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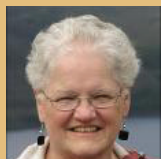
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... At the Conference in August ...
See Pages 10 & 11 for their stories.



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**2016 Northwest
Genealogy Conference
Here in 1 short
month & 17 days**

Northwest Genealogy Conference — Less than two months away!

REGISTRATION for the Northwest Genealogy Conference is going strong with almost 200 people registered for the Full 3-day conference. Planning and preparations for the conference are in full-swing, with many volunteers helping to make it the most successful Northwest Genealogy Conference ever.

Have you registered? If not, you need to so you don't miss the fun. If you have registered, do you know others who might like to come and learn? Help them register so they too can learn how to explore their family's history and find many associated stories. Help them register at www.nwgc.org.

The banquet event for 2016 will be held at the Glen Eagle Country Club on Friday evening after the final sessions of the day, and will be preceded with a reception and no-host bar. The banquet itself will begin at 6:30 pm with Blaine Bettinger speaking. Tickets are limited to 130 — be sure to register for the banquet too.

Other events during the conference include the "Cousins Wall," "Ask the Experts," and a "Celebrity Step and Repeat" where you can take selfies — or pics of your new friends attending the conference.

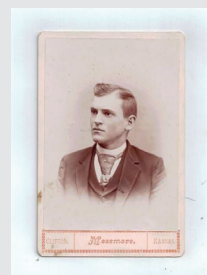
Just a reminder: If you need hotel accommodations, you need to make reservations now, as area hotels fill quickly during the summer months. When making reservations, use the phone numbers provided on the conference website and tell them you are with the Northwest Genealogy Conference. That way you'll get the conference discounted rates. Those discounts will end in mid-July, so don't delay.

Hope to see you all there!

—Kathy Stuehrenberg

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Dee Saunders processing the books at the SVGS library.

Generous donation of 175 genealogy books received at SVGS Library



Michele Cozad has a hand in it too.

A Genealogist Library

SVGS received an inquiry from a local genealogist family who asked if we were interested in a donation of a lifetime library of the family hobby – well – YES....

The wonderful gracious donation from Mary Williamson of Lake Stevens was delivered on June 21st, with hundreds of books – in 10 big boxes. We're still counting and listing this find.

It appears that most of the books are not duplicates (sorry – collectors!), but will be inventoried and shelved for all of our patrons to enjoy.

Vice-President of the Library Steve Baylor exclaims "How wonderful for a family to think of us when "down-sizing" – we can use these books to better serve our patrons." Anyone out

there cleaning out or downsizing? Please keep SVGS in mind – this is how we grow our library.

There are a few duplicate books. They are in the conference room at the library, for sale to members at this point. The remainder of the duplicates will go on sale at the 2016 Conference in August, so get on over to the library right away to make your choices.

If you want to see what books have been added, go to our online catalog. In the *Subject* search box select *New to the Library in 2016*. It will bring up every item that has been added since January.

—From Michele Cozad and Steve Baylor

Grandma's Garage

Ever come across a box of photos but they were not your family and you didn't know what to do? Well, that happened recently to a local family. They found a box of photos in their garage — perfectly preserved (from 1895-1900), taken by a photography studio in the middle of Kansas. There were only a couple of pictures identified as "Aunt Mary" or "Uncle Henry" or "Great Grandpa"...

This family did the right thing and brought them in, to our own Mary Buzzell, one of our Genealogists. Mary identified one person by full name. SVGS volunteers took it from there and found a "Leaf" on Ancestry and contacted the researcher.

This turned out to be the Great Granddaughter!

Obviously she was thrilled to find heretofore unknown photos of Aunt Mary & Uncle Henry and Great Grandpa....

Thank you goes to the Arlington resident who recognized the value of long lost photos and the other SVGS volunteers who reunited the photos with direct descendants! A wonderful ending to a box of "stuff" found in the back of a garage!





