

The Stillaguamish Star

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Outdated Occupations



Nursemaid

The term 'nursemaid' has wide historical use, mostly related to servants charged with the actual care of children. In ancient usage the terms 'nursemaid' and 'nurse' are largely interchangeable. Everything that a parent ordinarily might do, especially the more onerous tasks, could be turned over to a nursemaid. Feeding very young children and supervising somewhat older children at meal times, seeing that the children are dressed properly, watching over the children as they play outside, and other such tasks could be left to a nursemaid.

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Upcoming Events:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1PM
SVGS Monthly Meeting
Speaker: Lori Lee Sauber

FEBRUARY 26 - 29, 2020
RootsTech 2020 Conference
Salt Lake City, UT
Discover the Story of You
<https://www.rootstech.org/salt-lake>

MAY 20 - 23, 2020
National Genealogical Society
Family History Conference
Salt Lake City, UT
Echoes of Our Ancestors
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 2020
S. King Co. Genealogical Society Seminar
Speaker: Diahn Southard
Who Does Your DNA Think You Are?
Renton Technical College
<http://www.skcg.org/2020-seminar.html>

AUGUST 12 - 15, 2020
Northwest Genealogy Conference
Arlington, WA
'A World of Discoveries'

FROM THE EDITOR



New Years is a great time to reflect on the past year and think about the fresh year starting. I've been thinking about my hopes, dreams and goals for the new year. Personally, they include things like buying a house, planning a family vacation, and getting some energy back. But this list also includes some hopes and goals for the newsletter.

We have a fantastic group of individuals that make up the society and who have so much combined experience - in life generally but also in researching their family histories. With each family being researched there are so many stories uncovered but never shared. I would love for this newsletter to be a place for those stories and experiences to be shared and appreciated.

The theme of the next issue will be '**New Beginnings**' and I would love it if you shared something with us for it. It could be something about a new beginning in your research process, or about a family member that started afresh in a new place, or a family member that started new after tragedy or anything similar. You don't have to be an excellent writer to share stories like this and the story doesn't have to be long.

Any submissions for the issue of the newsletter should be sent by **Friday, February 21st**. Please send any newsletter submissions or questions for the Editor to newsletter@stillygen.org.

- Leah

Quick Tip:

Did you know that you can find many genealogy related items for sale on Ebay? Things such as state books, family genealogies, etc.

Simply visit ebay.com, click on 'Categories', scroll down to 'Everything Else' and type in a search for 'genealogy'.

Hands On History 2019

Curious about what other historical organizations do?

The very first Hands on History event in Snohomish County provided an interesting glimpse into what other historical organizations have to offer. About a dozen fellow historical organizations gathered on December 10, 2019 at the downtown Everett Public Library for this free event that was open to the public.

Betty Jo Thorsen brought a charming miniature Christmas store. Sue Walde ran a slideshow about SVGS and shared information about our wonderful library and news about the upcoming Northwest Genealogy Conference. This is something to look forward to next year!



Betty Jo Thorsen and Sue Walde at SVGS's Hands on History display



Northwest Genealogy Conference 2020

Planning for the Northwest Genealogy Conference 2020 is proceeding full steam ahead. If you haven't saved the dates yet, reserve August 12-15, 2020 in your calendar. The conference is once again taking place at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center at Arlington High School.

The theme was chosen - "A World of Discoveries". Keynote and Plenary speakers have been chosen, informed and contracts are being sent and signed.

Wednesday will again begin with a 3 hour Beginning Genealogy class, taught by keynoter Thomas MacEntee. This is a free presentation and open to the public. We strongly encourage picking up your registration packet early to eliminate the early morning rush on Thursday.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday are packed with sessions, starting each day at 8:30 am. Between sessions, attendees have the opportunity to visit with vendors and

exhibitors. An always popular vendor is the Heritage Quest Research Library Bookstore, with hundreds of books, tools and genealogy aids available for sale.

Other fun activities during the conference include "Dress As Your Ancestor" on Friday when attendees, vendors, and volunteers dress as someone from their past. Daily door prizes are awarded and multiple raffle items are available to win.

Registration will soon be available on-line at www.NwGC.org or by sending in a registration form with payment. Single day attendance is available and registration at the door is possible. Attendance by teens aged 13-17 is complimentary when accompanied by a full conference registrant.

Watch for further information on www.Stillygen.org and www.NwGC.org, Facebook and future newsletters.

Recently at SVGS...



*Pam Liebelt and
Lisa Bartlow*

the Christmas Potluck



Pat Kraetz



Marietta Colbern Roth, SVGS Founder

First Responders Visit the Library

We had some very important guests drop by the library a few months ago. They were not looking for ancestors but were checking for Life and Safety issues throughout the building.

They did discover a few minor issues which needed to be resolved.

After a few phone calls and a visit to the Fire Department, these have all been successfully corrected. We thank the City of Arlington and the Airport maintenance staff for providing and installing smoke detectors and fire extinguishers, making it a safer place for volunteers and visitors to work and research.

And in case you were wondering, they didn't drop off any calendars!

IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL ... THIS TIME!

by Phil Bartlow

I started kindergarten in 1955 at Roosevelt Elementary School in Everett, WA. Miss Shockley was our teacher. There were 13 girls and 21 boys in the class. The school building is still there, remodeled extensively and is now home to New Life Center Church.

One boy (I'll call him Robert to protect his identity) and I have crossed paths multiple times over the last 64 years. After returning from a move to California, Robert and I met again at Evergreen Junior High School and maintained contact through High School, graduating together in 1968.

In 1994, I took a job at Cascade Valley Hospital in Arlington. Guess who was working there? During 1995, the hospital sent us both to Boston for a week of computer training. While there, we had some spare time so we toured Boston and even traveled down to Plymouth and spent some time checking out my wife's genealogy connection to the Mayflower. Leaving the hospital in 1999, we again parted ways.

Time passes. Class reunions come and go. Children get married. Grandkids are born and grow. In the fall of 2010 we were invited to a soccer game in Granite Falls, to watch our youngest granddaughter play. Have you guessed it? Robert was there watching his granddaughter also, on the same team. Fast forward to the fall of

2017. We're off to watch another granddaughter play for Arlington High School and there's Robert again. Since then, we've had two seasons to get caught up on what has been happening during those intervening years.

In early October 2019, I'm at the computer and checking my genealogy for DNA matches. Any guesses whose name pops up? You know it's going to be Robert, right? I email him and he confirms that he had taken a DNA test but he hadn't looked at the results. He also confirmed that his niece had taken the test and I'm a match with her too. You can probably imagine the conversation that took place at the next soccer game.

Okay, the DNA shows a match. It appears we each have an ancestor that was born near Alesund, Norway. Could they lead us to our common ancestor? The hard work now begins, building a tree to confirm the matches. I will let you know what we find out.

New German Records

MyHeritage has just published two historical record collections from Germany: the Hesse Birth Index (1874-1911) and Hesse Marriage Index (1849-1931). These collections, totaling 8.5 million historical records, are now indexed and searchable on MyHeritage. Read more about it on their blog.

Send us your submissions!

If you have a story that our readers might enjoy, please send it to us!

Newsletter submissions for the **Mar/Apr** issue should be sent
to newsletter@stillygen.org by **February 21st**.



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