“Artifacts are a window into a person’s past... When we research the artifacts, we learn things that can help us locate documents about our ancestors. We learn about their personality. We learn about their home life. We learn about their social and economic status.”

– Connie Lenzen.

Learn more about the history and value of family heirlooms and artifacts. Harvey Steele, a certified appraiser, avid historian, and longtime member of the GFO, will continue his popular series reviewing items of historical and personal value. The review will include a history of the item and give an estimated value. (Occasionally an item will require a referral to a specialist.)

Reviews are limited to two items per person and only the first 40 submissions received. Please include the attached Item Submission Form and a photo for each item along with your registration, and submit them by February 1 to allow time for Harvey to prepare the review.

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**Artifact Reviews Half-day Seminar Sign-up Form**  

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

Attn: Artifact Seminar, GFO, 2505 SE 11th Ave, Ste B18, Portland OR 97202-1061

503-963-1932 www.gfo.org gfoinfo@hotmail.com
Please fill out as many fields as you can and attach a photo. For more information contact Nanci Remington at nancicr@comcast.net. Be sure to include your registration form with the submission.

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Parking Alert!
Some on street parking is now limited to 2 hours, 9 am to 6 pm. Areas around the Ford building have recently been posted with new parking limits – check the signs!

Monthly Programs Are Moving to 3rd Saturdays
Mark your calendar.

New!
Family Tree Maker Interest Group
See page 5.

Fold3 Plus
Now at the GFO!
See page 5.

The GFO Nominating Committee Is Looking for YOU!

There are three opportunities for you to serve on the GFO Board of Directors, starting July 1, 2013, for a two-year term.

**Vice-President** – Are you a person who could do the following?
- Fill in for the President in her/his absence.
- Oversee a project of a mutually agreed-upon choice.
- Attend the monthly board meetings.

**Treasurer** – Do you have the following qualifications?
- Accounting experience with knowledge of nonprofit organizations.
- Familiarity with QuickBooks. (The QuickBooks program will be provided for your at-home use.)
- Able to give a time commitment of approximately 8 hours per month.
- Able to attend the monthly board meetings.

**Director-at-Large** – Could you be a representative on the board for the general membership?
- Attend the monthly board meetings.
- Make decisions for the good of the GFO.

The Director-at-Large position is to be nominated from the floor at the March General Membership meeting.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please call one of the following members of the Nominating Committee before January 31: Diane O’Dell, 503-772-2891; Susan Gysel, 503-292-2987; or Pete Falcone, 310-427-4653.

**Thank You, Sandi**

For personal reasons, Sandi Whiteman has resigned from her volunteer position as library director. She will be greatly missed. We want to thank Sandi for her many years and countless hours of dedicated service to the GFO library and wish her the very best in the future.
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Free Monthly Program
Third Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m. with an interesting speaker.

President’s Message
December is always a quiet month at the GFO, but January is here and activities are picking up again.

- Special interest groups resume their regular schedules with the addition of the new Family Tree Maker group. Please remember that the DNA group is now meeting on Saturdays and is offering a beginning presentation on January 26th.

- There’s an Introduction to Genealogy class on Saturday, January 19th. This is a great opportunity for those new to genealogy to get a good start. Please recommend it to someone you know.

- I’m looking forward to the monthly program with Duane Funk talking on “Using a Digital Camera for Research.” Don’t forget that monthly programs are now on the third Saturday of the month.

- For those of you who may have received Family Tree Maker for Christmas, I will be working on Free Monday, January 7th, if you want help installing the program on your laptop and importing an existing family tree from Ancestry or another program. Come in between 10 am and 5 pm, and I’ll help you get started.

- Don’t miss the new Focus Days. If you need help in one of the areas listed on page 4, people with experience will be available to help you.

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events:

- February 1, 5 – 8 pm, First Friday at the Ford. Come visit the GFO, bring a friend and show off our great library, or visit the various artists and businesses located in the Ford Building. You may also research in the library this evening if you like.

