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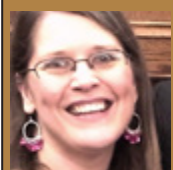
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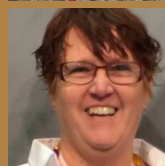


Presenting ...

The Speakers Who Will
Teach, Entertain, and
Transform ...
At the 4th Annual
Northwest Genealogy
Conference in August 2017



See Pages 6–9 for their stories.



SVGS Elects New Officers

Election of Officers! At the May Annual Meeting each year, SVGS has an election of officers. This year it was for President, V-P of the Library and Secretary. Current officers Ruth Caesar, Steve Baylor and Michele Cozad were reelected respectively in these positions. (The May meeting is also a potluck and gives us the chance to catch up with our fellow members.)

Next year we will elect officers for the Vice President & Treasurer positions. We have a Nominating Committee (currently chaired by Joanne Wetmore) who asks the members present to nominate a qualified person to the position being voted upon. The duties, qualifications and responsibilities of officers can be found in our Policy & Procedures document at the Library. Check it out – This is a great way to give back to the society.

Someone once told me that the best source of information was each other – and this proved true as our new Librarian Jennifer Strickland finally broke through the “brick wall” and located my Polish Grandfather’s home town – something I’ve needed to continue the genealogy search.

The Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society's 2017 Spring Seminar was held on Saturday April 29th, and SVGS was represented by Ruth Caesar and Michele Cozad. The featured speakers were Judy Russell and Cindi Ingle – both of whom have spoken at NwGC events.

~ SVGS Secretary Michele Cozad

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**2017 Northwest
Genealogy Conference**
**Here in 2 short
months, 16 days**

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Macnie Hall, 1893



The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society and Library will host a booth at the Skagit Valley Highland Games, July 8 and 9, at Edgewater Park in Mount Vernon, WA.

After you have been to the Arlington Street Fair, come on up and be a Scot for a day.

I have the pleasure of being a member at the Celtic Arts Foundation, the Highland Games sponsor, and SVGS, so I am excited about seeing these two strong organizations complementing each other. As you know, SVGS offers interesting monthly programs and the annual Northwest

Come to the Highland Games!

Everyone is invited, Scot or not!

July 8th and 9th in Mount Vernon



Genealogy Conference. Then, the Celtic Arts Foundation offers frequent musical and Celtic programs at the Littlefield Celtic Center in Mount Vernon. What a rich and wonderful part of the country we enjoy!

- Come on by the Skagit Valley Highland Games, 600 Behrens Road, Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon on Saturday, July 8 or Sunday, July 9. celticarts.org/celtic-events/highland-games-tickets-2017/
- Come sit a while at the SVGS Booth.
- Come and give me a break or two.
- Come to share some of your family history story.
- Come to promote the Conference and our Society and Library.
- Come to watch the dancing and listen to the pipes.
- Kilts, if you have them, are certainly in order.

~ Bob Dunn, SVGS Member





Wow! 100 Year Old Marker Found!

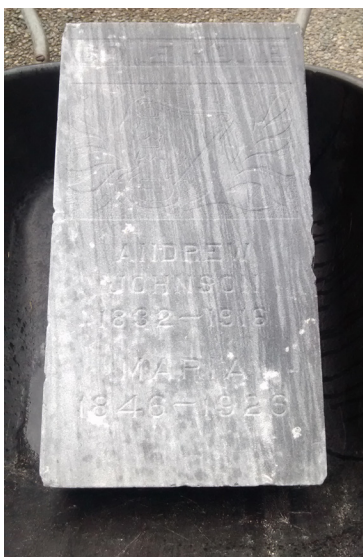
*This is a story of a determined genealogist, a conscientious citizen,
and a 100-year-old missing headstone.*

Tami Sherrill was in a genealogical search for information on the family of Andrew Johnson. The only information she had was an old newspaper article about vandalized headstones, along with a photo. So she posted that picture on FindAGrave, asking for any news about the present whereabouts of the headstone.

Mallory Martin, a Woodinville resident, found a headstone on a riverbank. The name was clear, so she set to work to find just where that headstone belonged. Her search took her to Tami's FindAGrave picture. The picture matched the marker she had found, and that's how Mallory found Tami, and how the head-

stone was reunited with the Swedish Cemetery in Bothell.

