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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

August 6th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
WVGS Executive Board Meeting. We will meet at
the Broadway Commons in an upstairs room.
The Broadway Commons is at 1300 Broadway
Street NE, Salem.

August 8, 2015

**Salem Public Library
Central Library**

585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301

**Celebrating Family History
and Genealogy!**

**August 8, 2015 will be the Open House
for the Willamette Valley Genealogical
Society, Genealogy Department at Salem
Public Library.**

**10:30 am First floor (behind the
Information Desk) at Salem Public
Library**
**"Jason Lee" will cut the ribbon to
the Genealogy Department.**

**11:00 am Loucks Auditorium, Salem Public
Library**

**Program: Aaron Auer speaking about
Jason Lee.**

Aaron Auer, in authentic interpretive
clothing, will give a presentation about **Jason
Lee**. Jason Lee was a missionary to the Native
Americans and pioneers, an educator and founder
of Willamette University, and an organizer of the
first provisional government in the "Oregon Coun-
try".

Aaron Auer is one of the founders of ROAR
Ministries (Reviving Oregon's Amazing Roots). He

has preached at over 100 churches in the Oregon
territory, personally met with 40 representatives
of the Oregon legislature and visited every county
courthouse in the state of Oregon. He was in-
volved in the campaign to keep the statue of
Jason Lee in Statuary Hall in our nation's capital.
He describes Jason Lee as a national treasure.

**Refreshments will be provided by Salem
Public Library. The public is invited to
attend.**

Please come and see our new space at Salem
Public Library. WVGS has almost 5,000
books, CDs and microfilm related to geneal-
ogy And attend our program about Jason Lee.

Due to the Open House and ribbon cutting, our gen-
eral meeting will be held **after the program.**

**12 noon– 12:45 pm General Membership Meet-
ing .** A business meeting will be held to conduct so-
ciety business. **Anderson Room A (Lower Level)**

WVGS Genealogy Department Opens!

We have 20 volunteers who are ready to help
patrons with their genealogy research.

Beginning August 11th, volunteers will be
available at the following times:

Tuesday: 11 am to 8 pm

Wednesday: 11 am to 5 pm

Thursday: 11 am to 4 pm, 6 pm to 8 pm

Friday: 11 am to 2 pm

Saturday: 11 am to 2 pm

Sunday: 1 pm to 4 pm

The Library Parkade is metered parking at \$.75 an hour. Park-
ing is free after 6 pm. The Pringle Parkade is free on week-
ends and after 6 pm. Otherwise you will have to find street
parking in the residential areas.

**WVGS News****MEMBERSHIP REPORT** By Suzan Rempel

Membership for June 2015 is 18 Life Members, 65 single memberships, 14 family memberships (28 individuals), and 3 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 114 members.

Welcome new members Virginia Dunk of McMinnville and Patricia Simpson of Salem.

Newsletter

We send newsletters to our members and exchange societies **by email** from our Yahoo email account (willvgs@yahoo.com).

If any member would prefer a hard copy, please let me know. Or if we don't have your e-mail and you're willing to get your newsletter by e-mail, let me know your e-mail address. The same is true for our exchange societies and complimentary newsletters.

We also are emailing the Beaver Briefs to members. If you want a hard copy, the cost is still an additional \$6.50 for postage.

**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's
DNA Project**

WVGS has a DNA Project for both men and women through **www.familytreedna.com**. If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please e-mail Emily Aulicino at: **aulicino@hevanet.com**. Emily is WVGS' Project Administrator.

The DNA Project is open to anyone, not just WVGS members. You are not charged until you send in your test kit. You can do the DNA testing through WVGS and submit it to other groups.

NORPAC Label Redemption Program

This money-making program is just to cut out the **UPC code on FLAV-R-PAC, Santiam, and WESTPAC products** and turn them in to WVGS. We then (as a nonprofit organization) mail them in once a year and receive 5 cents per label. **Labels can be turned in at any Saturday WVGS meeting or mailed to WVGS.**

Members decided to continue this program. Cut off the UPC label on these products and bring them in!

