

## *Directors:*

### **Education Director**

*People who have held this position previously are:* Dulca Baxter, Graham Johnson, Doreen Johnson, Virginia Lindsey, Maureen MacDonald, and Ann Wright.

The Director of Education is responsible for the Society education program: further genealogical research, promote interest in family history, and preserve family and historical records.

The Society education program may be in the form of classes, interest groups, mentoring, research materials, or other activities that encourage participation in family history. The nature and extent of these activities may vary from time to time, depending on the expressed wishes and needs of the members.

Genealogical research has changed in recent years and our Society needs to be flexible to meet the needs of all members—beginners, intermediate and advanced.

The Director may be asked to provide articles for the Society newsletter.

### **Planning**

Develop a schedule for the year and present this schedule to the Board each August.

The Director is expected to develop a budget for the educational needs of the Society. This proposed annual budget is subject to review and approval of the Board.

Send an electronic file of the schedule (and any updates) to the President and the members of the Board on a monthly basis.

### **Educational materials**

There is a plastic file case that is passed on each year containing paper copies of educational materials used in the past. These materials are maintained by the Director of Education.

GSSWI Archives include electronic files of educational material that has been used in the past. If new materials are developed, be sure to provide those files to the Director of Archives.

### **Community Classes**

GSSWI periodically may offer community classes on genealogical research topics.

Monthly GSSWI educational classes are held before the general meetings.

### **Family History Center**

The Society Beginner's Education Class plans a visit to the local FHC annually.

**Previous Education programs are included as examples.**

**2006-2007**

Education Class Schedule

Virginia Lindsey - 331-8455 & Graham Johnson - 730-1585

Class\* held from noon to 12:45 p.m.; 2nd Monday of each month PRIOR TO  
REGULAR SOCIETY PROGRAM

- October:**           **WHERE TO START**  
Inventorying your information - family and home  
Basic record types  
(Note: Participants in the class are asked to bring some of their own  
  
information so instructors can be helpful in making suggestions. Instructors  
want to assess the needs of the participants and not be redundant nor too  
simplistic.)
- November:**       **Computer Genealogy Software**  
**Internet Resources**
- December:**       **(Possible meeting at the Family History Center in Langley, WA)**
- January:**           **Repositories - distant and local**
- February:**       **How to Organize Your Material**  
**How to Cite Sources**
- March:**           **The all important Census Information**
- April:**           **Foreign Lands (Sources for--and work in)**  
**E mail Mailing Lists**  
**Church Records**
- May:**             **The Importance of DNA in Genealogy**  
**Wrap up**

\*There will be a half-hour presentation of information and 15 minutes of questions and answers.

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH WHIDBEY**  
**2007 — 2008**  
**EDUCATION CLASS SURVEY**

The Education Team would like assistance in providing classes which meet your needs as you research your genealogy. Please take a moment to answer the following questions. Hand responses to either Ann Wright or Dulca Baxter.

- \* In terms of genealogy research, how would you rate yourself:  
Beginner \_\_\_\_\_  
Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_  
Advanced \_\_\_\_\_
  
- \* WHERE do you do your research?  
Internet Sources \_\_\_\_\_ Libraries \_\_\_\_\_  
Family History Centers \_\_\_\_\_ Archives \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
- \* What are some problem areas for you? (census, land, probate, or ?)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
- \* What would be most helpful in working on your family research?  
One hour education class each month? \_\_\_\_\_  
One on one help? \_\_\_\_\_  
Beginning level class? \_\_\_\_\_  
Intermediate level class? \_\_\_\_\_  
Advanced Research Panel Forum \_\_\_\_\_  
(ARPF=3 'seasoned' researchers answering  
questions & offering suggestions.)
  
- \* Comments or suggestions for the Education Team to consider:  
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## **Genealogical Society Education Program for 2007/2008**

The Education Team (Ann Wright, Dulca Baxter and Georgene Jacobs) agreed to serve for the 2007/2008 year. In an attempt to serve the needs of Society members, a survey (above) was conducted at the September 2007 meeting. The survey results indicate an increased interest in 'intermediate' level research assistance and a confirmation of the use of the internet as a major source of genealogy information. Additionally, the need for continued 'beginner' level education was registered. Based on the survey information, the Education Team is preparing a three-prong approach to education.

