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## Kitsap Antique Show 2024 and Plans for 2025

By Rich Peel, Antique Show Committee Chair

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Kitsap Antique Show, held March 16-17 in Presidents' Hall at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds and Events Center, was deemed to be a success by both the antique show committee members and the antique, vintage, and collectible dealers who participated. After many years of jointly hosting the annual show with the Kitsap History Museum, this was the first time that PSGS served as the sole host for the event. A year-long planning effort by the committee and great help from other PSGS members resulted in an \$8,000 contribution to the PSGS treasury, the largest ever!

Several members stepped up to reconstitute and expand the antique show committee, and many others helped with distribution of road signs and volunteered as show-weekend staff. In addition to continuing committee members Ruth Reese (Appraisal Area Chair) and Rachelle Peel (Volunteer Coordinator), Jean Yager became the new Antique Show Treasurer. Jeanny Peel returned to again serve as the Dealer Chair, and her sister, Janet Boswell, joined to serve as the new Publicity Chair. Abbie Dunn, assisted by Mike Dunn, took on the Facilities Chair responsibilities.



Antique dealers, such as Ron Myhre, from A Curator's Eye in Port Townsend, offered a variety of high-quality antiques

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# Presidential Ponderings

by Jean Yager

Each year the Executive Board must decide whether to raise the membership dues or keep it the same. The dues have been \$15 for a single person and \$20 for family (in the same household) for the past 13 years (since we became partners with KRL in 2011). At the May Executive Board Meeting, it was unanimously voted **not** to raise the dues.

The main reason we did not raise the dues was because of our successful fundraiser (see pages 1, 12, and 13, for the story on the 2024 Antique Show). Next year’s show has been scheduled for February 22-23. So, mark your calendar and plan to volunteer again. You can contact Rachelle Peel, the Volunteer Coordinator, at [rachellep98370@gmail.com](mailto:rachellep98370@gmail.com). She would love to hear from you!

It's official! The dates for the annual Salt Lake City Research Trip are March 9-15, 2025. PSGS has been going to the Family Search Library annually for over 30 years. If you haven't been to the Library, then you need to plan to go. It is a lot of fun, and you just might break some of your brick walls! I have been to the library several times and I still discover new material. For more information, read the article on page 9 and take the survey on page 11. Then seriously think about it and contact Diane Evans at [devansava@aol.com](mailto:devansava@aol.com)

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! CALLING for at least three members to be on the Nomination Committee for the 2025 officers. Please contact me at [psgsociety1301@gmail.com](mailto:psgsociety1301@gmail.com) for more information on what’s involved.



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# Genealogy Center Report

by Elisabeth Demmon

I am glad to report that the following books are being added to the Genealogy Center and will be ready for patrons by July 1. I hope some of them will be helpful to you and the patrons who visit. Best wishes for a happy summer of research!

Elisabeth Demmon, KRL Liaison to the PSGS.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Call Number</u>
Cradled in Sweden (updated version)	Carl-Erik Johansson	Genealogy 929.3485 Johanss 2022
The Winthrop Fleet of 1630	Charles Edward Banks	Genealogy 929.373 Banks 1972
New Hampshire Marriage and Licenses and Intentions 1709-1961	Pauline Johnson Oesterlin	Genealogy 929.3742 Oesterl 1991
The First Puritan Settlers of Connecticut	Royal R. Hinman	Genealogy 929.3746 Hinman 2015
Caswell County North Carolina Deed Books 1817-1840	Abstracts by Katharine Kerr Kendall	Genealogy 929.3756 Kendall 1992
A History of Lynches Forks and Extended Areas on Big and Little Lynches Rivers South Carolina	Lon D. Outen	Genealogy 929.3757 Outen 2012
Quakers in South Carolina: Wateree and Bush River, Cane Creek, Piney Grove and Charleston Meetings	Southern Historical Press	Genealogy 929.3757 Quakers 1991
Scotch-Irish Migration to South Carolina, 1772 (Rev. William Martin and His Five Shiploads of Settlers)	Jean Stephenson	Genealogy 929.3757 Stephen 2002
Memorial Record of the Fathers of Wisconsin	H. A. Tenny and David Atwood	Genealogy 929.3775 Tenney 1992
Kitsap County The Year of the Child	Kitsap County Historical Society	Genealogy 929.3797 Year of 1979
A Centennial History of Akron 1825-1925	The Summit Historical Committee	Genealogy 977.136 Centenn 1925