FOUND AT THE SOCIETY ON A SATURDAY: THE DIARY OF SGT. JESSE HYDE

A diary was found in a house where descendants of the civil war veteran had never lived. Library Director Stephen Baylor explains how the diary of Sgt. Jesse Hyde came into the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society's possession. .. As told to Michele Cozad.

A few years ago a diary written during the Civil War by a Sgt. Jesse Hyde of Company H, 1st Kentucky Volunteers was discovered in an attic of a home on the far end of the Grandview Road. The book was in sad shape and the ink was beginning to fade. The diary was given to our founder, Marietta Roth, who brought it to our library.

It was obvious the book needed archival care but the question was where. After checking with the University of Washington and the Washington State Archives, it was suggested we try the Kentucky State Archives. Sure enough, they were enthused to receive the document into their care.

The document was scanned and we were sent copies. The scanning process made the writing legible for the most part so we sat down and began transcribing it. SVGS member, Kay Crabtree, spent many hours doing the lion's share of the work.

The document is now available for all to see at the Kentucky Historical Society's digital collections. You can find it quickly by googling KYhistory.com and typing Jesse Hyde in the search window. The website shows the original document alongside our transcription. A printout of the transcript is also on our library shelves. The call number is [R-725-026](tel:725-026).

"Hyde served as a Sergeant with the First Kentucky Infantry, Company H of the Union Army during the Civil War. The diary details daily actions of the unit, such as battles, marches, from January 6, ..."

Jesse Hyde never lived in Arlington. He passed away near Yakima in 1908. Although



he never lived in the area there is a local connection that might explain how the diary came here. Jesse's widow, Ethelinda and her sister Minnie lived for a few years in Bryant.

Ethelinda would likely have had the opportunity to give the diary to Daniel Baker, another Civil War vet, who at one time lived in the house where the diary was found.

The website, Fold3, was very helpful in tracking down information about Sgt. Hyde's service in the War of the Rebellion.

If you have Civil War ancestors you will likely enjoy learning from Jay Fonkert CGSM. Jay will give a presentation on Using Military Pension Files to Fill Gaps in Family History at our Northwest Genealogy Conference at 10:15 on Thursday, Aug. 18.

Want to make a difference? Consider leaving a gift to the building fund for the SVGS library. Life-time member Pete Poeschel has already gifted \$1,000 toward the building fund. While not everyone is in a position to make such a generous contribution, donations of any size would be greatly appreciated, and are even tax deductible.



SVGS's presence at the Washington State Genealogical Society Conference

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Secretary, Michele Cozad, wrote about her experience at the Washington State Genealogy Conference last week...

The event was hosted by the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society Friday and Saturday, June 17 & 18. Our vendor table was tended by President Ruth Caesar, Secretary Michele Cozad and newly elected NwGC 2017 Co-Chair Lisa Bartlow.



Michele Cozad, Ruth Caesar and Lisa Bartlow spread the word.

The road trip started Friday afternoon. We checked into the LaQuinta Inn and attended the Friday night dessert buffet (yum)... Cyndi Ingle and Paula Stuart-Warren led an informal Q&A session (and I thought I was the only one who hit "brick walls"! ... What fun we all had listening to like-minded genealogists with their inventive ways to find the answers to problems who have been plaguing them for years...lots of hints for us to share.

On display at our SVGS vendor table was our beautiful banner touting the upcoming Northwest Genealogy Conference to be held Aug 17–20 at the gorgeous Byrnes Performing Arts Center. Ruth was able to address the entire 150 patrons who attended — and personally invited them to our event. Our registration forms were made available along with the table toppers (which were snatched up by attendees – yea!)...

SVGS members Kathy Bowman (Newsletter Chair & NwGC 2016 Assistant Conference Chair) and Michele Cozad (SVGS & NwGC Secretary) were acknowledged by WSGS for being outstanding volunteers.

To top off my great day my name was drawn as one of the winners of the Door Prizes — a one year World Explorer membership to Ancestry! I didn't think things could get better — WRONG...my raffle ticket for the "Made in Washington" gift basket was drawn too!

