

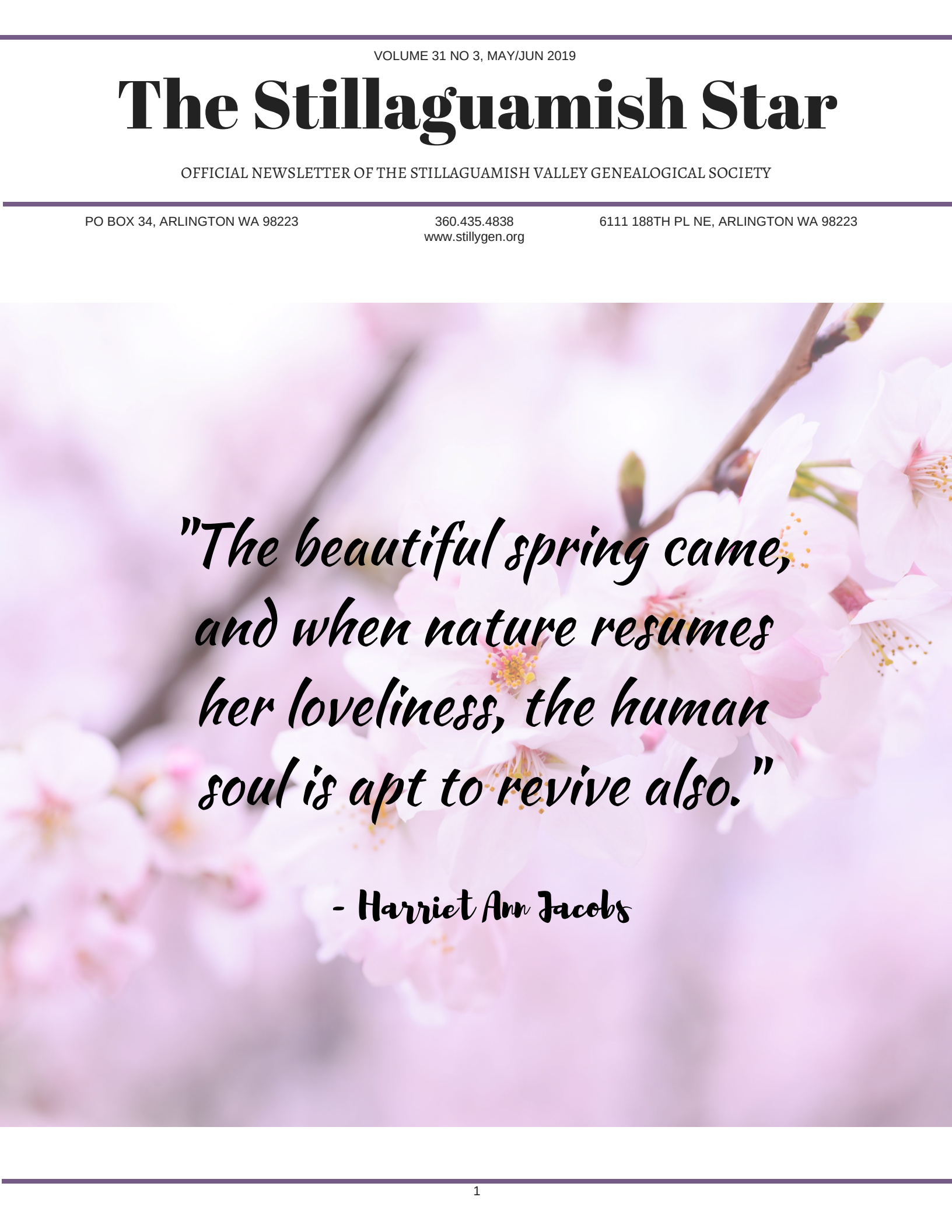
The Stillaguamish Star

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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*"The beautiful spring came,
and when nature resumes
her loveliness, the human
soul is apt to revive also."*

- Harriet Ann Jacobs



FROM THE EDITOR

Spring may possibly be my favorite season. I personally love seeing the trees bud up with new leaves and flower buds emerging from the soil. Spring is especially lovely here in Tennessee. Since we don't have as many evergreen trees most of the trees are brown and look dead during the winter. My heart fills with joy every Spring when it all starts turning green again!

