



# Genealogical Forum of Oregon 2012 Writing Contest

## “Taking a Stand”

### ***Why enter?***

You may never get around to writing down your family stories!

#### **The GFO Writing Contest encourages you to:**

- Write an engaging story that future generations will enjoy, and
- Base your story on good, sound research.

### ***Requirements***

- Piece must be written to the theme: “Taking a Stand” — tell the story of your ancestor, a hero in a conventional way or going against the tide.
- Your story must be factual, with suppositions clearly indicated.
- Documentation in the form of endnotes or footnotes is **required**.
- **Length** — 2000 to 5000 words
- Story must be submitted in electronic form — Word or RTF file, submitted as an email attachment or saved to a CD or floppy disk.
- Submitted from November 1, 2011 to February 1, 2012. **Please do not submit before November 1st.**
- Plan ahead and make a concerted effort to attend the award presentation at the GFO Monthly meeting on Saturday, April 14, 2012.

### ***Judging Criteria***

- A factual story built around the theme
- A story that engages the reader
- Good use of language, including smoothness of the writing
- Convincing research – genealogical and background
- Well documented — all facts are supported by evidence

### ***Need Help?***

- Attend GFO’s Writers’ Forum or other writing group, for feedback on your writing; or form your own group.
- Read Sharon Carmack’s *You Can Write Your Family History* (Cincinnati, Ohio: Betterway Books, 2003).
- For citing sources: Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence: Analysis for the Family Historian* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1997) and Elizabeth Shown Mills, *Evidence Explained* (Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2007).

# Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your story \_\_\_\_\_

**GFO Member?**

- Yes. Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_
- No. Please enclose check for \$10 made out to Genealogical Forum of Oregon or GFO



## Instructions

**By e-mail:** Give the information requested in the form above and submit your story as an e-mail attachment to [peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com](mailto:peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com) and if you are a non-member mail your \$10 check to Peggy Baldwin, GFO Writing Contest, at the address given below.

**OR**

**By mail:** Submit this form, along with your story in Microsoft Word or RTF (rich text file) format on a floppy disk or burned to a CD. Remember to enclose a check for \$10 if you are not a member of GFO. Send to the following address :

Peggy Baldwin  
GFO Writing Contest—2012  
Genealogical Forum of Oregon  
P O Box 42567  
Portland, Oregon 97242

## Writing Contest Awards

- Winners will be announced at the GFO’s Monthly Meeting on April 14, 2012. Please plan to attend.
- Winning articles will be published in the GFO’s *The Bulletin* and on the GFO Web site.

## Questions?

E-mail Peggy Baldwin at [peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com](mailto:peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com) or visit the GFO web site at <http://www.gfo.org/writingcontest/index.htm>.

# The Forum Insider

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## NEWSLETTER

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of Division  
503-963-1932

### Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 42567  
Portland, OR 97242-0567

### Monthly Membership Meetings:

Second Saturday of each  
month at 2:00 p.m. with a  
speaker.

### Library Hours

Mon-Tues-Wed-Thurs:  
9:30 to 5 p.m.  
Fridays & Saturdays:  
9:30-3 p.m.  
Sundays: 12-5 p.m.

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of Oregon.



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THE GFO MEMBERSHIP FEES OF \$40 A YEAR  
ARE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE  
IN KEEPING WITH OUR 501 c (3) NON-PROFIT EDUCATION

**LIBRARY GRAND OPENING:  
MY IMPRESSIONS by Marj Enneking**

Early in the summer, the GFO Board members welcomed newly elected Laurel Smith to the Board, very pleased that she was willing to take on the challenge of increasing awareness of the GFO. We all agreed that a perfect time for a publicity campaign would be right after moving to our new location. Many ideas for activities were suggested, and Laurel was applauded for being willing to publicize them broadly. Laurel gently suggested that someone would need to step forward to organize and make sure that things actually happened, or there wouldn't be much to publicize. A long silence ensued, while the rest of us studiously avoided making eye contact with one another or Laurel. After all, we were already feeling already pretty overworked – serving on the committee to find a suitable new location, determining needed changes to the space to make it work as a library, negotiating with TriMet, the building owner, the moving specialists, architects and contractors; figuring out how we could afford the new space and pay for the costs associated with the move and needed improvements; sorting an amazing amount of “stuff” accumulated over the past 40 years by an organization full of people who tend to be “string savers”; organizing and boxing up the things to be moved and disposing of the rest; making plans to clean, paint and prepare our new space for the move; drawing up detailed plans of exactly what would go where; and a myriad of other tasks. Finally, Laurel sighed and said OK, she would try to get some events organized, since otherwise she would have nothing to publicize. And did she ever!

