a Budget and Finance Committee by *December thirty-first of each calendar year.*

~~910.2~~ The Budget and Finance Committee shall prepare and submit a budget for the next fiscal year to the Board ~~prior to March thirty-first (31st)~~ *at the April Board meeting.*

~~910.2.1~~ If the Board generally approves the budget so presented, it shall order a tentative approval subject to a later vote by the membership of the Forum. ~~9.2.2~~ *The proposed budget, together with the tentative approval of the Board, shall be presented for final approval at the annual membership meeting.*

~~910.3~~ The Budget and Finance Committee shall make periodic reviews of the Forum financial statements, and shall report its findings to the Board of Directors.

10.3.1 The chair of the Budget and Finance Committee shall be an ex officio non-voting member of the Endowment Fund Committee.

~~910.4~~ The Forum fiscal year shall commence on July ~~first~~ and close on June ~~thirtieth~~.

ARTICLE XI: LIBRARY COMMITTEE

~~11.1~~ *The Library Committee shall be maintained and administered according to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. Library Committee Operating Plan*

ARTICLE XII: ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

~~120.1~~ The Forum shall maintain the Endowment Fund in perpetuity.

~~120.2~~ The Forum Endowment Fund shall be maintained and administered according to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. Endowment Fund Operating Plan.

ARTICLE XIII: FORUM PROPERTY AND LIABILITY

~~131.1~~ No Forum officer, ~~D~~director, or individual member charged with the care of any Forum property shall be required to replace or pay any damages or other amounts for any property which is lost, damaged, or destroyed while in the custody, control or responsible possession of such person, unless such person is guilty of gross negligence, willful or wanton misconduct, or intentional malfeasance.

~~13.2~~ *The Board may acquire appropriate General Liability and nonprofit officers and directors Errors & Omissions liability insurance coverage to defend and indemnify any and all officers (elected and appointed) against any and all claims made by any and all persons against the officer or officers, individually or in their corporate capacity, for any act or omission arising out of their actions taken on behalf of the Forum.*

~~13.3~~~~1.2~~ Upon leaving office, all *elected and appointed* officers (~~elected and appointed~~) and committee chairs shall deliver promptly to their successors in office or the Forum President all monies, accounts, *electronic media*, books, records, papers, keys and all other property belonging or related to the Forum which they have in their actual or constructive possession.

ARTICLE XII: RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

~~12.1~~ The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Forum proceedings in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these By Laws and any special rules of order which the Forum may adopt.

ARTICLE XIV: DISSOLUTION

~~1413.1~~ The Forum may voluntarily dissolve and terminate its affairs pursuant to the process set forth in ORS 65.621 - 65.644. In such case, the dissolution, including any Articles of Dissolution, must be approved both by a majority of the Board, and by the lesser of two-thirds of the votes cast by

the individual members voting or a majority of the individual members possessing voting power.

~~1413.2~~ In the event of dissolution, the Board shall first apply any corporate assets to the payment of all outstanding liabilities and legal obligations as required by law. The Board shall then distribute any residual assets to ~~the Oregon Historical Society, or to any such other organization or entity~~ *one or more other nonprofit Section 501(c)(3) corporations organized in the state of Oregon* possessing purposes and objectives similar to and compatible with the Forum, so long as such alternative distribution is approved by the majority of the Board, and by the lesser of two-thirds of the vote cast by the individual members voting or a majority of the individual members possessing voting power.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS

~~14.1~~ These By Laws, and the Articles of Incorporation, may be amended only by the manner specified in this Article.

~~14.2~~ The Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be read to the individual members at a general membership meeting or at a Special membership meeting.

~~14.3~~ Thereafter, the Secretary shall direct a written or printed notice to be prepared and mailed to all individual members.

~~14.3.1~~ The notice shall contain the proposed amendment or a fair summary of the changes to be effected by that amendment, together with a mail ballot soliciting a vote on the proposed amendment.

