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2014 Washington State Genealogy Conference

Byrnes Performing Arts Center & Arlington High School

15 August 2014 - 16 August 2014

Keynote Speaker: Joshua Taylor



Joshua Taylor, co-host *Genealogy Roadshow*

We are pleased to announce that our keynote speaker will be Joshua Taylor who is a nationally recognized genealogy researcher, author, and lecturer. He is well known for being the Lead Genealogist for findmypast.com and for his work on the television shows *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *Genealogy Roadshow*.

David Rencher was previously scheduled as our keynote speaker. A scheduling conflict required a change and we are excited that those attending our conference will now have the rare opportunity to meet Joshua Taylor.

Our conference will be absolutely incredible. Our keynote speaker will be addressing you in our beautiful & comfortable performing arts theatre that has a capacity of over 600 people. This theatre is connected to the Arlington High School so attendees will be able to easily walk between the theatre and classrooms to hear our other talented and informative conference speakers: Steven Morrison, Donna Potter Phillips, Susan Faulkner, Patty MacNamee, Teresa Schulze, Luana Darby, Mary Katherine Kozy, Margie Beldin, Janet Camarata, Jill Morelli, and Eric Stroshein. We have 24 presentations scheduled on a myriad of subjects. Sign-up information will be sent to you soon. Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss this great event. Take a look at our new conference flyer on pages 6 and 7.

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Missionaries Lend A Hand

Meet Sister Victoria Loose and Sister Jaclyn Arave. They are recent additions to our SVGS library and are busy helping us with various projects.

Sister Loose is originally from Calgary, Canada. When she was a teenager her family moved to Texas. She is taking a break from her studies in anthropology at Brigham Young University right now and will return after her missionary service ends. She has two brothers and 3 sisters and enjoys playing lacrosse and rugby. Sister Loose began her missionary service in May 2013 and has served in various locations within her assigned missionary area.



Sister Loose and Sister Arave

Sister Arave is from Utah. She received a volleyball scholarship to Snow College in Manti, Utah where she obtained her Associate of Science degree. She is from a family dedicated to missionary service. She has two brothers who served as missionaries. One served in the Philippines and another in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her sister served in Raleigh, NC. Sister Arave has been a missionary in Arlington since she started her service in August 2013.

In order for them to become a missionary they had to agree to serve for 18 months, be unmarried, at least 19 years old and have no children. Both have been appointed to the area that extends from Everett to the Canadian border. During this 18 month period they will have the option to rotate to a different location within this area every six weeks.

Although our society is in no way, shape or form a religious organization, we became one of the few Family Search Affiliate libraries in Washington State and we are now on the LDS church's radar. This has opened us up to missionary assistance because our society shares a common goal with the LDS church which is researching family genealogy. When you see the missionaries, take a moment to welcome them aboard.



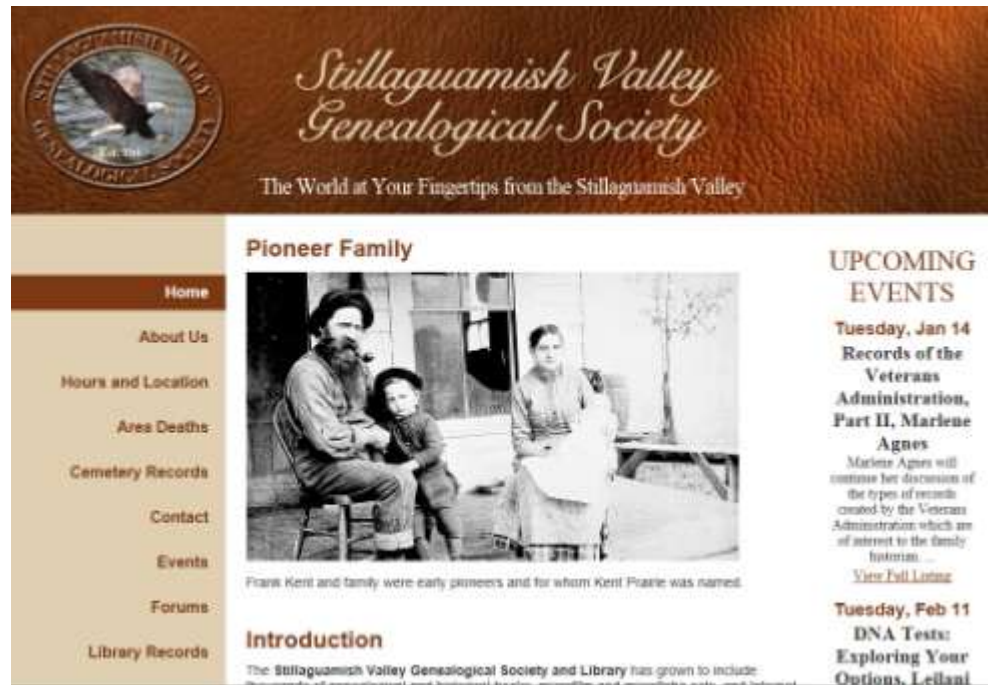
SVGS Librarian Orientation Forums in January