Starting with the September Monthly Program and ending with the October Monthly Program, special events or programs were offered on 27 of the 29 days. Ranging from a three-day Irish Heritage extravaganza to a group of Illinois researchers spending a whole afternoon huddled around tables with their computers, exploring websites to further their research efforts. Our special Interest Groups sponsored programs and events. Many other sister organizations sponsored days or provided speakers. GFO members made presentations, assisted with events, greeted visitors, and often just stepped in to help when they saw a need. Research Assistants were swamped with people to greet, questions to answer, requests for tours, and hundreds of people filling out visitor cards,

The Library has been a beehive of activity all month. We had almost 1200 visits during the Opening, evenly split between members and 408 non-member visitors. Members are pleased with the new facilities and lay out. Most can't believe that this new space is actually quite a bit smaller than our former space. Visitors are amazed at the wealth of resources and helpful people. The Board and interior planning committee are already working on needed fine-tuning and improvements of the facilities. We are off to a good start: The membership, which has hovered at about 850 over the past several months, now stands at 900. New memberships, which have averaged about 7 per month over the past three years, totaled 37 for September and first few days of October. Both renewal memberships, and reinstatements of long-time inactive members are up. Registration for the up-coming Fall Seminar is very positive - (there is still room, and time to register). The Education Committee is planning new classes and the Spring Seminar. The Research Assistants are planning to offer a variety of free informal workshops and introductory sessions to Library users.

The Library has been a busy and happy place. **Thanks to all of you who have helped make it so.**

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **CERTIFICATE OF IRISH HERITAGE**

The Irish Government's Certificate of Irish Heritage has gone live giving millions of people with Irish roots the chance to be officially recognized by the Irish State. Although the Certificate will be issued by the Irish Government, it is not a certificate of citizenship nor does it give the holder rights or entitlements of a citizen of Ireland. But it does recognize those of Irish heritage in an official way and gives a practical expression to the sense of Irish identity felt by millions.

Go to:

<http://www.heritagecertificate.ie/>

Tom O'Brien

## PARKING AT GFO

Since our move to the historic Ford Building, there have been many questions, and a few difficulties, in regard to parking. There are three lots where visitors to the library may park. The one adjoining the building off of 11<sup>th</sup> has many spaces that are marked one hour parking. At this time, the one hour limit is not being enforced. There is another lot, across 11<sup>th</sup> Street, enclosed by a chain link fence. It is posted for permit parking only. This is also not currently being enforced. The third lot is on the northwest corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Division. This lot also indicates permit parking only. While the permit requirement here is not being enforced, there are three spaces that are reserved for another tenant in the building. These spaces are marked Reserved Ste 118 and the tire curb is red. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THESE SPACES.** These are the only spaces in the three lots mentioned where parking is restricted and if you park in them, your car will be towed. Please see the photo.

**In the future, if building management begins to enforce the permit requirement or time limits, we will notify you via *The Insider* and at the reception desk as you enter the Library.**

Please remember if you park in either of the lots off 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, that the traffic is one-way headed south as you exit. Also, if you must park on the street, please look carefully at any signage to make certain parking is permitted, and for what length of time. We want your every visit to the GFO to be safe, pleasant, and productive.