~~14.3.2~~ The ballot shall be clearly dated, and mailed within one business day of the date appearing thereon.

~~14.3.3~~ Only ballots voted and returned and received at Forum headquarters no later than close of business on the twenty first (21st) day following the date printed on the ballot shall be counted.

~~14.4~~ Adoption of the proposed amendment requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes cast by the individual members of the Forum.

~~15.1~~ *The members have the sole right to amend or repeal these Bylaws and may vote to amend or repeal these Bylaws or adopt new ones by a majority vote of the members represented and voting. Prior to the adoption of the amendment, each member shall be given the notice of meeting required by these Bylaws and the notice shall state that one of the purposes of the meeting is to consider a proposed amendment to the Bylaws and shall contain a copy of the proposed amendment.*

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Spring Seminar 2013

The GFO welcomes ...

Barbara Renick



Barbara Renick teaches at national genealogy conferences and the regional Family History Center in Orange, California. She was a contributing editor for the National Genealogical Society computer magazine for eleven years and currently serves on the NGS Board of Directors as secretary.

She most recently authored *Genealogy 101: How to Trace Your Family's History and Heritage*, sponsored by NGS for their 100th Anniversary, and earlier co-authored *The Internet for Genealogists: A Beginner's Guide*.

The 'Z' Links page at her ZRoots.com website is very popular among genealogists who use it as their browser home page.

These lectures are aimed at an intermediate level; however, there will be much that is useful for beginners. The GFO will offer follow up classes later in April to practice using some of the sites that Barbara references.



Saturday
13 April 2013
9 am - 4 pm
Milwaukie Elks

Topics

- Techniques for Searching Newspapers Online
- Advanced Tools and Techniques for Census Searching
- Success with Manuscript Sources
- Library Web Sites: More than Just a Catalog

Seminar Features

- Nationally Known Speaker
 - Genealogical Treasures Drawing
 - Book Vendor
 - GFO Surplus Book Sale
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Genealogical Forum of Oregon Spring Seminar 2013

Event Schedule

8:00 am	Registration opens	1:15 pm	Announcements
9:00 am	Opening remarks	1:30 pm	Session 3
9:15 am	Session 1	2:30 pm	Break
10:15 am	Break	3:00 pm	Session 4
10:45 am	Session 2	4:00 pm	Program ends
12:00 pm	Lunch		

Newspapers: Techniques for Searching Newspapers Online

Large numbers of indexes and images of newspapers (both current and historical) are coming online each year. Online search tools for newspaper indexes often return fuzzy results with too many mismatches, making it necessary for you to work harder to fine tune your search. This search methodology covers millions of articles from thousands of newspapers, often with surprising results.

Advanced Tools and Techniques for Census Searching

While not the most accurate source, census records are typically the first and most frequently searched. This lecture takes a look at the three big commercial providers of online census images, noting some of the quirks and limitations of using their sites, and also looks at census search tools and finding aids at other sites online.

Success with Manuscript Sources

Because manuscripts are often primary sources, genealogical, historical, patriotic, and lineage societies seek out and publish them. Typically these sources are also found in archives, libraries, and private collections. Often important finding aids for manuscript collections are available online.

Library Web Sites: More than Just a Catalog

There many ways to use online library catalogs for genealogical research, and such sites often provide access to a wide variety of additional resources and databases. This lecture covers examples of such databases and resources, where to find them online, some of their limitations, and examples of different types of catalog searches.

Seminar Site

**13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd.
Milwaukie, Oregon**

Situated on the west side of McLoughlin Blvd., Oregon Hwy 99E, 1/2 mile south of the town of Milwaukie.

Located between SE Park Avenue (traffic light to the north) and the Bomber (restaurant to the south). Look for the Milwaukie Elks Lodge sign.

Lunch

No lunch available for those registering after 13 April 2013

Buffet lunch in the Elks dining room with payment of \$11 includes pot roast, baby red potatoes, and several salads.