I hope you all are enjoying the nicer weather (especially after that snowy winter!) and are inspired to start something new this season.

Have you uncovered an interesting story or person while researching your family's history? Send it to us! We'd love to share it with our readers.

Please note that the **deadline for submissions** for the next issue of the newsletter is **June 21st**. If you have any submissions for the newsletter or questions for the Editor, please email newsletter@stillygen.org.

- Leah

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Northwest Genealogy Conference 2019

*presented by
Stillaguamish Valley
Genealogical Society*

**Open Windows to the Past
August 14 - 17
Arlington, WA**

Registration now open!
Keynote Speakers: Angie
Bush, Thomas MacEntee,
and Michael Strauss

Once again we have stellar speakers and educational topics. Don't wait to get in on this great event. Learn strategies to help you Open Windows to the Past. You can find information about registration, schedules, speakers and topics at www.nwgc.org.

Upcoming SVGS Events:

FRIDAY, May 3, 10AM SVGS Library Spring Cleaning

We will be cleaning the interior as well as doing yard maintenance, weather permitting. If you would like to work in the yard, please bring gardening tools. Supplies for the interior will be provided. Lunch will be provided and we will work into the afternoon. You are welcome to come for the whole day or just a couple of hours. You can email info@stillygen.org if you have any questions.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 12PM SVGS Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers

Potluck Lunch with election of President, Vice President of the Library and Secretary to follow. We are also looking for volunteers to help with other tasks around the society such as training as a treasurer, website management, and social media promotion. If you have any questions, email info@stillygen.org with them and they will be answered.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1PM SVGS Monthly Meeting

Speaker: Lisa Labovitch from the Everett Public Library.

Topic: Computer Resource Tips & Tricks for Local History and Genealogy research

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 12PM SVGS BBQ Potluck (burgers & buns will be provided)

AUGUST 14 - 17
Northwest Genealogy Conference
Registration now open at www.nwgc.org

More Upcoming Events:

MAY 8 - 11
National Genealogical Society Conference
St. Charles, MO
<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1PM
Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's
Monthly Educational Program
'How to Read a Cemetery'
Burlington Public Library
<http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/>

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 9AM
Seattle Genealogical Society
Spring Seminar
Speaker: Diahan Southard
SGS Library
<http://www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/>

MAY 30 - JUNE 2
50th Annual Southern California
Genealogical Jamboree
Burbank, CA
<http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

JUNE 15 - 17
International German Genealogy
Conference
Sacramento, CA
<https://iggpartner.org/>

AUGUST 21 - 24
FGS National Conference
Washington DC
<https://fgs.org/conferences>

Mutiny on the Whale Ship 'Globe'

Bill Grant



I was reviewing Daniel Earls banquet program in our upcoming Genealogy Conference, "How Piracy Affected Your Ancestors" when I was reminded of a true story of my cousin Samuel Comstock. He had always been rebellious, and ran away to sea at age thirteen. Samuel was born in 1802 (of Quaker upbringing) and by the time he was hired aboard the *Globe* as a boatsteerer - harpooner he had six years' experience as a whaler on the ocean. He was the leader of the mutineers and had a vision of setting himself as king on a south seas island.

The most diabolical affair that ever occur on board of any whaleship was the mutiny on the whaleship *Globe* of Nantucket. The *Globe*, a ship of 293 tons, left Old Town on the evening tide December 20, 1822. It was on a whaling voyage bound for the

Pacific Ocean. The *Globe* sailed east to the Azores then south, passing the Cape Verde Islands. These islands were considered the entrance-way to the "offshore whaling grounds", where whaling had traditionally been most successful. They were headed for Cape Horn, on the tip of South America. They had caught only one sperm whale which yielded 75 barrels of oil. After travelling around the "horn" and traveling northwest to Hawaii, four months later, no more whales had been caught. After another eight months whaling in Japanese waters, the globe crew had only 500 barrels of oil to show for their efforts. At this point, the voyage was not going well at all.

