



# BETWEEN US DIGGERS

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER



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## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The annual RVGS Christmas Luncheon, will be held December 18, 2010 at 12:00 Noon in the Southern Oregon Uniserv Building at 2495 South Pacific Hwy. in Medford. **ALL** volunteers are invited to join us free. This luncheon is given in your honor for your service to our Society. This is our way of saying “thank you” for your many hours of volunteer work. Other RVGS members and guests are invited to join us at \$5.00 per person. Please call the Library at 541-512-2340 if you will be attending so we can plan accordingly.



**We hope you will be able to join us for a wonderful time!**

**The RVGS Board**

## RAFFLE BASKETS ARE READY!!!!

**The Baskets will be on display at the Library if you want to get a sneak peak.**



The Annual Genealogy Gift Basket Raffle is the fundraiser that covers the expenses for the Christmas Luncheon. If you would like to help honor our volunteers, you can purchase the raffle tickets that are included in this edition of *Between Us Diggers*. Again this year, we have two beautiful baskets that will be given away and each is valued at approximately \$125. Read about the items on Page 3.

**You need not be present to win but we hope you are!**

Charleen Brown

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and <http://www.lrvgslibrary.org>

## **NEW ONLINE BETWEEN US DIGGERS**

Or printed copy available at the  
Library

We want to improve communication with our members but find printing and mailing costs continuing to increase So we are going to try publishing an online issue of this newsletter between the quarterly publication of the combined *ROGUER DIGGER* and *Between Us Diggers*.

The online edition will not be mailed but will be printed at the Library so members can pick up a copy when visiting the Library.

*Charleen Brown*

### **OFFICERS FOR 2011**

The Nominating Committee, Colleen Eccleston and Janie Stewart presented the following slate of officers for 2011.

President	Charleen Brown
V. President	Connie Miller
Secretary	Andrea Patterson
Treasurer	Colista Bailey
Trustee	Marie Fulbright

Election will be held at the General Membership Meeting, November 16, 2011 and Installation will be at the Annual Christmas Party.

## **RVGS WELCOMES NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS**

Jeannie Matthews  
Lois Buck (rejoining)  
Lorita J. Melson  
Beverly Tessmer  
Barbara Shrewsbury  
Linda Hildreth (rejoining)  
Bonnie Greenwell (rejoining)  
Neal Smith  
Carol & John Hazeltine  
Gene R. Austin (rejoining)  
Jim & Carla White (rejoining)  
Marie Fulton  
Doris Chamberlin (rejoining)  
Kenneth Jones  
Jacqueline Riggs  
Jean Fisher  
Mary Badley  
Rod & Kathy Schaer  
Patricia Berglund  
Margaret A. Lewis  
Kerry L. Hofsess  
Paul Smith  
Harlow Z. Head (rejoining)  
Marilyn Rountree  
Eve Fleming  
Jan Wright (rejoining)

## FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR . . .

Seventy-three of our members have donated a total of **\$6,923** to the **Annual Fund Drive**. We have added Robert Hawk to the Golden Club and Sarah Forbes to the Century Club.

Last fall the Board of Directors announced its five-year ***Pledge for the Future Building Fund*** campaign so that we can begin to address the **challenges** of our current facility:

- Dwindling space for our growing collection
- Increasing demand for research computers
- Lack of quiet areas for reading, studying, researching
- Very limited parking
- Limited room for programs, classes and meetings
- Crowded work spaces for members and volunteers
- No sprinkler system in event of fire

**We can proudly report that we reached 61% of our goal in the first year of this campaign with the help of only 65 of our members!** We thank each and every one of you for your generous support.

The financial support of **all members** is needed to reach the **\$100,000 goal** for the Building Fund. This is the seed money necessary for RVGS to purchase or remodel a facility that will enable us to continue providing you with more and better access to genealogical records and to meet the Society's goals as stated in our Mission Statement.

If you haven't done so already, please pledge or donate what you can. We have more than 500 members—think what we can achieve if everyone donates!

