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Eric Stroschein

Professional Forensic Genealogist

Civil War Pensions & Other Records

Speaker: Eric Stroschein

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society will have a presentation about Civil War pensions and other records on Tuesday, November 13 at 1:00 at 730 East Highland Drive, Free Methodist Church in Arlington.

Eric Stroschein will assist everyone with ancestors and families who were involved with the Civil War so that you are able to find the records that are available if you know where to search.

Eric is a well known professional forensic genealogist and is particularly knowledgeable about the research of military and land records from numerous sources. He has resolved many difficult genealogical questions and is credited with finding the only known living descendants of a crew member of the Confederate Submarine Hunley.

Eric is able to clearly explain how to use the resources of the National Archives in Washington, DC.

Currently Eric is the President of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a frequent presenter at regional and state workshops of genealogists for beginning and experienced researchers. He is an excellent presenter.

This is a free presentation from 1:00 until 2:00 with ample parking.

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SVGS Offers Affiliated Membership in Washington State Society

By Steve Baylor

Beginning January 2013, the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) will offer SVGS members the opportunity to join the Washington State Genealogical Society for only \$10. A couple can join for just \$11. There is something in this for both you and SVGS.



As an affiliated WSGS member you will receive the bimonthly newsletter via e-mail. This is a great way to keep up to date on what people in other societies are doing. It includes a calendar of upcoming events for the whole state as well as our region. In addition, if you decide to attend the state conference, WSGS membership entitles you to a \$5 discount off your registration.

Each year SVGS needs to join the state society for a \$10 fee. If just ten SVGS members sign up for an affiliated membership in WSGS, the \$10 fee will be waived. In addition, for every member who signs up, SVGS sends the state \$8 and retains \$2 as an administration fee. I will be signing up for an affiliated membership in 2013 and I hope you will decide to join with me. Everyone gets a break including WSGS so it's a bargain for everyone.



Marietta Roth

Sewing a Legacy

By Sue (Thorsen) Walde

Last winter, Marietta Roth decided to clean out several boxes of sewing scraps. She sewed two quilts and gave them to her great grand-daughters. What a ruckus that caused! Of course, everyone in the family wanted their child to have one of Grandma's lovely quilts!

By the time Marietta was done, she had sewn 30 quilts (7 twin-size and 23 crib-size). Each quilt was unique and lovingly made for a special little person. Living a life of generosity, Marietta donated 10 of the quilts to a charity in Everett that helps single mothers and children in need.

As if that was not enough, Marietta also donated three quilts to Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society. For our cash-strapped organization, her talents generated \$55!

This winter, 30 children will sleep a little warmer and, hopefully, with sweet dreams. And Marietta's dream? She dreams of receiving gifts of fabric to sew even more quilts! In the meantime, each child in her family has a hand-made heirloom to treasure through the years stitched with a legacy of Grandma's love and generosity.



Stillaguamish Health Fair

SVGS participated in the Stilly Health Fair on September 26th. We had a great location for our information booth. We would like to thank Ruth Caesar, Leilani Lucrisia, and Shirley Case for manning the booth and informing participants and vendors of our great genealogical society. It was a fun day. Also, a special thank you to Pat Kraetz for preparing lunches for everyone at the health fair!

It's a Potluck!

Bring your favorite dish to share at our Holiday Social on **Saturday, December 8th**, at the Free Methodist Church, 730 East Highland Drive, Arlington. Typically, quite a few SVGS members show up every year. Expect a hungry group who will be more than happy to taste your entrée, salad or dessert. Come join us, mingle and have fun! The event starts at **12:00 pm**. See you there and feel free to bring your significant other(s)!



Wanted: SVGS Librarian



We need a librarian willing to cover the second Saturday of every month from 10-2 p.m. Full training is provided. Michele Heiderer or another librarian will be with the new librarian for several months in a row before he or she is on their own. The volunteer needs to be familiar with using a computer, and having some knowledge on how to do genealogy on the internet would be helpful although you will be provided with some basic training. If you are interested, contact Michele Heiderer at: kellen2000@seanet.com.