I was thinking of sharing ... but the Lavender Honey, Rainier Rising Rustic Italian Coffee from Vashon Island Roasters, Walla-Walla Onion Mustard & Washington State Mints, smoked salmon, etc were all – enjoyed by me (and of course my family) ... what fun we all had!

—Michele Cozad, SVGS Secretary



[Plus they did a fine job of getting the word out about our Conference.
NwGC received several more registrations following the trip.]



A Pictorial Review of the Annual Meeting and Potluck, May 2016



From top left: Flynn Clarke Kennedy, Dan Caesar, Lisa Bartlow, Laura Sparr, Joni Smith, Phil Bartlow, Shirley Prouty.
Bottom row: Helen Eliason with her granddaughter, Steve Baylor, Sue Walde, Eileen King, Michele Cozad, Kathy Bowman.

Looking Ahead

To the New Fiscal Year for the Society. June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017.

By Larry Taylor

We are growing comfortable in our new library and surroundings. The Society has grown and prospered. Very possibly by the end of 2016, we will see \$100,000 in our bank accounts. Much of that has come from our work on the Conferences. This year we will invest about 4,000 hours into our beloved conference. The return on that investment could very well be \$50,000.

We have members talking of a building fund. I support this. So do the numbers. These donations can be either monetary or real estate, and can be tax deductible — we are a 501(c)(3). Check with your tax preparer.

The board has made itself known to supporting the Tombstone Project. At an annual collection of funds, the plan is for the Tombstone Project to pay 10% to the Society to help pay overhead. That amount hopefully by 2017 will be around \$10,000.

From the conference fund we also estimate another \$10,000 going into the main account for overhead.

Along with annual dues of around \$4,000, we will have a total of \$24,000 to support our Society. Pay the bills. Do the repairs. Pay for parties.

\$24,000 will certainly pay some rent, but if we own our own building, then perhaps we could pay \$1,000 into a Repair and/or Replacement account monthly. Once an R & R account is established (Maybe \$40,000 or \$50,000) things such as exterior painting or a new roof or parking lot repairs become items of convenience based on our schedule and not on “How do we pay for this?” The money will be in the R & R Account.

Look where we have come from and where we can go. Our Society is becoming better known throughout the Northwest — and the whole country. I thank you, let's take another step. —*Your treasurer.*



Social Media and the Genealogist

SOCIAL MEDIA ISN'T JUST for keeping up with your friends anymore; there are more and more groups on Facebook that are specifically for genealogy.

Many families have started surname research groups to keep up with cousins and share information. I personally have found several groups helpful, including:

1. **The Genealogy Do-Over** — a group for those who want to go back into their past research and start over, making sure everything is thoroughly analyzed, evaluated and cited,
2. **The Organized Genealogist** — organizing everything from files to offices,
3. **Gendocs Templates** — forms for research freely shared,
4. **Technology for Genealogy** — discussions cover all types of technology related to genealogy,
5. **Genealogy – Cite Your Sources** — for those

who want help in properly citing sources, and

6. **Find a Grave Genealogy** — for those who use and participate on the FindaGrave website.

These are just a few of the many Facebook Groups that are specifically for genealogists. The groups are topic-specific and you can ask questions and get help from other researchers.

Elizabeth Shown Mills, author of *Evidence Explained*, often answers questions on the Genealogy – Cite Your Sources group page.

I find that the groups provide fresh incentive and ideas to my research. For those of you who have a Facebook profile, you might want to check into some of the genealogy groups available — and for those of you who thought Facebook wasn't for you, you might give it a try and see if you don't find some useful gems there.