The headstone belonged on the graves of Andrew and Marie Johnson. Andrew died in 1916, and Marie in 1928. And there have been no burials in the cemetery since the 1930s.



Mallory Martin with unearthed 100-year-old marker

Fifty years later, tragedy in the name of vandalism fell on the Swedish Cemetery: the marker for Andrew and Marie Johnson went missing sometime around 1982. We know this because a newspaper article published in 1982 showed his marker had been vandalized, along with most of the markers in the ceme-



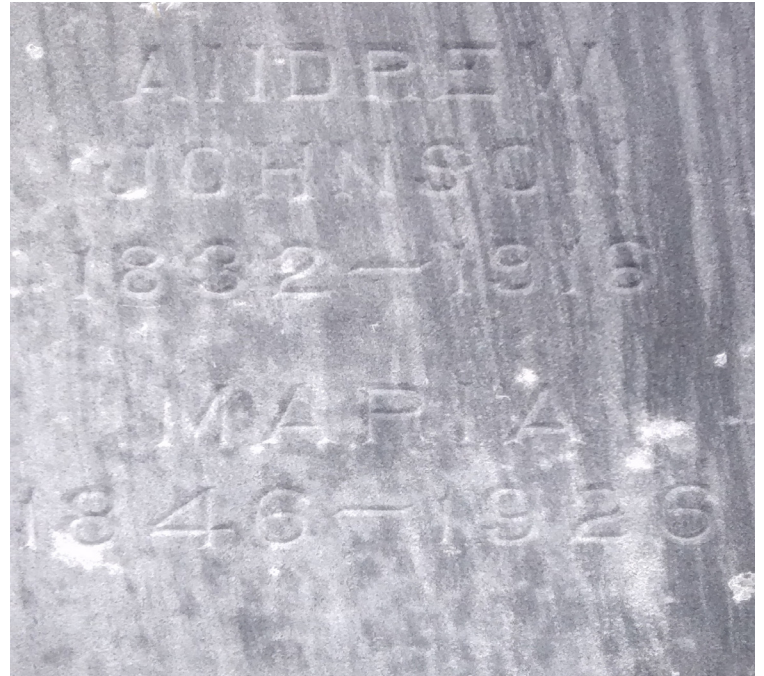
tery. This was the article with the photo that Tami had found.

The marker itself stands about two feet tall, one foot wide, and six inches deep, and is in wonderful condition. The reason the marker is in such good condition is that it has been protected for years by trees and leaf cover.



The Swedish Cemetery has a rich history and goes back to 1893 with the founding of the St. John's Swedish Lutheran Church. Charter member Charles Erickson donated the land for the cemetery from his original homestead claim. Many Swedish emigrants settled in the area of Everett, Bothell and Seattle. They gathered together at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Bothell and the Bethany Lutheran Green Lake Church in Seattle. The cemetery was privately owned for many years, and then became a ward of the City.

This is reflective of many older cemeteries and much like the histories of our Arlington Pioneer Cemetery, Old Snohomish Pioneer Cemetery, Greenland Cemetery, 39th Street Pioneer Cemetery, Highland Cemetery, and Edmonds Cemetery. Many of the older cemetery records are lost, due to the transfer of ownerships, from private, then eventually to city ownerships.



Close-up of the headstone.

Part of the land which comprises the Swedish Cemetery was recently sold to developers, and construction has begun on a multi-story complex on the east side of the cemetery. This has caused erosion near the graves of Andrew and Marie Johnson.

The City of Bothell is currently maintaining the cemetery, and will arrange for placement of the newly found marker. The City is also looking at the erosion problem on the east side of the cemetery and may relocate the marker to a central location of the cemetery.

What an amazing find! Thank you Mallory!

Surname Groups – Do you have one or know someone who does? SVGS would like to know to keep these special groups up-to-date with our monthly presentations and going-on's with our conference. Send us an email at... newsletter@stillygen.org.



Another great ~free~ tool for genealogists

There are many great free resources available through the Sno-Isle Library system for those who have a library card. There are genealogy magazines, books and databases available. Also, if they don't have a book that you are looking for, they may be able to get it for you from another library system through interlibrary loan.

