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2016 Keynote Speakers



Blaine Bettinger

Claudia Breland

Lisa Louise Cooke

Beth Foulk

2016 Northwest Genealogy Conference Plans Are in Full Swing!

REGISTRATIONS for The Northwest Genealogy Conference 2016, which opened February 15th, are well underway. Over 100 registrations have been made, and at this rate we anticipate upwards of 350 to 400 attendees. This should be a dynamic and exciting Conference.

The first day of the Conference, August 17, will be a free afternoon for beginning genealogists, but we find that not everyone registering is a beginning genealogist. It looks like many people will attend, knowing that there will always be something new to learn.

In addition to the free day classes, there will be many fun-filled events in conjunction with the Conference. This year we're adding a scavenger hunt on Free Day Wednesday, which will encourage participants to get acquainted with the exhibitors — and with each other.

Another new addition in 2016 will be Friday Dress-Up Day. Come wearing apparel of any of your ancestors. For photo-ops, we'll have a "step and repeat" banner for posing in your old-time clothes. Should be a lot of fun!

And we can't go on without repeating the popular Free Taco Bar which will return this year, in addition to the Friday Banquet with Keynote Speaker.

All this is in addition to the three full days of genealogy, education, entertainment and so much information your head will spin. If you haven't registered yet, take the time to log onto www.NwGC.org. If you are a member of the Society, be sure to log in first in order to get your member discount. If you aren't a member already, you might consider joining — you'll get the member discount plus so much more.



Register Now!

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**2016 Northwest
Genealogy Conference**

**Here in 3 short
months, 17 days**

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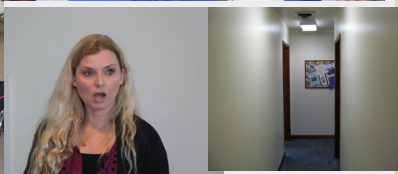
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A Pictorial Review of the SVGS Grand Opening of the New Library

"What a fabulous presentation!"





Loyal Heights School's Oldest Pupil

ONE OF THE PRIVILEGES of working on SVGS's soon-to-be-published book, *Early Schools in the Stillaguamish Valley*, was visiting with many delightful people who generously shared their family stories and photographs. One especially memorable person was Ruth (Tronson) Jacobs.

When Loren Kraetz and I needed help verifying "who was who" in a Loyal Heights school photo, Ruth Jacobs, who attended Loyal Heights School, was our best hope! The photo was of Miss Rose

Zoffel and Etta Miller's class taken at the end of the 1922-1923 school year. Ruth was 7 years old then.

Remarkably 93 years later, Ruth was able to verify and/or positively identify all but 3 of her fellow classmates in the photo. Plus she shared some fascinating stories about Loyal Heights School that would otherwise be forgotten. The stories are now included in the book. Sadly, just two weeks later, Ruth passed away at the age of 100.

Sue Walde, Publications Co-chair



*Ruth (Tronson) Jacobs
B. Jan 20, 1915 - D. Jan 3, 2016*



Sue Walde

Arlington Mayor Barbara Tolbert

Congratulations Stilly Valley!

From our Friends at the Everett Herald:

A PLAN TO TURN TRAGEDY into a brighter future for people in the Stillaguamish Valley has been selected as a finalist in a national competition to identify the best communities in the country.

The partnership between Arlington and Darrington was judged as one of eight finalists picked from 15 semifinalists in the America's Best Communities contest. The three-year competition drew 138 applicants when it started in 2014, representing nearly 350 communities in 27 states. Competitors were tasked with creating plans and launching projects to boost their local economies. [See the article in the *Herald* for the rest of the story.]

A focal point of the plan is the ongoing recovery after the deadly Oso mudslide in March 2014.

The win means the Stilly Valley communities will receive \$100,000 to use over the next 11 months.

[We knew there's vitality and charm in Arlington — it's great that the rest of the country can see that too!]





Keynote Speakers

At the Upcoming 2016 Northwest Genealogy Conference

Blaine Bettinger, The Genetic Genealogist



Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., is an intellectual property attorney by day and a genetic genealogist by night. In 2007 he started The Genetic Genealogist (www.thegeneticgenealogist.com), one of the earliest blogs on the topic. Dr. Bettinger has been

interviewed and quoted on personal genomics topics in *Newsweek*, *New Scientist*, *Wired*, and others. He authored *I Have the Results of My Genetic Genealogy Test, Now What?* in 2008, which is distributed by Family Tree DNA to all of their new customers.