—Pamela Liebelt, Publicity Chair

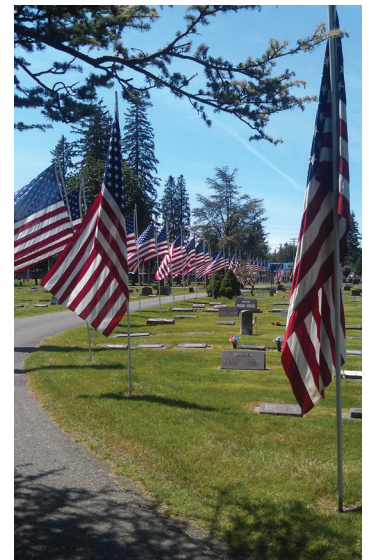


Memorial Day at The Marysville Cemetery

Larry Taylor, Chair of the Tombstone Project, has devoted many hours to this endeavor, gathering interest and support from far and wide. The Marysville Cemetery invited Larry to come back this year for the Memorial Day celebration and to help the public as they came to honor veterans.

The weather this year added excitement, as the wind lifted the canopies, moving them around. When things settled down, more people came to the cemetery, and consequently, the Project was able to raise more for the goal of providing headstones for unmarked veterans' graves.

We had the pleasure of a visit by Fred Ora and Lyn Ferrucci, who stayed to chat.



The Tombstone Project committee is holding meetings to explore grant money. This should be a great boost when these come through.



John Kroeze, Trafton's Oldest Pupil

John Kroeze is 107 years young! Visiting him was another delightful road trip that Loren Kraetz and I made while interviewing people about early schools in the Stillaguamish Valley for SVGS's soon-to-be published book on the subject. He attended the Trafton schoolhouse located on Jim Creek Road. Perhaps we would learn some secrets?

In 1888 School District No. 26 was organized. Three schoolhouses were built at Trafton. A fire totally destroyed the 2nd schoolhouse on March 28, 1912. It's a good story of how the teachers sprung into action during the fire! The 3rd schoolhouse was built in record time by the fall of that same year. It's a good story, too, with a price tag of \$4,400.

John was born on December 12, 1908. That was 4 years *before* the last Trafton School was built where he would be a school boy for 8 years. So he definitely *knows* about the Trafton School. As its oldest living pupil, he shared an especially funny story. You'll want to keep your socks on reading that one!

But the question that I really yearned to ask, "What's your secret to living a long life?" John's answer surprised me. It was one of those four-letter words — "*mush*."

Apparently John has eaten a breakfast of oatmeal with a little Cream of Wheat his entire life. He loves it!



A. Loren Kraetz with his lifelong friend, John Kroeze who is showing Loren one of over 300 birdhouses he has built. Many of his famous birdhouses have been donated to charity. Photo taken on June 19, 2015.

But I suspected that his secret to longevity wasn't as simple as "mush." I thought about his life. Obviously he has lived an exceptionally long one. But also one that was happy and healthy. His healthy lifestyle started when he was a boy.

I wondered if I could live to 107 years. So I created a little quiz, as if I were John. It's based on how he has lived his life. Want to take John's so-called quiz with me? Maybe you will live to 107?

Longevity Quiz Based on John Kroeze's Life

Yes	Question
	Eat mush every morning for breakfast?
	Hand-milk cows before & after school? (John milked Guernsey's by hand for 28 years.)
	Run over a mile when late to school?
	Walk on stilts "just because you can"?
	Do hand-stands and "walk on your hands just as good as your feet"?

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	Grow and eat organic fruit and vegetables?
	Tell jokes and laugh a lot?
	Don't drink or smoke?
	Be socially active with church, family and friends?
	Have parents with "good" Dutch genes?
	Raise some wonderful kids? (Mary and Diane are John's pride and joy!)
	Be happily married for 71 years? (John misses his beloved wife Dena every single day!)

My quiz results: Not as good as John's. How about yours? Just remember John's secret — eat lots of "*mush*"!



About six months ago, John moved into an assisted-living home for the first time in his life. Loren Kraetz reports from a visit this week that John still tells jokes with a twinkle in his eye! Best of all, Trafton's oldest pupil is just as spunky as ever!

If you'd like to send John Kroeze a message of good cheer, please forward it to Loren Kraetz or [Sue Walde](#). He'd love to hear from you!

