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We are excited to announce that our Northwest Genealogy Conference will take place over a 3 day period on August 13, 14 and 15 at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center in Arlington, WA. Each day the conference will feature a different speaker from our all-star line-up.

Angela Packer McGhie will kick-off our conference by addressing attendees on Thursday, August 13. She is a genealogical researcher, lecturer and community college genealogy instructor. She specializes in Civil War, military, federal records, land records, and lineage societies and we are certain that she captivate us with her knowledge and experience.

CeCe Moore will be featured on Friday, August 14. CeCe is an professional genetic genealogist and writes an award winning blog "Your Genetic Genealogist". She is presently the genetic genealogy consultant on two television shows, "Finding Your roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and "Genealogy Roadshow". She serves as the lead ancestry advisor to 23 and Me and is the Co-Director of the Global Adoptee Genealogy Project. If you are interested in using DNA in your genealogy research, you won't want to miss her presentations.

Judy Russell will delight conference attendees on Saturday, August 15. (Continued on page 9).



A Message from Ruth Caesar, SVGS President 2014 What a year...

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society has had such an incredible year I hardly know where to begin....

- January-The 2014 Washington State Genealogy Conference was put solely into the hands of Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society and preparations became focused.
- February- Larry Taylor agreed to take on the position of treasurer for both the society and the conference after our prior treasurer took ill. A great sigh of relief was heard knowing that an experienced CPA would be in charge.
- March- Michele Cozad volunteered to fill the void left by Michele Heiderer when she resigned as secretary. March 22nd changed the lives of many members of our society, including our new treasurer Larry Taylor who lost his home in the slide. Dick and Shirley Prouty gave him a place to stay until he was able to secure a new residence. My home thankfully was spared. However the service road which crossed my property became the only means for traffic to travel a stretch of Hwy 530 throwing my property and life into turmoil for months. After that came the road work all the way through September...wow!
- April-Our society received a \$5,000 grant from the Tulalip Tribes. The Big Screen TV we now use at our library for webinars will be an ongoing reminder of the Tribes amazing generosity.
- May's Annual meeting saw Michele Cozad and Larry Taylor voted in unanimously to the positions of secretary and treasurer respectively. SVGS gained Shirley Case in the position of Vice President.
- June found us really hopping with preparations for the conference in August.
- In July the society had a wonderful potluck BBQ at our library with Eric Stroschein's fantastic ribs taking center stage. A great time was had by one and all.
- In August our society hosted the 2014 Washington State Genealogy Conference with D. Joshua Taylor as our keynote speaker. Our conference was the most successful on record for the state setting the bar high. The Northwest Genealogy Conference (NwGC) planning committee met and got the ball rolling for 2015.
- In September our society began using the Ancestry Library edition; giving members visiting our library access to the phenomenal Ancestry records database.
- October some of us took a time out...and some of us didn't...Snohomish County and City of Arlington grants were written and submitted for the NwGC.
- November is a time for thanksgiving and I am grateful that our membership continues to grow and our treasury has increased.
- December brings the year to a close and it has been one of hard work and dedication.
- 2015 should be incredible for us all... the powers that be have informed me that SVGS can expect larger tourism grants for the NwGC in 2015.

Happiest of New Year's! Thank you all.

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Northwest Genealogy Conference Planning Committee - Behind the Scenes

Our Northwest Genealogy Conference planning committee started planning this year's conference as soon

as last year's conference ended. While the 2014 conference experiences were fresh in our minds, we compiled a list of things that went well and things that needed improvement ensuring we captured all this information for future use. We also surveyed conference attendees who were kind enough to give us valid feedback for us to improve future conferences.

The committee consists of Ruth Caesar, Eric Stroschein, Flynn Clarke-Kennedy, Val Sanford, Steve Baylor, Karen Stroschein, Fred Ora, Lyn Ferrucci, Larry Taylor, Brent Beard, Dick Prouty, Shirley Prouty, Erica Madsen, Shirley Case, Michele Cozad, Kay Crabtree, Leilani Lucrisia, and Trisha Broughton. You are welcome to join the committee. All you have to do is show up at the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Library on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00. Our society library is located at 215 South French Avenue, Arlington, WA 98223.