- Saturday, February 23 brings another exciting half-day seminar. Harvey Steele is offering his always popular Family Heirloom Reviews and Appraisals. I’ve already picked out two items to bring. I’m not so interested in value as I am in finding out what they are!

- We will hold our open house on Saturday, March 30th. The program is still in development, and there will be the traditional surplus book sale.

- April 13th brings our Spring Seminar with Barbara Renick. I’m excited about the topics being covered and know there will be lots of fabulous information to help with my research.

- 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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Artifacts and Your Genealogy Presentation

Connie Lenzen did a presentation on “Artifacts and Your Genealogy” for the November monthly program. Those who attended heard about the importance of learning about their family artifacts and writing down what you know.

Connie used examples from her own family, including diaries, a toy canoe, and ration tokens, to show how to bring together history and family stories. She also talked about how she uses a blog to share these stories. You can read her stories at Connie’s comments about genealogy and family.

— Nanci Remington

Fall Seminar with Craig Roberts Scott – Military Records at the National Archives

Volunteering at the GFO

Did you make some New Year’s resolutions? Have you broken any of them yet? How about resolving to become more active in your genealogy society? Over 10% of our members already play a big part in the day-to-day activities of GFO.

There are many ways you can contribute and have fun doing it. Research Assistants are needed to ensure that the library stays open seven days a week. Our Manuscript collection will soon be looking for people to help with sorting and scanning the papers to make them more searchable by our patrons. There are many record extraction projects happening, and our duplicate books need to be organized for possible sale.

This is just a small sampling of the jobs that could use your help. Volunteers can work as much or as little as their schedules allow. Let me know what your interests are, and I’ll find a job for you. Send me a note at catlauer@comcast.net or leave a message at the reception desk, 503-963-1932.

— Cathy Lauer, Volunteer Coordinator
Upcoming Event

GFO Spring Seminar

Barbara Renick

Saturday, 13 April 2013

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

Focus Days at the Library – New!

Focus Days are a few hours once a month when people can come to the library and know that someone is there who shares their interests and can possibly answer their questions – or at least you can seek answers together. This differs from special interest groups as there is no program and the focus is on helping each other. Some of the research assistants have offered to share their expertise in specific areas related to genealogical research. Already planned are Focus Days on:
- Alsace France Research – 2nd Sunday
- Belgium Research – 2nd Monday
- Finnish Research – 2nd Friday
- Scandinavian Research
- Autosomal DNA
- DAR and Lineage Societies – 3rd Monday/PM
- Getting Started with Genealogy – 1st Sunday
- Using FindAGrave – 1st Monday/PM
- Using Land Records – 3rd Thursday/PM
- Using Legacy Family Tree – 2nd Wednesday/AM

Check the website calendar or call the library for days and hours.

Model A Ford Club Visits the GFO

The GFO was toured by the Model A Ford Club in October when they met at the Ford building. The 38 visitors enjoyed learning about the GFO and were pleasantly surprised by the breadth of resources we have available. The club made a generous contribution in appreciation of the visit.
Fold3 Now Available at the GFO!

A one-year trial subscription to Fold3 Plus has been added to our online offerings within the library, and we would like to request donations to help fund this purchase.

Fold3 Plus focuses on original documents with an emphasis on military records but including much more. The complete Revolutionary War files are of particular interest because they may include more pages than the abbreviated files available from some other sources. Also included are naturalization documents, African American archives, Native American archives, and a wide variety of other documents. A list is available at www.ebscohost.com/archives/history-genealogy/fold3-history-and-genealogy-plus.

Access is available in the GFO library on GFO computers.

Weather Reminder
On days when the weather is snowy or icy, it’s a good policy to call GFO first to be sure the library is open before going in. 503-963-1932

GFO Writing Contest
Submissions to the 2013 Writing Contest are due March 1. See page the webpage at http://www.gfo.org/writingcontest/index.htm for more information.

New! Family Tree Maker Interest Group

Whether you are considering a move to Family Tree Maker, just starting to use it, or have been using it for years, you may be interested to know that beginning in January there will be a new special interest group focused on Family Tree Maker genealogy software.