If you are a current volunteer librarian or if you think you would like to serve as an assistant librarian or substitute, you are encouraged to attend one of the Librarian Orientation Forums after the holidays. We will discuss duties and responsibilities of both librarians and assistant librarians. We'll also have a look at the *I know it* checklist, possible projects for librarians, the volunteer schedule for 2014, and the formation of a library board. There will also be opportunities to offer suggestions to make our library a better place or just voice any concerns.

There will be three forums held at the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society library. The first session will be **Sat., Jan. 4** at 10 AM. The second is planned for **Tues., Jan. 7** at 1 PM. The last session will be held **Fri., Jan 10** at 1 PM. You are encouraged to attend one of these three sessions. Please let Steve Baylor know which one you will be attending so he can plan accordingly. Call the SVGS library at (360) 435-4838 and leave a message for Steve.



SVGS Website Facelift - *Out With the Old and In With the New...Keeping Up With Technology*



We are pleased to announce that our website has been upgraded. In the picture above on the left, you'll see our old website that you're probably familiar with. Now when you go on line at the same website address, www.stillygen.org, you'll see our revised website (pictured above on the right) which has increased capabilities and is interactive. Getting this website up and running was a huge undertaking and this project would not have been completed without Ruth Caesar, our society president, pushing us forward. Flynn Clarke has also dedicated many hours to getting our website established and has been appointed our webmaster. SVGS will be able to add and update website information when necessary under her supervision.

The home page of the website will include an introduction of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society and our library. Historical pictures will change periodically and our upcoming events will be clearly posted for your information at any time.

In the left column of the website, you can click on any of the headings to find information such as our library hours and location as well as contact and event information. You'll also be able to view our current and past newsletters on-line. Michele Cozad is currently listing the names of those who have passed away in the Death Index section. This will enable you and the public to research or request obituary information. So far she has listed over 1000 names, dates, etc. There are thousands more to enter and we appreciate all the time and effort Michele has dedicated to this project.



Library records will be searchable on-line. Sue Walde has been the mastermind behind creating our library database of all books, documents, maps, and more. She, along with Michele Heiderer and other SVGS members have organized the library to coincide with database information and locations. Those interested in purchasing books available to the public will be able to do so on our website and pay for the items using PayPal.

Membership management will be much easier for the membership committee. New members can join on-line, and (continued on page 4)



current members can renew on-line by paying membership dues using PayPal. Current members can even update their own information. You will be able to change your address, phone number, and e-mail on-line. You'll have to sign-in with a user ID and password when you use the website to make these changes. Leilani Lucrisia, will be sending you information on how to create a user ID and password in early January. *Also, look forward to the presentation by Ruth Caesar and members of the website team at our monthly meeting in April 2014 where they will show you how great our website is and how to use it.*



Our Newsletter – A New Look

You probably noticed that our newsletter header looks a little different. We've changed our header logo from the tree to our new Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society logo with an eagle. This makes our newsletter consistent with our enhanced website.

Snohomish County Community Heritage Program Grant

SVGS applied for a grant from the Snohomish County Community Heritage Program. We have an opportunity to secure grant money if we can show that we have successfully spent funds in support of our mission to preserve, educate and promote genealogy.

On December 17, 2013, Ruth Caesar and Sue Walde made a presentation to Heritage Program commissioners. The Heritage Program grant will help us recoup funds we have spent to upgrade our website and to increase its capabilities to today's technical standards. In an effort to service as many people as possible, our website is in compliance with the American's With Disabilities Act which enables those who are visually impaired to have access to the contents on our site.



SVGS added to our library inventory by purchasing a micro recorder to enable us to interview people and preserve these memories for generations to come. We also purchased a portable scanner, photo and video editing software, Microsoft Office software, a backup drive as well as binders and label tape.

The Snohomish County Community Heritage Program was established to promote historical preservation in Snohomish County. A portion of licensing fees such as marriage license fees, fund this program. These funds would help us with our immediate needs and will make a lasting impact by helping SVGS continue our services to the public.



- Ruth Caesar is committee chair. She'll keep busy overseeing everything.
- Eric Strochein is program chair. He is in charge of contracts, syllabi, speakers, hotel reservations, transportation, master of ceremonies, and is a conference speaker. He also created our new conference flyer. He will also help out in other areas where needed.
- Steve Baylor is facilities chair. He is in charge of decorations, audio visual, schedules, tables and chairs, vendor tables, set-up and tear down, parking and shuttle service.
- Michele Heiderer is food chair. She will interview and choose providers and set the menus.
- Pat Manning is finance and sales chair. She is in charge of handling grant money, registration, PayPal, vendor fees, advertising, vendors and door prizes.
- Shirley Case is publicity chair. She is in charge of television and radio announcements, internet communications including Facebook and Twitter, as well as signage, posters and banners.