Upon returning to Hawaii six men jumped ship. Captain Worth, the oldest person on the *Globe* at twenty-nine years, had to hire whatever seamen were available from the drunken dregs who roamed the Hawaiian beaches. This group was easy pickings for Samuel Comstock who was planning the mutiny of the *Globe*. After loading provisions and leaving Oahu, they headed South of the equator looking for whales without success, so they steered for Fanning Island. All this time Samuel was planning the mutiny. They were in the company with the ship *Lyra*, of New Bedford. During the gam (a visit between whaling ships) the captains agreed to set a light at midnight as a signal for tacking. (to set a zigzag course sailing into the wind). It just happened that Samuel's brother George was on

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watch and took the helm and was forced by his brother to keep the ship away from the Lyra. (he was six years younger than Samuel and not part of the mutiny). This was Samuel's opportunity to put his plan in action. He did not set a light, and consequently the two ships separated from each other. He went below and soon reappeared with a "boarding" knife. This was given to one of the mutineers, while Samuel armed himself with a broad-axe.

At this point, the details of the murders of the Captain, first, second and third mates were described. One more man was hung for loading a pistol. Samuel then took over the ship and so began a reign of terror for the crew.

Look for more of this epic tale in the next issue of the Stillaguamish Star!

Are you "downsizing" or know someone who is?

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society's Sales Table at the Northwest Genealogy Conference in August is in need of 'gently' USED GENEALOGY BOOKS to offer at this event. You can bring your donations by SVGS during regular business hours.

Who is Bob Case?

Shirley Case



"The whole Case family, except Bob"

My father-in-law, Gene Townsend Case, gave me this family picture in the 1980's. He was able to tell me the name of three people in the picture, that it was most likely taken on Bainbridge Island and that the young lady next to the horse married seven times. I asked for other names and especially who was "Bob" but my father-in-law did not know.

For years I searched records for Bob or Robert Case in Washington State and Minnesota, where the family had lived for decades, but I found no one with that name. I also searched all across United States. Last fall a California relative of my husband contacted me through a DNA connection. We were able to meet in January to share photos and information, including this one. She then contacted another family member who was able to identify "Bob". To my surprise "Bob" was the pony in the picture! The Case family is known for their love of sports and sense of humor, which is evident with the writing on the picture.

At long last, I know who "Bob" is.

Recently at SVGS...



Assembled are the primary contributors to the Early Stillaguamish Valley Schools book project: Stillaguamish Valley Historian Loren Kraetz, co-author Helen Eliason, Marietta Roth who started the project 22 years ago by gathering the first school records, co-author Joanne Wetmore and co-author Sue Walde.



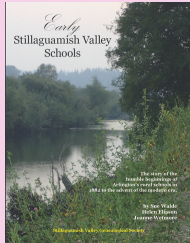
Secretary Michele Cozad hard at work at SVGS.



Sue Walde presents Loren Kraetz with a scrapbook of photographs from their road trips while gathering stories about Arlington's early rural schools in the Stillaguamish Valley.

The Malstrom Award

Michele Cozad



On March 16th, a group of us attended the Malstrom Award Potluck Lunch hosted by the League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO). This group is here to preserve Snohomish County history. For the last 25 years they have presented the Malstrom Award to recognize outstanding efforts to societies who have met their mission.

This award is named in honor of Helmer Malstrom (passed in 1985) who was a county volunteer and local history writer. In 2014 the recognition was broken down into two categories – Publications and Projects. This year our Early Stillaguamish Valley Schools book was nominated in the Publication category.

