



## President's Message

On behalf of the SVGS Board a big thank you to John Hayes for his leadership these past four years. John has left big shoes to fill indeed. Recently, SVGS' webmaster George Ridgeway suggested a theme for SVGS' for the year ahead – **Get Involved!** Thanks, George. With your permission I would like to make **Get Involved** the theme to kick-start SVGS' new year.

The SVGS board invites you to **Get Involved** with SVGS' many genealogy projects. Like a small pebble dropped into a pond creates many ripples which touch all shores, one small helping gesture by you creates big ripples of benefits that reach every member.

A few ways for you to **Get Involved** are: Helping to set up the meeting room, volunteering to bring refreshments for a meeting, joining a cemetery reading team this spring, helping our webmaster with some website maintenance tasks, volunteering to help at the seminar, submitting your family discoveries to our newsletter, sharing your talents as a board member, or simply remembering to pay your dues to save SVGS postage, and so on.

There are countless ways you can be of service. Ask a board member for what they need help with so that they may better serve you.

Your ideas are spark plugs that energize SVGS's board to create programs that are engaging and beneficial. The boards aspire to create an atmosphere in which every attendee at our meetings leaves inspired to be, or become, an SVGS member -- eager to share in the fun of studying genealogy. Please join us in creating that friendly, supportive atmosphere. **Get Involved** – and the possibilities for your genealogy society -- are unlimited. I look forward to serving you,

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SVGS Board President

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## Civil War Veterans Buried in Washington State



Bruce Smith and Karyn Zielasko Weingarden are the originators of the website [www.civilwarvetswastate.com](http://www.civilwarvetswastate.com) which they hope and expect to become the "One-Stop-Shopping" for those researching a Civil War veteran who came to the Pacific Northwest and died and is buried in Washington state.

Did you know about this website? Ever looked at it? Suggest you do so!

Their goal with this project is to have, in one place, a complete listing of all Civil War vets resting in Washington soil along with a bit of a biography on him. These bios are gleaned from official records or submitted by researchers.

So what does this mean for you? Do you have a Civil War veteran ancestor buried here? Is he documented on Bruce and Karyn's website? Would you like to submit your information to the website?

Directions on how to submit your info is on the website but bottom line, send an email to Bruce at [smith.bruce123@comcast.net](mailto:smith.bruce123@comcast.net)

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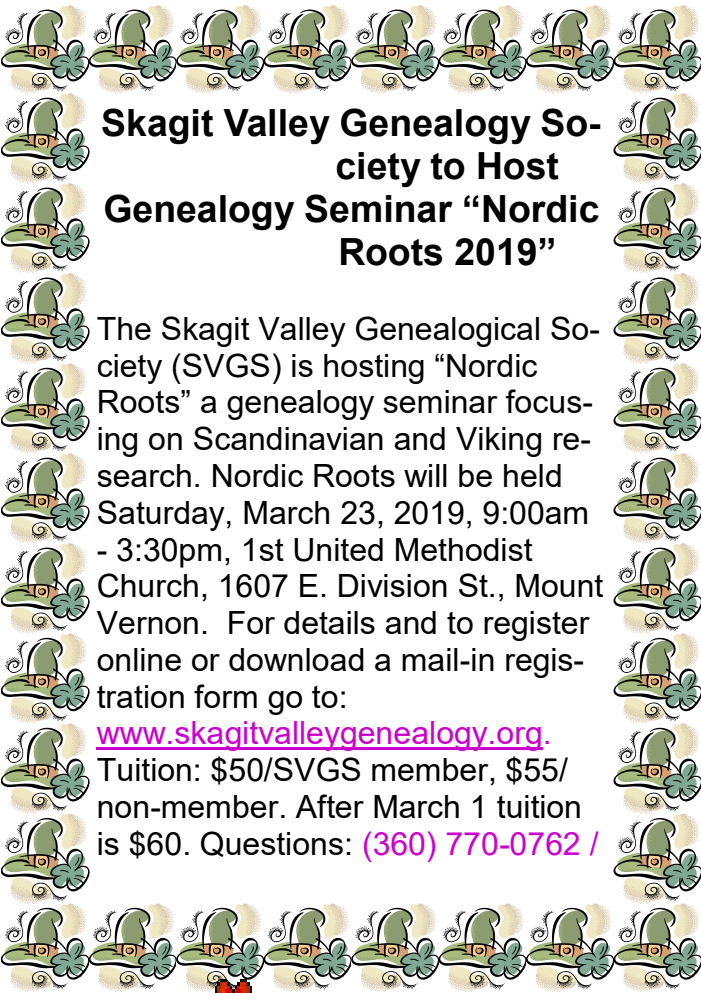
Check out our redesigned web page at  
[skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org)