Blaine frequently authors articles and gives presentations to educate others about the use of DNA to explore their ancestry. He is an instructor for genetic genealogy courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research, and Family Tree University. Blaine was also recently elected to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society's Board of Trustees, and graduated from ProGen Study Group 21 in 2015.



Lisa Louise Cooke, Genealogy Gems



Lisa Louise Cooke is the owner of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy education multi-media company. She is producer and host of the Genealogy Gems Podcast, the popular online genealogy audio show (downloaded over 1 & 3/4 million times!) The

podcast is available at www.GenealogyGems.com, in iTunes, and through the Genealogy Gems app. Her podcasts episodes bring genealogy news, research strategies, expert interviews and inspiration to genealogists around the world.

Lisa is the author of the books: *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox Second Edition*, *Turn Your Tablet & Smartphone (Apple & Android) into a Genealogy Powerhouse*, *How to Find Your Family History in Newspapers*, and *Genealogy Gems*. Her most recent publication is the wildly popular

Evernote for Genealogists quick reference guide. In addition, she's the producer of the video series Google Earth for Genealogy and over 70 videos at the Genealogy Gems YouTube Channel.

Genealogy Gems for Societies is the company's newest offering providing genealogy societies year-round access to exciting video programming and newsletter content. <http://genealogygems.com/society>

In addition to Genealogy Gems, Lisa produces and hosts The Family Tree Magazine Podcast, regularly writes for the magazine, and is an instructor and curriculum developer for Family Tree University. Lisa's offerings are not limited to online. She is a sought after international and keynote genealogy speaker having regularly appeared at Who Do You Think You Are? Live in London and RootsTech in Salt Lake City.



TALK ABOUT THE EXCITEMENT of DNA: Just think about finding an ancestor who shared your DNA — from 8500 years ago! Work being done on the Kennewick Man's DNA has revealed that he was closely related to the Colville Tribes. Just imagine finding an ancestor living in much the same area as you, living that long ago.



Keynote Speakers

At the Upcoming 2016 Northwest Genealogy Conference



Claudia Breland, Writer and Researcher

Claudia Breland has been researching for over 40 years, and became a professional genealogist in 2009. She has presented programs on newspaper research, DNA testing, and

online research in Western Washington libraries and genealogy societies. She has written articles for her local newspaper as well as national journals, and is the author of four books. Within the past year she has broken through a 40-year brick wall (and solved a murder that took place in 1883) by the use of DNA testing.

Client and personal research has led her to treasures in libraries, courthouses and archives across the country, and she works closely with other researchers in the US and abroad in locating records that are not online.

She has written articles for her local newspaper as well as national journals, and is the author of four books: *Genealogy Offline*, *Searching for Your Ancestors in Historic Newspapers*, and the first two volumes of her paternal grandfather's journals: *At Home in Lansing (1927-1931)* and *Lansing and Beyond (1932-1935)*. 



Beth Foulk

Beth Foulk discovered her love of genealogy from her father. And has for decades enjoyed the pursuit of family history and stories. For more than seven years she has shared this passion through her presentations at genealogy

conferences. Her focus is Early American History—anything after the Civil War is just to modern! She is a member of the Genealogy Speakers Guild and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Some of her more recent engagements include:

- Legacy Family Tree Webinar Series - 2015
- Genealogy KC – 2014 Keynote Speaker
- Ontario Genealogy Society – 2014 Webinar Series Speaker

- Minnesota State Genealogy Society Spring Conference – 2014 Speaker
- National Archives – Kansas City – 2013, 2014 Speaker
- Iowa State Genealogy Society – 2013 Keynote Speaker
- Nebraska State Genealogy Society – 2013 Featured Speaker
- Missouri State Genealogy Society – 2013, 2012 Speaker
- Midwest Genealogy Center Annual Conference - 2012, 2013
- Kansas Ancestor Fair – 2013 Speaker
- Southern California Genealogy Society – 2013 Webinar Series Speaker





2016 Annual Reports



FROM THE PRESIDENT Ruth Caesar

IN THE FIVE YEARS since becoming the President of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society I have become aware of the vital importance of the new members we've gained. Their membership brings fresh enthusiasm

and perspective to all that we do. Many of those fresh faces have gotten involved with the society on multiple levels to assist with the committees of the society, not the least of which is our Newsletter Editor, Kathy Bowman, and our new go-to person for Publicity, Pam Liebelt.

