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Chairman Shawn Yanity

STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE OF INDIANS...First Salmon Ceremony

On July 21, 2012, the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society board members watched in awe as the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, *People of the River*, conducted their *First Salmon Ceremony*.

Over 20 years ago the tribe noticed that the salmon population in the Stillaguamish River was on the verge of extinction. In response, the tribe voluntarily took their nets out of the river and stopped fishing. The tribe also worked with the scientific community and established natural resources programs to bring the fish population back. In spite of all the efforts taken, the desired salmon population has not returned.

In reflection, Chairman Shawn Yanity said that the tribe left out their spiritual practices which may play a significant role in bringing the salmon back to the river. He says his tribe is going back to their roots and regaining their heritage starting with the customary *First Salmon Ceremony*. Selecting four honored elders to witness the ceremony, the tribe formed a procession and carried the first salmon taken from the river this year before the elders chanting in their native language, Lushootseed:

"Is king salmon coming up river?" "King salmon is coming up river."

After the first salmon was shared with all those who gathered that day, the remains were returned to the river to encourage this honored salmon to send word back to all the other salmon in the river to come back to feed everyone.



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Family Search Library, Salt Lake City, Utah



SVGS IS NOW A FAMILY SEARCH CENTER AFFILIATE

This is a reminder that you don't have to travel all the way to Salt Lake City, to obtain microfilm from the Family History Library in Utah nor do you have to travel to a Family Search Center in a nearby community such as Lake Stevens, Everett, or Mount Vernon to obtain documents. Why? SVGS has become a Family Search Center Affiliate. This means that you can order microfilm from

FamilySearch.org and have them sent directly to SVGS in Arlington. It's just another way to make your life more convenient.

HOW TO ORDER MICROFILM FROM [FAMILYSEARCH.ORG](https://familysearch.org)

- 1) Go to <https://familysearch.org>
- 2) Click on 'sign in' to create a new account or to sign in with your existing login information.
- 3) Click on 'catalog'.
- 4) Select 'search' criteria (place-names, last names, titles, etc) and then fill in the 'FOR' line, and then click 'search' (for instance I clicked on place-names, then typed in Italy, then clicked 'search').
- 5) A list of choices will come up under the 'Search Results for Family Search Catalog'; select your topic from that list to see what films are available; click on the film number that interests you.
- 6) Select Short Term Loan (3 week loan) or Extended Term Loan (stays at SVGS permanently), and then click 'Add to Cart'.
- 7) From the list of affiliate libraries, select 'Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society'; the list of affiliates is alphabetical, so SVGS is towards the end.
- 8) Proceed to 'checkout'; to delete any film that you decide not to order, click on the white 'x' inside the red circle next to the film's title.
- 9) Follow the directions to create a PayPal account and place your order.
- 10) You will be notified by email when your order has been shipped from Salt Lake City and expected to arrive in Arlington.

If you don't have email at home, you can use the computers at SVGS to set up a free email address at hotmail.com or gmail.com, set up a PayPal account, and to order films. You will need a credit card to set up a PayPal account because everything is done on-line and no cash is exchanged at the SVGS library.

WEBSITE RESOURCE

United States Ancestry .COM

We thought you should know about this website. It's a source to make genealogy research easier. Check it out! <http://sites.google.com/site/unitedstatesancestry> According to the website: "When it comes to Ancestry Research on the internet, you have a few choices. You can enroll in one of the pay for view ancestry websites and pay your monthly fee, you could do a Google search and sort through the thousands of matches or you could just use this website. Here you will find ancestry resources for every state, other countries and some non-state specific resources. And the best thing about this website is that almost all of these resources are FREE."



GARAGE SALE UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who participated in the SVGS garage sale on July 14th. Many of you generously donated items to be sold. Others braved the hot weather all day long and worked the garage sale. We managed to raise over \$500. This helps SVGS pay its bills. Yahoo!



HANDMADE QUILTS FOR SALE

Marietta Roth donated 3 lap/crib quilts to SVGS. We are selling them to raise funds for SVGS use. The quilts are machine washable cotton or cotton/poly blend, very nicely made from all new materials. Sizes are 4 1/2 feet x 3 1/2 feet; 2 feet, 9 inches x 5 1/2 feet; and 4 feet 4 inches x 3 feet 2 inches. Asking price is \$15 a piece or \$40 for all three. They can be viewed and purchased at the SVGS library.



INFORMATION BOOTHS

SVGS was busy this summer. On July 28th, SVGS set up an information booth at the Silvana Community Fair. Steve Baylor, Pat Manning, Kay Crabtree, Dee Saunders and Marietta Roth donated their time to help out at the fair.

