

## RVGS President's Report

April 2024

- I. Chris Galligan is taking a leave of absence, effective April 22. Cathy Ullrich will answer email requests for documents. Kim Thurman will field requests for hourly research. Ros Lyne is considering taking on the Cashier responsibilities. Janet has been notified that Chris' librarian shifts (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday AM) will need to be covered.
- II. Dennis Stevens will not be available for grant-writing for RVGS. The grant event he was planning to attend on April 4 was cancelled.
- III. An Oregon Heritage Vitality Study Workshop is being held at RVGS Tuesday, April 9, from 10-11:30 AM in the Meeting Room. I will attend, representing RVGS.
- IV. Our OLLI course (Introduction to Genealogy) began Friday, April 5, with Kim Thurman substituting for me, since I was still ill. 24 students (of a possible 25) were registered. 5 of them are RVGS members.
- V. We have been asked for permission for a photograph of one of our quilts to be included in a book that is being written about centennial quilts, AND for that quilt to be loaned to the New England Museum for an exhibit from June 20 - September 26, 2026. The Book Committee is researching all aspects of this request and is informing the book's author about several other centennial quilts we have (and one that SOHS has). The author had indicated all of the other centennial quilts she was aware of are east of the Mississippi River.
- VI. A long term goal of the Quilt Committee is to publish a book about our quilts and the genealogy of the quiltmakers. Sue Waldron has begun writing. Anne Billeter will proofread. Katie Haugse is exploring grant possibilities. The Quilt Committee is proposing to dedicate revenue from the next two raffle quilts (the first to be unveiled in August, 2024, the second a year later) toward the costs of publishing the book (and as a partial match for a grant.) The goal is to have the book published prior to the opening of the exhibit at the New England Quilt Museum (Lowell, MA).