As you already know, we are fortunate to have three outstanding headline speakers lined up to address conference attendees. We have had an amazing response to our December 31, 2014 deadline for call for papers. (This is asking for interested speakers to submit information and genealogy subjects they would like to present at our conference). The quality and quantity of speakers has us jumping for joy. We will be selecting speakers we want to use at the conference from all the applicants very soon.

We will be increasing our marketing campaign for the conference this year in an effort to advertise and entice people to sign up for the conference. Eric and Karen Stroschein are representing SVGS at the Association of Professional Genealogists, Professional Management Conference on January 8 & 9 in Salt Lake City, Utah and will be publicizing our conference and meeting with many conference speakers. They plan to take pictures and videos of those who will be making presentations at our conference in August.



Our society will be hosting a booth at the RootsTech conference in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 11 – 14. They are expecting 13,000 people to attend and we hope that we will be able to draw a large population to Arlington for our Northwest Genealogy Conference. Eric and Karen Stroschein will be representing our conference at RootsTech manning the booth and working with potential vendors and sponsors. Our president Ruth Caesar and marketing consultant Val Sanford will work the booth to give Eric and Karen a break. We have had generous offers from past and future conference speakers to work the booth also.



Northwest Genealogy Conference Volunteers Wanted



The Northwest Genealogy Conference (NwGC) planning committee meets every third Tuesday at 10 AM at the Stilly library. If you would like to get involved, we have several ways you can help with the planning. The following are some of the areas we need help with:

- Complaints and Compliments Desk
- Door Prizes
- Facilities
- Food Committee
- Help Desk
- Kickoff event
- Marketing and Publicity
- Mailings
- NwGC Website
- Parking
- Program and syllabus
- Registration
- Set up
- Social media
- Speakers
- Sponsors and Vendors
- Tear down
- Vendors
- Volunteers

Each of these committees has a current lead and can use support. Whether you choose to attend the NwGC committee meetings or help via phone or email we need you. Maybe you can only help occasionally or only at the conference or the kickoff event...whatever works for you works for us.

The 2014 conference broke records...with your support, the 2015 conference will smash them.

Please contact Karen Stroschein at info.nwgc@gmail.com with any questions you might have or simply to say you want to help.





Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah

Genealogy Conferences

If your New Year's resolution is to become more knowledgeable in the genealogy field, you might want to start the year off with a bang and sign up for the RootsTech and/or the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 11 -14. According to the FGS website, "This year RootsTech and FGS are teaming up and sharing the expo hall, general sessions and activities, but are conducting their own sessions. FGS sessions will focus on records, ethnic research, methodology, and migration for improving your research skills. RootsTech will focus on technology-based solutions." Class offerings are too numerous to list here. Go to <https://www.fgsconference.org/> and <https://rootstech.org> for more information. Early registration with discounts ends on January 23rd, so don't delay.

If you've never heard of RootsTech before, you can view the conference hall and hear more about it on YouTube. There are 14 short videos for you to look at which will give you an idea about what to expect. View the YouTube videos at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4CjYxGFUQM&list=PLGng78LVGBHGHLMETrbjE5cR5MUzwfY1&index=1>.



Genealogy Conference Cruise to Alaska

August 28, 2015 Departure

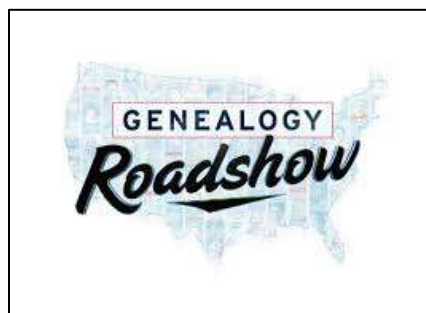
If heading to a conference in Utah in February doesn't appeal to you, consider joining the Federation of Genealogical Societies on their 7-day cruise to Alaska. You'll be sailing on Royal Caribbean's cruise ship, Jewel of the Seas departing on August 28th. The

ship departs in Seattle which is a huge plus for those of us living in the Pacific Northwest. While on the cruise, you will be networking with others interested in genealogy research. You'll be attending 22 sessions presented by phenomenal speakers and participating in social events dedicated to those signing up for the conference. There will be a game night, special excursions and much more. Sounds like so much fun! Click on the following link for more information: <https://www.fgsconference.org/cruise/reservations/>. Reservation for the conference opens April 1st and cruise reservations open on April 28th.



