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LCGS MEETINGS

September 16, 2014 – Deanna Egeland Dowell:

Finding your ancestors in Norway.

Deanna Egeland Dowell has been researching her Norwegian ancestors since 1976. She grew up in the homestead lands of North Dakota around chuckling Norwegian accents and home-style fiddle music. She loves to hear that Norse-NoDak dialect even to this day....but she can't speak a word of Norwegian.

Genealogy is her passion. Her mentor – where she finally learned there was a system in finding her family ancestry – insisted on concise analysis, detailed input, and undisputable sources. She presents her subject with those learned lessons in mind.

PLEASE NOTE.... Due to the remodeling of the PUD meeting room where we regularly attend our meetings in September and October, **our meeting location HAS CHANGED!** We will be meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532.

Her numerous trips to Salt Lake have turned brick walls into roaring floods. Her first trip to Norway proved that it's more fun seeing the beautiful countryside than to research inside a dusty building on a sunny day. She constantly learns of new sites on the internet to support the clues and mysteries of family research.

Deanna has the highest mentor level in the Sons of Norway Cultural Genealogy Program and has spoken and taught ancestry research in the Olympic Peninsula for the last decade, including her own "I AM NORSK" Genealogy Seminar at Oslo Lodge in Bremerton.

Her goal for her presentation is to share hints and helps in finding your ancestors in Norway.

Meeting is at 7 pm with doors open at 6:45 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2190 Jackson Hwy, Chehalis, WA 98532

October 21, 2014 –Roy Wilson, Honorary Chief and a Spiritual Leader of the Cowlitz Tribe, will return to talk to us about the Cowlitz Tribe.

Roy's Indian name is Itswoot Wawa Hyiu meaning "bear who talks much" and how we loved listening to him talk about the Cowlitz people! Roy is an enrolled member of the federally recognized

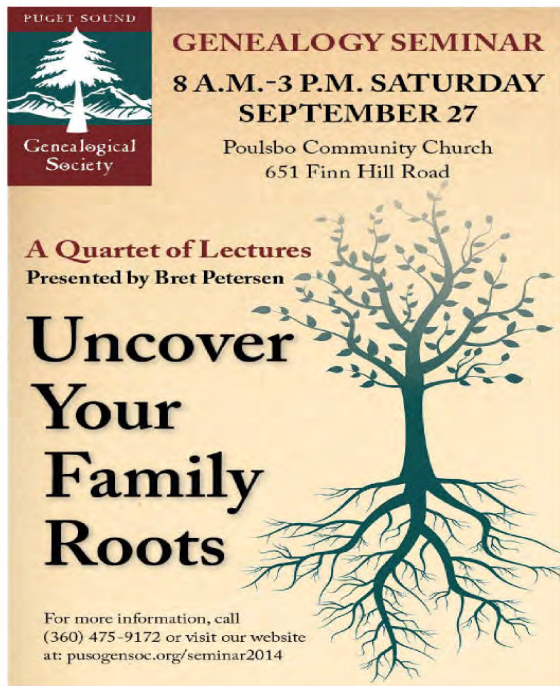
Cowlitz Indian Tribe. He has Cowlitz, Chinook, Yakama, and Iroquois blood. His credentials are extensive. Bring your questions a guest for an enjoyable evening. Roy will bring his books to sell after the presentation ends.

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Looking Forward.... At the September meeting, we will be appointing an election committee. Please consider supporting your society by being a part of the election committee or running for an office.

EVENTS, SEMINARS.

Sep 27, 2014 Puget Sound Genealogical Society is holding their annual genealogy seminar "Uncover Your Family Roots" featuring Bret Petersen. More info on the website at <http://www.pusogensoc.org/seminar2014/>



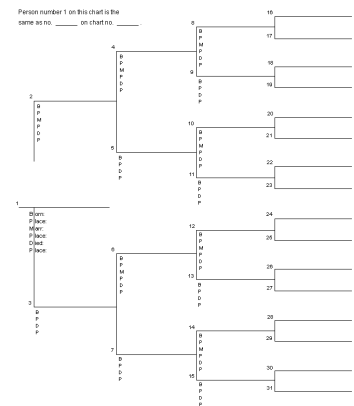
Oct 11, 2014 Heritage Quest Research Library presents Autumn Quest 2014 featuring Lisa Louise Cooke at the Faith Covenant Church, 1915 Washington St., Sumner, WA 98390

Lisa's Topics will be: Future Technology and Genealogy - 5 Strategies You Need, Ultimate Google Search Strategies & Tips, How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case, and 5 Ways to Enhance Your Genealogy Research with Old Maps.

Lisa Louise Cooke is the owner of *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is Producer and Host of the *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, the popular online genealogy audio show available at www.GenealogyGems.com.

PEDIGREES - The Pedigree book for

members will be at each meeting. Feel free to glance through the book to check who other members are researching.



Pedigrees should be updated every year to reflect any changes or additions, including the **date**. DO WE HAVE YOUR PEDIGREE? We like to print a one page pedigree in each newsletter.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

My name is Leslee Dunlap and I've been interested in my family history for as long as I can remember. I've absorbed a lot of that history over the years listening to my relatives. Since 1980, I've been trying to put it all together.

I have a LOT of family so I am only going to talk about my mother's side this time.