Coffee, hot tea, and cold drinks are included.

Breaks

Snacks and drinks are included with admission and are available during the breaks.

Refund Policy

For cancellations received after 6 April 2013, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10.00 cancellation fee. Lunch fees are non-refundable if cancelled after 6 April 2013.

Barbara Renick Spring Seminar Sign-Up Form

13 April 2013

Members ___ \$43 received by 4/6/13 ___ \$48 received after 4/6/13 ___ \$53 at the door

Non-Members ___ \$48 received by 4/6/13 ___ \$53 received after 4/6/13 ___ \$58 at the door

Lunch ___ \$11 must be received by 4/6/13

Total Enclosed _____

Name _____ Member No. _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Please make check payable to "Genealogical Forum of Oregon" or "GFO."

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The Forum Insider

New Column:

Spotlight on Treasures

Perhaps you have discovered treasures that you had not expected to find at the GFO Library. This column is designed to allow all of us to share those treasures with others. Join in the sharing process. As you discover things you think others would enjoy knowing about, please contact Tom O'Brien at tom.obrien4@comcast.net. He'll work with you to include your discovery in this column.

I'd like to mention an area of our library which is often overlooked. As at many library facilities we have a section of file cabinets containing a very nice collection of miscellaneous or vertical files.

According to The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition:

vertical file, *n.*—A collection of resource materials, such as pamphlets, clippings from periodicals, and mounted photographs, arranged for ready reference, as in a library or an archive.

Our vertical files truly are arranged for ready reference as stated above.

Among our many vertical file collections we have state and county files, surname files, and Oregon cemetery files. Allow me to share just

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Please Vote!

Attached to the newsletter is a ballot which includes revised bylaws and election of officers. Your vote is important! Please fill in your ballot and mail it or drop it off at the GFO.

Expanded Issue

Contains new additions to the Library since August.

Thank You, Ann Wendlandt and Bettina Chew

Two of our longtime Research Assistants have retired and we would like to thank them for their years of service to the GFO. Ann Wendlandt and Bettina Chew were familiar faces at the reception desk every Thursday for many years, and they were instrumental in searching for and expanding our collection of the Oregon Historical Society periodicals.

They were always available to help out at special events and even drove to Salem to staff the genealogy booth at the Oregon State Fair. When holiday decorations appeared in the library on Gideon Street, we always knew where they came from. Their contribution to the success of the Genealogical Forum is much appreciated, and they are missed. Thanks for a job well done!

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2:00 p.m. with
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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:30 am to 5 pm
Wednesday
9:30 to 8 pm
Friday & Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 3 pm
Sunday
12 to 5 pm

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President's Message

This is a really super-sized newsletter, isn't it? I hope you don't skip a page, because it has a lot to offer!

First, and most important, is the enclosed ballot. You are being asked to review changes to our bylaws and to approve the changes the Board of Directors has suggested. Also on the ballot are the elections for Vice President, Treasurer, Director at Large, and one position on the Endowment Committee. You may mail your ballot or drop it off at the Forum. Please don't be silent.

There have been lots of changes in the library lately, beginning with the liberation of materials long held in storage unavailable to our patrons. Please see the article on "Sunday Mornings at the Library" on page 5. Managing the library's resources has become the effort of many teams, each working on a project that interests them.

Book sales are picking up as more books are priced and made available through the efforts of the new book sales team under the leadership of Helen Smith. If you'd like to help, email Helen at booksales@gfo.org.

We had a great turnout for First Friday @ The Ford in February. If you are interested in the Ford District's goings on, you may view their online newsletter at <http://e2.ma/message/gzuvf/khdfbf>. The next building-wide open house is scheduled for June 7th.

One of the best events I've attended in a while was the half-day seminar given by Harvey Steele. Many thanks to Harvey for providing such an informative and entertaining presentation. Who would have guessed my little gizmo has so much potential value?