WVGS News**Meetings****Upcoming programs:**

August 8th Open House for WVGS Genealogy Department. Program: Aaron Auer "Jason Lee and Our Oregon Heritage"
September 12th Ellen Eisenberg "Jewish Research"
October 10th Kerry Wymetalek "Meek's Cutoff & Blue Bucket Mine/Settlements in OR & CA"
November 14th Mary Rains "Canadian Research"
December 12th Lunch & Installation of Officers

Parking at Salem Public Library

The Library Parkade is metered parking at \$.75 an hour. Parking is free after 6 pm. The Pringle Parkade is free on week-ends and after 6pm. Otherwise you will have to find street parking in the residential areas.

Salem Public Library Hours:

Mon. Closed

Tues. - Thurs. 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Fri. - Sat. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm **Sun.** 1 pm to 4 pm

WVGS Meeting 2015 Dates

January 17	July 11
February 14	August 8
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12

**WVGS Officers for 2015
Elected Officers**

President: *Elizabeth Tice*

1st Vice-President (Program): *John Cochran*

2nd Vice-President (Membership): *Suzan Rempel*

Recording Secretary: *Barbara Foster*

Corresponding Secretary: *Tony Hoff*

Treasurer: *Lauren Teubner*

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth Tice*

Beaver Brief Editor: *Susan Bell*

Librarians: *Jim Willhite and Deanne Smith*

Volunteer Coordinator:

Publicity: *George Cropsey*

Webmaster: *Dennis Hill*



Beaver Briefs

Members who have provided us with your email address receive our quarterly publication **Beaver Briefs** by email. All members and exchange societies and libraries can access our publications online.

To access **Beaver Briefs**:

- Go to the WVGS website: www.wvgsor.org
- Under **WVGS Document Resource PDFs** is ***Members: to access the WVGS Beaver Briefs** [Click Here.](#)
- Enter your password in the box and click on **Submit.**

If you are unsure of your password, contact me, Liz Tice, at eliztice@comcast.net. Only members and societies who have paid \$6.50 for postage for 2015 will receive issues in the mail.

BB Vol. 47, No. 3 is now available.

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Who Do You Think You Are? Season 6

It's back. New stars. New surprises. If you're tired of summer reruns, we've got some Sunday night relief with 6 new episodes of Who Do You Think You Are? Want to know who's looking to discover their family story this time? Watch the season premiere Sunday, July 26 at 9/8c on TLC.



WVGS News

June Program

Our speaker for June was bookbinder **Max Marbles**. He spoke on doing your own publishing. There are many pitfalls and offers to do it cheaply. Publishing your family history still requires your own hard work, as no one else will care enough.

Max recommended breaking the writing down into small parts, writing first then editing and setting up a routine for writing.

You can publish online, digitally and won't need excessive copies. One online publisher is "Create Space" which helps with publishing and free distribution. It is quick and makes the book accessible.

You need to be self motivated, research the details, don't overlook design, get feedback and help. Pictures also add to a book when they are added near the text rather than altogether.

It is better to get local help, which Max does for a fee, of course! See him at the Mission Mill.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society has signed up with Fred Meyer Community Rewards as a non-profit. If you shop at Fred Meyer and use your Rewards Card, it also helps us.

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Willamette Valley Genealogical Society at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number **82436**.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping WVGS earn a donation!

You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today



WVGS News

WVGS at Salem Public Library

- Volunteers are available to help you.
- Access to Ancestry.com.
- WVGS collection of 5,000 books, CDs and microfilm will be part of the online catalog for Salem Public Library which can be searched from home.
- 3 library computers for genealogy use.
- Volunteer also have two laptops for their use only when helping patrons.
- WVGS collections besides books:
 - Periodicals—collection of periodicals from many states and immigrant research, stored at Candalaria.
 - WVGS Surname File contains research done by WVGS Corresponding Secretaries for the past 30 years. These files were reduced to only Oregon names and are in a cabinet at the Library
 - Genealogy CDs that contained information not available on Ancestry were kept and are in the WVGS collection catalog.
 - WVGS and Oregon State Library had a large collection of family histories and genealogies. Although there was no room to have these at Salem Public Library, we decided to keep these. The database has been updated. Books are stored at Candalaria.
 - WVGS owns a small collection of microfilm and microfiche. These are also available at the Library.

As of the mailing of this newsletter, our collection has not been uploaded to the online catalog. More information will be coming later on our collection and how to access it from home. Also there will be information about all of WVGS's collection, not of it is at Salem Public Library. Databases will be on the WVGS laptops, a printed list available and posted on our website. We're not there yet!