My mother's mother, Martha Elizabeth BREUER, was born February 25th, 1913 in Eatonville, Washington's first hospital and was raised just outside of town on the family farm at the outlet end of Ohop Lake. I spent some time on that farm, myself, when I was five and six years old. I loved that farm and loved being with the extended family and never wanted to leave it, but my grandmother's brother and his wife owned the farm by that time and they were ready to retire—and my father, a logger, did NOT like milking cows, anyway.

More on that subject later. So we moved into the town of Eatonville next to my maternal great grandmother who had already moved from the farm. In the little house next door to her was her sister-in-law. This is where it all began for me. I was about seven years old.

It was interesting living next to those two old ladies. My great grandma, Elizabeth MUERY BREUER, was born in Schinznach Dorf, Aargau, Switzerland in 1877. I spent as much time at her house as I could get away with until she moved in with my grandmother and subsequently to the Lutheran nursing home in Puyallup. After her move, she was no longer available to me and I only saw her a few times after that, but I remember her fondly and her stories as well. My great-aunt, Martha BREUER, who we called "Tante" (the German word for aunt), was born in Pudewitz, the German name for Pobjedziska, Wielkopolskie, Poland, in 1883. Even so, whenever I asked anyone in the family where the Breuers came from, the answer was always Germany.

I spent time with Tante, but she was an entirely different sort. Tante was around 80 years old when she lived next door to us. My mother had a large vegetable garden on the property and Tante was happy when I brought her bunches of one of the weeds that grew in the garden. And my mother was equally happy that I was weeding the garden. The weeds were "Lamb's Quarters", which I now know are very edible and delicious, when cooked like spinach. She spoke mostly German in her old age and taught me to count the German way. I didn't realize it at the time that she was suffering from dementia, but the signs were there, alright. As a child I didn't think much of it, but my grandmother and my mother were uncomfortable with the way she would set up the dining room table with several place settings and fill the dishes with food and how it all would sit on the table for days and days. She would tell me that the soldiers were coming and they were expecting to be fed. My grandmother was responsible for Tante, since her brother Alfred had retired to California, and she realized that Tante needed extra care, so she was moved to the German home in McKenna.

Martha M. BREUER, Tante, was the last of the BREUER siblings to move to the United States and that was in September of 1922, long after her brothers immigrated. She remained in Pudewitz with her parents and came to the U.S. after they passed away. My great grandfather, Wilhelm BREUER, paid for his sister's passage. Things were desperate in Poland after the First World War and, to make things worse, her fiancé was killed in the war. Food was very scarce and what couldn't be foraged was extremely expensive. Currency was worthless.

She remained single her entire life. After moving to Washington she worked as a domestic servant until she retired to Ohop Farm. I remember her on the farm, where she candled eggs and worked in the vegetable garden.

It wasn't until several years after her death that I discovered a very old cloth bag of postcards and photos that she brought with her to the U.S. My grandmother, who wasn't interested in her aunt's history, was about to throw them away when I rescued them. So once I get them all translated, I will understand even more of her story.

Fortunately, over the years, through my persistence and obvious interest in preserving family history, I've become the official family history repository for nearly all branches of my family. Because of that, I've been able to share what I've accumulated with several other family genealogists as we sort it all out together.

What's your story? We'd like to get to know you, too.

Websites to Check Out

<http://www.mapofus.org/> This is an excellent website for mapping. All the states are on one website. Each state is described on its own page and includes links to various map resources, both free and pay sites. The best part is that there is an interactive map at the bottom of each page; the same maps we are familiar with from AniMap Plus 3.0 and are used with permission of the Goldbug Company (<http://goldbug.com/>), the owner of AniMap.

<http://feefhs.org/index.html> FEEFHS is The Foundation for East European Family History Studies. FEEFHS has a remarkable collection of useful items such as maps, books about various locations, and much more.

War of 1812 document preservation project.

<http://www.preservethepensions.org/> Ancestry.com matches \$1 for every \$1 donated.

Thousands of historical maps of New York City, the mid-Atlantic states and even the Austro-Hungarian empire are now online for free. The New York Public Library has published more than 20,000 historical maps dating from 1660-1922. They are free for public use, downloading, manipulating and publishing! A lot of the maps are from New York City neighborhoods, like the one shown at this link: <http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47e0-bfd7-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99>.

For those of you who have heard of Facebook, but don't quite know how it can fit into genealogy, check out this list of Facebook groups. Check out link #1865 on the list!

<http://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/genealogy-links-on-facebook-april-2014.pdf>

Editor's note: Please accept my apology for being so late with this summer issue. I welcome your suggestions, articles and web links. Please note that the deadline for the September issue is August 30.

Membership Dues Lewis County Genealogical Society membership runs January through December. Cost for one person is \$12 and for a couple in the same household is \$15. Membership includes a bimonthly newsletter. We meet January-June, September-November at the Lewis County PUD meeting room, 345 Pacific Avenue, Chehalis WA, on the third Tuesday evening of the months listed. Research trips are planned periodically. Please return the membership form to: LEWIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, PO BOX 782 CHEHALIS WA 98532-0782.

My/Our membership should read:

Name & Address: _____

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Email: _____

Preference to have newsletter by **email** _____ (attachment), or **standard postal mail**? _____

_____ Check for \$12 enclosed for 2014 membership

_____ Check for \$15 enclosed for 2014 membership

Permission to print member information in the newsletter? ___yes ___no

Please list surnames and locations being researched:

Please send a self addressed stamped envelope if you would like a membership card & or receipt.

Items for the September-October newsletter are due by August 30th

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