We still need donations of \$1,600 to reach our goal for the Annual Fund Drive and at least \$40,000 for the Building Fund. It's not too late to send us a check or visit our website to donate through PayPal. With four years remaining for

the Building Fund campaign, please consider making an annual pledge that is comfortable for you. If you use PayPal, please remember to tell us how you would like us to use your gift—for the Building Fund, for current operating expenses, or for the Endowment Fund.

*Thanks to each and every one of you for your generous support!*

Karen Asche

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BASKETS



The holidays are rapidly approaching with the RVGS Party to honor volunteers on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. Here are some items that will be in the Holiday Raffle

Baskets in the library the first of November: 2 GB USB Flash Drives, Office supplies, Family Charts, Ancestry World, 1 year Subscription, Ancestry US Collection, 1 year Subscription; RootsMagic Travel Bag, Decorative Files and Gift Certificates to the Sizzler, Home Depot and Best Buy. Buy your raffle ticket!!

Andrea Patterson

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS  
INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE,  
PRINT, CUT OUT, FILL OUT  
AND SEND OR TAKE TO THE  
LIBRARY WITH PAYMENT.**

## October Seminar and Land Records Class



RVGS's first genealogy seminar in over ten years was a success.

Approximately 35 people registered for the land records class and approximately 60 people registered for the seminar itself, comfortably filling the large meeting room at the library. Comments about the seminar content and organization have all been positive. Karen Clifford, AG and FUGA, arrived in Medford on October

15th to present a two-hour class on land records at the Medford Branch of the Jackson County Library System that evening. She stayed on overnight to present a day-long seminar in the same location on October 16th. People arrived for both classes in plenty of time for each to receive a name tags and syllabus (plus lunch ticket and raffle ticket for the seminar) and to find a seat at a conveniently placed table. Door prizes (books from SOHS and Genealogical Publishing Company, a gift certificate for an oral history from Family Ties, a picture frame, etc.) were given out during breaks between seminar topics. Handouts from major family history companies such as Roots Magic, Legacy, and Ancestry were available for all to pick up. A hearty and tasty lunch was provided by Deli Down for most seminar-goers and was supplemented with soft drinks purchased by RVGS. Many helped carry out event organization and planning. The organizing committee included: Barbara Basden, Carolyn Beron, Vicki Bryden, Melinda Henningfield, and Andrea Patterson. Chuck and Colleen Eccleston helped with registration and setup and with orientation of visitors. Roger Roberts, Wayne Henningfield, Al Beron, and others helped keep the library doors open. Thanks to all of you who attended. We hope you all learned something and that you will attend the genealogy workshops scheduled for March and April 2011.

The picture above shows Andrea Patterson and Colleen Eccleston hard at work at the registration table.

Barbara Basden

### Wanted:

Back Issues of the *Between Us Diggers* (not the **DIGGER**)

We are planning to bind the *Between Us Diggers* but have found we are missing the following issues. Please help if you can.

Jan/Feb 2001, Aug/Sept 2001, Nov/Dec 2001

All issues of 2002

If you have any of these issues, please let me know, or place them in my mailbox at the RVGS Library. Thanks!



## PIONEER & EARLY SETTLER CERTIFICATES

A recent review of the popular and growing Pioneer File Collection by Program Manager Janie Stewart disclosed some interesting statistics. To date 58 Jackson County pioneers or early settlers have been honored by 107 individual descendants through the issuance of signed and sealed certificates. Of the 107 certificates 67 were issued in the name of wagon train pioneers arriving in Jackson County prior to 1865. The remaining 40 were early settlers who had populated Jackson County prior to 1900. These certificates are suitable for framing and/or inclusion in family genealogy records and may be obtained for \$10.00 each. Records documenting a direct relationship between a member or patron and a pioneer or early settler establish eligibility to acquire a certificate. Additional information as well as application instructions are available at the library or on line at our website:

<http://www.rvgsociety.org/Certificateinfo.pdf>

Chuck Eccleston

## WRITING CONTEST 2011

PERSON, PLACE OR THING

Write your family story around a certain family member, a place significant to your family, or an heirloom owned by your family. This year we have a special category of a children's story, lots of latitude, but based on proven fact...

Winners will be announced at the General Meeting in [February 2011](#).