WVGS News

Good News

Here's some good news:

- Moving—the cost of moving came in under the \$1400 estimate by Graebel Moving at \$1,250.99.
- We had to pay for drilling up through the concrete floor to get power and internet access to the genealogy desks at the Library. The City estimated the cost would be \$2,000. Thanks to member Jim Johnson and Cherry City Electric it only cost us \$272.82.

Genealogy Class "Internet Sources for Genealogy"

A partnership between
Willamette Valley Genealogical Society
and
Senior Center 50+

The Center 50+ will have a Genealogy Class, "Internet Sources for Genealogy" in the Computer Lab at the Center 50+ in partnership with the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Learn how computers and the internet can aid your research into family history, using popular, mostly free resources. Basic computer skills are needed as you will work on the computer.

**When: Mondays, September 14th to October 12th, 2015
from 10 am – 12 noon**

Where: Center 50+

2615 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97301

Contact: Alvin Scott / 503-588-6303

ascott@cityofsalem.net

**Information on Center 50+ classes: 503-588-6303,
<http://www.cityofsalem.net/Center50>**

Instructor: Creta Lenzke, Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Member

Cost: \$30 for the 5 week course.

Class is limited to 12 students plus 3 with their own laptops. Preregistration in the Computer Lab at the Center 50+ is required. You must pay in advance to reserve a spot! No repeats for \$5.

Class 1: Basics of Genealogy Sources

Class 2: Free Genealogy Sites

Class 3: Googling for Genealogy

Class 4: Oregon, NARA, Immigration & Naturalization,
Land, Native American

Class 5: Ancestry.com



Periodicals

WVGS opted to keep some periodicals from the Oregon State Library. These are stored at our office in Candalaria Terrace. We hope to have the office open for members, but at this point periodicals have to have been retrieved and taken to Salem Public Library for use.

We selected periodicals that were published by a state genealogy or historical society or were a regional publication. We also continue to add to the collection with the ones we subscribe to or continue to have donated. Below is a list, we hope patrons and member will want to look through these as they contain much valuable information.

WVGS Periodicals stored at Candalaria Terrace

Title	# of Issues
American Genealogist (New England, US)	116
Ancestral notes from Chedwato (New England)	19
Ansearchin' News (Tennessee)	82
Annals of Iowa	140
Arkansas Family Historian	41
Beaver Briefs (WVGS Oregon)	
Blount Journal : a publication of Blount County (Tennessee)	50
Genealogical & Historical Society	
Branches & Twigs : newsletter of Genealogical Society of Vermont	62
Clues (Germans from Russia)	37
Connecticut Nutmegger	160
Crossroad trails (Effingham, IL)	105
Detroit Society for Genealogical Research magazine	67
Genealogical Journal (Utah, US)	32
Georgia Genealogical Society quarterly	96
German Genealogical Digest : a quarterly journal for German researchers	13
Hawkeye Heritage (Iowa)	45
Heritage Review (Germans from Russia)	15
Hoosier Genealogist / Genealogical Section of the Indiana Historical Society	166
Illinois Historical Journal	22
Illinois State Genealogical Society quarterly	160
Indiana Magazine of History	86
Iowa Journal of History	42



Periodicals

Irish at Home and Abroad	24
Journal of North Carolina genealogy	5
Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia	87
Kansas History	110
Kansas Review	78
Kentucky Ancestors	49
Kentucky Explorer	163
Kentucky Genealogist	37
Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy and Records	17
Louisiana Genealogical Register	5
Mayflower Quarterly	138
Mennonite Family History	56
Minnesota History	93
Missouri Historical Review	62
Missouri State Genealogical Association journal	35
National Genealogical Society quarterly	147
Nebraska Ancestry	93
Nebraska History	108
New England Historical and Genealogical Register	213
New York Genealogical and Biographical Record	190
New York History	137
North Carolina Genealogical Society journal	152
Ohio Genealogical Society quarterly	45
Ohio, Crossroads of the Nation	99
Ohio Genealogical Society Report	117
Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly	75
Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine	50
Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography	230
Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage	68
Rodziny (Polish)	28
South Dakota History	5
Swedish American Genealogist	97
Swedish American Historical quarterly	9
Vermont Genealogy	51
Western New York Genealogical Society Journal	184



Oregon

Oregon Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1911-1946

(This collection is from the Oregon State Library)

**Now on Ancestry.com, listed under Search/
Oregon/Oregon, Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills
Or go to Card Catalog and search for the title.**

From Ancestry.com:

Oregon began requiring annual vehicle registration in 1911. This collection is a published list of motor vehicle registrations from 1911 to 1946. Each registration includes

- license number
- name and address of the vehicle owner
(including county in parentheses)
- make of car
- motor number
- model or year of manufacture
- type of body

See the start of the registry for a key to abbreviations. The details in the automobile description could come in handy when identifying and dating photographs.