Last year a great deal of time and energy was focused on finding a new library location. Since the Grand Opening of the new expanded facility, our general consensus is that it has the potential to be a long term home with space to expand as our needs grow. Now we can refocus on our mission statement goals as a genealogical society and move forward.

Our Grand Opening event April 8th was recognized as one of the most notable "free" events ever provided by a local genealogical society in

Washington State with a special appearance made by nationally renowned DNA expert CeCe Moore. Many attendees said her presentation from "Finding Your Roots" was not only incredibly informative but a joy to hear. Finally, I must say that our society is truly grateful (once again) to Snohomish County and the City of Arlington for their continued financial support of our event: the Northwest Genealogy Conference. The funding from the Hotel/Motel grants helped to make the 2014 & 2015 conferences the most successful in State history, bringing many people here from great distances. We look forward to this year's Conference being even more successful with many nationally and internationally recognized genealogy superstars speaking at our event this coming August. See www.nwgc.org for all the incredible details.

Please be sure to visit our new library and join us at society meetings now held at Hadley Hall — and don't forget about our annual potlucks that are held in May and December. Our Summer BBQ in July is a really great time to get together and share your stories with fellow genealogists. Hope to see you at one or all of our many society events whenever you can make it....



TREASURER'S REPORT

By Larry Taylor

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Members: LeeRoy Kind, Steve Baylor, Flynn Clarke Kennedy

Presentations 2015:

- June: Lou Daly – Family Search - Family Tree in Wiki Format.
- July: No presentation or meeting.
- August: No Presentation or meeting – NWGC.
- September: Fred Cruger – League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO) Maps.
- October: Janet Camarata – On-site Research Far or Near? Planning for Success.
- November: Lisa Labovitch – Resources for Genealogists at the Everett Public Library.
- December: No presentation or meeting.

Presentations 2016:

- January: Flynn Kennedy – Stretch Your Genealogy Dollar.
- February: Laura Pemberton Sparr – Tennessee Research.
- March: Richard Hanks - Ancestors of Abraham Lincoln's mother Nancy Hanks.
- April: The Grand Opening Committee organized a presentation by CeCe Moore about DNA.
- Upcoming for May: Winona Laird – Supplemental Census Records.

Honorable mention to SVGS members: Michele Cozad, Sandy Blesie, Joni Marie Smith, Leilani Lucrisia, Dee Saunders, Ruth Caesar, and Kay Crabtree, who suggested speakers during the past 12 months. We've had so many suggestions from members that we haven't even needed to contact all of them yet.

If anyone wants to suggest a speaker, my e-mail address is flynncl1858@gmail.com.

This year, I was the Interim Education Committee Chairperson. If anyone else wants to be the Chairperson, please let us know. If not, I'm willing to continue. Any other people who want to join this committee, please do, everyone's welcome; we're always looking for new members.

Ideas for this coming year: trips to repositories, such as Fiske Library; other suggestions are welcome. Maybe a trip to nearest the KCLS branch or SPL branch to sign up for a library card; or HQLR for research, lunch and a class. Start signup sheet for trip to Fiske.

Upcoming presentations:

- June 2016: Laura Sparr - Pennsylvania Research.
- July – no presentation
- August – NWGC – no presentation.
- Sept – TBA

Submitted by Flynn Clarke Kennedy
Education Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

AS MEMBERSHIP CHAIR I've enjoyed another good year. The Society's web site does a great job in keeping our membership list current and it's always fun to add new people and watch our membership grow, plus we are making changes so the membership list is more efficient, and that means I'm still in the learning process. I thank Michele Cozad for all her help and Ruth Caesar for all her knowledge and help.