Learning About Genealogy in The Comfort of Your Own Home

You don't have to go to Utah or go on a cruise to learn about genealogy. Some of us prefer to attend local seminars, watch TV or use our computers to obtain genealogy information. Here are some suggestions for those of you who want to stay home: Our favorite television shows are returning for another season!



Genealogy Roadshow

You won't want to miss the second season of the "Genealogy Roadshow" that returns to KCTS, channel 9 on Tuesday, January 13th. The show features six episodes. Non-celebrity people lined up in New Orleans, St Louis, and Philadelphia for a chance for the show's genealogists, Joshua Taylor, Kenyatta Berry and Mary Tedesco to research their family

genealogy. A few every day people are lucky to be selected and viewers along with those selected are wow'd by their discoveries.



Who Do You Think You Are?

TLC has announced that the fifth season of *Who Do You Think You Are* will premiere on February 24th. The series will show 8 hour long episodes featuring celebrities Julie Chen, Angie Harmon, Sean Hayes, Bill Paxton and four others that have not been announced yet. For those of you unfamiliar with the show, celebrities explore their family genealogy with

the help of the show producers. For information on past seasons, go to: <http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are>.

Webinars

Nothing is better than attending an online class in the privacy of your own home. There are many quality sites you can visit. Two of our favorites are www.FamilyTreeWebinar.com and the learning center at www.Ancestry.com.





Website Gems



SVGS member, Erica Madsen suggests you check out the website “The Ancestor Hunt”. Erica says that The Ancestor Hunt (<http://www.theancestorhunt.com/>) is a website run by Kenneth R Marks who writes tips for researching newspaper archives to find ancestors. He gives ideas for search terms beyond surnames names such as an occupation or address. Marks also lists many free newspaper archives on his site and even has resources categorized by state. The top navigation of his site contains a link to tutorials. His ten minute tutorials demonstrate the most effective ways to gather information from specific sites and will point out any quirks to be aware of to get better results.

If you're on Facebook, Marks also runs a Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogyandnewspapers/>) dedicated to newspaper research where members are encouraged to ask questions about using newspapers for genealogy research and share their newspaper related success stories.

On Google+ Marks moderates a community. (<https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/118169284848958273868>)

WASHINGTON GENEALOGY

An extensive directory of Washington genealogy records

Washington Genealogy Records

- Home
- Statewide Records
- Birth Records
- Cemetery Records
- Census Records
- Church Records
- City Directories
- Death Records
- Genealogies
- Historical Records
- Land Records
- Marriage Records
- Military Records
- Newspapers
- Obituaries
- Probate Records
- School Records
- Vital Records
- Washington Surnames in the 1940 Census

Washington Genealogy

Washington-Genealogy.com lists 5,712 worthwhile record sources for doing genealogy in Washington. All records are organized by county, town, and record type to quickly pinpoint information you need.

[Statewide Records](#)
[Individual Towns/Cities List](#)

Adams County	
Ankeny	Cunningham
Batum	Haltom
Asotin County	
Anatone	Clarkston
Asotin	Cloverland
Benton County	
Benton	Kennewick
Chelan County	
Cashmere	Entiat
Chelan	Leavenworth

SVGS member, Michele Heiderer suggests you check out this website: <http://www.washington-genealogy.com> which is full of interesting and useful information you can use in your genealogy research. If you scroll all the way to the bottom after going to this website, you will find a similar page for every state that you can easily access with a click of your mouse.