Legacy Family Tree & Family Tree Maker Sessions

Instructor: Mary Buzzell

On the first and third Wednesday of each month Mary Buzzell will teach people how to use programs such as Legacy, Family Tree Maker and other similar programs. The sessions start at 1:00 until 3:00 at the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society's library at 215 French Avenue South in Arlington which is next to the old high school in Arlington. Please call the library at 360-435-4838 if you would like further information about these free classes which are open to anyone interested in organizing their research whether it is two generations or twenty. You will receive individualized help and answers to your questions from this knowledgeable instructor. The website for the Society is www.stillgen.org or visit the SVGS library on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays.





History of Silvana Schools

Presenters: Loren Kraetz & Sue Walde

We would like to thank both Loren and Sue for their wonderful presentation on September 11th. It was extremely interesting and informative. It is amazing that this small town was once a bustling town and a hub for travelers.



DNA Genetic Genealogy

Presenter: Leilani Wallace

Thank you Leilani for presenting information on this new technology. We can now use DNA testing as a tool to help us find long lost relatives and ancestors, find out about their migration paths and discover our own ethnic origins. There are many companies offering DNA testing. The following resources are provided should you want to explore them on the internet:

AncestryDNA: This test is offered by Ancestry.com for \$99: <http://dna.ancestry.com/aboutDNA.aspx>
Ancestry.com is a well known company but is new at DNA testing and doesn't provide you with as much information as other companies. AncestryDNA is reasonably priced, but doesn't give you any specific DNA marker information so you can't compare your markers with markers from another individual to prove relationship. Also, matches are identified only from a pool of those having an active Ancestry.com subscription.

Geno 2.0 - Genographic Project Participation and DNA Ancestry Kit: This test is offered by National Geographic for \$199.95.
<http://shop.nationalgeographic.com/ngs/browse/productDetail.jsp?productId=2001246&gsk>

National Geographic just recently launched this improved DNA test. They designed Geno 2.0 based on the new technologies and insights that emerged since the launch of the Genographic Project in 2005. This company tests nearly 150,000 DNA markers that have been specifically selected to provide unprecedented ancestry-related information.



FamilyTreeDNA: <http://www.familytreedna.com/>

This company says they have the largest database in the field of genetic genealogy. Over 396,000 people have taken this DNA test. Prices vary based on the DNA test you select. FamilyTreeDNA typically offers discounts a few times a year and retains your DNA test results for 25 years.

23 and Me: This test is offered for \$299. <https://www.23andme.com/>.

This company was used on the PBS "Finding Your Roots" television show with Louis Gates, Jr. and is the only company that offers medical disease risk information along with the other DNA results.



A Look at the Past:

Arlington Times, December 5, 1908

"Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Sill and their guest partook of quite an unusual Thanksgiving feast, the national bird being replaced in the menu by a peacock, these fowls being a distinctive feature of the Sill plantation. Mr. Sill states that the meat of these birds is quite equal to that of turkey."

EVENTS CALENDAR

November 10, Saturday ; 9:00am – 4:30pm 8:00- 9:00am, registration open	LDS Family History Expo Free & open to the public Held at the Redmond Stake Center, 10115 – 172 nd Avenue NE, Redmond, WA 98052. Get ready for a fun day of genealogy sessions and exhibits. Go to http://www.wafamilyhistory.net for information and to register.
November 13, Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation: Civil War Pensions and Other Records , Eric Stroschein Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Eric has resolved many difficult genealogical questions including finding the only known living descendants of a crew member of the Confederate Submarine Hunley.
December 8, 2012, Saturday , Starts at 12:00	Annual Holiday Social: Takes the place of the usual monthly general meeting. Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive. Potluck Luncheon for all. Bring your favorite entrée, salad or dessert. This event is open to SVGS members and family members.
January 8, 2013, Tuesday, 1:00–3:00 <i>*Meeting will be canceled if the roads are dangerous because of ice or snow.</i>	General meeting and presentation: Ask the Panel: Steve Baylor, Michele Heiderer, Mary Buzzell, and Larry Taylor Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive Members are encouraged to bring their genealogical research and brick wall questions. Questions will be solicited from the audience. Panelists will try to provide helpful advice on where to turn for answers. Panel members will include Michele Heiderer, head librarian; Stephen Baylor, education chair; Mary Buzzell, genealogist and Legacy user group leader; and Larry Taylor, Arlington Cemetery Find-A-Grave coordinator.