I hope all our members are using the Society's web site to learn about what is going on within the library as there is an abundance of information on our shelves and on the web site.

Respectfully Submitted by Joanne Hoidal Wetmore
Membership Chair



NORTHWEST GENEALOGY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Members: Chair Kathy Stuehrenberg, Ann Curtis Anne Grimm, Bruce Grimm, Cheri Sandall, Christa Little, Connie Pachek, Diane Erickson, Dick Prouty, Erica Madsen, Flynn Clarke Kennedy, Helen Eliason, Joanne Wetmore, Kathy Bowman, Kay Crabtree, Larry Taylor, Leilani Lucrisia, Lisa Bartlow, Marge and Larry Thomas, Mary Buzzell, Michele Cozad, Phil Bartlow, Ruth Caesar, Shirley Case, Shirley Prouty, Steve Baylor

THE 2016 CONFERENCE committee has been meeting monthly since September 2015. One of the first items of business was to decide on subcommittees, or teams. We now have these teams in place:

Caterer Selection Team,
Door Prizes & Promotional Bags Team
Free Day Planning Team ,
Mailing Team
Marketing Material Design
Marketing Team
Vendor Selection Team
Website Team
Bag Stuffing Team
Sale Items for SVGS Table Team
Skookum Brewery Meet and Greet Function
Snacks for Conference Team
Speaker Selection Team
Syllabus Team
Hotel/Motel Team
Help at Conference: Parking, Classroom Monitor,
Registration, Snacks, Setup, Recycling, Research Board
Financial items: Cash
The subcommittees meet when necessary. Because of

the fine organization set up by Chair Kathy Stuehrenberg, we have functioned well. The marketing team started out with a vision to having all materials ready according to deadlines.

In January and February the website committee (consisting of Erica Madsen), came roaring into play, creating an excellent online presence and a smooth registration process.

The speaker selection team met in January and chose the excellent speakers we now have under contract. The portal set up on the website made the applications and signing a breeze.

Mailings have gone out, and we are now into the process of fine-tuning the catering, door prizes, attendance of other conferences, and getting the word out every way possible!

The class schedule has been set, and the syllabus is in the works.

We have close to 140 registrants as we go to press. We are in a good place, thanks to the hard work of the many many volunteers who have really stepped up.

*Respectfully submitted by the Assistant Chair,
Kathy Bowman*

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

From Helen Eliason and Sue Walde

AT LAST! SVGS'S LONG-AWAITED book, *Early Schools in the Stillaguamish Valley*, is nearing completion! The book, which is about the rural schools in the Arlington area, will be ready just before the NW Genealogy Conference in August. It covers over 20 rural school districts with 40+ schoolhouses.

The book's time period ranges from the arrival of the first white settlers in the Stillaguamish Valley up through the 1940-1941 school year. You will read about devoted teachers who were highly respected and loved by their pupils and families. One such teacher was Signe Kronholm Hovik who tells about juggling lessons at Bryant to teach 4 grades at once. Another popular teacher was Cora Dent

who taught a music class at Trafton. A pupil of Island School tells about a cherished memory of her teacher, Miss Martha Fisher, who made all the children feel special.

In addition to many stories, the book is crammed with photographs!

If you already purchased the first book that unfortunately had to be withdrawn from publication, you will get your replacement book first before other orders are filled. We have your name but perhaps not your contact information. So feel free to contact us:

Call and leave a voice message at 360-435-4838. Email info@stillygen.org





LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Stephen Baylor, Vice President of the Library

WE HAVE HAD AN UNBELIEVABLY SUCCESSFUL year. A year ago we were a bit apprehensive, not knowing if we would have to place our holdings in storage or if we would find a facility to meet our needs. As good fortune would have it, we were able to secure our new location at the Arlington Airport. I was so pleased to read what CeCe Moore had to say, "This is a wonderful service to the community. This society has so much energy and interest; there's a sense of excitement just walking in the door. The library here is cozy and warm. If I lived here, I'd visit often."

There was a lot of energy and excitement when we developed our dreams of how we could use the old Oso Lumber building, that was followed by the energy and excitement of renovating the facility for our needs, then we experienced the energy and excitement of boxing our library and moving into the new location. The crowning joy was our grand opening when we drew 100 visitors into our new home.