Laurel Smith



**NO PARKING IN 3 RED RESERVED SPACES**

### MEMBERS' Favorite Websites:

[www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)  
[www.archives.gov/aad/](http://www.archives.gov/aad/)  
[www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com)  
[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)  
[www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)  
[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)  
[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)  
[www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov)  
[www.sos.mo.gov/archives/](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/)  
[www.multcolib.org](http://www.multcolib.org)  
[www.ohs.org](http://www.ohs.org)  
[www.ccg-s-wa.org](http://www.ccg-s-wa.org)  
 (Clark Co Gen Soc)  
[www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/archives.html](http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/archives.html)  
[www.genealogy.az.gov/index.htm](http://www.genealogy.az.gov/index.htm)  
[www.DAR.org](http://www.DAR.org)  
[www.theshipslist.com](http://www.theshipslist.com)  
<http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernstates/search.cfm>  
 (Western States Marriages to 1928)  
[www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org) (Kansas)  
[www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)  
[heritagequestonline](http://heritagequestonline)  
 (through [multcolib.org](http://multcolib.org))  
[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)  
[www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com) \$ (free for 1st week)  
[www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk)  
[www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com) \$  
[www.GenealogyToday.com](http://www.GenealogyToday.com)  
[www.interment.net](http://www.interment.net) (cemetery inscriptions)  
[www.ObitCentral.com](http://www.ObitCentral.com)  
[www.rootstelevision.com](http://www.rootstelevision.com)  
[www.progenealogists.com](http://www.progenealogists.com)  
[www.genqueries.com](http://www.genqueries.com)  
[www.mocavo.com](http://www.mocavo.com)

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## GRAND OPENING EVENTS...MANY, MANY THANKS

Laurel Smith

I must say that I have so many people to thank, everyone who came together to make the Grand Opening Celebration a success, that I'm sure to leave someone out. If that person is you, please accept my sincerest apologies and chalk it up to my being a little tired. I hope you know how grateful I am, even if your name does not appear on this list.

I want to begin by voicing my appreciation to **Marj Enneking, Cathy Lauer, Janet Irwin** and **Janis Bailey** for working on the committee that brought you all the events and for helping to serve as hostesses to the speakers and guests. There are not words enough to express my eternal thanks to **Becky Clark** for designing, building and maintaining the event website for us; and to **Donna Anessi** for designing the 8-page brochure that was distributed to non-members to advertise the event. Thank you both for your creativity, your energy, and for putting up with what must have seemed like endless edits, while doing it all with a smile. I am indebted to you both.

My most boisterous and enthusiastic thanks to the **Irish Interest Group**—and most especially to **Lenore LeMans, Suzanne Lemon,** and **Patti Bates**—for embracing my vision for all this event could be, and for beautifully executing a most exciting and fruitful three-day Irish heritage festival. My hat is off to you! It was a pleasure working with each of you, and I hope we can collaborate on another project in the future.

Thanks must go to our wonderful food donors for the Grand Opening Ceremony on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Becky and Scott of Ford Food and Drink** (the restaurant upstairs) provided us with a beautiful assortment of their wonderful cookies and all the hot coffee attendees could drink. They have been wonderful to all of us since we moved in.

Please consider them for lunch when you are at the GFO and need a break.

**Jen at Rawdacious** (just down the hall from the GFO) supplied some of her fabulous treats that are always vegan and gluten free. I'm told her cheesecakes are to die for! Just go to her website and take a look! [RawdaciousDesserts.com](http://RawdaciousDesserts.com)

**Stew at Moonbrine Pickles** donated a huge platter of his irresistible pickles. There were delicious dill, delightfully "hot" dill, cauliflower and carrots. Stew also makes a half sour pickle you should ask to try the next time you are at the GFO. Stew loves to share samples!

**Quinn and Katherine of Foxfire Teas** made sure we had plenty of tea for the tea lovers in the group. Their wonderful shop, with some of the most fantastic scents is found off the Ford Building parking lot which adjoins the building. Stop by their shop for a nice cup of tea or to get one of their lovely teas to take home.

I am extremely grateful to:

**Jean Baker**, who wrote a delightful article about the GFO which was carried in the Southeast Examiner.

**Roxanne Cummings-Basey** who saved me as I was frantically trying to compare two voluminous promotional pieces to determine whether they were the same, or what was missing from each. She also came to the brochure processing event and helped me saddle-staple nearly 3000 pieces!

**Every Single Person** (I wish I had a list!) who came to the brochure processing party. Bless you all for the help with collating, folding, sealing, counting, etc. etc. etc. I'd still be there without all of you!

**Everyone who took and distributed brochures**—we would not have had the attendance we did without your help.

Special thanks to **Jane Olsen** for making the trip to my home to rush requested brochures to the Multnomah County Library.

**Jim Morrow** deserves a special thank you as well for more things than I have room for here, but especially for jumping in to make copies for me or our guests, usually in a rush because I'd overlooked something. Jim, you're the best!