Sno-Isle carries two genealogy magazine subscriptions, *Internet Genealogy* and *Family Tree Magazine*. The physical copies are only in a couple of the library branches, so I recommend that you go into the online catalog and request to place a hold on them. They will then be sent to the branch that you specify and you will be notified when they come in. Or, if you prefer, you can read *Family Tree Magazine* online or download it to a compatible device, such as an android tablet or kindle HD through the Zinio app.

They have books on most genealogy topics such as general "how to research for beginners" to specific topics such as "Germans from Russia." Some of the books are reference materials, like the ones at the SVGS library, and must be used only in the library. But others can be checked out and kept for three weeks. I have ordered books on interlibrary loan and they were able to get them from other library systems. This is especially helpful if a book is out of print and hard to find for purchase, or is too expensive to purchase.

Online databases can be especially helpful in your research and Sno-isle

currently carries Myheritage library edition, America's Obituaries and Death Notices, National and World Vital Records databases – all of which can be accessed from home. They also carry Ancestry library edition, which can only be accessed from a library.

One last cool thing is that if you have a Sno-Isle library card, you are eligible to get library cards for other library systems that Sno-Isle has reciprocal agreements with.



Having library cards from other systems is especially helpful when the other system subscribes to genealogy databases that Sno-Isle doesn't.

If you have not been making use of your local library, I hope you will give it a try. Go to their website at www.sno-isle.org and try some searches to see what resources are available. If you have questions about Sno-Isle's genealogy resources, your local library staff will be happy to help you.

~Pam Liebelt, SVGS member



Conference Speakers

At the Upcoming 2017 Northwest Genealogy Conference

In the May-June issue of the Stillaguamish Star, we took a look at the 2017 NwGC keynote speakers. This issue, we see the other 14 speakers. They all have very impressive credentials, all have degrees and certs, all write extensively in publications and blogs. ... You get the picture — they are a very talented group. Here on these pages, we will see a personal side. ... And now we introduce — The Conference Speakers!

Michelle Roos Goodrum is a researcher, speaker, educator, and writer with a passion for research in land records, DNA, organization, and photography. She is a Teaching Assistant for Boston University's Online Genealogical Research Program; former administrator for the Gen Proof Study Groups studying Mastering Genealogical Proof; and regular attendee at genealogy institutes and conferences.

In the early 1990s, Michelle became involved in family history when she realized her ancestors saved everything from important family documents to the smallest trinkets. She is now the caretaker of over 135 years of her family's history. Those documents, photographs and artifacts opened the door for her to uncover the forgotten origins and stories of many of her ancestors. Michelle is the author of the book, *Digging for Ancestors*. She also writes for The In-Depth Genealogist and her personal genealogy blog, "The Turning of Generations" where she writes about various family history topics.

A native of Western Washington, Michelle splits her time between Whidbey Island and Mesa, Arizona.



Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD Former college professor and Board-Certified genealogist, Jean Wilcox Hibben holds a Master's degree in speech communication and a PhD in folklore. Her articles appear in many genealogy-focused publications (on-line and "in print"). Jean is the former director of the Corona, CA Family History Center, and has done background research for a couple of genealogy television shows. With almost 40 years of research experience, she is serving or has recently served on the following Boards of Directors: APG, the Southern Calif. Chapter of APG (current President), the Genealogical Speakers Guild (current VP), the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (West. Regional Representative), and the Corona Genealogical Society (current 1st VP).

Jean is a familiar face at societies throughout So. California and surrounding states where she combines her passions for folklore and family history in her entertaining and informative programs. Her website is: <http://www.circlemending.org> and she, with Gena Philibert-Ortega, form Genealogy Journeys and present bi-monthly podcasts about social history.

Jim Johnson is the Director of the Heritage Quest Research Library in Sumner, Washington. and is the President of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional genealogists. He has been teaching and giving genealogical presentations in the Northwest for over 10 years.





Mary Kathryn Kozy has been working on her own family history for over 35 years, since she first became interested as a young teenager. Over the years she has researched families from the Midwest to the Deep South, and from both Western and Eastern Europe. She started her own family history website in November 1996 and has continued developing it. She has served in multiple positions in several local societies and on the state level. She currently serves on the board of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State, supports the USGenWeb project, serves as an LDS FamilyHistory missionary, and speaks to many groups in the area. Mary is married, the mother of three wonderful children, and recently became a grandma for the second time. She

holds bachelor's degrees in both Zoology and Information Technology & Systems and has completed the ProGen program with an eye toward certification as a professional genealogist.