Washington Counties

Listed by Cities

Adams County
Asotin County
Benton County

[Alabama Genealogy](#) | [Alaska Genealogy](#) | [Arizona Genealogy](#) | [Arkansas Genealogy](#) | [California Genealogy](#) | [Colorado Genealogy](#) | [Connecticut Genealogy](#) | [Delaware Genealogy](#) | [Florida Genealogy](#) | [Georgia Genealogy](#) | [Hawaii Genealogy](#) | [Idaho Genealogy](#) | [Illinois Genealogy](#) | [Indiana Genealogy](#) | [Iowa Genealogy](#) | [Kansas Genealogy](#) | [Kentucky Genealogy](#) | [Louisiana Genealogy](#) | [Maine Genealogy](#) | [Maryland Genealogy](#) | [Massachusetts Genealogy](#) | [Michigan Genealogy](#) | [Minnesota Genealogy](#) | [Mississippi Genealogy](#) | [Missouri Genealogy](#) | [Montana Genealogy](#) | [Nebraska Genealogy](#) | [Nevada Genealogy](#) | [New Hampshire Genealogy](#) | [New Jersey Genealogy](#) | [New Mexico Genealogy](#) | [New York Genealogy](#) | [North Carolina Genealogy](#) | [South Carolina Genealogy](#) | [North Dakota Genealogy](#) | [South Dakota Genealogy](#) | [Ohio Genealogy](#) | [Oklahoma Genealogy](#) | [Oregon Genealogy](#) | [Pennsylvania Genealogy](#) | [Rhode Island Genealogy](#) | [Tennessee Genealogy](#) | [Texas Genealogy](#) | [Utah Genealogy](#) | [Vermont Genealogy](#) | [Virginia Genealogy](#) | [Washington Genealogy](#) | [Washington D.C. Genealogy](#) | [West Virginia Genealogy](#) | [Wisconsin Genealogy](#) | [Wyoming Genealogy](#)



Writing Contests

SVGS webmaster Flynn Clarke-Kennedy has generously compiled a list of genealogy writing contests that you may be interested in entering and made them available for your review on our society website. Requirements and prizes for winning the contests vary. You may win cash or non-cash prizes. A non-cash prize can include a scholarship to a Conference, a scholarship for a Home Study Course, or publication in a genealogical journal, magazine or book.

Each contest has different rules and requirements. Some societies require electronic submissions, some don't. A few contests require a small entry fee, but most of them have no entry fee. Some contests close on December 31 of each year, while the deadlines for other contests are in January, June or September.

To access this information, go to www.stillygen.org and scroll to the bottom of the left hand column and click on "Writing Contest." This will lead you to the "*Hints on How to Make Your Contest Entry Shine*" page and two subcategories, "National" and "Regional" will appear in the left hand column under "Writing Contests." We suggest that you take a moment to review the lengthy lists of national and regional contests.

The most important thing to do before entering a contest is to read the instructions and requirements. If the instructions aren't followed, the judges will reject a submission without reading it. Do you have questions about the instructions? Just send e-mail to the contact person listed on the web page or to the webmaster of the website.

Our volunteer librarians can direct you to resources that will help you with your contest entry. Our volunteers are available on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, or by appointment. Call us at (360) 435-4838 or stop by 215 S. French Ave. Arlington, for help in mining our treasure trove of books, articles, microfilm, maps, and more for those nuggets of family history that will make your entry stand out.

Have we missed a contest? Please send e-mail to webmaster@stillygen.org and we'll include it.

Stillygen.org Website Enhancements

We invite you to check out some of the changes made to our society's website, www.stillygen.org:

- The Home page is loaded with information. When you scroll down about 2/3rds of the way on the page, you can access our Facebook page by clicking on the Facebook button.
- Check out our new Facts page on the website. Locate this page by going to our website and then scroll down the left column until you see "Facts." Click on it and you see information mainly for people visiting our website from out of state. What other facts would a visitor like to know about our city, county or state? Please send your suggestions to webmaster@stillygen.org and we'll include them.

Call for Additions to our Links Web Page

We're going to update our LINKS web page on our website and we want to have your ideas. Have a favorite website for genealogical research methods, vital records, newspapers, or genealogy resources, etc.? Please send your suggestions to webmaster@stillygen.org and we'll add them to our updated LINKS page.



Amazon Smile Program For Charitable Organizations

Larry Taylor, our society treasurer, has discovered a hidden jewel. Amazon.com has a special program, “Amazon Smile” to help charitable organizations and he has arranged for our society to be included.

If you plan to purchase anything from Amazon, we encourage you to do so by clicking on the following link:
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-3046071>.