**Marj Enneking** for pulling out all the stops on more than one occasion to help get the bulk mailings processed and on their way, despite the many hurdles put in her path, and for taking over on copying crises when Jim was away.

My team who helped to create the mailing lists we used: **Shannon Schaefer, Carol Steele, Flora Lippert, Jann Sparks, Jean Baker, Linda Bagwell,** and **Molly Kernan.**

**Jennifer Koozer**, TriMet Community Affairs Representative, who met with Don Holznagel and me to discuss ways TriMet could assist with "getting the word out." Jennifer worked with me on a number of projects before and during the opening month to help make our event a success.

**Kelli Fields**, Creative Copywriting Consultant to TriMet crafted a wonderful article for TriMet's webpage, a series of press releases for me to distribute, lists of contacts for distribution, and endless coaching on timing and concerns.

**Bob Hastings**, TriMet Agency Architect, who came to our opening ceremony to share with us TriMet's vision for the area around the Ford Building.

Kudos must go to all our presenters and entertainers. We wouldn't have had an "event" without you!

Hannah Allan  
 Emily Aulicino  
 Frank Blair  
 Valerie Blessley (The Celtic Muse)  
 Lucy Brady  
 Nedra Dickman Brill  
 Bob Burke  
 Dixie Campbell, Director of Dance of the Gael  
 Walt Carter  
 Dr. Ron Doctor  
 Marj Enneking  
 Mike Flanigan  
 Duane Funk  
 Shawna Gandy  
 Kuri Gill  
 Nadene Goldfoot  
 Kristy Gravlin  
 Carolyn Boone Grenfell  
 Brongaene Griffin  
 Richard Halliday

Barbara Hershey  
 Jeanette Hopkins  
 Bruce Kenny  
 Laura King  
 Bonnie LaDoe  
 Susan LeBlanc  
 Marcus Lee  
 Connie Lenzen  
 Gerry Lenzen  
 John Lewis  
 Professor Brent Mai  
 Lisa McAuliffe  
 Kathleen McMullen  
 Maldon Meehan  
 Eugene Melvin  
 Claire Morelli  
 Bill Mullen  
 Gwen Newborg  
 Tom O'Brien  
 Brian O'Hairt

David O'Longaigh  
 Roger Ostrom  
 Nancy Remington  
 John Rudnick  
 Judy Russell &  
     the Monday Night Set Dancers  
 Frank Schaefer  
 Terri Schieber  
 Jolene Sharp  
 Carol Steele  
 Larry Sullivan  
 Carol Surrency  
 Time Travel Tours  
 Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen  
 Jennifer Pratt-Walter  
     (The Celtic Muse)  
 Allen Watson  
 Billie Jo Westby  
 Fr. Art Wheeler  
 Patti Wilhite  
 Darlene Wilson

**Green Apple Jam with: Debbie Kimery, Kiki Adamovics, Mary Carey, Nancy Jarrell, Jenna Partridge, Steve Rapalus, Mark Roberts, Denny Stucke, and Therese Vogel.**

And finally, to all our valued members and visitors, **THANK YOU FOR COMING!** We are so glad to have met some new folks, made some new friends, and entertained so many nice people. It has been a joyful time and we hope to see you again soon, and often!

P.S. Thanks to the anonymous donors for \$130.59 dropped into the Donations' Jar

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We hope many of you were able to attend the recent Fall Seminar at the Elks Lodge in Milwaukie, coming away with more clues to aid in your research. Sometimes it's fun to be around other like folk whose eyes don't glaze over when you're speaking of genealogical stories. Because those kids and grandkids don't seem interested, at the time, our society has become a destination for many of our late member's collection of books and manuscripts. In a way, it's a good way to be ready when those kin come looking resources when they eventually get the time and the bug to pursue their own family history.

