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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our membership renewal drive is moving right along. So far more than half of our members have renewed. If you haven't paid your dues yet, we'd appreciate you doing so soon. Just complete the renewal form located on the last page of this newsletter, and send it in with your check. If you have any questions regarding your dues please contact Joanne Wetmore, Membership Chairperson, hidal1@frontier.com or phone 360-403-7023.

A HEARTFELT DONATION

SVGS would like to thank member John Mattson for donating a copy of a 24" x 32" map of Washington Territory dated 1861. It is now hanging in the library on the wall towards the end of the computer table. He also donated a video of his father's trip to the ancestral home in Malax, Finland in 1992 for his 80th birthday. Although the language spoken in the video is Finnish, the church congregation singing familiar American hymns is quite moving.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Super Saturday



We are setting up a covered information booth at the Farmer's Market at Legion Park on **Super Saturdays**, Jul 7 and Aug 4. We need your help at the booth to greet the public and sell our resource books. The booth will be open from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Call Ruth Caesar, 360-435-2819, if you are willing to help out.

Silvana Fair

We are setting up a covered information booth at the Silvana Fair on July 28. We need your help at the booth to greet the public and sell our resource books. The booth will be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Sign up in person at the SVGS library, or leave a message at the SVGS library, 360-435-4838.

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STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE ...and... POTLUCK...and...GARAGE SALE

A day to celebrate with current members and to meet prospective members, a day to gather and share your favorite dish as well as your adventures about finding precious genealogy information, and a day to donate to our fund raising garage sale.

Volunteers Needed:

Open House: July 14th, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Put July 14th on your calendars! This will be a full and busy day at our genealogy library between 10:00am and 2:00pm as we are inviting the public to an open house to tour our library and discover the great benefits of joining our society. It is also a great day for current members to gather and have fun.



Summer Picnic – Hot Dogs and Potluck: July 14th, Noon

Bring your favorite dish that will go with the hot dogs we will be providing. Salads, desserts, fried chicken...whatever you want. ??? We would like to start the potluck at noon. Bring a folding chair to sit in, something to drink and pray for sun!

Garage Sale: July 14th, 9:00am – 3:00pm

If you have anything laying around your house that you can part with, consider donating your item(s) to the genealogy library. We will use the proceeds for the society. We are looking for items in good condition that someone would be interested in purchasing at our garage sale. Please don't bring in junk, soiled or broken items.

Bring your donation(s) to the library during normal library hours the week before the garage sale:

- *Saturday, July 7, 10:00 - 2:00
- *Tuesday, July 10, 12:00 - 4:00
- *Thursday, July 12, 10:00 - 2:00

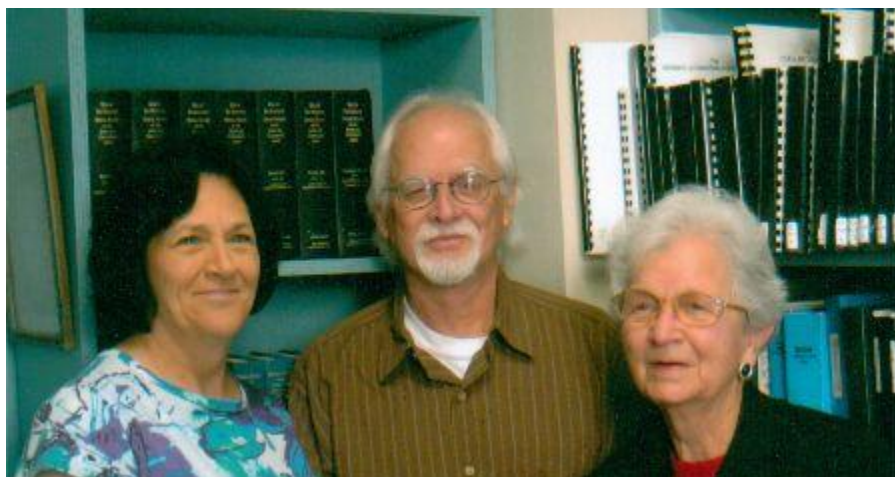
We will put your donated item(s) out at the garage sale on July 14th which will take place from 9:00am and 3:00pm. A FREE sign will be placed on any items not sold at the garage sale. If you would prefer to take your unsold item back home, you have to be present at the close of the garage sale so that you can take it home...otherwise it will remain in the FREE pile.





