

GREAT FALLS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Falls Newsletter

OCTOBER 2020

Celebrating 45 Years - 1975-2020



**The Genealogy Library
will be closed Thursday,
October 2nd thru Mon-
day, October 19th.**

Given the rapidly increasing number of COVID cases in Cascade County, the GFGS Board feels that we owe it to our volunteers, community, and our health workers, to be cautious. For that reason, the GFGS Library will be closed October 2-19.

October General Meeting

“Life in Poland and Ukraine Since the Fall of the Iron Curtain”

Please join us this month on **Thursday, October 15th, at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time)** for our General Meeting on Zoom.

Our very special guest speaker this month is the Rev. Bob Skinner, who will speak to us about life in two post-Soviet Republics since the dissolution of the USSR. This comes from a background of work in these countries, helping to establish ministry centers to meet a gamut of societal needs.

Rev. Bob Skinner grew up in John Day, OR, played

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By now you are aware the Great Falls Genealogy Society Board made the decision to close our Library. Given the increasing number of COVID cases in Great Falls we felt we owed it to volunteers, the community, and particularly the Great Falls Public Library to do this. We plan to be closed through October 19, and will reassess the local situation at that time.

I appreciate all those who participated in our September GFGS Business Meeting via Zoom. I believe the experiment proved this is a viable option. It was particularly special to have members from San Diego, CA and Spokane, WA join us. They never would have been able to attend our meeting in person. If anyone would like to have printed copies of any of the reports given at the meeting, please let us know. My apologies to those being excluded by the use of the Zoom format. Under the present circumstances it is the only way we can meet as a group.

The GFGS Board has decided to hold our October meeting a week later than usual, via Zoom. The speaker who was to be with us back in March, is able to give his presentation **if** we held our meeting October 15th. I think you will enjoy what he has to tell us.

Use of our Library was gradually picking up. Work on projects is continuing. Additions to our Cascade County collection necessitated some rearranging of that section of the Library. Now, unfortunately, things are on hold for a time. Until it is judged safe for us to re-open the GFGS Library, please do all you possibly can to remain safe and healthy.

*-Larry D. Spicer
GFGS President*

OCTOBER 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 1st - Acquisition Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Great Falls Genealogy Library.

Saturday, October 3rd - Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

Thursday, October 15th - GFGS General Meeting, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. Guest speaker: Rev. Bob Skinner (see article this page for details).





**NEW IN THE
LIBRARY
as of
5 September 2020**

Books:

- American Loyalist Claims
- Company Men Vol. 29, Francois Delorme
- Company Men Vol. 30, Angus McGillis
- Company Men Vol. 31, Jacques L'Hirondelle
- Everything You needed to Know about Latino History
- Great American Generals of World War 2
- Our Beloved Kin: A History of King Philip's War
- Panama Now: Portrait of the Nation
- Prairie Murders: The True Stories of Three Murders and the Loss of Innocence in a Small North Dakota Town
- United States Achievement Academy 2001 National Awards Vol. 175
- Vietnam

Yearbooks:

- Central Catholic High School, The Chimes, 1950, 1952-1954, 1959, 1969, 1973, 2005, 2007-2008, 2011, 2015

a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app from the ZOOM download center. Otherwise you will be prompted to download and install zoom when you click the "join zoom meeting link".

We hope you will be able to join us for this virtual meeting.

DUES ARE DUE!

It's membership renewal time.

If you haven't renewed your membership, please take a moment to do so. Membership dues are the primary source of our operating funds. Your continued support as a member is the fuel that keeps us going.

THANK YOU!

General Meeting (Continued from page 1)

football for Boise State, and went on to become an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene. He and his wife, Colleen, served as missionaries for nearly 30-years. For 17 of those years they worked in Ukraine, making their home in Kiev. In 2012, they transferred to Hungary, and then, in 2015, they moved to Poland, serving there until his election in 2019 to the position of District Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District of the Church of the Nazarene.

You can join us on Zoom with a computer, laptop, tablet, iPad, or smartphone. Next week you will receive an email inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Before joining a Zoom meeting on

**NOMINATIONS FOR
GFGS BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following names for the 2021 Great Falls Genealogy Society Board of Directors:

President: Larry Spicer
Vice President: Jan Thomson
Secretary: Ann Dues
Treasurer: Cheryl Lucas
Trustee: Diana Kirol

Elections will be held at the GFGS Annual Meeting on Thursday, November, November 12th.

**MISSION OF THE
GREAT FALLS
GENEALOGY SOCIETY**

The mission of the Great Falls Genealogy Society is to promote and encourage active interest in genealogy, compile accurate and complete genealogies and collect and preserve genealogical records. Additionally, the Society will foster education and training in genealogy through courses and instruction in genealogy, lectures, forums, seminars, and special work.

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Larry D. Spicer, President
Jan Thomson, Vice President
Ann Dues, Secretary
Cheryl Lucas, Treasurer
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Linda Long, Gary Campbell

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