Regarding the seminar, we also want to celebrate the number of volunteers who turned out to make the seminar run smoothly as well as saluting the co-chairs. Jeanette Hopkins and Gerry Lenzen do a bang up job of bringing all the elements of a seminar together, making it fun and interesting. The Education Committee does a great job of finding us a worthy seminar speaker, and we thank them for their contribution, as well as taking care of hotel and transportation issues for the seminar speaker, while he/she is our guest.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES in the library. We're adjusting to our new library site with its . Some of our members and guests are finding the restaurants--upstairs (Ford Food & Drink) and across the street diagonally (Genie's)--very handy when they need a rest break. In several discussions in our monthly board meetings, the subject has come up regarding eating and drinking in the library. Food and beverages in the library while it is researching time is still forbidden unless you have capped beverage containers. We don't want food and beverages spilling out on our wonderful collection of books when the library is open. We also don't want someone slipping on a water spill on the cement floors. We lost our separate luncheonette area from the old location, but are providing tables in the lobby area by our library entrance doors for anyone who wants to bring or buy a lunch. Hopefully, you were intrigued by the different GFO interest groups who hosted different opening events days in the library. You'll find a bordered listing of our current interest groups and contacts in every copy of the Insider, should you want to join one of them.

Come, research and enjoy what our library has to offer in way of your research?

Lyleth Winther, Pres.

## IRISH INTEREST GROUP

At our next Irish Interest Group meeting on Saturday, November 19th, we will review the event, “Find Your Irish Family” and get everyone's feed back about what worked and what could be better and ideas for other things we can do and perhaps what speakers/presenters/entertainers you might like to invite back and, of course, discuss any successes or brick walls found recently for genealogical research.

Lenore Lemans [lenorel@comcast.net](mailto:lenorel@comcast.net)

## OCTOBER'S MONTHLY PROGRAM

## Reviewing the recent Relocation of our Library

April Ober, Education Committee

We had a good meeting, and it was fun as Laurel Smith said she was Gerry; Cathy Lauer said she was Lyleth (Gerry, Connie, and Lyleth had to be elsewhere on Oct 8th), and the rest of us rode along.

My personal thanks to Laurel - in the driver's seat - and Marj, Kristy, Jeanette and Pat for answering questions. Laurel, Pat and Kristy took notes so we'll have more to discuss at the next meeting.

There was a comfortable turnout around tables in the back area. All were positive about the move, the library and month-long open house, and looking forward to the next open house.

We had fun and games, as if for a car ride. Laurel handled the census record/library book question posed by Connie. Congrats to Jeanette. We had candy, too. We're an all-volunteer organization that relies on everyone helping out. Lifesavers for everyone for being lifesavers getting us moved, up and running, and participating in open house. And we explained the rule of no food, no drink unless it's in a spill-proof container.

Many ideas were discussed, some short-term, some long-term. Signage; directions from the elevator; computer cheat sheets (what's on the computers, i.e., ancestry; how to access wi-fi); staff ID tags (Ask Me, or similar); mentoring for new members; very basic genealogy 101 for new members. We talked about brochures for newbies, and two new members offered help from their perspective.

We pushed the fall seminar, and asked people to look for other meeting spaces if Milwaukie Elks is not available in the future.

Winners' of Laurel's games were: Jeanette Hopkins-Scavenger Hunt; Comment Card Drawings-One-Year Membership, Catherine Lyle, and Judi Scott, One Admission to Fall Seminar. CONGRATULATIONS.

## INTEREST GROUPS' CONTACT LIST

**BRITISH GROUP**—Lyleth Winther <[lylaw1@gmail.com](mailto:lylaw1@gmail.com)> 4th Sat (Sept, Jan, Mar, May) 1-3 pm.

**COMPUTER GROUP**—Contact, Roger Ostrom, [rostrom@spiritone.com](mailto:rostrom@spiritone.com) Meets Third Saturday Of Even Months, 9:30 to 11:30 (503 288-3867)

**DNA**—Emily Aulicino <[aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com)> 2nd Tues—Jan, April, Jul, Oct from 1-2:30p.m.

**GERMAN GROUP**— Meets 1st Saturday, monthly (Sep thru June) 1 pm-3pm, GFO

Library Contacts: Carolyn Bergeron <[cbergeron67@msn.com](mailto:cbergeron67@msn.com)> or Nanci Remington <[nancicr@comcast.net](mailto:nancicr@comcast.net)>

**HERITAGE SCRAPBOOKING GROUP**—Bonnie LaDoe <[bladoe@aol.com](mailto:bladoe@aol.com)> 1st Sunday Monthly 1 to 4:30p.m. except summer month

**ILLINOIS GROUP**—Kristy Gravlin <[hannah@teleport.com](mailto:hannah@teleport.com)> and Harlene Patterson<[Harlene5@yahoo.com](mailto:Harlene5@yahoo.com)> 2nd Sat - 9:30a.m.