Sadly, The Master Genealogist Software Users Group has disbanded after many years of meeting at the GFO. Roger Ostrom felt interest was waning and has decided to use his time to pursue other interests. Thank you, Roger, for all you've done. Roger will continue to be the man behind the scenes who works to repair our precious books. Daphne Garrison will continue with the Computer Group, addressing your general computer questions and issues. Thank you Daphne.

Now, please, look over the ballot and cast your vote!

—Laurel Smith

Submissions to the Insider

Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Becky Clark, editor, at gfonews@gmail.com or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932.

Provide submissions by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

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Spotlight on Treasures *(continued from page 1)*

one example. Within the state files I shall select Ohio as it is a state where many of us had family at one time or another.

The Ohio file contains a total of 45 folders, each containing resource materials that hold potential treasures. The first folder contains general materials relative to Ohio or possibly to a specific area or grouping of counties within the state. The second folder holds information about land in Ohio. The other 43 folders hold information regarding individual counties.

I'll share several examples with you. Washington County, Ohio, was formed in the Northwest Territory in 1788, fifteen years before Ohio became a state. Named after George Washington, it originally covered almost fifty percent of present day Ohio. If your ancestors were early Ohio residents they may have lived in Washington County.

The file folder for this county contains copies of the 1800 and 1810 tax lists, a listing of soldiers buried



in the Harmar Cemetery, the oldest cemetery in Ohio, information regarding deeds, an index for the book titled History of

Marietta, a listing of Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Mound Cemetery, and a list of Washington County births in 1869.

When Ohio became a state in 1803, the first capital was located at Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio. The folder for Ross County contains a brief history from 1798 - 1889, marriage indexes 1798 - 1803 and 1808 - 1809, a property inventory index 1798 - 1801, and indexes for some Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletters.

The folder for Hamilton County contains a list of marriages 1808 - 1820 and will abstracts 1790 - 1810.

Of the numerous items contained in the State of Ohio folder, four caught my attention. The first is a pamphlet published in 1937 for a celebration in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Northwest Territory. It contains historical background for the years 1787 - 1937. The second is titled *Let Ohio Women Vote, Pioneers of the Western Reserve of Connecticut*. The last two are titled *The Palantine Immigrant - Swiss in Ohio* and *The Palantine Immigrant - Emigrants From Daaden*.

The next time you are at the GFO Library take a few moments to investigate the wonderful collection of vertical files that may contain information about the area where your ancestors lived.

-Tom O'Brien-

Upcoming Events

Bend Genealogical Society Spring Seminar

Friday and Saturday, April 26 - 27

The BGS Spring Seminar will feature author, lecturer, and professional genealogist Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG. Visit her website to learn all about her: www.christine4rose.com. A flyer with full details, including the seminar topics, and the registration form can be found at www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/springseminar.html.

Registration is required, and the fee includes all events, meals, and syllabus. Early registration ends April 12th. Registration fees increase after that date.

Questions about the Seminar can be emailed to bgs@bendbroadband.com, or call BGS at (541)317-9553.

Tacoma-Pierce County GS Spring Seminar

Saturday, April 27

Speakers: William "Bill" Dollarhide and Leland Meitzler.

- Your Ancestor Didn't Burn in the Courthouse Fire
- The X Files - Dealing with Black Sheep in the Family Tree
- Using Deeds to Trace the Trails of Your Ancestors
- Civil War Era Genealogy

Additional information: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>.

Notes on the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation

The proposed revisions to the Bylaws were developed in accordance with the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Handbook, written by a lawyer specializing in nonprofits, which contains current legal requirements for Oregon nonprofits. It recommends:

- Writing the Bylaws for maximum flexibility,
- Including requirements for how the Board operates in the Bylaws, and
- Addressing requirements for management and administration in the Policies document.

This approach simplified parts of the existing Bylaws while bringing us into greater conformity with Oregon's legal requirements.

