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NEW SVGS VOLUNTEERS



Lyn Ferrucci (*pictured left*) has been appointed by the Board to complete the term as Secretary taking the place of Interim Secretary Michele Heiderer. Lyn will begin the position starting at the September meeting.

Michele Cozad has volunteered to be librarian on the first and third Thursday afternoons. She brings a lot of enthusiasm to the position, along with her Polish and Italian roots. Michele took Steve Baylor's beginning

genealogy classes last year and has been attending meetings since then. Welcome aboard!

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE IN 2014

The Board is proposing the following changes to the Standing Rules:



Starting May 2014:

- Individual Membership will go from \$15 a year to \$20.
- Family Membership (two members) will go from \$20 a year to \$25.
- Lifetime Membership (per person) will be set at \$150.

The \$5 fee charged per mailing address for hard copies of newsletters for one year (no change of current Standing Rules). These changes will be discussed at the September meeting and will be voted upon at the October meeting, per the Bylaws requirements.

We offer a wide range of resources for our members. Our library houses 6,000 books covering the United States, Canada and most European countries. We have a large collection of research books, newspaper collections on microfilm, obituaries from local newspapers, historical plat maps and a complete collection of Snohomish County directories. Our members stay active and are offered monthly meetings and presentations on a wide range of subjects.

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2014 WSGS CONFERENCE

We are excited to announce that SVGS is working with the Washington State Genealogical and the Skagit Valley Genealogical Societies to plan and host an extraordinary WSGS conference in August 2014.

We are presently exploring options for meeting locations, meals, and tackling other issues that need to be ironed out.

We'll have many interesting speakers including David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for Family Search; and Eric Stroschein, President of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

We'll keep you up-to-date on our progress in upcoming newsletters and will let you know how you can help out after the major planning is complete.

Mark your calendars. This is an event you should not miss.

"Improved Genealogy through Better Methodology"

Washington State Genealogical Society

2014 Conference and Annual Meeting
15-16 August 2014 Skagit County, WA



Featuring Internationally Known Lecturer and Genealogist

David E Rencher, AG, CG, FIGRS, FUGA. David is employed by the Family History Department, in Salt Lake City, as the Chief Genealogical Officer for Family Search. A professional genealogist since 1977, he was accredited in Irish research in 1981. He is a coordinator and instructor at many of the national institutes such as Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and the British Institute.

As the chair of the FGS Records Access and Preservation Committee (RPAC), David is on the forefront of the battle for open access to public records for genealogist and historians.



Note: This is an example of what our conference flyer will look like. It will reflect either Skagit County or Snohomish County when we make a final decision regarding conference location.



SVGS Library Housekeeping

We are seeking a volunteer or a couple volunteers to clean the library once or twice a month. This task involves vacuuming the carpets, a quick mop of the kitchen and bath floors, wiping down the toilet and sinks, maybe a bit of dusting here and there (all supplies including vacuum are already in the library). If you are interested, please call or e-mail Michele Heiderer at 360-435-2720, kellen2000@seanet.com.



Cascade Valley Hospital & Clinic Health and Safety Fair

The Cascade Valley Hospital and Clinics are sponsoring a Health and Safety Fair on Saturday, September 14th from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Cascade Valley Hospital in the lobby and the cafeteria.

The representative has asked SVGS if we would participate at no cost for us. The usual health vendors will be paying a fee.

The hospital will be aggressively marketing this event to our community and is partnering with the North County Outlook Newspaper to create a comprehensive program. We were invited to participate due to our participation at other health fairs and the hospital views our program as a healthy activity for all ages.

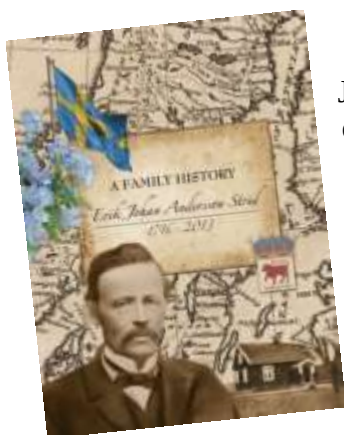
It is expected there will be over 1,000 people attending so it is a great opportunity to talk with many community members about us and our purposes with how this will help them come to know their families.

We need 4 or more volunteers, who will have a good time talking with old friends and meeting new ones, telling them about our Society. We need at least two people from 9:30 to 12:00 and 2 people from 12:00 to 2:30 for the set up and take down.

This is an easy way to help the Society and a short time so please call Ruth Caesar at 360-435-2819 or Shirley Case at 425-238-6217.



New Book



Judy Strid Taylor, whose family was from our community, has kindly donated a copy of a book she created documenting her Strid family tree. Years in the making, her labor of love is finally complete. The book, “A Family History, Erik Johan Anderson Strid, 1716 – 2013”, is an 8 ½ x 11, professionally bound, 360+ paged detailed account of her family’s genealogy.

Many of you may be familiar with the family so you might find it fun to come and take a look at the book. You’ll encounter a myriad of pictures and information including how the family obtained the Strid last name. You’ll even see Otilia Strid’s spritz cookie recipe.

This book is also a gold mine for those of you who are interested in creating your own family genealogy book. It is well organized and in a structure you might want to copy. If you’d like your own copy of this book, you are welcome to purchase one directly from Judy. Information regarding how to make a purchase is available at the library.