Facilitated by Laurel Smith and Stephen Morgan, the group will meet on the third Sunday of each month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, beginning Sunday, January 20th, at the back of the GFO Library.

Steve will have a Family Tree Maker resource list to share, and we'll discuss our interests and set priorities for topics for future meetings. If you have Family Tree Maker topics you'd like covered, please email Laurel Smith at bearpair@comcast.net or Stephen Morgan at ceanorhusi@comcast.net.

This special interest group, like all the others that meet at the GFO, is free and open to the general public.

Ongoing Surplus Book Sales

The GFO has begun a process of ongoing book sales at the library – no more waiting for seminars and open house events to get your hands on the books you need. A selection of inexpensive books is on a book cart near the coat rack, as well as a list of the more expensive books that are available for sale. If you find a book on the list that interests you, just ask the reception volunteer on duty to retrieve it.

If you cannot make it into the library, ask to be added to an email group that will receive the list each time more books are added, probably about once a month. Simply send an email message to bearpair@comcast.net with the word “Books” in the subject line. Soon we will also have the list on the GFO website.

That being said, how would you like to be one of the first people to see the books that will go on sale? For those trying to build their own collection of reference material, this is your chance to get a jump on other buyers. We need volunteers to sort donated books, check them against our existing collection, price the books that will be sold, conduct live sales, and help with online sales using a combination of AbeBooks, Amazon, and eBay.

Those who are interested may do as many or as few of these steps (making the job as big or little) as they like, working a few hours a month or several hours a week. Every bit of help is needed and appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact Laurel Smith for more information at bearpair@comcast.net or leave a message at 503-963-1932.
DNA Interest Group
Saturday, January 26, 10 - 12 pm (new meeting day)

This presentation is for beginners and will cover Y-chromosome DNA, mitochondrial DNA, and autosomal DNA.

Information from the 8th Annual Family Tree DNA International Conference in Houston and on National Geographic’s new test Geno 2.0 will be discussed.

You will learn:
• What to expect and what not to expect from testing
• Which test covers what lines
• What the results looks like
• What to do with the results
• Terms: SNP, allele, autosomal, genetic difference, STR

Bring a friend.

British Interest Group
Saturday, January 26, 1 - 3 pm

Chuck Falconer will share a slide presentation of his photos of historic England. In March we will have a guest speaker with a presentation on the Scottish borders.

If you have Ancestors from England, Wales, or Scotland or some Scots-Irish, join our group during the odd months on the 4th Saturdays at 1 pm. Contact person: Lyleth Winther, lylethw@gmail.com or 503-658-8018

– Lyleth Winther

Irish Interest Group
Saturday, January 19, 12 - 2 pm

Susan Baird will be the guest speaker on the topic of naturalization.

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Interest Group News
Volunteer Opportunities

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

Mistress Mary, quite contrary, how does your library grow?

With your generous donations and volunteer effort. If you would like to participate in guiding the direction of our library collection, there is a new opportunity for you. A few people are needed to serve on a collection development committee. This group will review donated books and will determine which books will become part of our collection by using existing library collection guidelines. If you can give a few hours a month to this vital activity, please leave a message for Steve Turner by calling 503-963-1932.

Ongoing Surplus Book Sale

An article on page 5 talks about our new ongoing book sale possibilities and volunteer opportunities in various related aspects.

Historic Columbian Cemetery Extraction - New!

The GFO has been asked to help with extracting the records of the Historic Columbian Cemetery. This is a major project that needs some help now. There are several card files filled with 3x5 cards that need to be scanned using the Ricoh machine in the print shop.

Once the cards are scanned, data from the scans will be entered into an Excel database using your computer at home or a computer at the GFO library. For this step there is one requirement – you must have Excel on the computer and be able to use it in order to help on this part of the project. This is the first phase of extracting the records. There is more to follow when this part is done.