There are many people to thank for our successful

year. So many people volunteered to make our dream a reality it would take several pages to recognize each one. You volunteers know who you are. You patched walls, scrubbed, painted, pulled carpet, lugged boxes, shelved books, cleaned up the landscape, decorated, and loved our new facility. Thank you one and all.

At the same time we were pouring our time into the big move we were quietly operating a library that has assisted many in their genealogical research. Let me thank our dedicated staff of librarians and assistants. These are the people that keep our facility open to the public on a regular basis. If you are not currently a librarian or assistant there is always room for you. We would like to have at least two people on staff at all times. Just ask. We can place you on staff at a time convenient for you. I would also like to thank our library board members as well. These people are responsible to keep our library clean and functioning properly on the inside and out.



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PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

From Pam Liebelt

IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, I volunteered to be Publicity Chairperson. My responsibilities include advertising our SVGS meetings and events to the general public. This is accomplished through local newspapers, Arlington City TV21 and newsletter, library bulletin boards, and now also through the Chamber of Commerce. I look forward to any suggestions on how we can better advertise Stillaguamish Genealogical Society.





NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

THE NOMINATION CHAIR and committee are always hopeful that someone in the membership would be interested in taking on the challenge of an office that comes up for election on either the even or the odd year. This year's election is for Vice President and Treasurer and once again I brought it up at meetings. Still no takers, but as I stated above "we always remain hopeful".

Please give this some thought and let me know.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joanne Hoidal Wetmore

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A report compiled by Larry Taylor and Kathy Bowman

THE SVGS GRANT WRITING committee has worked hard on several proposals that were subsequently submitted to the Stillaguamish Tribes, the Tulalip Tribes and Snohomish County Tourism Bureau. Our efforts have paid off in grants to subsidize the move to the new quarters, the Conference, and rent and overhead. We are very thankful to these entities, as they allow us to better serve our members and the public with quality information and education. We also like to think our world class library and conference contribute to the great quality of life and civic esprit in the Arlington and Snohomish County area.

Grants for	2014	2015	2016
Arlington Hotel Tax Grant	\$11,920.00	\$25,691.80	\$38,588.00 Note #1
Snohomish County Hotel Tax Grant	\$6,560.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00 Note #1
Heritage Grant	\$2,364.89		
Stillaguamish Grant			
Tulalip Grants	\$5,000.00		\$4,000.00
Totals	\$25,844.89	\$34,691.80	\$51,588.00

Note #1: The Arlington City and Snohomish County Grants for 2016 have been approved for this year.

BUDGET REPORT

By Larry Taylor

ORGANIZATIONS EITHER GROW OR DIE. Our Society is alive, well and healthy. The budget reflects many dreams. It is the culmination of The Conference, The Tombstone, The Library, The Publishing, The Grants and all of the other Committee's dreams for the fiscal year June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. It reflects a modern permanent building of which we can call home somewhere in the future. It includes educating hundreds of our friends and neighbors in Genealogy with the third Conference. It also preserves history and gives us a more viable record in our cemeteries and expands our beloved Library. It may feel like we are biting off more than we can chew. But I suggest, what if we take another step to get there? Would that not be reason enough to party next year again, knowing we are making progress on our goals knowing the others goals laid out in our budget are certainly

more reachable? This year we did party with an "Open House" to celebrate our new home. Our bank accounts are twice as full. And yet we still left money on the table and need your help in pursuing that money. We know of grants that need to be written and needed equipment purchased for the Library. I am suggesting we spend some of that money making our Library better. Let me know your concerns and desires. We are perhaps one of the top three libraries in the State (possibly the NW) for Genealogy. What if next year we are one of the top two?

Ahhhh, a Quest Worth Pursuing! Our Society has proven it is capable.

We are making good progress.

Thank You!