We were thrilled to be announced as the Malstrom Award 2018 winner! It is a great honor to be recognized for the outstanding work accomplished over two decades. Yes, that's right! It has been over two decades since SVGS founder, Marietta Roth, originally had a vision to document school records back in 1996. This vision was carried forward by many SVGS members over the years, but was brought to reality by our Publications Team led by Sue Walde, Helen Eliason and Joanne Wetmore. The ESVS Book is dedicated to SVGS member, Loren Kraetz, who contributed his years of knowledge to the project.

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Also recognized at the event was a great video “Harriette ‘Hiahl-tsa’ Shelton Dover: Her Life and Legacy” by Tulalip Tribes Hibulb Cultural Center. You can view this video online and it richly deserves this award. Check it out at:
<https://vimeo.com/314131760>

Another acknowledgement of the day went to The Granite Falls Historical Museum for their online project “Snohomish County Museum Guide”, which also includes our library! Working together LOSCHO keeps history alive right here at home and we are all very thankful for the volunteer efforts they put forward to make an enjoyable afternoon for all attendees. After the luncheon we had the opportunity to check out the Granite Falls Historical Museum – next time you’re at “The Gateway to the Mountain Loop” stop by and visit this great little museum.



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Be sure to notify us so you can continue receiving the Stillaguamish Star and other important society information.

info@stillygen.org

Annual Reports

President

Ruth Caesar

Fiscal Year 2019 (June 2018-May 2019) was one of challenges and opportunities. I am very fortunate to have a talented and capable executive committee to work with. Shirley Case is the VP of Administration at SVGS and backs me up when I'm unavailable. VP of the Library Pam Liebelt recruits and trains our librarians and keeps library operations running smoothly. Treasurer Anne Grimm is the custodian of funds – signs checks, authorizes disbursements and prepares and tracks budgets. Secretary Michele Cozad records meeting minutes and works with me on various committees and projects.

I wish to offer a sincere Thank You to all SVGS Committee Chairs and those of you who are volunteer librarians. Without you, our society would be greatly diminished. SVGS is also genuinely grateful to those who provide funding grants to help us continue to accomplish our mission – The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Tulalip Tribes, Snohomish County and the City of Arlington have been some of our generous benefactors.

In August of 2018 we held our 5th consecutive Genealogy Conference. Almost 400 people attended during the four day event. In the course of the past five events our society has had highly qualified Conference Chairs. From 2017 to the present we have benefited beyond measure from the support and expertise of the leadership of team “Bartlow”, Co-Chair's Lisa & Phil. I wish to also thank all of the SVGS volunteers who help with parking, food service, registration, speaker transportation, and the infinite

small details that are required to pull off such a big event. Without your help we would not be able to provide the largest annual genealogical event in our state or be known nationally as the premier genealogy conference in the Northwest! Our conference committee puts in many long hours to make the Northwest Genealogy Conference a fun event and you can help us succeed by attending and telling your friends!

Looking ahead, we have significant challenges in FY2020 as a society and it is critical that we meet these challenges successfully:

- In the area of volunteer support, positions will need to be filled by knowledgeable and committed individuals as we anticipate the departure of key Executive Board members.
- SVGS is not financially comfortable enough to focus solely on the growth of our society, library and related activities. We rely on the generosity of our members and grants from civic minded donors for day to day expenses (ie: rent and overhead). Our recent experience with providers of grant funding has made it abundantly clear that there can be no expectation of full funding of our financial needs from those outside sources. Therefore, in 2020 we should strive for more direct internal sources of funding.

I'm asking all of you to support us in any way you can; by attending our monthly presentations, volunteering when you are able, and telling your friends what a great place we offer for learning about genealogical resources, making friends and sharing ideas.

Treasurer

Anne Grimm

The Conference has been very good to the Society. Along with a few grants we are able to once again put on the Northwest Genealogy Conference. A few grants helped this year to get some items for the library to help our members with their research and family history preservation. With the help from donations our needs have been met. Thank you all for your support.