**IRISH GROUP**—Suzanne Lemon [slemon46@yahoo.com](mailto:slemon46@yahoo.com) or Lenore LeMans [lenorel@comcast.net](mailto:lenorel@comcast.net) 3rd Sat- 1 p.m.(Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov) Group meets in GFO's Library

**TMG -Computer Group** ,Contact: Roger Ostrom, [rostrom@spiritone.com](mailto:rostrom@spiritone.com)The Master Genealogist program and Other Genealogy Software Programs , 3rd Sat of Even Months at Noon.

**VIRGINIA GROUP**—Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, monthly (Sept thru June) 10am-12noon, GFO Library Contacts: Judi Scott ([rb5522@aol.com](mailto:rb5522@aol.com)) and Carol Surrency ([icsurr@aol.com](mailto:icsurr@aol.com))

**WRITERS' FORUM GROUP**—Peggy Baldwin <[peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com](mailto:peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com)> 2nd Sat every month, but no meetings in June, July & August.



A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE THE FALL SEMINAR A SUCCESS.  
IT COULDN'T BE DONE WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS

It's back! A new facet of history is being uncovered at the Oregon Historical Society this fall. Starting on November 5th the OHS library will once again host a series of workshops to help you discover your roots. Come learn tips, tricks, and advice on how to dig up the past and join in the fun of family history.

When: November 5, 2011, 10 am-12 pm

Where: Oregon Historical Society

1200 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR 97208

Cost: \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members

More information: Please see the calendar of events at [www.ohs.org](http://www.ohs.org)

RSVP: [libreference@ohs.org](mailto:libreference@ohs.org) (Space is limited so sign up now!)

### FREE ACCESS TO IRISH NEWS ARCHIVES

From September through December 2011, there is free access to [www.irishnewsarchive.com](http://www.irishnewsarchive.com) Data is from 1700's.

### MILWAUKIE STAKE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

#### Capturing Ancestral Treasures

Saturday, November 5, 2011 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with registration at 8:00 a.m.

Free To All

8331 Cason Rd. Gladstone, Oregon

[http:// www.milwaukie\\_or\\_fhc.byethost31.com/](http://www.milwaukie_or_fhc.byethost31.com/)

### NOTICE

**The GFO will be transitioning from its P.O. Box to its new street address on its printed materials and stationary. This will happen over a period of several months.**

**The new address is: 2505 SE 11th Avenue, B18, Portland, OR 97202**

### FACEBOOK

Are you on Facebook? Like the GFO? Thumbs Up! Search for the Genealogical Forum of Oregon - you'll know you've found us when you see the blue Family Tree logo.

**Join the Virginia Interest Group** the first Saturday of each month (September-June) at 10:00 am-Noon. .

Research in Virginia can be difficult, with the complication of "burned counties", as well as the ordinary difficulties of using historical documents. But it is not impossible. The Virginia Group will discuss the history of Virginia and explore various methods to do sound genealogy research. We hope to foster collaboration among our many Virginia researchers and work on our varied research problems, our "brick walls", together.

Each month we will have a discussion or presentation on a topic related to our research. There will also be time each meeting for discussion, suggestions, and perhaps research on individual research. Future topics include French Huguenots, Using Tax Records, and Virginia land records. We'll also explore the settlement of Kentucky,

the Carolinas and Tennessee.

Judi Scott <[judiscott@gmail.com](mailto:judiscott@gmail.com)>

Carol Surrency <[icsurr@gmail.com](mailto:icsurr@gmail.com)>



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
THE NEXT GFO ALL-NIGHTER**

**Saturday November 19, 2011**

**6 pm to 6 am**

**Cost \$15**

**COME JOIN THE FUN**

**Snacks provided all night with Pizza  
at Midnight:**

**Questions?**

**Email Julie at [rathernut@cs.com](mailto:rathernut@cs.com)**

## GFO Grand Opening Comment Card Summary

Compiled by Judith Leppert

### Q: What do you like about the GFO Library?

**BUILDING/LOCATION:** Wonderful building • Like the new place • Location right on bus line • Location easy to reach on bus • Location is great w/easy parking & on bus line • Easy to get to • I love the location • Nice location, nice size • Nice food source upstairs & nearby • Eating place(s) • ADA accessible • The fact there is an elevator.