OUTSTANDING CITIZENS OF THE YEAR AWARD

On May 17, 2012, Arlington Lodge #129, Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, presented an Outstanding Citizens of the Year Award to three of our SVGS members, Michele and Steve Heiderer and Marietta Roth. All three work tirelessly on behalf of our community.



Michele Heiderer, Steve Heiderer, Marietta Roth



ARLINGTON CEMETERY BOARD

Leilani Lucrisia, SVGS member, has been appointed to serve on the Cemetery Board. Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council, and act as advisors on policy matters for long range planning, capital improvements, fee structure, cemetery expansion, rules and regulations, and the budget for the cemetery. The cemetery board has asked SVGS to name the roads in the cemetery. After much discussion, it was decided that the roads should be named after trees and flowers to coordinate with existing names of the sections in the cemetery. Also, the cemetery office is being remodeled and the cemetery staff is looking for volunteers to help them out. They need volunteers to perform a myriad of tasks and they are also seeking donations of specific items including quality furniture for the reception area. Please leave a message for Leilani at the SVGS library, 360-435-4838, if you can help.

RED ROOSTER



If you've visited the genealogy library lately, you've probably seen our new friend...our Red Rooster. Red roosters and baby chicks are replacing or joining the ducks you've seen around town in support of an association of Arlington farms and agricultural activities formed to introduce families to heritage opportunities in north Snohomish County. On July 21 and July 22, visitors to our community can follow the association's Red Rooster Route to family-friendly farms and festivals. The Red Rooster Route directs visitors to Garden Treasures, Fosters Produce and Corn Maze, Biringier Farm, Bryant Blueberry Farm, Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum and Arlington Farmers' Market. Our genealogy library is not on the Red Rooster Route, but we will proudly display our Red Rooster on July 21st during library hours.



SWELLING WITH PRIDE! by Sue (Thorsen) Walde

Having visited a few historical libraries in the area recently, I am *swelling with pride* at the excellent library resources we have at SVGS! Marietta Colbern Roth's vision of our library started over 20 years ago, one book at a time. Today Michele Heiderer, Head Librarian who has managed the library for over 20 years, manages over 5,000 library items consisting of books, microfiche, microfilm, DVD's, and maps. It is an impressive collection of research materials covering topics such as military records, colonial America, archives, surnames, land and vital records, immigration and migration, historic newspapers, and much more. Now our library's about to *CHARGE* into the future!

On June 20th, the SVGS's Board of Directors approved converting the existing library catalog to a "true" library database. Of course, this would not be possible without the countless hours that Kay Crabtree and her small team spent creating our library's first computer catalog. Gratitude also goes to those who have generously donated books, maps and their family genealogies. A heartfelt thanks to all! The *CHARGE* begins with updating the current library catalog. Volunteers are needed for 2-hour sessions to skim through books identifying "key words". No computer skills are needed for this task. Later, the "key words" will be added to the new database enabling good search results. Ultimately, the library's database will be loaded onto SVGS's website. If you'd like to volunteer and become an important part of SVGS's history, please leave a message at the library by calling 360-435-4838. You will soon be *swelling with pride*!

NEW BOOK LIST:

