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MARCH MEETING LOCATION:

There will not be a March business meeting. Instead there will be a special presentation at the ***Pioneer Hall at the Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum, 20722 67th Ave NE, Arlington.*** The presentation will start at 1 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jerry Magelesen speaking on the ***History of Barns of North Snohomish County.*** He will have displays set up and refreshments will be served.

Jerry Magelssen is a local photographer and media specialist. His family maintained a farm on Camano Island for more than 100 years. Mr. Magelssen has been collecting photographic records of many of the barns on the Camano Island and in northern Snohomish County, many of which are no longer in existence.

Mark your calendar and plan to come early or stay after the lecture to view the dimensional map in the long house structure near the Pioneer Hall. Member Steve Heiderer, who oversaw the construction, was also the designer. Michele Heiderer and Shirley Prouty spent 3 years researching the Stilly Valley history that is represented on the map. Michele, Shirley and Dick Prouty raised over \$90,000 to fund for the construction of the long house.

Beginning Genealogy Class starting:

There will be a class titled "Beginning Genealogy", slated for **March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.** Steven Baylor will be the instructor for this class. Should you have friends or know of anyone with an interest have them sign up for the class. Fill out the application available at City Hall or call (360 403-3448); with a fee of \$10 for the series.

Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society 2012 Programs

- March 13, 2012:** Barns of Camano Island and Surrounding Areas, Jerry Magelssen (at Pioneer Hall)
- April 10, 2012:** Stuck in the Mud - A history of Warm Beach, Penny Buse
- May 8, 2012:** Annual Society Meeting
- June 12, 2012** Yukon Gold Rush, Pat Manning
- July 10, 2012** Exploring Familysearch.org, Steve Baylor

Free 1940 Census Release Online on April 2, 2012

The National Archives, with its partner <Archives.com>, launched its new website <1940census.archives.gov> in preparation for its first-ever online U.S. census release, which will take place on April 2, 2012, at 9 a.m. (EST).

On April 2, 2012, users will be able to search, browse, and download the 1940 census schedules, free of charge, from their own computers or from the public computers at National Archives locations nationwide through the new 1940 census website: <1940census.archives.gov>.

Many of the questions on the 1940 census are the standard ones: name, age, gender, and race, education, and place of birth. But the 1940 census also asks many new questions, some reflecting concerns of the Great Depression. The instructions ask the enumerator to enter a circled x after the name of the person furnishing the information about the family; whether the person worked for the CCC, WPA, or NYA the week of March 24–30, 1940; and income for the 12 months ending December 31, 1939. The 1940 census also has a supplemental schedule for two names on each page. The supplemental schedule asks the place of birth of the person's father and mother; the person's usual occupation, not just what they were doing the week of March 24–30, 1940; and for all women who are or have been married, has this woman been married more than once and age at first marriage.

Free Military Records Websites:

Here are some useful free websites for researching military records from Carmen Busch (a long-time member) taken from the January 2012 edition of the "Military Officer" magazine:

National Archives at	www.archives.com
Access Genealogy at	www.accessgenealogy.com/military
Allcensus at	www.allcensus.com/ww2.html
Cyndi's List at	www.cyndislist.com/us/military
Military Indexes Online at	www.militaryindexes.com

President's Message:

The process of moving into our new library was a very big job and I'd like to give my personal thanks to the following people for all their efforts.

Leilani Lucrisia	Virginia "Toots" Weston	Loren Kraetz	Erin Bradshaw
Sue Walde	Howard Matzdorf	Pat Manning	Shirley Case
Nona Peterson	Dick & Shirley Prouty	Steve Baylor	Terry Willis
Marie Legters	Robert Wilder-Jones	Flynn Clarke	Dan Caesar
Dorothy Carlson	Michele & Steve Heiderer	Marietta Roth	Kay Crabtree
John Winsor	Patrick & Kellen Shoe	Kathy & Lowell Stuehrenberg	

I would like to express my appreciation to the Arlington Kiwanis Club and in particular Terry Marsh for his organization of our move. If YOUR name belonged on this list but was omitted please forgive the oversight. So many good people helped out in so many ways and all of you deserve the credit for our beautiful new library.

With great thanks to all of you,
Ruth Caesar

The SVGS Grand Opening Party was a great success with many prominent members of the community in attendance. Members and guests enjoyed coffee and cake while chatting about genealogy. Here are some visitors views:

The Superintendent of the Arlington School District, Dr. Kris McDuffy, was impressed by how clean and bright the space has become. She was pleased to see the historic home made such a lovely library. Also Arlington Mayor Barb Tolbert saw our new space as an ideal location for our library. When President Ruth Caesar spoke with the Mayor about the wonderful historic discoveries which can be made searching family history. The Mayor said she would like to become a member of our Society and begin her quest for her family's history. Long time member Nancy Kluin was excited to see the "news wall" of 1964 Arlington Times papers and the many people she recognized in the photos.

Many local residents dropped by and are planning to come back to start their searches with our librarian's assistance. Our library should have a busy Spring and Summer season coming.

Monthly meetings are always open to the public and are held at the library at 215 South French Avenue at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. The April meeting will feature Penny Buse speaking about her book "Stuck in the Mud" the history of the Warm Beach area. We hope to see you there.