Also included is a record of convictions. Ever wondered if Grandpa had a lead foot? You just might find out. The record of convictions lists

- name of the offender
- date
- nature of the offense
- chauffeur or operator's license number
- court
- county
- amount of the fine

Previously these records were hard to use as the listings are by license number. Now they have been indexed and can be searched. These records help locate a person in Oregon between 1911 and 1946, and if you're interested you can find out what make of car they were driving.



Classes and Shows

Computer Classes

Feel like you need some updating on computers? The volunteer laptops will have Windows 10 and you're still using Windows 7?

Here's some upcoming classes at the Senior Center. A computer is not required as the classes are held in the Computer Lab.

Intro. To Computers

Learn how to turn a computer on; use the mouse and key-board; work with software and surf the Internet.

Fridays Sep 18-Oct 16, Noon-2:00pm **\$25**

Windows 8 Basics

Learn basic windows usage, programs and settings. Including Email, Internet, and system settings. Taught on our Windows 8 computers or you can bring your own laptop.

Mondays Sept 14-Oct 12 12:30-2:30pm **\$25**

Computer Basics

Using our Newest Windows Operating System, learn how to use the mouse and keyboard; work with software; and surf the Internet.

Mondays Sept 21-Oct 12 12:30-2:30pm **\$25**

Contact: Alvin Scott / 503-588-6303 /
ascott@cityofsalem.net

Photography Show at Salem Public Library

Along with our Open House on August 8th, the Salem Digital Photography Group will have a show at the Library. The show will run Aug. 4 thru Aug. 28th. There are 11 photographers participating with a variety of photos on display, with some taken around Salem of historical material. Come to our Open House and view local photography.



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The **Willamette Valley Genealogical Society** was organized in December 1968, to create and foster the study of family history, to aid in the publication of local history, and to aid in the establishment of materials in local genealogical library collections. It is an Oregon Non-Profit corporation, and was determined by IRS to be a 501 (c) (3) organization. Your donations may be federal tax-deductible.

Membership Application

- Members will receive a monthly newsletter informing them of programs, activities, and genealogical news.
- Members receive online access to **Beaver Briefs**, a quarterly bulletin featuring Marion County genealogy and history.
- Members benefit from research assistance, monthly programs, and access to WVGS's books, periodicals and CDs.
- Help for beginners at the Beginner's classes.

WVGS MEMBERSHIP FORM Please ☒ if this is a ☐NEW or ☐RENEWAL membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **email:** _____

Amount enclosed -

\$ _____ for Annual Dues (\$25 individual or \$30 family membership), includes Beaver Briefs on-line

\$ _____ for postage to receive copies of Beaver Briefs in the mail (\$6.50)

\$ _____ for one-time payment for Life Membership ☐ Under age 70 (\$250) ☐ Age 70 or Over (\$200)

\$ _____ other (please identify) _____

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Additional Donations

- ☐ **Patron \$100**
☐ **Sustainer \$250**
☐ **Benefactor \$500**
☐ **Corporate/Trust \$1,000**

- See our website for information on Life Membership or pick up a Life Membership form from an officer.

- **Pro-rated** Amounts for new members who join after March 31st:

SINGLE	FAMILY
Apr-Jun: \$18.75	Apr-Jun: \$22.50
Jul-Sept: \$12.50	Jul-Sept: \$15.00
Oct-Dec: \$6.25	Oct-Dec: \$7.50

SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

NAME-ADDRESS-PHONE	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back- ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOSED		10 am— 2 pm	7 pm- 8:30 pm	4 pm - 8 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED		9 am— 4 pm	2 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	9 am— 2 pm	CLOSED
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7	4pm— 7pm	CLOSED	9am— 9pm	By Appt.	9 am— 9pm	CLOSED	9 am- 12 noon
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED	8 am—12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (CLOSED State Holidays)					CLOSED
Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	1 pm– 5 pm	CLOSED	10 am—9 pm (CLOSED City Holidays)			10 am—6 pm	
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-364-2128	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 pm—4 pm				



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