# Genealogy Center Volunteers

Do you take advantage of the PSGS Genealogy center at the Sylvan Way Branch of Kitsap Regional Library? I hope so, but if not, please plan to do so in the near future. The GC is open Monday through Saturday from 12—4 pm.

You will be able to use the Library Edition of Ancestry, Fold 3, and the Affiliate Library Records of Family Search. There are many books in the GC covering information on Immigration, State,

County, and Country Histories, Military Events, Family Biographies, and much more.

Why do you have access to this information? Because of our wonderful PSGS GC Volunteers. Have you ever wondered who shares their time so you can visit the GC? Please look below to find all the PSGS members who have been there to help you during 2024.

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Jim Brown



Betty Burdyslaw



Vickie Bushnell



Kathy Darling



Gwen Detweiler



Alta Drane



Karen Duke



Diane Evans



Tamma Farra



Shannon Hassebrock



Mahala Henry



Melva Hill

# Genealogy Volunteers

(Cont'd from page 4)



Sharon Hornback



Bobbi Klippert



Lorraine Maves



Nancy McLean



Lew Noah



Madge Norton



Nancy Orsborn



Janet Ravenkamp



JeDene Reeder



Joyce Stockman



Don Westfall

Thank you to all of you wonderful volunteers. Without you, the GC could not remain open. You are the heart of the GC and your dedication is greatly appreciated!

## Genealogy Center Volunteer Information

By Sharon Hornback and Tamma Farra

PSGS Genealogy Center Volunteers typically work in the GC one or two shifts per month. Some are able to do more, as their schedules permit.

Volunteers also have a chance to win free books. These are books that are in like-new condition that have been donated to the GC and are duplicates of what we have. When a volunteer works in the GC 3 times per quarter, their name is put in the drawing bucket. If they volunteer more times, they earn a drawing chance for each additional shift. Last quarter, Tamma Farra won the book, *A to Zak*. The book for the next drawing is: *Companion Guide Family Tree Maker 30th Anniversary*. Good luck to all!

Tamma was asked why she likes to volunteer at the Genealogy Center. Her response is below.

"It's simple. I love doing research. And in the past, I have always appreciated those who helped me along the way, whether it was to point me in a direction,

give me some background information, or simply ask if I needed some help. Genealogy Societies serve an important function in the vast field of genealogy in so many different ways. Whether it is staffing the Genealogy Center at the Library, helping out at various functions, serving on a committee, attending workshops and on and on, our Genealogy Society has a lot to offer. It takes volunteers to make it all happen. So, I volunteer at the library. Plus, it is fun to meet other people who are researching their families."



## Genealogy Writing Group

Connect with others as you write your family history. It is recommended that you have done some research on your ancestors so you are now ready to write their story or stories. Please email the facilitator at [edemmon@krl.org](mailto:edemmon@krl.org) if you are a first time participant and/or have any questions.

This group meets in person only, on the 4th Tuesday afternoon of every month except December. We have an optional writing prompt each month. Look at page 7 for a sample of a prompt.



## Genealogy Writing Group Monthly Prompt

By Elisabeth Demmon

The writing prompt for an earlier month was: **“Imagine you are a newspaper reporter ... write an article about an event in your family history based on your research. Remember to include the who, what, when, where and why if you can.”** Elisabeth shares her story which was a happy one.

