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We Partied!

Following our April 12th General Meeting our membership was pleased to celebrate the birthday of SVGS Founder Marietta Roth. It was truly wonderful to see people come to honor Marietta as she has always been an inspiration to us all.



Be sure to check out the really big wedding story on page.....5

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Annual Reports 2021-2022

President's Report

During the previous Annual Fiscal Year, June 1st– May 31st, our library has been back open to the public, maintaining our normal hours of operation, while abiding with the COVID-19 mask mandates and protocols. Since the mask mandates have been removed, visits to the library have been improving. We have also been holding in-person monthly meetings (with a Zoom option) for those wishing to attend.

The Ways and Means Committee has sought out and applied for multiple operating grants over the last year and we were able to secure some COVID relief funds over the period of our closure.



Ruth Caesar

Looking forward, if we wish to continue to maintain a physical library and meeting space, the financial assistance of our members will likely be more important than ever. The grantors which we have so deeply depended upon over the past 10 years may not be able to provide as much assistance as we were previously able to obtain. And the absence of the Northwest Genealogy Conference has greatly impacted our revenue.

I would like you to know that all of the large and small donations you send SVGS mean a great deal. Remember, you can make donations by going to www.stillygen.org and clicking the “Donate” tab. Or, mail a donation to SVGS at PO Box 34, Arlington, WA 98223.

As our Annual Meeting, Election of officers and Potluck is now only days away we are very excited to be able to once again meet in person. This year we will vote on these Executive officers who are standing for re-election, Vice President Lisa Bartlow and Treasurer Karen Looney.

Treasurer's Report



Karen Looney

While preparing the 2022-2023 budget, I was reminded that we at SVGS rely on grants and donations to continue as a genealogy society. While we have received several very generous donations from our members, the bulk of our budget is based on grant money we have received.

I haven't gotten enough experience to know what the 'normal' is for grant money, but then, with Covid, I suspect the normal was turned upside down. In the past, the money we received for the conference, was hard sought-after money that brought new people to the valley.

While that conference money is currently not on the horizon, it will be especially important for our members to think about donating to the society, both in money and in time. We will continue to look for grant money that we qualify for and submit requests as appropriate.

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Publications Report

Inventory of Micro Media and *The Arlington Times* Newspaper Collection

Over the past year, Sue Walde and Michele Heiderer prepared a spreadsheet identifying 673 rolls of microfilm and 158 fiche sets for library cataloging purposes. In addition, Michele researched the available online sources for each micro media. As a result, most of the media (92% of the microfilm and 85% of the fiche) is available online. Also, *The Arlington Times* (January 1963 - March 2020) newspaper collection held in the Scanning Room consists of 53 bound books and six archival boxes of unbound newspapers.



Sue Walde

Inventory of Books Available for Sale

SVGS Book Inventory as of April 22, 2022		
Book No.	Title	No. For Sale
101	Arlington Centennial Pictorial Book, 1903-2003	10
104	Snohomish Co in the War (\$49 retail price)	*0
107	Early Stillaguamish Valley Schools	**68
201	Arlington Cemetery Book	13
202	Arlington Times Obituaries, 1895-1915	5
203	Arlington Times Obituaries, 1916-1920	9
204	Arlington Times Obituaries, 1921-1925	6
205	Arlington Times Obituaries, 1926-1930 (\$30 retail price)	***0
206	Arlington Times Obituaries, 1931-1935	7
207	Arlington Times Obituaries, 1936-1939	7
208	Harwood Cemetery	11
209	Loyal Heights (Bryant Cemetery) Obituaries	12
	Ackerman Wood & Other Allied Lines (Offer free to Mattson & Akerman families)	5

* Sno Co in the War (originally published in 1926) should be in the public domain, free to print.

** 84 ESVS books were available last inventory. Only four books were sold, 12 books (1 box) are missing.

*** Arl Times Obit, 1926-1930 has significant problems with its index. For example, on 1 page with 39 names, 14 names (36%) were missing or had the wrong page number in the index. Of the 28 names on page 107, 14 (50%) had the wrong page number or were not listed. Most of the obituaries are available online in *The Arlington Times*.

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Membership Report



Joanne Wetmore

The years of 2021 and 2022 have certainly been a challenge for all at our library, and I have to say that I've not been as active because of Covid and just getting older. But the membership has been in good hands and I thank Michele Cozad (now Mrs. Grant) for all she has done, I also thank our President Ruth Caesar for all the extra time she has been available at the library. I still work on the membership but mostly from home so that has been good for me, keeps me active. We have 188 members, members who have been very supportive in a very difficult time. Hopefully members have been making good use of all the information that is available in our library.

Genealogist 's Report

Patrons and members asked for books about western Washington Indian Tribes, Arlington Times and Everett Herald Obituaries, maps pinpointing an archaeological dig, advice about researching property history, family tree building forms, and help with building family trees.

These requests came to us from a variety of sources. Some people found us through our website; others saw our sign and dropped by. One person found us via a Facebook page that I follow. People in our own membership referred some folks to us and a Reference Librarian from the City of Snohomish branch of Sno-Isle library called and asked for information that only we had.

I accepted donations of books, photos, and yearbooks through queries I saw in our e-mail and messages we received on our answering machine. Most of the patrons who used our services did donate money to us. In general, I would say that people were more generous than they would have been if we had charged a flat fee per day.