The Treasurer's report is available for review in the SVGS office.

Publicity Chair

Pam Liebelt

With the help of Sue McNeil, we continue to promote the society to the public. Sue places announcements with the local newspapers and the city of Arlington. We also make announcements on our blog, Facebook page and the events section of our website. In addition, this year, Dana Carney has been representing our society at the Downtown Arlington Business Association (DABA) meetings each month.

A large part of the publicity committee's time and efforts go towards the Northwest Genealogy Conference. Preparing and placing ads in online forums and in genealogy publications. With the passing of Kathy Bowman we were left with a large hole in our team as she was very talented and created all of our publicity graphics. Sue McNeil stepped in and learned the skills needed to fill the gap and she has done a wonderful job. Several of our conference committee members have also given their time to represent us at various area events to publicize the conference. I have truly enjoyed working with this group of people.

VP of the Library

Pam Liebelt

Along with the help of Flynn Kennedy and all of our librarians I would say we have had a great year here at the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society.

The year has flown by and we have been busy at the library. During 2018 we had 209 new items added to our catalog and so far in 2019 we have added 48 new items and currently have several donations waiting to be added. Progress is being made on getting our microfilm and microfiche collection ready to be added to our online catalog as well.

With the increase in material, we needed to add new shelf space to our reference area and will be adding more shelving to our genealogies area to house our founder, Marietta Roth's genealogy. Michele and Steve Heiderer once again came through with more book shelves.

Over the past year we added an Epson FastFoto high speed scanner to our equipment inventory and had a librarian training on all of our scanners. We will be hosting scanning events in the coming months.

We have also added several new librarians to our staff and we could not operate such a wonderful facility without the willingness, dedication and support of all our librarians. Thank you for all you do!



Education Chair

Bill Grant

This last year has been a real challenge to find speakers who are close to us and meet the interests of our patrons. We've had great patron attendance and have readied the "Snohomish County Room" with a monitor and sound system to accommodate more patrons. Thank you to all who have participated.

Looking over the past year I can report that in April 2018 we had Fred Cruger of the Granite Falls Historical Society present the Snohomish County software map overlay program (available to patrons in the "Snohomish County Room"), our Annual Meeting was in May and Michelle Goodrum spoke to us on Land Records in June. Our potluck BBQ was in July, and of course, August was our Northwest Genealogy Conference (largest genealogy conference in the Northwest). In September, Eva Gremmert spoke on Irish research followed in October by Mary Kircher Roddy on "Bagging a live one". November brought us Jennie Hise who presented "Revisiting the Pilgrims". Also in the same month Leilani Lucirisia, SVGS member, presented a new workshop, "Organizing DNA using Excel Spreadsheets".

December was our annual Holiday Potluck and bringing in the new year in January we had SVGS Genealogist, Jennifer Strickland provide a multi-part workshop on "DNA results are in - What are the Possibilities". In case you missed the February presentation the only one attending was Snow. (It was cancelled). Following a snowy month we had Lori Lee Sauber in March, "Organizing our Research from Cradle to Grave".

I look forward to providing more educational opportunities in the coming year. If you have suggestions for future programs, please let me know. Also, remember other educational opportunities can be found in the 'More Upcoming Events' section on page 3.

Tombstone Project

This project exists to preserve history by placing tombstones on unmarked graves and historical markers on long forgotten Snohomish County cemeteries.

Our long planned task of placing a new tombstone on the grave of Arlington Pioneer and Civil War Veteran, Cpl. John Grant, was accomplished on Veterans Day November 11th 2018. SVGS applied for and received a new white granite stone from the Veterans Administration and donations paid for a white granite base to match. We received great news coverage for this event and thank our members who pitched in to help make the permanent marker a reality. We coordinated this effort with the Arlington American Legions' Veterans Day Parade and the Arlington High Schools' Junior ROTC Color Guard. One Cadet participated with the playing of "TAPS". There were about 50 people in attendance.