GENGATHERING.COM

We’ve all benefited from those who have spent many hours indexing/digitizing information so that we could find a clue while researching our family genealogy. Now there is a great place for you to sign up to help others...it’s a way to pay back those who have helped you.

Check out GenGathering.com. SVGS is signed up to help research obituaries. Maybe you can think of something to help out, too.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW



Can you believe it? There will be something new on TV soon for those of us who can’t get enough of genealogy TV shows like “Finding Your Roots” and “Who do You Think You Are.” PBS has recently announced a new series called “Genealogy Roadshow.” Unlike the other shows that feature famous people, this show will focus on everyday people.

For the show’s debut, Executive Producer Stuart Krasnow worked with local public TV stations. These stations in Nashville, San Francisco, Detroit and Austin gathered crowds who asked the producer questions about their ancestry. A small team of researchers came up with answers to some of these questions. A lucky few are called back and given answers to their questions on camera. **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** will air Mondays, on PBS, September 23-October 14, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET.



CHRONICLING AMERICA

Have you visited the Library of Congress website? When you go to <http://www.loc.gov/ndnp/> you'll find information about Chronicling America's National Digital Newspaper Program which might help you in your genealogy search. The site includes more than 6.6 million searchable newspaper pages from over 1100 newspaper titles, published between 1836 and 1922.

Chronicling America is a program where The National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress are working together, "to develop an internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers." Recently 600,000 historic newspaper pages were added to the database. The database now includes first-time contributions from Iowa, Michigan and West Virginia. Content from newspapers from Hawaii, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas have also been added.

Even if you aren't searching for family genealogical information, you might have fun leafing through all the old newspapers. Happy searching!



FINDING YOUR ROOTS

An Arlington Community Education class for the beginning family historian.

Steve Baylor will be teaching his "Finding Your Roots" class again this fall. If you haven't taken this class yet, you'll want to sign up for this right now. Although it is advertised for the beginning genealogist, many who are seasoned genealogists have benefited greatly by taking this class and had a great time taking it too.

For just \$10.00 total, you attend four classes at the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Library located in Arlington at 215 South French Ave., Monday evenings, October 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.. You register for the classes at Arlington City Hall or by phone at 360-403-3448.

The beginning genealogy class is designed to assist the would be family historian. The student will learn to organize family history records from personal knowledge and relatives. Then the student will set research goals, determine where documentation can be found, locate records of significance, evaluate the proof, learn how to build a family database, and learn where to turn for further educational opportunities.

About the Instructor: Stephen Baylor, is a Past President of the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society and the Washington State Genealogical Society. Steve also serves on the Washington State Historical Records Advisory Board and is a volunteer indexer with the Washington State Archives.



DONATIONS REQUESTED



The society seeks a donation of two 10-12 cup coffee makers; they can be used if in good working condition or new. We now have two that will stay in the library and need two more that will stay at the Free Methodist Church for our monthly meetings. The Church is graciously allowing us to keep our coffee supplies there in the kitchen, thereby eliminating the need to carry the coffee supplies back and forth each month.



FUND RAISING -

GARAGE SALE RESULTS

On July 13th we had a very successful yard sale. We earned \$788.92 which will help with SVGS expenses. We'd like to thank everyone who donated items for this event and we'd like

to extend a special thank you to all of those who volunteered their time to work at the yard sale.



FIREWOOD ROUNDS

Firewood rounds and logs for sale; logs are 15' long, 9" or less in diameter. All for \$100 or best offer; 20% will be donated to SVGS. Mostly fir with some hemlock and cedar; located on Jim Creek Road. Easy access; you haul. Call Michele at 360-435- 2720.



1996 GEO PRISM

\$1200; 10% will be donated to SVGS. 5 speed manual transmission, great condition inside and out. Also has receiver for light towing. Has high miles, but 85% were freeway. MPG 36 to 39 freeway. Service records available upon request. Contact Ruth or Dan 435-2819.





EVENTS CALENDAR

September 10, 2013, Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation: The Strange Case of Sgt. Jesse Hyde, Steve Baylor Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Society Education chairperson, Steve Baylor, will give a presentation entitled, "The Strange Case of Sgt. Jesse Hyde." How did a Civil War diary of the 1st Kentucky Volunteers end up in the dusty attic of a house east of Bryant, Washington? The diary has been deeded to the Kentucky State Historical Society for archival care. Scanned images of the diary and a transcript prepared by Steve and fellow society member Kay Crabtree are available online.
Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Monday Evenings 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the society library. Registration through community education at city hall.	Finding Your Roots – Introduction to Genealogical Research. Instructor: Stephen Baylor. SVGS Library, 215 South French Street Learn how to organize, document and research your family history.
October 8, 2013, Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation: Island Schools, Loren Kraetz and Sue Walde Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Society members Loren Kraetz and Sue Walde will give a presentation on the schools that were built to serve the Island community along the Stillaguamish River just west of Arlington. Students who attended these schools which were eventually consolidated into the Arlington School District are featured in the Society's recent publication, "Early Stillaguamish Valley Schools."
November 12, 2013, Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation: Tracing Your Family Roots with Sno-Isle Libraries, Rob Branigin. Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Rob Branigin is a reference librarian at the Sno-Isle Stanwood branch. He will discuss resources available to the family historian through the Sno-Isle Library System. He will also outline the power of inter library loan.
December 10, 2013, Tuesday 12:00	Christmas Social Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Bring a dish to share. Family and significant others are invited, too.
January 14, 2014, Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation Presentation subject to be announced Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive
February 11, 2014, Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation: 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.