Notable changes:

- The Board is required to appoint a minimum of three officers in addition to those elected, giving a minimum Board membership of nine.
- More detailed parts of the duties and requirements for the Board to appoint other officers have been moved to the Policies, where they can be more readily revised to accommodate changing situations.
- Elections have been defined in one place with details offloaded to Policies, allowing the flexibility to more readily combine election of officers and amendments to Bylaws or Articles on one ballot in order to save expense.
- Parliamentary procedures are transferred to Policies.
- The Library Committee will be similar to the Endowment Committee in that it will have its own operating plan.
- Some reordering has taken place to put similar things together, such as committee definitions.

We also developed a restatement amending the Articles of Incorporation to comply with IRS requirements for the dissolution process of a 501(c)(3) and bring consistency to the Bylaws and the Articles.

Donations Needed for the Treasures Auction

As we take registrations for our upcoming Spring Seminar, we'd like to ask you to search your closet or desk for a gently used item that we can auction at the seminar.

Suggestions include genealogically related books, household decorations, carry bags, and computer items.

Leave the item(s) at the front desk in the library with a note that it's a donation to the seminar treasures auction.

Tickets are sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and they are placed in separate paper sacks for each prize so you win only something you want!

Thanks!



Many thanks to Harvey Steele for his fascinating heirloom and artifact reviews at our event on February 23.



Sunday Mornings at the Library New!

After the Map Quest event described below, a new regular event was born—library work parties for most Sunday mornings when the library is closed, the building is quiet, traffic is light, and parking is a breeze! We understand that this is not the ideal time for everyone, but if this is a time you can help, please do.

Events will begin at 9 am, but volunteers may arrive any time after that until noon when the library opens. Work may continue later, but there will likely be something to do at least until noon. If in doubt, you can call the library to see if there's still "partying" going on. It's a great deal of fun meeting new people not often seen in the library.

If you're wondering why this is the first you are hearing of the recent events, we asked for help via the GFO's mailing list, ORFORUM. If you haven't signed up yet, this is a good time to do so.

Periodical Sorting Party

Back in January a group of volunteers came together to help sort about twenty boxes of donated periodicals. That day we were able to reduce that number to only six boxes, and with the hardest part done, we have processed all but one.

This not only generated much needed space in the library workroom, it enabled us to get missing issues into collections we have on the shelves where they are available to all of you, and made duplicates available on the free table outside the library to anyone interested in them. This project will be repeated from time to time as donations are received and processing is needed.

Maps – April 7

Following the successful periodical sorting party, we scheduled Map Quest in March, aimed at doing the same with the GFO's collection of maps. Many, many thanks to all of you who came for the Map Quest.

With so many volunteers we had maps removed from their various hiding places and roughly sorted in just a few hours. It was exciting to see what a wonderful collection of maps we have. It will take some time to get them all sorted and cataloged, but we have made a great start.



We are planning to continue working on this project on the first Sundays of the month from 9 am until noon or later. Come when you can. Doris Cruickshank is the map project coordinator

Media – April 14

A Media Mission is currently planned for mid-March. We hope this event will be as successful as the two previous events and will be ongoing for a time. If media (microfilms, microfiche, cassettes, and DVDs) is something you would like to help with, mark your calendar for April 14th and join us.



Collection Development – April 21

Donated books will go through the first steps in processing to decide if they will be added to our shelves. Those destined to be sold will need a little more research.

Special skills: none. If you can look up books in our library catalog (with training provided) and record their catalog numbers or look up book prices from three specific websites (training provided) and jot down your findings, then you have the perfect skill set to help out. Goals: to allow the collection development committee to focus on the books we need rather than spending time screening duplicates, and to find books we can sell to clear more shelves in the workroom and bring in funds for the GFO.

We hope you will want to be part of this effort and will come to help on April 21st.

Collection Organization – April 27

If you've heard that the GFO will be getting a new library catalog—it's **true**. To prepare for the migration of our old catalog holdings we have much to do. One of the activities taking place on fourth Sundays will be a hunt for missing items. Another will be helping to find catalog anomalies so a cataloger can correct them before migration. There are many little things to be done to make migration go more smoothly. This can be a lot of fun and promises to make you more familiar with the library layout and the collection.