John's stories, as well as his brother Gerit's stories, will be included in one of two volumes as part of SVGS's series entitled *Early Schools in the Stillaguamish Valley*. Watch for an announcement about the first volume in August, just before the NW Conference.

— Sue Walde
Publication Co-Chair



Gleneagle Country Club

The smell of a stone fired pizza oven permeated the air at a recent visit to the Gleneagle Golf & Country Club. Ahh — I'm sitting on the sun-drenched patio with a refreshing glass of Washington Wine, overlooking the greens while a soft breeze is flowing. This is the banquet facility that the Northwest Genealogy Conference has selected to be the location of our Friday Night Event. A short one-mile drive from the conference facility, this will be the best banquet ever.

The conference catering committee has been fine-tuning the menu. The offerings are all fresh choices — Chicken Cordon Bleu (with fresh Washington chicken breast) or Vegetarian, which is a gluten-free Zucchini Lasagna. This will be accompanied by fresh veggies and new red pota-



toes, and — there is more — fresh peach cobbler or local ice cream for dessert!

Best of all is the fellowship of meeting new people and greeting old friends at this event. Did I mention we are having a "Social Hour" too? It will be between the last class and the banquet — Social Hour with No-Host Bar at 5:30, Banquet at 6:30.

A fun time is guaranteed for all of you... make your reservations by registering at www.NwGC.org.

— Michele Cozad

Arlington Photo Contest

The Arlington Arts Council is having an America's Best Communities-themed photo contest this summer. The goal is to take a photo that captures the essence of what makes Arlington one of the best communities in the country.



People can enter up to three photos each at facebook.com/ArlingtonArtsCouncil until Aug. 25. There are cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

places, plus three 4th place winners. The winning photos also are expected to be displayed at Art in the Park in September.

Is there a photography enthusiast in our StillyGen membership? ... Maybe someone can see the Conference from a "best community" angle ... Put your creative thinking caps on (and your lens caps off!) and see what you come up with!



As seen around town ...

The NwGC group is getting the word out — You might have seen some of the banners announcing Our Big August Event. Or perhaps you may have noticed our flyers and "table tent" display cards in local businesses.

The Banner Installation Team, headed up by LeeRoy Kind, has placed six banners along well-traveled byways in the area.

We have a couple more banners to be displayed so if you have a spot that you believe would attract attention, let us know. We'll get right on it!

Your newsletter editor kindly reminds you that Styrofoam is recyclable. Please contact katsbow@gmail.com if you have any styrofoam to be picked up. It will be taken directly to the recyclers. (Your recycling haulers can't do it due to the flaky nature of styrofoam.)



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Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society.

Washington State Genealogical Society
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Michele Cozad
of Arlington, Washington

for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of
the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society



Michele Cozad has been selected by the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) as their recipient of a WSGS Outstanding Volunteer Award. She was selected for her active volunteerism and many years of service.

Ms. Cozad currently serves as SVGS and Northwest Genealogy Conference secretary and is vital to the success of the organization. Her exemplary recordkeeping skills keep all committees on track. She is also a gifted writer creating entertaining and informative pieces which are published, gaining the society great local press. She has been a librarian at SVGS since 2014 and serves on the Tombstone and Membership committees, and takes the lead on multiple conference teams.

Ms. Cozad also represents SVGS at many community events and at statewide genealogy seminars. In addition, she can be counted on to help others. Her delightful personality makes her a great asset to SVGS, and she richly deserves this recognition.

Given this 18th day of June in the year 2016, at the annual meeting of the Washington State Genealogical Society at Tacoma, Washington.

Mikal A. McKinnon
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President
Washington State Genealogical Society



Michele Cozad, SVGS Secretary and
Volunteer Extraordinaire

&

Kathy Bowman
SVGS Newsletter Editor

Washington State Genealogical Society
recognizes

Kathryn Bowman
of Everett, Washington

for the exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation
of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society



Kathryn Bowman has been selected by the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) as their recipient of a WSGS Outstanding Volunteer Award. She was selected for her active participation in the Northwest Genealogy Conference.