CA/20	Hale's Highlights, Hale Junior High, 1965 yearbook, donated by Sharon Noone Black
CA/20	Torch, 1967, Orange Glen High School Yearbook, donated by Sharon Noone Black
NJ/6	Monmouth County Deed Books A, B, C & D, donated by Mylene Henken
NY/21	New York Area Key, donated by Marietta Roth
OK/2	Research in Oklahoma, donated by Mylene Henken
PA/34	Fayette County Newspaper Extracts 1805-1854, donated by Mylene Henken
PA/46	Pennsylvania Area Key, donated by Marietta Roth
TN/2	Research in Tennessee, 1987
TN/6	Fourth Survey District of Tennessee 1808-1810
VA/10	History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley
WA/205	Whitman Massacre, extracted from the Seattle Genealogical Society's Bulletin
WA/210	Looking at Indian art of the Northwest Coast, donated by Pat Manning
WA/211	The Tsimshian & their Neighbors of the Pacific Coast, donated by Pat Manning
WA/212	Native American Testimony, donated by Pat Manning
WA/213	Black Robes & Indians on the Last Frontier, donated by Lyle Shadee
WA/214	Northwest Coast Indian Graphics
WA/King/105	Vanishing Seattle, donated by Michele Heiderer
WA/King/106	Seattle in the 1880s, David Buerge, 1986
WA/King/107	Black Diamond, Mining the Memories, 1988, donated by Roberta Wolcott
WA/Okan/2	Homestead Girlhoods Growing Up in the Northwest Frontier
WA/Snoh/Ever/2	Nesika, 1929, 1930, 1931, high school yearbooks, donated by Kay Wilson
WA/Snoh/Ever/30	Everett Massacre, 1917 (reprinted 1965)
WA/Snoh/Mary/2	Cedarcrest School yearbook, 1998
WA/Snoh/Monr/4	Epic of Wonderland Park-Flowing Lake, 1990
WA/Snoh/Sisc/1	Sisco Heights Miscellaneous Notebook
WA/What/4	1998 Alumni Directory, WWU, donated by Michele Heiderer
Arlington Collection:	Peterson Dry Goods Store, original inventories, early 1900s
Oso Collection:	One Fire, Many Flames, Life & Times of Edith Olin Logg-Ritter, donated by Richard Logg
Stillaguamish Tribe:	Indian Stories & Legends, donated by the Darrington Historical Society
Stillaguamish Schools:	Arlington Alumni High School lists, 1940-2003 (1964-66 is missing)
Warm Beach Collection:	Stuck in the Mud, donated by author, Penny Buse
350/3	2012 U.S. Road Atlas, donated by Dee Saunders
NORWAY/3	Norwegians in America, their History & Record, on loan Joanne Wetmore



STILLAGUAMISH VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY EXPANDS GENEALOGY RESOURCES

We are happy to announce that we have become the newest FamilySearch affiliate library. The new designation means library patrons will have greater and more convenient access to the wealth of genealogical resources available through FamilySearch. FamilySearch is the world's largest repository of genealogical records and manages the famous Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. It has amassed billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land, and court records of genealogical significance from over 130 countries.

FamilySearch is extending access to its collections by circulating microfilms of the historic records through select public libraries. Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society is now one of those libraries. It is a priceless resource for local residents interested in discovering their family tree. "Less than 5% of the world's genealogical records are available online, and most family history researchers cannot afford to travel to an archive nationally or worldwide to find the historic records they are seeking," said Paul Nauta, FamilySearch public affairs manager. "If FamilySearch has filmed the records they need, then as far as they will need to travel to view them is the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society."

Family Search has over 200 camera teams filming records in 45 countries on any given day. These records are then circulated to public patrons through FamilySearch center worldwide, like Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society. For example, FamilySearch has filmed over 60% of the Civil Registration (birth, marriage and death records) of Italy. If you have Italian ancestry, chances are you will be able to extend your Italian research by conveniently using the FamilySearch films through the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society.

There is a nominal fee of \$5.50 to order a microfilm. Once the film arrives, patrons use the microfilm readers at the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society to peruse it. The library staff can help patrons see what films are available, place film orders, and answer research questions. Patrons can also search the Family History Library Catalog online at FamilySearch.org to see what records FamilySearch has available to order through the library.

Fees for ordering microfilm are paid via PayPal, not through the SVGS library staff. We will be preparing a flyer on how to use PayPal as soon as possible and will be distributing these instructions to you via e-mail, or your home if you receive your newsletters via mail, and will be available at the library.

FOREFATHER'S PHOTO ID DATING OF YOUR OLD PHOTOGRAPHS



How fortunate we are to have Flynn Clarke, an expert at dating old photographs, as a member of SVGS. On May 20th she offered her time and talent to help other members pinpoint when their old photos were taken. Thank you Flynn! The style of a shoe, a brim of a hat, an item in the background are all clues to the past. The picture on the left with Pat Manning's grandmother, Mary Gohres McCann (center), was analyzed and found to be taken between 1886 to 1887. If you have a photo that you've been unable to date and identify, she can help you analyze and pin down to a span of a few years. Contact Flynn for an appointment by e-mail at nonhelema@netzero.net or leave a message at the SVGS library, 360-435-4838.



STEAMBOATS ON THE YUKON

We'd like to thank Pat Manning for her June 12th presentation, *Steamboats on the Yukon*. Her fascinating material highlighted the life of her grandfather, John McCann, while he was a steamboat captain on the Yukon during the gold rush. We went on a journey with her through the Yukon Territory while learning about the structure of steamboats, the extensive efforts it took to keep them fueled, and about the hardships encountered while maneuvering the steamboats through the dangerous waterways of the Yukon River and its tributaries. We also got a glimpse into the lives of gold miners, their living conditions, and the challenges and disappointments they encountered in search of their dreams of striking it rich.