Your servant,
Larry Taylor



TOMBSTONE PROJECT REPORT

By Larry Taylor



I HAVE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED with something that has had so much overwhelming support. Everyone has a story to share. This goes beyond a passing interest and touches everyone at the emotional levels. The newspapers are picking up the story. Like the Conference, the Tombstone Project is unique in not only the State of Washington, but possibly also the nation. We are making a difference. This too has been fun. Many of the Cemeteries that we work with report family members coming in and buying stones for family members forgotten and long dead by many decades. ❧

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 11:30 am to 3:00 pm Hadley Hall, Arlington Boys & Girls Club, 18513 – 59th Ave. NE, Arlington, WA 98223	Annual Meeting, Potluck and Presentation Join us for a presentation about Supplemental Census Records by Winona Laird. Ms. Laird has written a book entitled, Have You Ever Lived in a Mining Town, about her grandmother's life. This will be a great opportunity for our members to benefit from her fifty years of genealogical research experience. In addition, she has been an accounting and tax preparation professional for forty years. Members of the public as well as members of the Society are welcome to attend. This presentation is free to the public..
Every Thursday 10:00 am to 12:00 noon SVGS Library 6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington, WA	Thursday Research Group Meet 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 at 6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington.
Tuesday, June 4, 2016 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Hadley Hall, Arlington Boys & Girls Club, 18513 – 59th Ave. NE, Arlington, WA 98223	BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! After her presentation about Tennessee Research, many members requested an encore presentation. So in June, former SVGS volunteer and WSGS president Laura Sparr will be speaking about research in the great State of Pennsylvania. We'll learn about resources for researching Pennsylvania ancestors and Laura will share insights from her visits to this state's repositories. Business meeting will follow. See you at our new location!

Upcoming Seminars and Conferences

Saturday, May 21

Seattle Genealogical Society

Fairview Christian School
844 NE 78th
Seattle, WA

Spring Seminar: Finding Solutions To Your Toughest Research Problems, Utilizing Migration Routes, Civil War Records and On-line Techniques. Presentations by William Dollarhide, nationally recognized genealogical lecturer and award winning author

www.seattlegenealogicalsociety.org/content/seminars

Saturday, June 18

Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Conference

La Quinta Inn and Suites
1425 East 27th Street
Tacoma, WA

WSGS Annual Conference

Presentations by Paula Stewart-Warren, professional genealogist specializing in genealogical and historical research.
Blog: GenealogyByPaula.com
<http://www.wasgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=76>

Sunday–Friday, August 7–12

36th International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

Hosted by: The Jewish Genealogy Society of Washington State
Sheraton Seattle Hotel
1400 6th Ave
Seattle, WA

<http://www.iajgs2016.org/>

Dress Up Day at the 2016 Conference by Larry Taylor



Scottish Dress

I have always enjoyed being a little different and being willing to think outside of the box! And a Dress Up day would be different and fun. This would be on Friday, the day and night of the Banquet.

My whole intent is to bring people together. My Taylor line and Ledgerwood line are both from Scotland. I have lines to England (Fincher), France (Cote'), Sweden (Lund) and Germany (Dull). But for this day I am choosing

Scotland and in future may choose one of my other lines to play with. I'm going dressed as a Scotsman, Kilt and all.

Why? To make connections to other individuals who have lines coming from Scotland. To find that community and have a blast doing it.

We can with a little effort make this an event that is heard Nationwide!

I love Find a Grave. Because of it, I have connected to 8 or 9 or 10 third or fourth cousins.

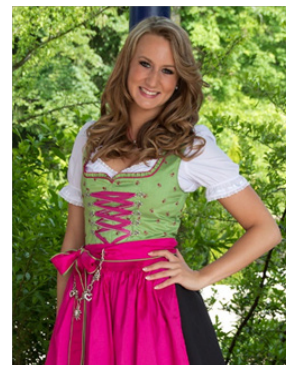
I have spent hundreds and hundreds of dollars on

Ancestry. I have only connected with two or three family members.

Last year I saw the name "Cote" (French) on the registration list. When a lady came up and announced "Cote" at the Registration Desk, I jump up and went over and introduced myself. My Great Grandfather is Napoléon Cote'. The lady responded, "Napoléon Cote' is on my Family Tree. Hi Cousin!"

When we ask someone for the three reasons they come to our conference, we might hear Education, Speakers, Great Facility, Great Value and Connecting with People? I hope there are a dozen reasons to come to our conference. I'm not trying to eliminate any of them, just add one more that is unique and different and fun!

What do you think?



German Dress



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