–Laurel Smith

Interest Group News

Genealogy Book Group

Saturday, April 13, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

New!

In the first meeting we will determine the frequency of meetings, the name of the group, and guidelines. Contact Bonnie Randolph at bbrandolph@clear.net with questions.



German Interest Group

Saturday, April 6, 1 - 3 pm

Immigration. Members will share strategies that helped them “jump the pond.”



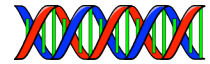
Family Tree Maker Group

Sunday, April 21, 1 - 3 pm

In April we will discuss searching sites other than Ancestry from FTM. In May we will discuss media: how to add, link, and unlink to people and sources, delete, view, print, caption, rename, and more. Each month we will have time for problem solving and sharing of tips and tricks. No need to bring your computer unless you are experiencing a problem.

DNA Interest Group

Saturday, April 27, 10 am - 12 pm



We will review the major types of tests and answer questions.



British Interest Group

In March we enjoyed a talk on the Scottish Borders by Carol Surrency's sister from California.

For our May 25th meeting and last get together until the fall schedule, Doris Cruickshank will share a presentation on “British Newspapers Online.” She said it will be a show and tell with the group throwing out surnames to try for a “hit.” We will also share and enjoy the snacks of our ancestors, from either handed down recipes or recipes we’ve found that were common in the countries our ancestors hailed from. We will also be thinking about this year's choice of summer field trip.

If you have ancestors from England, Wales, or Scotland or some Scots-Irish, join us.

Interest Group Meeting Times and Contacts

British

4th Saturdays of
Sep, Jan, Mar, May
1 - 3 pm
Lyleth Winther
lylethw@gmail.com

Computer

3rd Saturdays of
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct
10 am - 12 pm **New Time!**
Daphne Garrison
degarrison@gmail.com

DNA

4th Saturdays of
Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
10 am - 12 pm
Emily Aulicino
aulicino@hevanet.com

Family Tree Maker

3rd Sundays monthly
1 - 3 pm

Laurel Smith

bearpair@comcast.net
Stephen Morgan
ceanothus1@comcast.net

Genealogy Books

2nd Saturdays monthly
11:45 am - 12:45 pm
Bonnie Randolph
bbrandolph@clear.net

German

1st Saturdays monthly
Sep through Jun
1 - 3 pm
Nanci Remington
nancicr@comcast.net

Illinois

2nd Saturdays
9:30 - 11:30 am
Kristy Gravlin
hannah@teleport.com
Harlene Patterson
harlene5@yahoo.com

Irish

3rd Saturdays of
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov
1 - 3 pm
Suzanne Lemon
slemon46@yahoo.com

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly
Sep through Jun
10 am - 12 pm
Judi Scott
judiscot@gmail.com
Carol Surrency
lcsurr@gmail.com

Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly
Sep through May
1 - 3 pm **New Time!**
Peggy Baldwin
peggy@familypassages.com

New Group!

Volunteer Opportunities

If you can help with any of these openings, please contact Cathy Lauer, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@gfo.org or leave a message for her at 503-963-1932.

Research Assistants Needed

Do you have a few hours to give to your genealogy society? There are openings at the Reception desk that must be filled. We need to have at least two volunteers per shift so that our patrons can receive help with their research.

Currently there is a need for Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Thursday mornings from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Volunteering for one of these slots for one day per week or one day per month would be great!

Some of the duties are welcoming patrons into the library, answering the phone, and assisting our patrons with their research. Training is on the job by an experienced person. This is an excellent opportunity to further your own research skills while helping others. For a description of the duties, check our website, www.gfo.org, under Volunteer.

The GFO library needs you. Please contact me at volunteer@gfo.org, or leave a message at the Reception desk, (503) 963-1932, if you can fill one or more of the spots.