This committee has a long term objective of placing historical markers on local Arlington cemeteries and is looking for a volunteer to help guide us.

Conference Committee

Phil & Lisa Bartlow

NwGC 2018 was a resounding success! With the positive feedback from attendees and speakers alike energizing the volunteers, work proceeded in earnest on the 2019 conference. Grant writing began immediately. Speaker research, selection and contracting took place over the next few months. As speaker coordinator, Dana Carney has taken on the task of communicating with the chosen speakers, getting their materials and making sure they have all of their travel arrangements made. We are extremely grateful to Sue McNeil for taking on the task of doing the graphics, print materials and syllabus after the loss of Kathy Bowman and she has done a wonderful job.

We began 2019 with the news of reduced grant funding so we are working diligently to be good stewards of the funding we do have while maintaining the high quality event for which we are known. Registration opened in February and the focus shifted to publicity, publicity, publicity. Pam Liebelt is handling the multiple ways we get the word out about what an amazing event we have. Anne Grimm makes sure our finances are in line, takes care of registrations as they come in, as well as managing the vendors and door prizes. Michelle Cozad organizes the catering events and mailing projects. Joanne Wetmore (sales table) and Shirley Case (volunteers) round out our team leaders.

Many thanks to those mentioned and all the others who work very hard to produce NwGC, the premier genealogy conference in the Northwest!

Publications Committee

Helen Eliason & Sue Walde

At last, the long-awaited publication of Early Stillaguamish Valley Schools, a 368-page book about Arlington's early rural schools, was released in August 2018. In March 2019, the book won the prestigious Malstrom Heritage Award through the League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO) in the category of publications completed in 2018! What an honor for SVGS!

Imagine a historic map available online that plots the approximate locations of Arlington's early rural schools identified in the above book. It is now available through a collaborative effort of the Publication Committee with Granite Falls Historical Society. Visit the site at [www.gfhistory.org/Research/Maps/EarlyStillaguamish Valley Schools](http://www.gfhistory.org/Research/Maps/EarlyStillaguamishValleySchools).

Either search by the name of the school and/or location or click on the flagpole icon on the map. Click on "More info" for a summary of the schools under the original school district for that rural community. (Look for a more detailed guide in the next issue of The Stillaguamish Star).

But we're not done! Two more books are currently in the works. One book is a sequel to last year's school book. It includes some never-before published stories about Arlington's rural schools focusing on teachers and pupils. The other book is about Arlington's in-town schools with attendance records, long-forgotten stories and historic photos.

No doubt the upcoming year will be another busy year for the Publications Committee.

Ways & Means Committee

There is a small group of dedicated members who strive to keep our doors open and operations running smoothly known as The Ways & Means Committee. They seek out and apply for grants. These grants supplement our income from membership dues, donations and the Northwest Genealogy Conference. Regretfully grants are becoming more difficult to get with more non-profits seeking help. SVGS has been very fortunate in the past to receive grants from our neighbors The Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians and The Tulalip Tribes but we cannot depend on this in the future. Our members can help us out by donating through our website or at our monthly meetings. With all of your help we can continue to offer our great value to our community and keep the doors open!

Historic School Photos Needed!

The Publications Committee is looking for historic photos of school children, teachers and school buildings in the greater Arlington, Lakewood and other North Snohomish County areas. Imagine your family's school story and old class photos published in one of SVGS's upcoming books!

Please contact publications@stillygen.org or call SVGS at (360) 434-4838. Helen Eliason or Sue Walde will schedule an appointment, at your convenience, to record your stories and scan your photos. Your family will be proud that you did!



Can you identify anyone in this photo?

8th Grade Class, Washington Building in Arlington, 1936. Jeanne Ruth Wallitner Wester is in the second row from the front, first girl on the left. Please contact the Publication Committee if you know anyone else.

Photo courtesy of Jeanne Wallitner Wester and A. Loren Kraetz.

Send us your submissions!

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