**SPACIOUS FACILITY:** 8 comments of "Nice size" • Open space & distance between bookshelves • Spacious Stacks • Roomier • Spacious • Large space well laid out • Good layout • Design layout easy to follow • Better features • Size of room • I like having doors with windows. It feels cozier.

**LIGHT:** Nice facility & lighting • Light • Well lit • Great lighting.

**LIBRARY LAYOUT:** The more I use the library the better I like it • Good arrangement of research material • The books, and other research material are displayed in a very organized manner • Section layout seems better here • Nice markers i.e. flags and state names • The rare book section • Impressive collection, neat organization • The availability of materials • Very amazing family info • The design layout is easy to follow. I think I would enjoy researching! • Outlets for computers.

**FREE GENEALOGY CLASSES:** The free genealogy classes offered • I like the variety of free genealogy classes offered • I like the free genealogy classes • Enjoyed the Saturday afternoon seminar, wasn't crowded & you could hear.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Friendly volunteers • Availability of staff • Very helpful people • Knowledge of volunteers & wide range of info • The people are all so willing to help • Very helpful people • Super nice staff of pleasant super helpful individuals.

**CAUTIOUS:** Not sure yet • Haven't used it yet • I haven't used it yet.

### Q: What is the one thing you would add or change?

**EXTERIOR SIGNAGE:** More signs posted to locate library. (*We will soon be getting a new improved, larger sidewalk sign and hope that helps*).

**PARKING:** I know but I can dream • Signs that list the lot across 11<sup>th</sup> as GFO parking also. Now states 'Permit Only'. (*Building management says they don't mind us parking where it says "permit required"*).

**STAIRS:** Is it possible to get a handrail on the other side of the stairs? Especially the top section. It would be much safer. (*We agree. The building management will approach the owner about this*).

**FLOORING:** Carpeting.

**LIBRARY SHELVING AND SIGNAGE:** Please move Dewey #'s down one shelf (on end caps) and bring them closer to eye level • Some shelves are sooo high, why not use bottom ones instead? (*The movers chose to fill top shelves and very snugly. Bottom shelves will be filled as collection expands*).

**WINDOWS:** windows.

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**LIGHTING:** The lighting is a bit tiring, should diffuse it a bit • Can the lighting be improved along the 1<sup>st</sup> row of books along the wall - the 929 section? (*It is in the works and we hope it can be completed soon*).

**COMPUTER:** Distance between computer and printer • Please get wireless access for laptops with Windows XP to work! • More space/computers • Copy big - not small print on the Ancestry Census.

**FACILITIES FOR CLASSES:** Establish the lecture area with display screen elevated and width of room/area wide enough that the teacher can move about enough to not cover the display screen • A room or two for classes & groups • We need a separation for the interest groups • Wall divider for interest group space • Divider for interest groups • On prior review suggested adaptation for large crowds - how to set up the room - whether in back or out in center up front • Some kind of partition dividing main room from classroom or meeting room. (*We are looking at possible changes*).

**PROGRAMS/CLASSES:** More free programs • Try to have more free genealogy classes offered throughout the year • Free classes offered more frequently • Offer more free genealogy classes. (*Please check the Insider for free-class Offerings*).

**HOURS:** Evening hours at least one day a week. (Thank you for suggesting this. *We've been considering this but can't decide which evening. We'd appreciate some feedback from our members*).

**CHAIRS:** Two comfy chairs (*like a couple wingback*).

**WASTE CANS:** On the black waste cans simple labels, Trash, Recycle (*This will be done*).

**FOOD/BEVERAGE:** I would make the food issue and drink issue explained further to everyone • Try to discourage people from eating at the library. (*This too will be done*).

**CHANGES:** Can't think of anything • Nothing, so far • DNA workshop - great - I want even more • I haven't really used yet - here for the special program - thank you so much!! • Looks like you are doing a great job!

### MORE CLASSES! MORE CLASSES!

That's what the comment cards said you wanted, and that's what we will begin to offer on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be offered free of charge to GFO members. Non-members who wish to attend must pay the day use fee of \$7, but may research in the library all day in addition to attending the class.

Laurel Smith will be giving presentations on the following dates. The same topic will be offered twice during the day, once at 8:30 am and again at 3:00 pm so as not to interfere with regular researchers.

