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ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

An educational IN PERSON PRESENTATION by

Deborah Wallin

"MENNONITE HISTORY & GENEALOGY"



(Group picture is Debbie's Mennonite Neufeld family in 1890's in Kansas. Seated couple: her great, great grandparents, Johann & Agnetha Neufeld.)

Mennonites are members of certain Christian groups belonging to the church communities of Anabaptist denominations originating in the Netherlands and Switzerland during the early 1500s. Deborah Wallin will talk about Mennonite history in general, her family who belonged to the Mennonite Brethren Church (not as strict) and sources that are available in genealogy research.

Deborah became interested in genealogy more than 40 years ago when her father began researching his family tree. She helped him with his research and over the years continued to fill in her family tree and help others with their family history research while raising a family of three children, earning a Master's Degree in History, and teaching at Skagit Valley College for more than 30 years. Three of her great-grandparents were born in Mennonite colonies in Ukraine. Her mother and her maternal grandparents always expressed pride in their heritage. She has done a great deal of research about Mennonite history in general and on her own family history in particular. She is always happy to share what she knows and to learn from others with a similar heritage.

Tuesday, November 15th, 2022 in-person 1:00 pm

Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

1253 NW 2nd Avenue, Oak Harbor, WA

All are welcome to attend this meeting.

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