We also set up an information booth at the Arlington Farmers Market on August 4th. Those working the booth: Ruth Caesar, Marietta Roth, Leilani Lucrisia, Steve Baylor, Flynn Clarke, and Sue Walde. It was a beautiful day to interact with our community.

Thank you for all your efforts.



EXPLORING FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

A sincere thank you to Steve Baylor for showing us how to maneuver through the FamilySearch.org website on July 10th. He made this great resource easy to understand by demonstrating how to look up information from the site's database which contains records that span billions of names across hundreds of collections—including birth, marriage, death, probate, land, military, and more. He also showed us how we can take on-line courses on genealogy from the site's learning center.



FIND A GRAVE

Larry Taylor wishes to thank everyone for all of the nice comments since the August 14th Find A Grave and Arlington Cemetery presentation. He hopes that you learned enough to find memorials for your friends or loved ones on the website. The hour presentation simply allowed him and Leilani Lucrisia to touch upon the power and capabilities of this wonderful, free resource. There are so many things for you to know about the website that they weren't able to cover due to time constraints. If there is enough interest, Larry is willing to teach a follow-up, in-depth class.

FIND A GRAVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Send Larry an e-mail at larry_taylor@hotmail.com, if you are willing to help out.

Larry is gathering SVGS volunteers to help gather information and pictures to be entered into the Find A Grave website. The ultimate goal is to document all burials in approximately 70 Snohomish County cemeteries listed on Find A Grave. Amazingly, this is already almost 90% complete.

Don't worry if you don't know how to use the Find A Grave website. Larry or Leilani will work with you privately to show you what to do. We can accomplish so much more when working in teams. For example: When documenting burials in the Arlington cemetery, Larry and Leilani separated tasks and worked section by section to eliminate duplication of effort. Larry took pictures of headstones, while Leilani set up memorials (entered the person's information) into the Find A Grave website. Larry is currently working with another team documenting burials in the Marysville cemetery. Carmen Stoops and Larry Rankin are helping him upload pictures of headstones. Another individual provides Larry with historical information which he, in turn, copies and pastes to the website. We can use your help.

SVGS RUG RATS

The Rug Rats annual picnic was held at Ruth Caesar's house at the end of July.

The **Rug Rats** are gearing up for their weekly meetings at the SVGS library every Thursday at 10:00 until Noon starting on September 13. The **Rug Rats** is a genealogy support group where we gather informally to discuss open subjects, explore ideas, and help members with their genealogy search. Everyone is welcome to join in on the meetings. A donation of \$1 or \$2 is typically contributed by each attendee at the weekly meetings.





EVENTS CALENDAR

September 11, 2012
Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00

September 13, 20, 27, 10:00-Noon
October 4, 11, 18, 24, 10:00-Noon

October, Wednesdays
Dates and Time To be Announced
Contact SVGS Library for information
and to sign up or e-mail Mary Buzzell at
mary.buzzell@myfrontiermail.com

October 8, 15, 22, 29, Mondays,
1:00 – 3:00



October 9, Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00

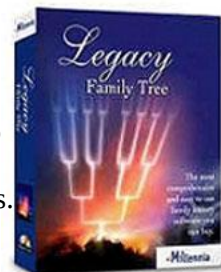
General meeting and presentation:

A History of Silvana Schools – Loren Kraetz & Sue Walde
Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive

Rug Rats: Thursday Genealogy Support Group. Informal discussions, open subjects, idea exploring, members helping members, SVGS Library.

Legacy Classes, Mary Buzzell
SVGS Library

Mary will teach you everything you will need to know to get you started using this genealogy software. She will also highlight useful information for more seasoned users.



Beginning Genealogy Classes, Steve Baylor
SVGS Library

This course is not just for beginners. It is packed with information on how you can get started in genealogy. You'll also learn about resources you can explore to find information on your relatives, such as websites, land records, court houses, Family Search Centers, city directories, census and so much more.

General meeting and presentation:

DNA Genetic Genealogy, Leilani Wallace
Arlington Free Methodist Church
730 E. Highland Drive

Come learn how your DNA can result in yet another tool to help you find your long lost relatives and ancestors. Discover clues about your ethnic origin. Find out how you can prove or disprove your family tree research and where your ancestors came from.



November 1, 8, 15, 29, 10:00-Noon

Rug Rats: Thursday Genealogy Support Group. Informal discussions, open subjects, idea exploring, members helping members, SVGS Library.

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 6, 13, 10:00-Noon

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