## SVGS Members,

We have a new BLOG on our website. If you are interested in participating in our blog go to [skagit-valleygenealogy.Org/BLOG](http://skagit-valleygenealogy.Org/BLOG) to see how you can register and log in.  
Thank you.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter accepts business card size advertisement. The cost will be \$10.00 per issue and the editor can help put one together for you if you don't have something ready.

If anyone would like queries or surnames to be posted in the newsletter, please send to... *Ye Editor*



## Skagit Valley Genealogy Society to Host Genealogy Seminar "Nordic Roots 2019"

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) is hosting "Nordic Roots" a genealogy seminar focusing on Scandinavian and Viking research. Nordic Roots will be held Saturday, March 23, 2019, 9:00am - 3:30pm, 1st United Methodist Church, 1607 E. Division St., Mount Vernon. For details and to register online or download a mail-in registration form go to:

[www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org).

Tuition: \$50/SVGS member, \$55/non-member. After March 1 tuition is \$60. Questions: (360) 770-0762 /

## Genealogy Trivia:

If you figure there's 25 years between each generation, 500 years ago there were 1,048,576 people involved in creating YOU! YOU are special!

## Genealogist's Disease Diagnosed

Submitted by Darla Patriacca

### Genealogist's Disease

Warning: Genealogy pox (Very contagious to adults)

Symptoms: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places.

Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children.

Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote desolate country areas. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

### Treatment:

Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

Remarks; The unusual nature of this disease is the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!

If you don't tend your roots, the tree may wither away.

Family tree research is one giant step backwards and one giant step forward-usually at the same time.

A cousin a day keeps the boredom away.





## Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's

### GENEALOGY MONTHLY MEETING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

# Germans From Russia



**PLACING OUR ANCESTORS IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT:**

**Featuring internationally renowned author,  
genealogy expert and Canadian journalist**

## DAVE O'BREE

## Sat. January 12

### 1:00pm-3:00pm

### Burlington Public Library

### 820 E. Washington Ave.

### FREE | Everyone Welcome

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## 13,200+ GENEALOGY LINKS ON FACEBOOK

Katherine R Willson, professional genealogist, has done for genealogy related pages and groups on Facebook what Cyndi Ingle, of the renowned *Cyndi's List*, has done for genealogy resources on the Internet. She compiled them into a searchable, clickable, comprehensive, very useful list.

Last updated in November 2018, Katherine's list, "Genealogy on Facebook", is 351 pages, contains 13,200+ Facebook genealogy links. The first 11 pages is a Table of Contents organized by geographical categories (states, countries, regions) and non-geographical categories (adoption, lineage societies, ethnicity, military conflicts, etc). One group named "Associated Daughters of Early American Witches", in the category of lineage societies, certainly piqued my interest.

Why join a Facebook genealogy related group?

A Facebook group is a place where people with common interests (for example-genealogy research in Allegan County, MI) can go to communicate, share ideas, and ask questions. You are more likely to solve your Allegan County brick wall by networking with genealogists actually in Allegan County.