If you are interested in learning to use the scanner, or if you would like to enter the information into the database, please contact Loretta Welsh, the print shop manager. She is usually at the library on Wednesdays, or you can leave a message at the reception desk, 503-963-1932.

Classes & Programs

Using a Digital Camera for Research
Saturday, January 19, 2 pm – Free Monthly Program.

– Duane Funk

Duane Funk will cover the basics and more of using a digital camera when doing research, starting with camera selection and camera etiquette. He will describe how to use the camera to capture images in a wide range of situations, some of which are particular to genealogy libraries and archives. These include copying books, microfilm/fiche, computer monitors, documents, and displays. Finally, he will talk about the use of editing and backup programs.

This promises to be a timely and informative presentation for all.
Financial Report
November 30, 2012

Income during this period includes membership dues, NARA and Fall seminars, research requests, reading room activity, Amazon commissions ($106.26), Honorariums ($90.00), donations ($145.00), and $110.42 from the donation jar in the reading room.

Expenses include rent, NARA and Fall seminars, DSL service renewal, safe deposit box fee, electrical outlet installation in lobby, publications production and distribution, membership, library supplies, Ancestry.com renewal, improvement to library shelving, reinvestment of $7,500.00 into the general reserves Vanguard account, and transfer of $530.00 to the Endowment Fund money market.

– Jeanette Hopkins, Treasurer

Monthly Programs Move to 3rd Saturdays

Because of recurring conflicts with other events, monthly programs will be held on third Saturdays instead of a week earlier as they have been.

Annual Appeal

The letter you received in December detailed projects we hope to pursue at the GFO with your help:

• Replacing our antiquated catalog system
• Replacing our aging projector
• Replacing our worn out VeloBind machine
• Purchasing a scanner to process our manuscripts collection
• Addition of a newspaper database to our online database collection

We can only do this with your help. Thank you for all of your continued generosity!

2012-2013 Annual Appeal for the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Inc.

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Yes, I want be part of the future of the GFO! Here’s my tax deductible donation of $_________

___ Heritage Level $1,000 and up
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**GFO Calendar**

**January**
- **Tue 1/1**  New Year's Day
  - Library Closed
- **Sat 1/5**  10 am  Virginia Group
  - 1 pm  German Group
- **Mon 1/7**  Free Monday
- **Tue 1/8**  6 pm  Board Meeting
- **Sat 1/12**  9:30 am  Illinois Group
  - 11:45 am  Writers' Forum
- **Sat 1/19**  10 am  Intro to Genealogy
  - 1 pm  Irish Group
  - 2 pm Monthly Program
- **Using a Digital Camera for Research**
- **Sun 1/20**  1 pm  FTM Group
- **Sat 1/26**  10 am  DNA Group
  - 1 pm  British Group

**February**
- **Fri 2/1**  5 pm  First Friday at the Ford
- **Sat 2/2**  10 am  Virginia Group
  - 1 pm  German Group
- **Mon 2/4**  Free Monday
- **Sat 2/9**  9:30 am  Illinois Group
  - 11:45 am  Writers' Forum
- **Tue 2/12**  6 pm  Board Meeting
- **Sat 2/16**  9:30 am  Computer Group
  - 12 pm  TMG SUG
  - 2 pm Monthly Program
- **Sun 2/17**  1 pm  FTM Group
- **Sat 2/23**  10 am  Half-day Seminar
  - Family Heirloom & Artifact Reviews

**March**
- **Sat 3/2**  10 am  Virginia Group
  - 1 pm  German Group
- **Mon 3/4**  Free Monday
- **Sat 3/9**  9:30 am  Illinois Group
  - 11:45 am  Writers' Forum
- **Tue 3/12**  6 pm  Board Meeting
- **Sat 3/16**  1 pm  Irish Group
  - 2 pm Monthly Program
- **Sun 3/17**  1 pm  FTM Group
- **Sat 3/23**  1 pm  British Group
- **Sat 3/30**  GFO Open House
  - Easter
  - Library Closed

See the GFO website for Focus Days