

Puget Sound Genealogical Society

Speakers, Classes, Research Groups ... and More

It is our mission to provide tools and techniques to help people discover facts about their ancestors, and our goal is to provide educational opportunities that meet the needs of all levels of research experience. The Genealogy Center, located at the Sylvan Way branch of Kitsap Regional Library, is filled with reference books for every state and many countries, plus dedicated computer access to online resources. It is a great place to start your research journey. Sylvan Way is also a FamilySearch Affiliate Library with access to over 2 billion records and images not currently available to the public.

Meetings & Lectures

Held on the fourth Wednesday from January to October in the Heninger Room at Sylvan Way. The November meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month. No meetings in December. Meetings start with social time at 12:30pm, followed by a lecture at 1:00pm, and a short business meeting at 2:00pm. Lectures feature speakers on a variety of genealogical subjects.

Classes

Usually held monthly and focus on topics our members have selected. They are free and open to the public.

Research & Field Trips

A research trip is organized annually to a major genealogical repository. Field trips to local genealogical libraries or other sites are organized as interests arise.

Volunteering

Membership provides the energy and vitality for ongoing Puget Sound Genealogical Society (PSGS) activities. PSGS offers many opportunities for members to support its mission and goal by volunteering on committees for Education/Programs, Backtracker, Genealogy Center, and Fundraising.

Join PSGS

We invite you to join us in the pursuit of genealogy research by learning new skills, meeting people with similar interests, and supporting research opportunities.

Our History

On May 2, 1973, three people gathered to discuss their genealogy research. This small group decided to organize a club. Pro-tem officers were Marlys Marrs, President and Jim Hanf, Vice-President. At the November 1973 meeting held at Sheridan Park, officers elected were Jim Hanf, President; Naomi Morris, Vice-President; and Donna Jean Bruce, Secretary/Treasurer. One year later the library was started and the group adopted the name Olympic Genealogical Society.

At the May 1975 meeting held at the Great Northwest Building in Bremerton, members selected the new name of Puget Sound Genealogical Society. At a later time the quarterly newsletter name was changed from Family Backtracking to The Backtracker.

As it grew, the PSGS library had many locations, most often in members' homes. In 1995, the library and monthly meetings moved to the Givens Community Center. In April 2003, the location of the library and the meeting place was moved to larger quarters in the North Kitsap Memorial Armory in Poulsbo. This lasted only a few months and the collection was eventually moved to the East Port Orchard Center. It resided there from 2004 until late 2011 when PSGS formed a partnership with the Kitsap Regional Library. In January 2012, the Genealogy Center was established at the Sylvan Way location of the Kitsap Regional Library.

The Genealogy Center features more than 4,000 titles of books, periodicals, microfilm, microche, cemetery records, obituaries, funeral home records and maps. Computers for internet research are also available.



Discover...
Your family roots

Explore...
Your family heritage

Locate...
Your missing ancestors

Genealogy Center

Kitsap Regional Library
1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310
(360) 475-9172

Hours

Monday-Saturday 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone. Dues are \$15 a year for an individual or \$20 for a family. Membership forms are available at the Genealogy Center, at our general meetings, or on our website. Member benefits include access to the Members Only page on our website and our quarterly newsletter, The Backtraker.

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For more information on our Society, member benefits, volunteer opportunities, and helpful resources visit:

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