

## **The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society**

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### **NEW MEETING LOCATION:**

The board voted to close the Olympic Ave. library during January. We will **reopen on Tues, Feb. 7th at 12pm at the new location, 215 South French Street**, and resume our regular Tues / Thurs / Sat schedule from there, exception - Rug Rats Thurs research group will start meeting again on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am but at the new location. There is plenty of on street parking on French Street and the parking lot at the end of the block (next to the tennis courts) is also available. Please leave the back of library for Handicap parking.

**OUR GRAND OPENING – MARCH 10, 2012 - 10am – 2pm**

### **SVGS could really use your help:**

The kitchen, cupboards and storage area have been already been cleaned by Ruth and Michele. Now SVGS needs a little more help at the new library, so if any of you are able to help with a little interior painting (only a bathroom and a wall or two), vacuuming, window cleaning, please drop Ruth an email or call ([ruthjcaesar@wildblue.net](mailto:ruthjcaesar@wildblue.net) or 360 435-2819) so she knows that she has a crew.

SVGS is also looking for volunteers to help box books every Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 3 pm. This needs to be finished by Jan 19 for KIWANIS to move us on either the 21st or 28th. After the bookcases are in place at the new location we will again need help to unpack and shelve books. Watch your email during January for move updates.

## **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**. It was be taught by Steven Baylor. If you have friends or know of anyone with an interest in genealogy please let them know. It has been several years since such a class has been offered by SVGS. To sign up for the class, fill out the application in the Arlington Recreation Guide, available at City Hall; with a fee of \$10 for the series.

## **Genealogy class at the Snohomish Library:**

A class called **Librarians As Information Guides: Family History Research With HeritageQuest** will be given by the Snohomish Library on Sunday, Jan 8th from 2 – 4pm. Please see the attached publicity for all the details. Those wanting to come can register online at: <http://www.sno-isle.org/?ID=1207> , or by calling the Snohomish Library: 360-568-2898.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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## **Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society 2012 Programs**

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| <b>Jan</b>             | Regular meeting <b>canceled</b><br><br>Brief board meeting Jan 10th at 1 p.m. to finalize the move |
| <b>Feb. 14, 2012:</b>  | Arlington Schools, Loren Kraetz                                                                    |
| <b>March 13, 2012:</b> | Barns of Camano Island and Surrounding Areas,<br>Jerry Magelssen                                   |
| <b>April 10, 2012:</b> | Stuck in the Mud - A history of Warm Beach, Penny Buse                                             |
| <b>May 8, 2012:</b>    | Annual Society Meeting                                                                             |
| <b>June 12, 2012</b>   | Yukon Gold Rush, Pat Manning                                                                       |

## **Important posting on Megan Smolenyak's Roots World Blog (17 Nov 2011)** (edited here for space)

<http://megansmolenyak.posterous.com/social-security-administration-extends-foia-r>

### **Social Security Administration extends FOIA restriction to 100 years**

It's now official that ordering Social Security applications which was found especially valuable over the last decade for assisting with Army cases is now restricted to 100 years from the birth of the applicant. A few years ago they were starting to block out names of parents on the applications – which is very unfortunate since that's the primary reason for ordering them. Still, the restriction seemed to pertain to applications for those born from 1940 or so on, and the explanation was that their parents could still be alive.

You can now only obtain this record in an unaltered state for those born prior to 1912. It negatively impacts the ability to locate a soldiers' family members and parents for privacy have to be somewhere on the order of 120 to 150 years old, if alive. You can apparently receive the full application if you can prove that the parents are deceased, but 1) that's exactly why we usually ordered the document, and 2) many cases are for foreign-born soldiers who immigrated to the U.S. so now you would have to seek death certificates from places ranging from Finland to the Philippines.

This restriction will also affect the 40% of Americans of Ellis Island heritage, which was the best tool for learning the names of the parents of immigrants so you could then extend your research overseas. I wanted to at least let the genealogical community know as it would be unfortunate for others to spend money needlessly. You might want to let your friends in the genealogical community know.

### **For Sale:**

The two computer desks in our current library, one large storage cabinet (4' W x 8'H x 2D), a legal size filing cabinet and a box of canning jars. At the French Street location, there is a desk (3 drawers – lacks keyboard tray) and a letter size filing cabinet. Email or call Michele if interested ([kellen2000@seanet.com](mailto:kellen2000@seanet.com) or 435-2720). You set the price with donations going to SVGS.