– *Cathy Lauer, Volunteer Coordinator*

Wednesday Evening Research Assistant Needed

The genealogy library stays open until 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings to accommodate patrons who can't visit during the daytime hours. For security reasons, we need to have two volunteers working this shift. One of our volunteers will be gone for an extended time and will later be moving out of state, so we need to find a permanent replacement.

Is anyone available to fill this spot? The library cannot keep the late hours if no one steps forward. Please let me know if you can help.

– *Cathy Lauer, Volunteer Coordinator*

Book Review Coordinator

We are looking for an individual to oversee the internal processes for book reviews. This would involve keeping track of the books that come in and sending a copy of the reviews with a brief letter to the author or publisher when they are complete.

Some months this might take an hour or two. Other months there would be nothing to do. This would dovetail nicely for someone working as a research assistant. Reports to Steve Turner, library@gfo.org.

Online Book Sales

We are finally ready to begin selling books on eBay and on Abe Books. The book covers need to be scanned so we'll have images to post. Information about the books will be entered in a form. If you can help with either of these efforts, whether a few hours a week or a few hours a month, we want you! Training provided. Please respond to Helen Smith at booksales@gfo.org.



Book Sales Fulfillment

As our book sales increase and we get more books listed online, we need at least two people to help out with shipping the items we sell. Ideally each person would be available to ship on a different day of the week. Again, this could be done by a research assistant who is already working in the library on a regular schedule, but it could also be set up on an as needed basis. The volunteer(s) could be notified and come in only when there is a sale. Reports to Helen Smith, booksales@gfo.org.

End of the Trail and Beyond

Oregon California Trails 2013 National Convention

Week of July 21, 2013, Oregon City

Trail Related Learning Sessions

- Keynote Session by Kerry Tymchuk
- Eight hours of speakers on various topics
- Chapter Meetings, Workshops, Book Room
- Heritage Resources Fair

Tours & Outings

- Two days of bus tours
- Barlow Road hike
- Pre-convention caravan tours on the Trails
- Fort Vancouver post-convention tour

Special Events

- Awards Banquet and Auction
- Salmon Bake

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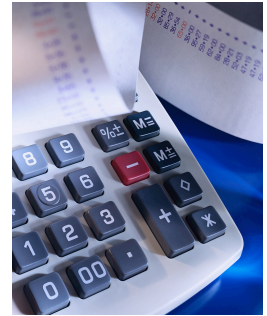
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Financial Report

We ended February with \$30,580.53 in the WF checking account, \$8,854.98 in the BOA money market account, and \$49,268.09 market value of our funds in Vanguard.

The Endowment Fund value on 2/28/13 was \$157,113.90 and the EF Vanguard money market was \$1,174.68.

At the March meeting the Board of Directors approved a budget to be voted on at the annual membership meeting in June.



2012 - 2013 Annual Appeal Report

We've had a total of \$14,832.00 in Annual Appeal donations for this fiscal year.

The Board approved the purchase of the manuscript scanner with extended warranty for \$2,062.10 from the donations. The committee is busy preparing the operating standards before beginning to scan our collection of vertical files and manuscripts.

A new projector for use during our meetings and seminars is the next anticipated purchase.

Thank you!

Donors - January through March

Heritage - \$1,000 and Up

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Ancestral - \$250-\$499

Gerald & Mary McGarvin
Bobbie Foster

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Harriet Anani
Patricia & Richard Burling
Judy Fox

Barbara Jones
Jo Lindell

Supporting - \$50-\$99

Martha Butler
Edward Cole
Ellie Dir
Thomas Monaghan
Patricia Oberndorf
Susan Preston
Nanci Remington
Lawrence Robbins

Timothy Van Winkle
Valerie Vroom
Loretta & John Welsh
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Patron Level - Up to \$49

Patricia Bates
Paul Manly
Bernie Stout
Sandy Williams

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Yes, I want be part of the future of the GFO! Here's my tax deductible donation of \$_____

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___ Sustaining Level \$100 to \$249 ___ Supporting Level \$50 to \$99 ___ Patron Level up to \$49

Name _____ Member No. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Please check this box if you do not want your name published.