Education Classes will be provided each month (October through June) from 12 until 12:45 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church classrooms (pending approval by Trinity Lutheran).

### **#1 Beginner Class**

**When:** 2nd Monday (Oct. through May) Noon - 12:45 p.m.

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church Classroom

**Instructors:** Dulca Baxter, Georgene Jacobs and Other Volunteers

#### **Class Topics:**

10/8 How to Get Started + Helpful Hints + Survey of Attendees on preference of future topics:  
Oral Histories Vital Records  
Internet Research Census Research  
Land Records Military Records  
Citing Sources Organizing Info.  
Timelines Can Help Genealogy Trip Prep.

### **#2 Intermediate Class**

**When:** 2nd Monday (Oct. through May) Noon - 12:45 p.m.

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church Classroom

**Instructors:** Ann Wright and Other Volunteers

#### **Class Topics:**

10/8 Things I Wished I'd Done Differently  
11/12 Advanced Research Panel — Q & A  
12/10 TBD (Instructor Off Island)  
1/14 Advanced Research Panel—Q & A  
2/11 DNA Research  
3/10 Advanced Research Panel—Q & A  
4/14 Genealogy Tech Tools  
5/12 Advanced Research Panel—Q & A  
6/9 Timelines Can Help

### Plans for GSSWI in 2008-2009

Date	Beginning Class	Intermediate Class
Sep 8	<p>Information Table for Beginners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook: <i>First Steps in Genealogy – A Beginners Guide to Researching Your Family History</i> by Desmond Walls Allen</li> <li>• What are your goals?</li> <li>• <i>Handouts from: Let's Get Organized! A Practical Guide for all Aspects of Family History Research, Third Edition</i>, by Dr. Penelope Christensen</li> </ul>	Information Table
Oct 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting Started or “What do I do first?”</li> <li>• Citing your sources.</li> </ul>	Advanced Panel Discussion by three Society advanced researchers
Nov 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filling out Family Group Records.</li> <li>• Filing all those papers.</li> <li>• Recording where you've looked or “This book looks familiar.”</li> </ul>	Military Records
Dec 8	Repositories – what are they and why do I want to go there?	Advanced Panel Discussion by three Society advanced researchers
Jan 12	“Don't know much 'bout history” won't be your song anymore!	State by State by Ann Wright
Feb 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timelines</li> <li>• Maps</li> </ul>	Advanced Panel Discussion by three Society advanced researchers
Mar 9	Censuses and what they tell us.	Genealogy Checklists by Ann Wright
Apr 13	What should be in your research briefcase?	Advanced Panel Discussion by three Society advanced researchers
May 11	Courthouses and why you want to go there.	Cemetery Research by Ann Wright
Jun 8	Preparing for a research trip or “We're going WHERE for vacation?”	Advanced Panel Discussion by three Society advanced researchers

## Focus on our Board

The second in a series of descriptive articles about the various board positions in our society.

### **This month: Education**

Current Directors: Dulca Baxter, Georgene Jacobs and Ann Wright.

After reviewing the Education Survey handed in by members at our September meeting, our new directors came up with a plan for this year's Education Program which attempts to meet the needs reflected in the survey results. They also want to attempt to expand the Education Program to bring in people who cannot attend our Monday afternoon meetings.

We have new members who have BASIC genealogical education needs. We have other members who have been researching from a few to many years who could use an intermediate level program. We also have people and or members who cannot attend our Monday afternoon programs, but have an interest in our Society or in some form of genealogical education. Our Education Program for 2007/2008 will try to meet the needs of this diverse group.

We WILL call upon some of you to help with our programs. Please consider helping us when we search you out and ask for your help. (NOTE: The Intermediate-level Education Program will try to periodically convene a panel of 3 to 5 senior Society members and respond to questions from our Intermediate-level members. Members will give a little background on their issue and each panel member will then offer up suggestions to help further the research efforts of the member.)

If you have questions or suggestions, feel free to contact Dulca, Georgene or myself.

Submitted by Ann Wright

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