### War Veteran moves to Canada to be with Future Bride – dateline October 1947

Former British Army Lieutenant Robin P. Davis, aged 27, of London Road, Chelmsford, Essex, has emigrated to Canada. He sailed on the Queen Mary from Southampton, England on October 18, 1947, arriving in New York, USA on October 23.

Mr. Davis, the only son and youngest child of Henry and the late Rosa Davis, was a student at Framlingham School in Suffolk, England before joining the British Army in 1939. He was stationed in the Far East for most of the war. During this time, he met his future bride, Thelma Scott, when he was sent to South Africa for medical treatment. Miss Scott, along with other Canadian nurses, were invited by the South African government to serve in the South African Medi-

cal Nursing Service. They were stationed at military hospitals in Durban and Johannesburg where many British military personnel were sent for treatment.

Miss Scott was born near Cupar, Saskatchewan on June 3, 1915, the second daughter of wheat farmers, Albert and Isabella Scott. She earned her nursing degree from Regina General Hospital before becoming an army nurse when war broke out. She is now a private nurse at Vancouver, British Columbia.

The couple will marry at the Chapel of Christ Cathedral, Vancouver, British Columbia on November 20, 1948.



## WANT ADS

### EDUCATION/PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Are you interested in helping to pick what classes or programs are presented to our members? If so this is the committee for you. Bring your ideas to the committee meetings which are monthly, January through November. Contact: Jean Yager at [psgsociety1301@gmail.com](mailto:psgsociety1301@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

SIGs are for those interested in getting together and sharing information on specific topics. At present there is an Ancestry SIG that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. If you're interested in a SIG on any genealogical topic, such as DNA, Mayflower, a particular country or state, etc., contact Jean Yager at [psgsociety1301@gmail.com](mailto:psgsociety1301@gmail.com).

### PSGS OFFICERS

Are you interested in a leadership role in PSGS? Officers are elected in October of each year. Read the job descriptions on the PSGS Website and decide which one interests you. Contact Jean Yager at [psgsociety1301@gmail.com](mailto:psgsociety1301@gmail.com) if you are interested. Your name will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee in the summer.

### REPORTERS

Looking for adventurous people who want to write stories or collect stories from other members. You can put your interest to work at the Backtracker.

Contact: [sharonhornback@comcast.net](mailto:sharonhornback@comcast.net) if you are interested.

### EDITOR IN TRAINING

If creative writing and layout skills are your forte, think about becoming a future (2026) Backtracker Editor. Meetings are currently eight times a year in the GC. Put your computer skills to use and learn how the Backtracker gets from ideas to your mailbox.

Contact: [sharonhornback@comcast.net](mailto:sharonhornback@comcast.net) if you are interested.

### ANTIQUY SHOW

Do you like meeting new people? Do you want to find out how much great grandma's emerald necklace is worth? Are you someone who enjoys collecting money? Think about serving on the Antique Show Committee. Contact: Rich Peel at [KitsapAntiqueShow@gmail.com](mailto:KitsapAntiqueShow@gmail.com) if you are interested.





# PSGS Genealogy 2025 Trip to Salt Lake City!

By Diane Evans

**Please join us for our 2025 Salt Lake City FamilySearch Library Genealogy trip, on Sunday, March 9 – Saturday, March 15, 2025**

If you haven't had the chance to visit the Family Search Library yet then consider joining our group in 2025. Both the Library staff and volunteers are so helpful and really go out of their way to assist you with family research questions. Our 2025 trip will immediately follow the annual RootsTech Conference (March 6-8) and based on last years' experience the Library was quiet with lots of open seating as well as available handouts from RootsTech. It was very easy to schedule a 20-minute personal session, which most times exceeded the time limit, with one of the library researchers to learn tips and strategies for research methods and roadblocks. Be prepared for the researchers sitting with you at the computer as they assist you.... but you must do all the typing. They will not do it for you!

Construction at Temple Square is still in progress - now through 2026 - and many buildings are still closed to the public but if you check at the Library Information Desk on the first floor of the Library they can provide you a list of tours, Tabernacle Choir or Organ Performances occurring during the week.