Janice Lovelace, Ph.D is a professional genealogist who primarily lectures in the Western and Southwestern U.S. specializing in research methodology, genetics and ethnic minority research. A licensed psychologist by vocation, she brings an expertise to her lectures on health and genetics. In her work life, she has been a private practice therapist and a tenured college faculty teaching psychology and American Cultural Studies. A member of the Seattle Genealogical Society for a number of years, she served two terms on the SGS Board as Vice-President. She is also a member of Association of Professional Genealogists, African American Genealogical and Historical Society, the Ohio Genealogical Society and the National Genealogical Society.



Jill Morelli, a passionate genealogist, lectures nationwide about her Midwestern, northern German and Scandinavian ancestors. Her lively presentations for all skill levels on methodologies, unique record sets, Swedish research and house histories convey information that is immediately usable by attendees. An architect by vocation, she brings a unique expertise to her lectures on house histories and fire insurance maps. Check out her lecture schedule on the Genealogical Speakers Guild website.

Jill also writes about her genealogical interests for local, regional and national periodicals, including the APG Quarterly, American-Ostfriesen Zeitung, Illinois State Genealogy Society Quarterly and the FGS Forum. Her blog <http://genealogycertificaion.wordpress.com> focuses on topics related to skill building or scholarly research in her pursuit of certification. Other topics covered in the blog include the activities of Jens Dahle, a Union soldier in the Civil War imprisoned for seven months. In honor of his service, she wrote about his experiences 150 years to the day. She is also one of the few who has pursued court records of her 19th century ancestor who resided in Illinois asylums for 27 years.

She enjoys mentoring beginning genealogists who bring a passion for genealogy and who are open to skill development. Believing that the thrill of discovery is more than half the fun, she would rather share the discovery process than deprive those who are excited about their families from their own discoveries. Jill is an active member of numerous societies, serving as conference chair (3x), and past publications chair and presently serves as president of Seattle Genealogical Society. She is a member of APG, Genealogical Speakers Guild, Seattle Genealogical Society and others. Happy Hunting!



Mary Kircher Roddy grew up in San Rafael, California. She earned a Bachelor degree in Liberal Studies from The University of California, Riverside in 1982 and a Master in Professional Accounting from the University of Texas in 1984. She earned a certificate in Genealogy and Family History at the University of Washington in 2005.

Mary became interested in genealogy in 2000 in anticipation of a sabbatical in Ireland where her husband was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Limerick. She was sure she would complete all her Irish genealogy while her husband taught at UL and her children attended Monaleen School. Fifteen years later, the genealogy is still a work in progress. But the trip to Ireland awakened something deep in her Celtic bloodlines, the Irish tradition of the Seanachi, the storytellers and historians of yore.

Mary has published articles in Family Chronicle and Internet Genealogy. She's currently working on a novel set in the San Francisco area in 1900 and 1901, based on stories of several of her ancestors and their associates which she discovered in her genealogical research. Mary frequently lectures around the Seattle area and at regional conferences in the US and Canada. She is currently a participant in the ProGen 31 Study Group.

Janice M. Sellers is a professional genealogist specializing in Jewish, black, forensic, and newspaper research. She is the editor of three genealogy journals: ZichronNote, for the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society (SFBAJGS); The Baobab Tree, for the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC), and The California Nugget for the California Genealogical Society. She is the vice president, publicity director, and programming director of SFBAJGS, a board member of AAGSNC, and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy, Genealogical Speakers Guild, and California Genealogical Society. She has been on the staff of the Oakland FamilySearch Library since 2000 and gives presentations on many genealogical topics at the local, regional, state, and national/international levels. She has researched her own family history for more than 40 years. Before becoming a professional genealogist, she worked in publishing for many years as an editor, indexer, translator, and compositor.



