

## Friday, 27 March 2015

- 8:00 am Registration/Vendors Open
- 10:00 am WSGS Annual Membership Meeting
- 10:30 am **A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0-Cyndi Ingle**
- 11:30 am Lunch/Vendors Open
- 1:00 pm **Where to Find Genealogical Collections Anywhere-Lori Bessler**
- 2:00 pm Break/Vendors Open
- 2:30 pm **Maintaining an Organized Computer – Cyndi Ingle**
- 3:30 pm Break/Vendors Open
- 4:00 pm **Family History Resources in the Wisconsin Historical Society Archives– Lee Grady**
- How can NAGCNL help me to find MY Ole Olson? – Jerry Paulson**
- 5:15 pm **Cash Bar**
- 6:00 pm **Wisconsin Goes to War—Rick Pifer**

## Saturday, 28 March 2015

- 8:00 am Registration/Vendors Open
- 9:00 am **German-language Resources for Genealogists in America: an Overview – Antje Petty**
- Digging for Doughboys: World War I Genealogy-Russ Horton**
- 10:00 am Break/Vendors Open
- 10:30 am **Remedies for Copy & Paste Genealogy– Cyndi Ingle**
- 11:30 am Lunch/Vendors Open
- 1:00 pm **Strategies to Enhance Your FamilySearch.org Experience – Lori Bessler**
- 2:00 pm Break/Vendors Open
- 2:30 pm **Building a Digital Research Plan – Cyndi Ingle**

### Our Speakers



**Cyndi Ingle**, a genealogist for more than 33 years, is the creator of *Cyndi's List*; author of three books for genealogical research on the Internet; a past-member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society and active member

in several other genealogical groups. You can find *Cyndi's List* at <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

**Lori Bessler** has worked at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library Archives since 1988. She is a Reference Librarian and Outreach Coordinator. Lori has lectured throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest on genealogical topics for over 25 years and has been researching family history for over 35 years. She specializes in breaking down brick walls and finding hard-to-find resources.

**Lee Grady** is Senior Reference Archivist at the Wisconsin Historical Society. He has Masters Degrees in American History, and Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin –Madison. He has been on the staff of the Historical Society for over 18 years, where he has worked on state government records, the McCormick Collection, and in the Archives Reading Room.

**Russ Horton** is the son and grandson of Army Veterans. He is the Reference & Outreach Archivist at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. He earned his undergraduate degree in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and master's degree in history and library science from the University of Wisconsin-

Milwaukee. He is also the author of the award-winning article, "Unwanted in a White Man's War; The Civil War Service of the Green Bay Tribes." He helps researchers ranging from genealogists to professional historians learn about the stories and sacrifices of Wisconsin veterans

**Jerry Paulson** the Gerhard Naeseth Chair for Genealogical Research and Publication at the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library (NAGCNL), Madison WI is a recognized expert in the Norwegian-American genealogical field. He has taught courses in genealogical research and Norwegian cultural topics at Madison Area Technical College, and has led numerous research tours to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

**Antje Petty** is Assistant Director at the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies (MKI) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The MKI is dedicated to researching the story of German-speaking immigrants, as well as preserving American print culture and personal documents in the German language. In her work at the Institute, Antje has extensively explored the family histories of Americans who emigrated from German-speaking Europe.

**Richard Pifer** recently retired from his position as Director of Reference and Public Services for the Library-Archives Division of the Wisconsin Historical Society. During 35 years as an archivist and librarian, he has taught numerous classes and workshops on genealogy and Wisconsin history. He is an expert on Wisconsin genealogical records and records documenting Wisconsin during the world wars. Dr. Pifer is the author of [A city at war: Milwaukee labor during World War II](#), and is currently working on a book about Wisconsin during World War I.

# Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

## 2015 GENE-A-RAMA

### REGISTRATION FORM

**No refunds will be given after 2/27/2015.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address (please **print clearly**) \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attendee at a WSGS Event?      Y      N  
Dietary or ADA requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTMARKED  
By      After  
February 27      February 28

#### Full 2-day Registration

|  |         |         |          |
|--|---------|---------|----------|
| Regular Rate   | \$80.00 | \$90.00 | \$ _____ |
| WSGS Rate  | \$55.00 | \$65.00 | \$ _____ |
| <b>Friday or Saturday Only</b> (Circle Friday or Saturday) |         |         |          |
| Regular Rate   | \$65.00 | \$75.00 | \$ _____ |
| WSGS Rate  | \$40.00 | \$50.00 | \$ _____ |

#### Friday Lunch

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|-------------------|---------|-----|----------|
| Rigatoni          | \$12.50 | N/A | \$ _____ |
| Roasted Pork Loin | \$12.50 | N/A | \$ _____ |

#### Friday Banquet

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|-----------------|---------|-----|----------|
| Pasta Primavera | \$24.00 | N/A | \$ _____ |
| Roast Beef      | \$24.00 | N/A | \$ _____ |

#### Saturday Lunch

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| Lunch Buffet | \$16.00 | N/A | \$ _____ |
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#### Print Syllabus

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|  | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | \$ _____ |
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#### WSGS Membership

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|------------------|---------|--|----------|
| Individual       | \$35.00 |  | \$ _____ |
| Family           | \$45.00 |  | \$ _____ |
| Youth (Under 25) | \$15.00 |  | \$ _____ |
| Print Newsletter | \$15.00 |  | \$ _____ |

#### Donation to WSGS

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**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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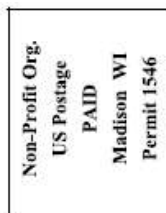
Mixing It Up: Old &  
New Techniques to  
Research



Location:

Sheraton Madison  
706 John Nolen Drive  
Madison, WI

Hosted by Dane County Area  
Genealogical Society



Wisconsin State Genealogical Society  
PO BOX 5106  
MADISON WI 53705-0106



Here's Your Information  
About the WSGS GENE-A-RAMA

Meals

All meals are pre-paid ticketed events  
and cannot be purchased on-site.

**Friday Lunch** allows you a choice of Rigatoni with peppers, onions, mushrooms tossed in an oven roasted tomato sauce served with garlic breadstick for \$12.50 **OR** Roasted Pork Loin with garlic mustard crust, roasted potatoes, chef's selection of fresh seasonal vegetable, and roll with sweet cream butter for \$12.50. Both meals include coffee, iced tea and a cookie.

**Friday night banquet** Pasta Primavera Dinner which is penne pasta with an Alfredo sauce and assorted vegetables for \$24.00 **OR** Roast Beef Dinner which is sliced roast beef in a mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, chef's selection of fresh seasonal vegetables for \$24.00. Both meals for the banquet include a house salad with assorted dressings, rolls and sweet cream butter, and coffee or iced tea.

**Saturday lunch** is a buffet consisting of salad bar with mixed greens and assorted topping and two assorted dressings, rolls with sweet cream butter, grilled chicken breast with herb cream sauce, Grand Ma's beef stew, fresh vegetables, roasted red potato along coffee, decaf, iced tea and a cookie for \$16.00.

Hotel Accommodations

Our hotel for this event is the Sheraton Madison at 706 John Nolen Drive in Madison. You can use the link below to log in and reserve your room <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/genealogicalSociety> or you can call 608-251-2300. To get the room rate of **\$109.00** plus taxes for Single/Double you must reserve by **February 24, 2015**.

Registration

Registration fees are lower if your form is postmarked by **February 27<sup>th</sup>**. Registrations received after that date or paid on-site will be \$10.00 higher. WSGS members may register at reduced rates if their dues are current at the time of registration. Please note that membership in an Affiliate Society does not qualify as WSGS membership. You can become a member and pay the WSGS Rate at the time you send in your registration.

Please make checks payable to "WSGS"  
Mail form and check to:  
**WSGS GENE-A-RAMA, PO BOX 5106  
MADISON, WI 53705-0106**

All attendees will receive an email confirmation from the office. Please be sure that [wsgs@wsgs.org](mailto:wsgs@wsgs.org) is a safe sender. If you have questions please email the office at [wsgs@wsgs.org](mailto:wsgs@wsgs.org).