So come join us for a remarkable journey! Please use the information below when calling to make your reservations. Based on 2023 and 2024 attendance we have reserved 2 Deluxe rooms

and 3 Standard rooms. The room block can be increased if more rooms are needed.

**Hotel** – Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square, 122 West South Temple, SLC UT 84101

**Reservation POC** – Richard Williams, Director of Sales & Marketing, 801-606-2410

**Reservation Group Code** – Puget Sound

**Group Rates** – Standard Double Queen \$105 plus taxes; Deluxe Double Queen \$115 plus taxes

**Payment** – Provide your credit card information to guarantee your reservations

**Rooms held until 02/08/2025!**

Once your reservations have been made, please notify Diane Howell Evans of your travel arrangements and arrival/departure dates so a Trip Registration Form and a Family Search Library Information document can be forwarded to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane by phone at (360)900-8681 or by e-mail at [DEvansAVA@aol.com](mailto:DEvansAVA@aol.com).





## Looking Forward...

to the next three months of programs presented by PSGS

**July 24, 2024**      **Got Old Negatives — Family Tree Webinars — Zoom Only**

**Presented by Elizabeth Swanay**

Scan them with your phone and these five (mostly) free Apps

**Aug 28, 2024**      **Adding Historical Content to your Genealogy Research**

**Presented by Kate Eakman**

This will be a hands on approach

**Sept 25, 2024**      **TBD**

## Schedule of Classes — July — Sep 2024

Genealogy Series I: Discovering Your Ancestors

By Janet O'Connor Camarata

Janet will be continuing her enriching and rewarding series so that you may discover your own families through their written records, photographs and artifacts. Tracing your ancestral roots expands your understanding of history and how they lived in earlier generations. The individual pieces of the family jigsaw puzzle consists of vital records, censuses, land records, immigration, naturalization, military records, church histories, taxes, court and courthouse records, DNA and much more. The tools and techniques used by genealogists today are extensive and include the Internet, specific genealogy programs and websites, i.e. Ancestry and FamilySearch. Learn in a computer environment the resources available online and off-line to investigate the various jigsaw puzzle pieces that document your ancestors' lives.



**July 27, 2024**      Strategic Searching, Sources & Citations, Cemetery Research — **Hybrid**

**Aug 3, 2024**      Evidence Analysis Process, Obituary Research, Newspapers and Periodicals  
**Zoom Only**

**Aug 24, 2024**      Keeping a Genealogical Diary/Journal, County Histories, Google Books & Internet  
**Hybrid**

This concludes Janet's Genealogy Series I

**Sept 2024**      **TBD**

## Short Survey for Future SLC Trip Planning Purposes

By Diane Evans

Please share your thoughts and opinions for future annual trip planning to the Salt Lake City Family Search Library. It would be most appreciated if you could forward your responses to the survey below via e-mail to

[DEvansAVA@aol.com](mailto:DEvansAVA@aol.com) by 8/19/24.

Question 1 – What is your preferred time of the year for the trip? \_\_\_\_\_

Question 2 – Would you prefer the annual trip immediately follow RootsTech so you can attend this one-of-a-kind genealogy conference or doesn't it matter? \_\_\_\_\_ *\*Note – hotel rooms are more expensive and often include a minimum number of nights for a reservation during RootsTech.*

Question 3 –What is your preference for length of stay in Salt Lake City for research purposes?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Question 4 – There are many other activities available in Salt Lake City such as shows, concerts, museums, etc. Would you be interested in attending any activities outside of Temple Square events? If yes, please indicate the type of activities you might consider. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Question 5 – Were you aware that family and friends can also join you on our annual SLC trips and benefit from the Group Rate for rooms? \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments or suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you so much for participating in this short survey for future trip planning purposes.