Our Seattle Genealogical Society Networking Group recently accepted a new member from Norway. He was trying to find descendants of his great-grandfather who immigrated to Seattle from Norway. The family in Norway lost contact with the Seattle family more than 30 years ago. Within the day, several group members came up with data, including obituaries, to help him, and he was able to establish contact with his US cousins.

Here's the link to Katherine's list, "Genealogy on Facebook". See what groups might be of interest and help to you. Also, which groups might you help? As genealogists we love to dig in to help a fellow genealogist solve their mystery; it's just in our DNA.

[Genealogy on Facebook List](#)

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Just a friendly reminder that dues are now due for the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. In the event you may have already paid, it is possible that they were sent in and just haven't reached me yet. Our year goes from Jan. 1st through Dec. 31st. Dues this year are \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for family membership.

Membership Chairperson: Candice Soine

# SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Monthly Programs for Winter/Spring 2019

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 1-3pm | Burlington Public Library | 820 E. Washington Ave. | Burlington  
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*The public is always welcome to attend SVGS monthly educational programs. We welcome you to join us!*

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- Sat., Jan. 12**      **GERMANS FROM RUSSIA: A CASE STUDY - Dave Obee**  
 Tracing your German family back to Russia, and possibly through Russia to places of in Germany or Poland, can be rewarding. Research should also include a study of descendants in North America, Germany and elsewhere. More than anything, however, it is important to understand the lives they lived, and the conditions they faced -- in other words, the context behind the family history.
- Sat., Feb. 9**      **AN INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH GENEALOGY - Mary Kathryn Kozy**  
 Discover the historical influences on Jewish family research, the challenges of knowing where to look for records these records, special website to help you with Jewish genealogy sources and much more helpful guidance so you can discover your Jewish ancestors.
- Sat., Mar. 9**      **I REMEMBER MAMA, I Just Don't Know Her Maiden Name! - Mary Roddy**  
 Researching women in our family tree can be challenging. Many times a bride or wife's maiden name is not mentioned as she assumes the surname of her husband. This makes it difficult to trace information about her parents, her origins, and life prior to her marriage. Learn tips and techniques for finding document sources and where to research for information about the female lines in your family tree.
- Sat. Mar. 23**      **NORDIC ROOTS SEMINAR with Jill Morelli and Torolf Torgerson**  
**SPRING**      **1st United Methodist Church, 1607 E Division St., Mount Vernon, 9AM-3PM**  
**SEMINAR**      Register online or download a mail-in form or look up directions to the seminar location at: [skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org). Tuition: \$50/SVGS members | \$55/nonmembers  
 Registration after March tuition is \$60/person.
- Sat., Apr. 13**      **EVERNOTE FOR GENEALOGISTS- Janet O'Connor-Camarata**  
 Discover how Evernote, a software program, can be a huge organizational and management tool for all of the data, records, photographs and websites that genealogists are collecting everyday. But do you know where to locate that data again? Learn how to get organized and be more effective in your research with this tool.
- Sat., May 11**      **HOW TO READ A CEMETERY -- SVGS Publications Committee**  
 Genealogy Societies across the country, including SVGS, gather and publish the information found on local cemetery tombstones. These cemetery books are helpful resources for families who do not live in the area but wish to know what is written on a deceased family member's gravestone. Once you learn the basics why not help on a Cemetery Reading Volunteer Day for SVGS (to be scheduled later this spring 2019).
- Sat., June 8**      **GRANDPA WORKED FOR THE RAILROAD - Janice Lovelace, PhD**  
 Janice's grandfather worked for the railroad as did many men in the 19th & 20th centuries. Learn how to discover which company, what type of job and where they worked. This program will focus on railroad companies and accessing their records, including pensions.

**--- July-August -- no meetings until the 2nd Saturday in September -- Enjoy Your Summer!**



## **The Paradox of our Time in History by Bob Moorehead**

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Remember, to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person might not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind."

-Bob Moorehead

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2018**

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