Newsletter space will not allow for more complete descriptions here, so please go to [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org), select Calendar, then click on the event title, or send a message to [gfo.monthly.events@comcast.net](mailto:gfo.monthly.events@comcast.net).

For those without a laptop computer: The first 6 people to register for a session by writing to [gfo.monthly.events@comcast.net](mailto:gfo.monthly.events@comcast.net) will be assigned to one of the 6 research computers at the library.

**Those with laptop computers should bring them, and there is no need to register.**

**These will be hands-on classes for beginners. Be sure to bring your family history information to the class.**

November 11<sup>th</sup> Begin Your Genealogy

November 18<sup>th</sup> Beginning to Search on Ancestry.com

December 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Trees on Ancestry.com

December 9<sup>th</sup> Exploring FamilySearch

December 16<sup>th</sup> Using Find a Grave

Be sure to watch the Insider and the web calendar for more classes on other days in the future.

### "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?" Channel 8

EW.com exclusively reports today that [Marisa Tomei](#), [Martin Sheen](#) and [Blair Underwood](#) will be the featured actors in the third season of the NBC reality show, **Who Do You Think You Are?**, premiering in early 2012. The series traces the lineage of some of the most famous faces today. Previous participants have included [Gwyneth Paltrow](#), [Kim Cattrall](#), [Vanessa Williams](#) and more. "Who Do You Think You Are?" follows celebrities as they embark on personal journeys of self-discovery to trace their family trees. From the trenches of the Civil War to the shores of the Caribbean, and from the valleys of Virginia to the island nations of Australia and Ireland, each episode reveals surprising, inspiring and sometimes tragic stories that are often linked to events in American and international history. Each week, a different celebrity is taken on a quest into his or her family history.

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Don't Forget the *Insider Extra Blog*  
 available using the link on  
[www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)

## NOVEMBER 2011

5th Saturday: 10:00 a.m.  
 Virginia Group: The Scots-Irish  
 1:00 p.m. German Group  
 6th Sunday: 1:00 p.m.  
 Heritage Scrapbooking  
 7th FREE MONDAY-All Day  
 8th Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.  
 Board Meeting  
 11th Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00  
 Willamette View Library Tour  
 8:30 and 3:00 "Begin Your  
 "Genealogy" with Laurel Smith  
 12th Saturday: 9:30 a.m.  
 Illinois Group  
 11:45 Writers' Forum  
 2:00 p.m. Monthly Program  
 "Facebook & Twitter "What Can  
 They Do For Me And the  
 GFO?" Leslie Lawson  
 18th Friday: 8:30 and 3:00(repeated)  
 "Beginning Search on Ancestry "  
 with Laurel Smith  
 19th Saturday: 1:00 p.m. Irish  
 5:00 p.m. ALL-NIGHTER  
 24th Thursday:  
 Thanksgiving Day  
 LIBRARY CLOSED  
 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## DECEMBER 2011

2nd Friday: 8:30 and 3:00 -repeated  
 "Family Trees on Ancestry.com"  
 With Laurel Smith  
 3rd Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Virginia  
 Group: Virginia Migration Routes  
 1:00 p.m. German Group  
 4th Sunday: 1:00 p.m.  
 Heritage Scrapbooking  
 5th FREE MONDAY-All Day  
 9th Friday: 8:30 and 3:00 (repeat)  
 "Exploring FamilySearch"  
 with Laurel Smith  
 10th Saturday:  
 11:45 a.m. Writers' Forum  
 13th Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. Board  
 Meeting  
 16th Friday: 8:30 and 3:00 p.m.  
 "Using Find A Grave" with  
 Laurel Smith  
 17th Saturday: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
 Computer Group  
 Noon: TMG Users  
 25th Sunday: LIBRARY CLOSED  
 CHRISTMAS  
 MERRY CHRISTMAS

## JANUARY 2012

1st Sunday:  
 LIBRARY CLOSED  
 NEW YEAR'S DAY  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
 1:00 p.m. Heritage Scrapbooking  
 2nd FREE MONDAY  
 7th Saturday:  
 10:00 a.m. Virginia Group  
 1:00 p.m. German Group  
 10th Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. DNA  
 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
 14th Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Illinois  
 11:45 Writers' Forum  
 2:00 p.m. Monthly Program  
 21st Saturday: 1:00 p.m. Irish  
 28th Saturday: 1:00 p.m. British