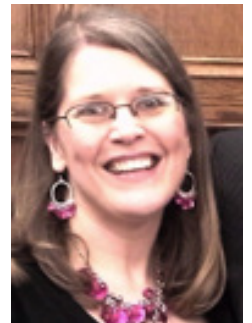
Michael L. Strauss, AG is a professional Accredited Genealogist and a national genealogical lecturer. A native of Pennsylvania and a resident of Utah. He has been an avid genealogist for more than 35 years. Strauss holds a BA in History and is a United States Coast Guard veteran. He is a licensed Private Investigator and qualified expert witness in Supreme Court and Surrogate Court in New York, and New Jersey; Circuit Court in Virginia, and Court of Common Pleas in Pennsylvania. He is an approved Genealogist with the Department of Defense to locate DNA qualified persons MIA from Korea, Vietnam, and World War II.

Strauss was the film historian for the Academy Award nominated film "Finding Vivian Maier" which was nominated for the best Documentary in 2015.



Pam Vestal is a professional genealogist, author, and speaker from West Linn, Oregon, and the owner of Generations Genealogy, LLC. Her articles have appeared in the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly and her lectures have taken her all over the west coast. When she isn't giving presentations or researching on behalf of her clients, she offers private training to those seeking to improve their research skills.

Katherine R. Willson is a genealogy lecturer, educator & author from Ann Arbor, MI and is the creator of the "Genealogy on Facebook" list with 10,000+ links to genealogy/history groups and pages on Facebook. She has taught all levels of genealogy classes for the past 15 years, was a presenter at RootsTech in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (live-streamed) and is publishing a guide to genealogical research in Michigan through IDG (In Depth Genealogist).



Christine Woodcock is a genealogy educator with an expertise in the Scottish records. She began researching her family history following the death of her mother and grandmother who were the storytellers of the family. Christine's mother was one of 21 children and although they emigrated to Canada when Christine was quite young, she grew up immersed in Scottish culture because her parents were keen to maintain as much of their heritage as they could and that has been passed along to her.

Christine's foray into genealogy was putting together a family history book, a record of her grandfather's 21 children and their descendants. This has become a treasured heirloom in the family.

When not organizing genealogy research tours to Scotland, Christine lectures on Scottish genealogy, hosts webinars, authors blogs and writes articles for genealogy magazines. Christine is a regular contributor to the In-Depth Genealogist Magazine and an occasional contributor to Internet Genealogy. Christine wrote and taught Scottish Genealogy Research 101 for Family Tree University. She is the editor for British Connections, a quarterly newsletter for the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History.

Christine chairs the Scottish Special Interest Group of the Ontario Genealogical Society and organizes their annual Symposium. The SIG will be hosting Conference 2018.

Christine is a member of the APG board as well as Vice Chair of the Ontario chapter.

Christine is one of the co-organizers for the Great Canadian Genealogy Summit, a weekend genealogy conference featuring Canadian Genealogy Speakers.

Christine is well connected in the Scottish Canadian Community. She is a member of the Scottish Ancestral Tourism Group (Scotland). She is a member of the Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada (CASSOC) and is chair of the organizing committee to host the Scottish North American Leadership Conference in 2017.



MY GENEALOGICAL WILL

Genealogical Will to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator and/or executor.

Upon my demise, it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others, which may be in my possession. This includes but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years.

During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories.

Name	Address	Phone/Email

In the event that you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. See below for contact information for local, provincial/state, and national organizations.

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel and money. Therefore, it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future.

Organization	Contact Information

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____



Did you miss the May SVGS Meeting? Catch up on things here.

Annual Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2017



The meeting was called to order at 12 Noon by President Ruth Caesar. This was our annual potluck with election of officers. There were approximately 30 people in attendance with 20 signing the sign-in sheet. After the potluck the election of officers began.

President: Michele Cozad nominated Ruth Caesar to continue as SVGS President for another 2 year term. Lisa Bartlow seconds and by unanimous vote of all present Ruth is reelected.

Vice President of Library: Ruth Caesar nominates Steve Baylor and is seconded by Leilani Lucricia. By unanimous vote Steve is elected to continue in this role.

Secretary: Lisa Bartlow nominates Michele Cozad and Pam Liebelt seconds. By unanimous vote Michele is elected to continue in this role.

Treasurer Larry Taylor presented the P&L for the month ending in April.