Ms. Bowman is the Assistant Conference Chair for 2016 and is responsible for the continued success of the conference. She coordinates all activity with the team members and leads the Marketing and Material Design teams. In addition Kathy is the SVGS newsletter editor and a valued member of The Tombstone Committee.

It is because of Ms. Bowman's dedication and leadership skills that the Northwest Genealogy Conference enjoys continued success. There is no doubt, she richly deserves this recognition.

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Congratulations
Michele and Kathy!

July 12th

— Summer Bar-B-Que —

Bring a side dish and join the fun

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers are on the house

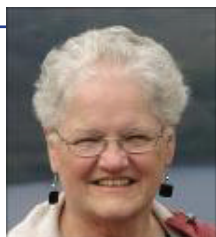
*Ruth says: "Come see the new library if you
haven't had a chance to yet"*

Everybody Welcome — We'd love to see you there!





In the May-June issue of the Stillaguamish Star, we took a look at the 2016 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!

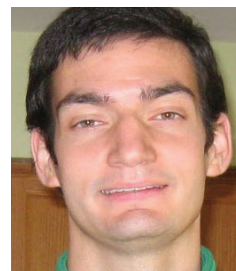


Janet O'Connor Camarata

Janet Camarata has researched her own family history for over 25 years. She uses her research experience and her family's stories to illustrate the benefits of genealogy research, placing family in the context of history, analyzing historical records, research planning, taking advantage of the latest technology and staying mobile with the latest computing tools. Her genealogy seminars and classes are designed for beginner to experienced genealogists who want to learn more about accessing, transcribing and analyzing genealogy records, using genealogy resource and analysis techniques and computer technology and tools, including genealogy programs, office software, external storage and applications on multiple mobile devices.

Daniel Earl

Daniel Earl got his start in family history at age 10 when his father took him to the grave of his great-grandfather that sparked a lifetime of interest in family history. Daniel has spent the last 25 years researching his own family history and helping others make history a part of their story. In addition to being a professional genealogist and genealogical lecturer, Daniel is married and the father to six wonderful kids. He lives just outside of Lansing, Michigan.



Jay Fonkert

J. H. ("Jay") Fonkert, CGSM, is a Minnesota-based genealogy researcher, writer and educator focusing on Midwest and Dutch genealogy. His favorite research topics are the Fawknors of early Kentucky and Indiana, and the Tidballs of Southwest England. He also has done extensive research on Midwest Dutch immigrants and has tried his hand at Swedish, Norwegian, and German research. He has especially enjoyed researching the lives of end-of-line characters with no descendants — after all, they were someone's siblings, aunts, or uncles. Jay admits that, when not enjoying photography or his four granddaughters, he still spends most of his time exploring family history.

Michelle Goodrum

Michelle Roos Goodrum is a researcher, speaker, educator and writer with a passion for research in land records, DNA, organization and photography. Michelle became involved in family history in the early 1990s when she realized her ancestors saved everything from important family documents to the smallest trinkets. She is now the caretaker of over 130 years of her family's history. Recognizing the importance of the relatively new field of genetic genealogy, Michelle attended the Advanced DNA Analysis course at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy in January 2015. A native of Western Washington, Michelle currently lives in Mesa, Arizona. She returns to her roots on Whidbey Island every chance she gets.



Jim Johnson

Jim 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.



Dayna Jacobs

Dayna Jacobs' research has taken her to libraries, archives, and cemeteries far beyond the western states — into North Carolina, Washington, D.C., Vermont, Wales, England, Scotland, and even Samoa. She has been researching, teaching, and writing since 1988 and has been on staff at the Monterey Family History Center since 1998, where she has served as staff trainer and Assistant Director. Her blog, *On Granny's Trail*, provides genealogists with helpful research tips and links to web and library resources, and she has some fun with her *Fairy Tale Genealogy* blog. As the “Fairy Tale Genealogist” Dayna takes a light-hearted look at some of her favorite fictional characters, uncovering their “real” stories in census, probate, court, and pension records while educating genealogists on methodology and record groups.