If you go through the link when you make purchases on Amazon, our Society will receive .5% of the purchase price. This is such an easy way for you to make a painless donation to our genealogy society and we appreciate your support.

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Judy Russell is an award winning genealogy lecturer, educator and writer. Her blog, “The Legal Genealogist” is unique, entertaining and informative. She has a law degree and among other job positions has worked as a defense attorney, federal prosecutor, law editor and as faculty member at Rutgers Law School for 20 years. Judy will undoubtedly fascinate us as she presents legal information that anyone conducting genealogy research needs to know and makes it fun.

We will be finalizing all conference information soon and will send you registration and conference class listings when available. We look forward to having a fun and informative conference. Our goal is to fill the Byrnes Performing Arts Center to capacity. See you there!





EVENTS CALENDAR



Steve Baylor

January 13, 2015

Tuesday, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Presentation and Meeting
Location:

Arlington Free Methodist Church
730 East Highland Drive
Arlington, WA

January Presentation and General Meeting

Presentation by: Steve Baylor, Library Director

Subject: Find A Grave Explained...

Burial information is a wonderful resource for people researching their families. This presentation will look at how to explore the Find a Grave website. Our Library Director Steve Baylor will explain how to maximize your search to maximize your results. You will learn how to create a Find A Grave account, add memorials and photos of your own. Find A Grave is an index with an expansive family history database of records and images from the world's cemeteries. The index covers the years 1500-2013 including access to photographs, portraits, biographies, and stories.

Presentation is free of charge and is open to Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society members and to the general public.



William Dollarhide

February 10, 2015

Tuesday, 1:00pm – 3:00 pm

Presentation and Meeting
Location:

Arlington Free Methodist Church
730 East Highland Drive
Arlington, WA

February Presentation and General Meeting

Presentation by: William Dollarhide, Author & Genealogical Lecturer

Subject: Dollarhide's Five Rules - For Genealogical Success!

Follow these basic rules for genealogical success:

- Rule 1: Treat the brothers and sisters of your ancestors as equals.
- Rule 2: Never accept just one document or just one source to prove something.
- Rule 3: Never trust a published family history or genealogical compilation.
- Rule 4: Never trust secondary sources.
- Rule 5: Prepare your genealogy so others can read it. After discussing these rules in more detail, one's opinion on what is important may change.

The intent of this lecture is to encourage genealogists to organize their notes and documents so they can publish their work. Book Sales. Included with all lecture programs are book sales – featuring over 20 genealogical reference books written by William Dollarhide.

Presentation is free of charge and is open to Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society members and to the general public.



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March 10, 2015

Tuesday, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Presentation and Meeting

Location:

Arlington Free Methodist Church
730 East Highland Drive
Arlington, WA

March 2015 Presentation and General Meeting

Presentation by: Carol Buswell, Education Specialist

Subject: Finding and Researching Original Records at the National Archives

Even though more are being added daily, billions of important Federal Government documents are not yet available online. Some of these paper documents could be very important for your particular family or community history project. Come learn how and where to search for them. You will also leave with a better understanding of archival research in general. Hold copies of primary sources and working finding aids in your hands!

Presentation is free of charge and is open to Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society members and to the general public.

April 14, 2015

Tuesday, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Presentation and Meeting

Location:

Arlington Free Methodist Church
730 East Highland Drive
Arlington, WA

April 2015 Presentation and General Meeting

Presentation by: Kim Otis, Assistant Law Librarian for Reference Services Public Law Library of King County in Seattle

Subject: Free and Low-Cost Case Law Research

Learn about options for doing case law research from freely-accessible websites and by visiting one of the two Public Law Library of King County locations. The class will include demonstrations of Westlaw, LexisNexis and Casemaker.

Presentation is free of charge and is open to Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society members and to the general public.

- May 2015 Annual Meeting – Elections and Potluck
- June 2015 **Lou Daly**, - Family Search Family Tree is the actual database of family trees that people have entered in a Wiki format.
- July 2015 – BBQ
- August 2015 – Northwest Genealogy Conference at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center
- September 2015 – November 2015 to be determined
- December 2015 – Holiday Social