Committee Reports:

V-P Library – Steve gives a big “Thank You” to the new volunteers. We have the Arlington Street Fair coming up July 7, 8 & 9 and Silvana

Community Fair on July 28th. Steve will have Sign-Up sheets available on the conference room table for sign-ups.

Education – The schedule for June is Jim Johnson speaking on “The Melungeons”, July is our annual BBQ, August is the Northwest Genealogy Conference. Balance of schedule to be announced.

Membership – Joanne has sent out reminders to all members who have a May 31st due date. We have approximately 200 members.

Budget & Finance – The Snohomish County Heritage Grant for the Pioneer Cemetery external display has been received. We will now order the kiosk.

Publicity – Pam would like ideas on how we can increase membership.

Old Business: We purchased a Flip Pal. There will be a class for librarians on how to use it

New Business: NwGC 2018 – It was discussed and then voted on whether to proceed with a Conference next year. It was passed unanimously to proceed with the Conference.



Don't miss our
Annual July BBQ

at the SVGS Library

July 11th

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm!

This will replace our monthly meeting to accommodate those who've been unable to come in the past.

We'll supply the burgers and hot dogs — just bring a side dish and/or drinks to share.

All visitors welcome to join us and see our new facility.

SVGS President
Ruth Caesar
and Secretary
Michele Cozad
promote the
Northwest
Genealogy
Conference
at the
Tacoma-Pierce
County
Seminar in
April.





UPCOMING EVENTS

~Every Thursday~ 10:00 am to 12:00 noon SVGS Library 6111 188th Pl NE Arlington, WA	Thursday Research Group M eet with fellow genealogists to discuss current events and genealogy over a cup of coffee. You may discover a new research method or just make a few new friends. Meetings are held at the SVGS Library.
Friday – Sunday, July 7 – 9 Times TBA Olympic Ave, Arlington & Fly-In is at the Airport	Arlington Street Fair and Fly-In C ome help sit the SVGS booth, or just have fun at the street fair, supporting our local merchants and other nonprofit groups. The Fly-In takes place that same weekend, so while you're in town, go out to see the sights at the airport (very close to the SVGS library!).
Saturday & Sunday, July 8 & 9 8:00 am to 9:00 pm B600 Behrens Road, Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon	Celtic Arts Foundation – 23rd Annual Highland Games C ome help sit the SVGS booth, or come to enjoy the games, listen to music, or share family histories at the Highland Games in Mount Vernon.
Tuesday, July 11 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm 6111 1885h Pl NE Arlington, WA 98223	SVGS Monthly Meeting & Barbecue V isitors and all members are welcome to join us for our annual barbecue and potluck. These are always fun and congenial! This year, we're having it later in the day to accommodate those who've been unable to come in the past. Visitors are more than welcome!
Saturday, July 29 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Downtown Silvana	Silvana Fair C ome help sit the SVGS booth, or just have fun at the fair, supporting our local merchants and other nonprofit groups.
Wednesday, Aug. 16 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Byrnes Performing Arts Center Arlington High School 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223	Free Beginning Genealogy Class S pecial Free Beginning Genealogy Class class will be held at the Conference. Noted genealogist Peggy Lauritzen will be the speaker in the afternoon class. Come early, register, and take part in the Scavenger Hunt. You might win a prize.
Thursday – Saturday Aug. 17–19, 2017 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Byrnes Performing Arts Center Arlington High School 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223	Three Days of Fascinating Speakers at the Conference S ign up now for the "Best conference this side of Darrington." Three days of top-notch, nationally known speakers. They will inform and entertain you.

LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT: Lost, a thumbdrive, somewhere at the SVGS library. It was one of those available at the 2016 NwGC, was in a plastic baggie, and had pictures of old buildings and people on it. Please notify newsletter@stillygen.org if you see it.

Jim Johnson presented the June SVGs monthly meeting talk on the subject of the Melungeons. There are so many interesting speakers at these monthly meetings that we encourage everyone to attend as many as they can. I personally am very sorry to have missed Mr. Johnson's talk. But I did find out he spoke on ...

Melungeons, the mysterious dark-skinned mountaineers of eastern Tennessee and southwest Virginia and into Kentucky, have sparked myths and theories over the past century. They were whispered to be descendants of shipwrecked Portuguese sailors, or gypsies now known as Roma.



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