Rules and additional information on RVGS website: [rvgsociety.org/news](http://rvgsociety.org/news)

**DEADLINE - APRIL 15, 2011**

Carolyn Beron

## QUARTERLY SEEKS MANUSCRIPTS ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY PROJECTS



The Oregon Historical Quarterly plans to publish "Local History Spotlights" that describe programs, events, and projects taking place around the state. The journal recognizes that local historical societies, libraries, and other groups are doing good work in investigating the past and educating the public about our history, and wants to document that work and make more people aware of it. Editor Eliza Canty-Jones expects Spotlights to be from 750 to 1500 words and to include one or two images. If you have a project, event, or program coming up in 2011, contact Canty-Jones, at [503.306.5236](tel:503.306.5236) or [eliza.canty-jones@ohs.org](mailto:eliza.canty-jones@ohs.org) to discuss spotlighting it in the Oregon Historical Quarterly.

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## Position: Library Manager

The Southern Oregon Historical Society seeks an experienced, energetic, and collegial individual to coordinate research and public services at the Research Library of the Southern Oregon Historical Society. Reporting to the Executive Director and overseeing a large group of volunteers, the Research Librarian will foster intellectual community with the collection, enhance public access, and develop a plan for making the Research Library collection available on-line by working collaboratively with other regional libraries and archives.

The Research Library of the Southern Oregon Historical Society has served as the premiere repository for the preservation of the region's archival materials for over sixty years. Its massive collection of artifacts, manuscripts, maps, photographs and ephemera constitutes one of the largest and most significant collections in the Pacific Northwest, and is held in trust by the Society for the benefit of the public at large. The jewel of our holdings is the photographic collection, made up of an estimated 100,000 images. The foundation of this collection is the work of Jacksonville's pioneer photographer Peter Britt. (This collection is owned by the Oregon University System but is housed at the SOHS Research Library.)

The Research Librarian will manage and oversee public service points, policies, workflows, stacks management, reproduction services, research, and statistics. At present, the Research Librarian is the only paid staff in the library; this position will supervise the work of more than thirty volunteers who keep the library running on a day to day basis and provide research services.

The most important goals of this position are to provide excellent public research services; maintain intellectual and physical control over the collection; and work towards the digitization of the collection so it is accessible on-line.

### **Education Requirements:**

ALA accredited master's degree in library or information science

### **Qualifications and Experience:**

\*\*\*\*\*Required\*\*\*\*\* ALA accredited master's degree in library or information science. Three or more years of professional experience working in a research library. Recent experience providing reference services in a special collections environment. Excellent oral communication and writing skills. Demonstrated collegial skills. Active participation in appropriate professional organizations. Supervisory experience, particularly with volunteers or students. \*\*\*\*\*Preferred\*\*\*\*\* Experience developing digital products that promote or facilitate use of and access to a library collection. Experience working with archival collections.

Currently this is an hourly, part-time position with no benefits. With increased funding, the position will become full-time, with benefits.

To apply for this position, send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to  
Library Manager Search

Southern Oregon Historical Society

PO Box 1570

Jacksonville, OR 97530

[director@sohs.org](mailto:director@sohs.org)

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## November

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|----|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8  | Monday   | Regular Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., RVGS Library          |
| 11 | Thursday | “How to Start Your Genealogy Project” Charleen Brown                 |
| 16 | Tuesday  | General Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m., OEA Uniserv Bldg.<br>Program: |
| 25 | Thursday | CLOSED November 25 – 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!                          |

## December

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| 13 | Monday   | Regular Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., RVGS Library    |
| 17 | Friday   | Last Day Open in 2010; we will reopen January 3, 2011          |
| 18 | Saturday | Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, Christmas Party & Installation |

## January

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| 3  | Monday  | First day open after Christmas Vacation                              |
| 10 | Monday  | Regular Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m. RVGS Library           |
| 18 | Tuesday | General Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m., OEA Uniserv Bldg.<br>Program: |

## February

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| 14 | Monday  | Regular Board of directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., RVGS Library          |
| 15 | Tuesday | General membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m., OEA Uniserv Bldg.<br>Program: |