



# Tri-City Genealogical Society

February 2009 – Monthly Update

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## TCGS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Beginners' mini-class precedes  
each general meeting, 6:15pm-6:45pm  
All are welcome!

**Mar 11<sup>th</sup>: CREHST Museum**  
Stacia Gunderson, Museum Educator  
*Mini-Lesson: Digital Organization*  
Margie Beldin, TCGS Education Chair

**Apr 8<sup>th</sup>: Cemeteries**  
Mike Grace, Richland Cemetery Association  
*Mini-Lesson: Social Networking*  
Sandra Floberg, TCGS Secretary



APR 26<sup>TH</sup> - MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ANCESTOR  
HUNT  
TO  
SALT LAKE CITY

**May 13<sup>th</sup>: Polk City Directories**  
Steve Baylor, Past President  
Washington State Genealogical Society  
*Mini-Lesson: Digitized Books*  
Mike McKinnon, TCGS Past President

**Jun 10<sup>th</sup>: Interactive Genealogical Test**  
Donna Potter Phillips  
*Mini-Lesson: Copyright*  
Susan Faulkner, TCGS Member-at-Large

**July: NO MEETING**



## FOCUS GROUPS

Genie Potpourri Focus Group  
11:30am, Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
Old Country Buffet (Columbia Center Mall)  
Champion: Susan Faulkner  
554-1050 or [denmother4@hotmail.com](mailto:denmother4@hotmail.com)

## Colonial New England Focus Group

4pm, Tuesday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>  
Richland FHC  
Champion: Carolyn Oster  
946-8127 or [coster@dslextreme.com](mailto:coster@dslextreme.com)

## Great Britain Focus Group

7pm, Tuesday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>  
1pm Wednesday, Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Richland FHC  
Champion: Richard Allen  
946-6020 or [rp\\_allen@charter.net](mailto:rp_allen@charter.net)

## **PRESERVATION FOCUS GROUP**

1pm, Mon., Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>  
Richland FHC  
Champion: Phyllis Andresen  
371-0715 or [pk618@charter.net](mailto:pk618@charter.net)

## **RootsMagic Users' Group**

7pm, Thurs., Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Richland FHC  
Champion: Margie Beldin  
627 6436 or [mabeldin@gmail.com](mailto:mabeldin@gmail.com)

**NOTE:** Donna's Monthly Internet Class, set to begin March 10<sup>th</sup>, is being postponed until April; this is due to difficulty in finding a meeting place with internet access for all; more information will be sent next month. If you are interested in the class, we are still accepting students. (Questions? -- contact Janis Littlefield or Margie Beldin.)

**Mid-Columbia Library**  
**Volunteer Schedule**

*Kennewick Branch, 1620 S. Union  
509-783-7878*

*Volunteers are available 10am - 1pm*

Tuesday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Leona  
Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> Margie  
Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> Nancy  
Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> Lori  
Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> Susan  
Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> Sandra

**RICHLAND FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**

**HOURS**

Mon, Fri, Sat: 9am to 5pm  
Tues - Thurs: 9am to 9pm

*Feb 2009 Classes*

Please call 946-6637 to register for the following free classes

**Using U.S. Census Records**

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 18

**GAGE BLVD FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**

All classes are Tuesdays from 10-11am with an additional half hour for questions and answers.

Feb 17: Gathering Family Information  
Feb 24: Heritage Albums and Document Preservation  
Mar 3: Organizing Your Genealogical Records  
Mar 10: Discover Existing Family History and Information

**Pennsylvania's New Right to Know Law Goes into Effect**

from FGS Voice – 2009 January

The state of Pennsylvania has a new "Right-to-Know" Law, effective January 1, 2009, including an Office of Open Records headed by Executive Director Terry Mutchler. Mutchler has the following to say about the new law and his office: "Governor Edward G. Rendell signed the new Right-to-Know law on February 14, 2008 fundamentally changing the way people access public records of their government. The hallmark of this new law, which fully takes effect January 2, 2009, is its presumption of openness. For the first time in Pennsylvania history, citizens no longer have to prove that a record is public and that it should be released. Now, a government agency must presume that a record is a public record available for inspection or copying. If the government agency chooses to withhold a record, the agency has the burden to prove – with legal citation – why that record should be available to the public...The law, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, also established an Office of Open Records. The mission of the Office of Open Records is to enforce the new Right-to-Know law and to serve as a resource to citizens, public officials and members of the media."

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**South King County Genealogical Society**

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/>

DNA & Genealogy Seminar  
featuring Emily D. Aulicino,  
Regional Coordinator and Speaker of the  
International Society of Genetic Genealogists (ISOGG) for  
the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

**Topics:**

Introduction to Genetic Genealogy: DNA Your Paper  
Trail

Comparing DNA: Apples, Oranges and Bananas.  
21 March 2009 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**2009 NGS Family History Conference**

*The Building of a Nation:*

*From Roanoke to the West*

May 13-16, 2009

Raleigh, North Carolina

**2009 FGS Annual Conference**

*Passages Through Time*

September 2-5, 2009

Little Rock, Arkansas

**2009 Washington State Genealogical Society's**

**State Conference**

September 11 - 13, 2009

at The Davenport Hotel

Spokane, Washington

**Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak**

Author, Speaker, Professional Genealogist