Our new, updated 2014 Washington State Genealogy Conference Flyer



Washington State Genealogy Conference

2014

August 15th and 16th

At the Byrnes Performing Art Center
18821 Crown Ridge Blvd
Arlington Washington



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<http://www.wsgs2014conference.com>





Updated 2014 Washington State Genealogy Conference Flyer, Page 2

Program Change Announcement: Due to an unforeseen conflict David Rencher will not be able to speak at the 2014 Washington State Genealogy Conference. The silver lining to this change of events is that Joshua Taylor of hit shows *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *The Genealogy Roadshow* will be our headline speaker.



D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS is the President of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Data Strategy Manager - United States and Canada for DC Thomson Family History, and a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. A frequent speaker at genealogical societies, libraries, and other organizations, his previous speaking engagements include the Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conferences, the National Genealogical Society Annual Conference, the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and RootsTech. He has authored articles in *American Ancestors*, *UGA Crossroads*, *FGS Forum*, *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, and *New England Ancestors*, and was a columnist for *Digital Genealogist*. Joshua is the former Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Joshua is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including RootsTech's Distinguished Presenter Award, the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit, and the Rubincam Youth Award from the National Genealogical Society. He holds an MLS (Archival Management) and an MA (History) from Simmons College and has been featured genealogist on the hit PBS show, *Genealogy Roadshow* and NBC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* with Sarah Jessica Parker, Ashley Judd, Reba McEntire, and Rob Lowe.

As if Josh Taylor wasn't enough...check out our fantastic lineup of speakers and presentations.

Luana Darby of Salt Lake City will be speaking on fraternal society records and German Immigrant records.

Mary Kathryn Kozy will have two presentations on DNA covering MtDNA, YDNA, and Autosomal.

Margie Beldin will pass along her knowledge of technology and genealogy with two topics.

Janet Camarata will do her fantastic program on using timelines to advance your research.

Jill Morelli's class on self-publishing is a must see and you won't want to miss it.

Eric Stroschein with his four session workshop that shows researchers how use the Genealogical Proof Standard following a family's relationships from basic to advanced.

Steven Morrison with two classes. One on genealogical writing and the other on using manuscripts.

Donna Potter Phillips will get people primed with her two lectures on the fundamentals of genealogy.

Susan Faulkner is slated for two programs about getting more from census records and vital records.

Patty MacNamee of NARA will present ethnic records at the National Archives.

Teresa Schulze's fun presentation on digital scrapbooking is a favorite of many.

WOW! ... What an incredible conference. 2 Days, 24 Classes

To stay informed go to <http://stillygen.org>

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EVENTS CALENDAR

January 14, 2014, Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00	<i>General meeting and presentation</i> Records of the Veterans Administration, Part II, Marlene Agnes Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Marlene will continue her discussion of the types of records created by the Veterans Administration which are of interest to the family historian. Marlene retired from the Seattle office of the VA after many years of service. She and her husband provided the driving force for the creation of the Tahoma National Cemetery in Covington.
February 11, 2014, Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00	<i>General meeting and presentation:</i> DNA Tests: Exploring Your Options, Leilani Lucrisia Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Leilani will give you an overview of DNA tests available and show you examples of the results of these different DNA tests. You'll also learn how these DNA tests can help you research your family genealogy.
March 11, 2014, Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00	<i>General meeting and presentation:</i> Newly Discovered Records of the Poor, Rich Records of the Indigent and the Down-trodden, Eric Stroschein Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Eric Stroschein's presentation will discuss "Mother's Pensions", the beginning of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. This was a widely used federal program that began in 1908 and ended in 1934 when the program was taken over by the Social Security Administration. These files can be genealogically richer than any military pension. Forty-six of the then 48 states adopted forms of this program. Many of these records reside in city, county and state archives.
April 8, 2014, Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00	<i>General meeting and presentation:</i> SVGS Website, Ruth Caesar and Members of the Website Team Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Ruth and website team members will give you an overview of our new website to enable you to maneuver through it and show you how to easily search our library files and death indexes. They will also show you how to update your mailing address, phone number and e-mail information and show you how to use PayPal to pay your membership dues.
May 13, 2014, Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 Bring a salad, entrée, or dessert to share	<i>Potluck and elections:</i> Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive This month we will be having a potluck get together instead of a presentation. After we eat, we will take a moment to elect a Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, call the SVGS library at (360) 435-4838 and leave a message for Joanne Wetmore.