EXPLORING FAMILYSEARCH.ORG



Join Steve Baylor on July 10th at 1pm, Free Methodist Church, as he helps you discover your family history. Steve will help you maneuver through the FamilySearch.org website which contains records that span billions of names across hundreds of collections—including birth, marriage, death, probate, land, military, IGI extracted, and more.

FIND A GRAVE

On August 14th at 1pm, Free Methodist Church, Larry Taylor will introduce you to the website, **Find A Grave**. He, along with other volunteers around the world, is busy populating a database of gravesites that will be searchable online for generations to come. So far over 82 million gravesites have been added to the website. There are over 7000 gravesites in the Arlington Cemetery and Larry has added pictures of headstones for the majority of these graves. He has also created thousands of memorials for those buried in Oregon, Darrington and throughout the Stillaguamish Valley as well as other locations. See how he can help you use this valuable resource while you conduct your genealogy research.

UPCOMING SEMINARS - OTHER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Skagit Valley Genealogy Society Seminar, August 25, Sat, 8:00 – 4:30. This seminar covers topics such as: Finding and Using Historic Newspapers, 1800 Military Records, Electronic Genealogy Scrapbooking, Finding & Using Federal Land Records, and many more. The seminar is at Creekside Retirement Community, 400 Gilkey Road, Burlington. Register online: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/registration2.html>, complete a flyer available, or register on the day of the seminar.

Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Conference, *Armchair Genealogy from the Pacific Northwest*. Hosted by Clallam Co. Gen. Society, Saturday, September 7-8, 2012, Elks Naval Lodge, 131 East First Street, Port Angeles Washington. Keynote speaker will be Brian W. Hutchison, CEO of Gen-Find Research Associates, Inc., Forensic Genealogist, Author and Instructor, and Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Information can be found at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/>. A brochure is also posted at our SVGS library.



EVENTS CALENDAR

July 7, Sat, 10:00 – 3:00	SVGS Super Saturday Information Booth at the Farmer's Market at Legion Park
July 10, Tue, 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation: Exploring familysearch.org – Steve Baylor, Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive
July 14, 10:00 – 3:00	SVGS Library Open House & Garage Sale Summer Picnic: Grilled Hot Dogs & Potluck
July 18, Wed, 11:00	*Board Meeting, SVGS Library
July 28, Sat, 9:00 - 5:00	SVGS Silvana Fair Information Booth
August 1, 15, Wed, 1:00-3:30	Legacy classes with Mary Buzzell, SVGS Library
August 4, Sat, 10:00 – 3:00	SVGS Super Saturday Information Booth at the Farmer's Market at Legion Park
August 14, Tue, 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation: Find A Grave and Arlington Cemetery – Larry Taylor Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive
August 25, Sat, 8:00 – 4:30	Skagit Valley Genealogy Society is hosting a seminar covering many interesting topics at Creekside Retirement Community, 400 Gilkey Road, Burlington. View their schedule and register online: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/registration2.html , or register on the day of the seminar.
September 7, Fri, 10:00 – 6:45 and September 8, Sat, 8:00 – 4:30	Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Conference, Armchair Genealogy from the Pacific Northwest , Elks Naval Lodge, 131 East First Street Port Angeles. http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/ .
September 11, 2012, Tue, 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
October 3, 10, 17, 24, Wed, 1:00 – 3:00	Beginning Genealogy Classes with Steve Baylor, SVGS Library
October 9, Tue, 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation: DNA Genetic Genealogy – Leilani Wallace Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive
November 13, Tue, 1:00 – 3:00	General meeting and presentation: Civil War Pensions and Other Records – Eric Stroschein Arlington Free Methodist Church, 730 E. Highland Drive



The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society

Membership Form

☐ New Member

☐ Renewal

Date	E-mail
Name	Name
Address	
Home Phone (Include Area Code)	Cell Phone (Include Area Code)

Dues

Please mail this form and check to:

SVGS Library

P.O. Box 34

Arlington, WA 98223

Annual Individual - \$15 \$

Annual Family - \$20 \$

Lifetime - \$250 \$

Newsletters are typically sent to you via e-mail. If you'd like it mailed to your home instead, include an addition annual fee of \$5

Donations

Would you consider including an additional tax deductible donation to the society? We are a 501(c)(3) corporation.

\$10 \$

\$20 \$

\$50 \$

\$100 \$

Other Amount \$

Total Payment \$