Flynn Kennedy

Genealogy Love Story



Bill Grant and Michele Cozad were a couple for 8 years in the 1970's but career paths took them in different directions. After 40 years Bill – who had never really forgotten about Michele – decided to play detective and look her up. An internet search found her picture from her 2016 Washington



Karen Looney and Michele Cozad

State Genealogical Society “Outstanding Volunteer” award and her phone number. On January 2, 2017 Bill called Michele and they

made a time to meet at SVGS where Michele has been a volunteer since 2014. “It was as if time had stood still” Michele commented,



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grant



and just that easy – they reunited.

Their love was celebrated on March 20th when SVGS Treasurer Karen Looney acting as officiant united them in marriage. Among the guests were SVGS President Ruth Caesar and many members of their family trees who all celebrated the joining of the ‘branches’.

The Dunn Family

For a Minute --

I thought I was a Triplet

By Elizabeth A. Dalton

Fifty plus years later and long after I began researching my maternal family history, I ordered a copy of my birth certificate from Department of Health (DOH) in Olympia, Washington. (In my file, I had a faded blue copy with a City of Seattle Gold Seal given to me on my 16th birthday for identification to obtain a state driver's license). Completing the request as an update to my personal records, I reported my name, Seattle, King County, Washington birth location on October 11th at 2:38 AM and my mother's name.

I remember wondering if my application had been lost as it seemed an inordinate amount of time had passed since the mailing. Finally, it arrived. My first thoughts were "who is this?" Only two facts were listed that coincided with information on the City of Seattle document: I was born on October 11th at 2:38 AM. DOH certification date was October 15th, four days after my birth, my mother provided the following; listing me as an unnamed female with unknown father her first name and maiden name.

Whatever transpired in the next few, short days, mother made a significant correction to the record. I was still and unnamed female with unknown father, however, mother's name was listed with her first name and a surname of the man she married on October 9th, two days before my birth. Department of Health certified on Oct 22nd.

Either a decision was made to keep me in the family, or she was out of ideas to muddy my birth facts; because on May 10th of the next year, mother and stepfather become my parents of record. This is the birth certificate passed to me on my sixteenth birthday. Looked legal to me; faded blue paper with a large gold seal in the corner.

An epiphany! Of course, adoption.

I completed a petition for a copy of my adoption order and submitted a check for the required fees. Within a week I received a phone call from a court representative advising me that no adoption order was on file. Perhaps in another county?

No!

I explained the faded blue paper with an "official seal" issued by the City of Seattle. A brief hold and further perusal in the city archives, I was again assured that no such birth had been registered . . .

It was now definitive, I was not a triplet, and my name was unknown aka UNK. Next? I may notify the IRS of my status as a "non-entity" and should be exempt from future tax obligations. . .

Garden Party....at our library



*I went to a garden party
To reminisce with my old friends
A chance to share old memories
and clean the yard again...*

*two of the pruners were Joni Smith
(left) and Linda Holland (right).*



Below, LeeRoy Kind was caught
pressure washing the curbing.



All around
hard
worker
Dick Smith
weeded ,
pruned
and did
some
heavy
lifting.



Phil Bartlow, weeded and
raked and then raked
some more.



Not picture: Lisa Bartlow,
Ruth Caesar and Tim Holland
who pitched in on all things
garden...and never to be for-
gotten Dan Caesar who (as
always) did a lot of the heavy
lifting for us and just kept on
“truckin” out the yard debris.

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society Annual Meeting

May 10th 2022 is just around the corner now and it's time for our Annual Meeting.

Our potluck will be held at noon and the "Election of Officers" will follow directly afterward.

Election of Officers

The following positions are up for election on May 10th

- Vice President
- Treasurer

Reminder

*You can send us your newsletter submissions
anytime at your convenience, just email them to:*

newsletter@stillygen.org

*The deadline for the
July/August 2022 edition is June 24th*

EVENTS

The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) holds it's General Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month which may include a presentation via Zoom. The Society is located at 6111 188th Place NE, Arlington, WA. Phone 360-435-4838. The library is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can also participate in our special interest group which meets on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Zoom. This groups helps each other to solve research issues and share information. For more information: www.stillygen.org

SVGS Annual Meeting, May 10, 2022, **NOON** - Potluck and Election of Officers. Join us and bring your favorite dish to share.

SVGS General Meeting, June 14, 2022, 1:00 p.m. Speaker and SVGS member, Sue McNeil will present in-person and via Zoom on the topic:
Deep Story; Give Your Ancestors A Voice. Visitors are always welcome to view the Zoom presentation from home or at our library.

SVGS "Annual" BBQ, July 12, 2022, **NOON** - See details in the next issue of the Stillaguamish Star.

National Genealogical Society Family History Conference, May 24-28, 2022, Sacramento, CA.
For more information: <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

SCGS Jamboree and Genetic Genealogy Conference, August 19-27, 2022. Registration opens March 4th.
For more information: <https://genealogyjamboree.com/speakers/>

The Whatcom Genealogical Society meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m., except January, July and August at Pioneer Pavilion, 2007 Cherry ST , Ferndale, WA.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society meets 2nd Saturday of each month except July, August, and December at 12:45 p.m. at the Burlington Public Library, 820 E. Washington Avenue, Burlington.
For more information: www.skagitvalleygenealogy.com

The Seattle Genealogical Society is located at the Good Shepherd Center in Suite 302 at 4649 Sunnyside Avenue N., Seattle, WA in the Wallingford area. Phone 206-522-8658. Their Society recently moved to this new location and is open on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Sno-Isle Genealogical Society is open by appointment on Tuesday and from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday. They are located in the vintage Humble House at 19827 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA. Phone 425-775-6267.

For a list of genealogy events both live and virtual go to <https://conferencekeeper.org/> This free website provides a huge number of events all in one place.



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