Janice Lovelace

Janice Lovelace, Ph.D. is a professional genealogist who primarily lectures in the Western and South-western 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. A member of the Seattle Genealogical Society for a number of years, she joined the SGS Board as Vice-President in 2014. 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.



Donna Potter Phillips

Born the year of the Black Penny, my interest was early-on piqued with family history. Took my first beginners' class in 1974; first trip to Salt Lake in 1975; twice president of the Eastern Washington Genealogical Society; presented at NGS in Portland, OR; taught classes all over the Inland Northwest and was “Mother Hen” to the Salt Lake Christmas Tour for 30 years. Is genealogy my life? Yes!



Mary Kircher Roddy

Mary Roddy, a Certified Public Accountant, has a certificate from the Genealogy and Family History program at the University of Washington. An active member of the Seattle Genealogical Society, she speaks frequently around Seattle. On a recent sabbatical she joined up with Botany Bay Family History Society in Australia to speak to their members. She is a regular contributor to *YourGenealogy-Today* and *Internet Genealogy* magazines, and a frequent webinar presenter with *LegacyFamilyTree* Webinars.



Jane Rollins

Jane Neff Rollins is professional genealogist who specializes in Jewish genealogy, translating Russian language documents, and breaking down brick walls. Jane began researching her family history in 1990, when genealogy research required going to the Family History Library in person, and hand scrolling microfilm. Jane has translated 19th century Russian documents into English for clients and online databases. David Laskin called her presentation on *Sensitive Subjects: What to Reveal, What to Conceal* “spellbinding.”



Michael Strauss

Michael L. Strauss is a professional 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 on estate matters, and is an approved genealogist with the U.S. Army (to locate DNA qualified MIA persons). Strauss is a long-time Civil War re-enactor. He was also the film historian for the 2015 Academy Award nominated movie “Finding Vivian Maier.”





UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm SVGS Library 6111 188th Pl NE, Arlington, WA	Summer Fun Barbecue and Potluck Join us for a summer potluck of hot dogs, hamburgers served up by the fellows at SVGS. It should be a great time at our new location. Be sure to bring your favorite side dish or dessert — or just bring yourself — we'd like to see you there!
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.
Wednesday, Aug 17th 1:00 am to 4:00 pm Byrnes Performing Arts Center 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223	Free Day at the NwGC Conference, with Speaker Beth Foulk Registration, Free Classes, and a Free Taco Bar for Full Conference Attendees, at Skookum Brewery (17925A 59th Ave NE, Arlington at 5:00–7:00p.m.) Get the Northwest Genealogy Conference off to a great start! Don't miss it!
Thursday, Aug 18th 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Byrnes Performing Arts Center 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223	First Full Day at the Conference, with Speaker Claudia Breland Writing up Your Research, Self-Publishing, Using Historic Newspapers, to name a few, are some of the great tools you'll learn with Claudia Breland. Plus eight Speakers with classes throughout the day. Then don't miss the "Night on the Town" for fun and prizes in beautiful downtown Arlington.
Friday, Aug 19th 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Byrnes Performing Arts Center 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223	Second Full Day at the Conference, with Speaker Lisa Louise Cooke Using Google Earth to explore where your ancestors went before you. Plus tools for solving family mysteries. This should be fascinating! Then don't miss the Banquet to be held at the Gleneagle Country Club. It'll be an elegant setting, yet casual dress is appropriate — how good can it get! With Blaine Bettinger speaking during dinner.
Saturday, Aug 20th 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Byrnes Performing Arts Center 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd. Arlington, WA 98223	Third Full Day at the Conference, with Speaker Blaine Bettinger We'll hit the DNA today! Everything DNA. Blaine knows it well, and will talk DNA at all the keynote sessions. Plus other breakout classes by the other speakers, on lots of topics. We hope you all had a wonderful time, and leave fully prepared to pursue your own tree with even greater vigilance and enthusiasm!
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 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 — Winona Laird! Join us for our monthly meeting and presentation about the 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.

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