# 2024 PSGS Antique Show

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Dorothy Reinhardt and Rick Yager volunteered to handle other vital committee tasks such as preparation of show access badges and assembly and coordination of more than 165 road signs. Melva Hill, Lorraine Maves, Don Westfall, Judy Rice, and Karen Duke, along with the committee members, distributed those signs throughout Kitsap County and in some Mason County areas. Of course, we could not conduct the show without a great team of helpful volunteers who serve as cashiers, set-up and take-down assistants, and other key roles at the show. Our sincere thanks go out to everyone who generously gave their time to make the 2024 show a success.

As usual, this year's show featured both sales and appraisals. Over the two days, 1,187 people attended the show, and the 22 enthusiastic dealers occupied a total of 4,176 square feet of booth spaces. In addition to Ruth Reese, the Appraisal Area was staffed by appraisers Ernie Lopez, Roosevelt Smith, Earl Bowers, Lee Johnson, and Dick Keiser. All generously volunteered their time and expertise to complete a total of 235 appraisals

during the two days, an increase from the previous show.

As a nice surprise at the end of the 2024 show, Mimi Smith-Danielson, the operator of our Heritage Café, donated the \$1,020 profit from the weekend's food service to the Kitsap Antique Show! We thank her for her generous contribution as well as providing excellent food service for our shows over the past several years. We will need to find a new food provider for future shows, as Mimi will not be available to continue operating our Heritage Café. So, we welcome suggestions for future food service at our annual antique shows!

The committee has already started planning for the 27<sup>th</sup> Kitsap Antique Show, scheduled for the weekend of 22-23 February 2025. This returns the show to its traditional fourth weekend in February, which is a good time frame for many of the dealers who traditionally participate. A "Save the Date" flyer has been posted on the show's Facebook page and emailed to prospective dealers. Initial details have also been updated on the show's website, [AntiqueShowKitsap.com](http://AntiqueShowKitsap.com). For 2025, we plan to further emphasize vintage items and collectibles, in addition to antiques, recognizing the increased interest in those types of items. As always, appraisals of family treasures will be a key feature of our show.

The Antique Show Committee always welcomes more help from PSGS members who have the time to assist with the many tasks involved in



Long-time appraiser Ernie Lopez discussed the appraised value of a vintage instrument with a show attendee

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# PSGS Antique Show

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hosting the event. Antique Show Committee meetings are normally held in the Henniger Room at the Sylvan Way Branch of Kitsap Regional Library at 10:15 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. All interested PSGS members are welcome to get involved in creating the next successful Kitsap Antique Show!



Many interesting and unusual antiques can always be found at the Kitsap Antique Show



Fascinating collectibles, such as these many "Betty Boop" items, were nicely displayed by a dealer at the show.



As always, show attendees had fun viewing and buying a wide range of Antiques, Vintage Items, and Collectibles from the 22 dealer booths in Presidents' Hall.

## YOUR STORY GOES HERE!!

This page is reserved for your story.

Contact [Sharonhornback@comcast.net](mailto:Sharonhornback@comcast.net) to see your story in print. Your stories are needed for our newsletter. What interesting finds have you made recently? What are you looking for? What brick wall is stopping your progress?

Please share your stories.



## PSGS Annual Business Meeting

At our upcoming meeting, October 23, 2024, all members present will have the opportunity and responsibility to elect the members of the 2025 PSGS Executive Board. All officer positions are open to any member who would like to serve as President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary or Treasurer. We will also vote for the Member-at-Large position. Information on all of the Executive Board positions, which includes the committee chairpersons, is posted on the members only page of our website: [www.psgsociety.org/members](http://www.psgsociety.org/members) Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

You are needed in the Genealogy Center. Shifts are four hours per day Monday through Saturday. When there are no patrons in the GC, you have time to work on your own genealogy with the library free resources of Ancestry, Fold 3, and Affiliate Library Records for Family Search.

Each volunteer goes through a training process. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Hornback at [sharonhornback@comcast.net](mailto:sharonhornback@comcast.net)

Thank you for helping.



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