

# Tri-City Genealogical Society

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February 2010 Monthly Update

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## Upcoming Presentations

**7:00 pm March 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **How to Find and Use Railroad Resources**

Mike Huntington, Secretary of the Washington State Railroad Historical Society and President of East Benton County Historical Society.

**7:00 pm April 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **Cemetery Sisters**

Pauline Dawes and Pat Ramsey

These Cemetery Sisters have photographed over 50,000 tombstones and made these photographs available online. Come and hear about their struggles and successes.

**7:00 pm May 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Heritage Quest Website – Hidden Treasures**

Charlotte Kennedy

Computer Analyst/Seasoned Genealogist will share her electronic prowess in this fast paced presentation.



We love our new home. Thank you  
Parkview Estates!

## Focus Groups

### **Genie Potpourri Focus Group**

11:30 am, Friday, February 19<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**

4:00 pm, Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Richland FHC  
Champion: Carolyn Oster  
946-8127 or [coster@dslextreame.com](mailto:coster@dslextreame.com)

### **Great Britain Focus Group**

Next meeting will be in May.  
Champion: Richard Allen  
946-6020 or [rp\\_allen@charter.net](mailto:rp_allen@charter.net)

### **Preservation Focus Group**

For more information contact  
Champion: Phyllis Andresen  
371-0715 or [pk618@charter.net](mailto:pk618@charter.net)

### **Upcoming classes at the Richland Family History Center at 1314 Goethals, Richland**

The following free classes will be taught at the Richland Family History Center. Please register (so that we can contact you if the class needs to be rescheduled) by calling 946-6637.

**Using U.S. Census** – 7:00 pm, February 17.

**Beginning PAF** – 7:00 pm, March 11.

**Introduction to Internet Research** – 7:00 pm, March 24.

## 2010 Census Cautions

As genealogists, we all love our Census. Many of us are actually excited to have a Census Bureau worker ask us questions and we daydream about what information our descendants will find fascinating. With identity theft being a new concern, however, caution is advised. Dale Denham sent in an email providing DOs and DO NOTs when dealing with Census Bureau workers.

DO - ask to see their identification and their badge before answering any questions.

DO - advise children to never engage a Census Bureau canvasser in discussions. Children, even teenagers, do not look at the same concerns or potential threats as adults and are easily manipulated. Census Bureau personnel should not engage anyone but the adult in the home.

DO NOT - give your Social Security Number. The Census Bureau will not ask for your Social Security Number, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations.

DO NOT - give credit card or banking information to anyone.

DO NOT - answer anything about your financial situation.

DO NOT - respond to inquiries from anyone associated with any organization that says they are representing the Census Bureau.

DO NOT - respond to emails that claim to be from the Census Bureau. Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau WILL NOT contact you by email, so be on the lookout for email scams impersonating the Census Bureau.

Use caution and DO NOT hesitate to contact the local Police Department or the Census Bureau before you cooperate.



## Mark your Calendars

Salt Lake City Field Trip is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Lee Smith for more information.

Journey of Discovery, the 2010 Washington State Genealogical Society Conference, will be September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Chehalis. For more information go to [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/seminar.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/seminar.htm)



### Kennewick MidColumbia Library Volunteer Schedule

All schedules are from 10:00 to 1:00 on the day listed.

Contact Sharon Vaughn to get involved.

February 5th Lori

February 19th Sharon

February 13th Sandra

February 26th Susan

February 17th Nancy

March 5th Lori

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Colonial New England Focus Group database

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