Classes & Programs

Classes are free of charge to GFO members. Nonmembers who wish to attend must pay the day use fee of \$7, but they may research in the library all day in addition to attending the class or opt to receive a one day pass to use at a later time. Monthly programs are free to all.

Genealogy on the Internet – *Nanci Remington*

Wednesday, April 17, 9:30 am
Saturday, April 20, 12 pm (repeat)

This will be a time to review the resources presented at the Spring Seminar. Bring your questions and practice working with some of the best sites suggested by Barbara Renick.



Putting Your Ancestors Into Context – *Connie Lenzen*

Saturday, April 20, 2 pm - *Free* monthly program

Do you have some ancestors who resist being found? Have they hidden their parents? The historical landscape where our ancestors resided shaped how they lived and what they did. When ancestors are put into historic context, the reasons behind their actions and solutions to kinship problems become clear. As an added bonus, they become real people rather than just names and dates. Attend this monthly meeting to learn techniques for doing this.

Using Google Maps and Google Earth

– *Nanci Remington*

Wednesday, April 24, 9:30 am

This class will explore a few of the practical and fun ways to use these mapping programs to enhance your genealogy. On Google maps we will walk through how to create personalized maps that can be used to plan a road trip or to visualize a migration route that your ancestors took. We will take a quick look at Google Earth which also has mapping possibilities as well as some great special effects. If you have a laptop, bring it and play along.

Introduction to Genealogy

– *Keith Pyeatt*

Saturday, May 25, 10 am–12pm

Are you unsure where to begin the process, or do you just want to get started again? Do you need some guidance about what to do next? We can help you jumpstart your genealogy! An optional follow-up tour of the GFO Library is offered to attendees.

This class is free. For information, call the GFO at 503-963-1932 or email education@gfo.org.

GFO Calendar

April 2013

<i>April</i>	
Mon 4/1	Free Monday
Sat 4/6	10 am Virginia Group 1 pm German Group
Tue 4/9	6 pm Board Meeting
Sat 4/13	Spring Seminar Library Closed 11:45 am Gen. Book Group 1 pm Writers' Forum
Wed 4/17	9:30 am <i>Gen. Internet Class</i>
Sat 4/20	10 am Computer Group 12 pm <i>Gen. Internet Class</i> 2 pm Free Program <i>Connie Lenzen,</i> <i>Putting Your Ancestors into Context.</i>
Sun 4/21	1 pm FTM Group
Wed 4/24	9:30 <i>Using Google Maps and Google Earth</i>
Sat 4/27	10 am DNA Group

<i>May</i>	
Sat 5/4	10 am Virginia Group 1 pm German Group
Mon 5/6	Free Monday
Sat 5/11	9:30 am Illinois Group 11:45 am Gen. Book Group 1 pm Writers' Forum
Tue 5/14	6 pm Board Meeting
Sat 5/18	12 pm Irish Group 2 pm Free Program <i>Writing Contest Awards</i>
Sun 5/19	1 pm FTM Group
Sat 5/25	10 am Intro to Genealogy 1 pm British Group
Sat 5/27	Memorial Day Library Closed

<i>June</i>	
Sat 6/1	10 am Virginia Group 1 pm German Group
Mon 6/3	Free Monday
Fri 6/7	5 pm First Friday @ The Ford
Sat 6/8	9:30 am Illinois Group 11:45 am Gen. Book Group
Tue 6/11	6 pm Board Meeting
Sat 6/15	10 am Computer Group 2 pm Free Program
Sun 6/16	1 pm FTM Group
Sat 6/29	Half-day Seminar Karen Wallace Steely
<i>See the GFO website for Focus Days and Sunday work parties.</i>	

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