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President's Message

Welcome to a new year, new resolutions, new officers, and new board members. Each one of us will be making new-year resolutions, which may include intentions to really dig deeper for those ancestors, spend more time volunteering and aiding the society. Our members and volunteers are the backbone of our society. I look forward to helping our society grow and prosper.

Your returning board members are, Treasurer – Yale Gifford, Archivist – Lorraine Rothenbuhler, Genealogist – Diane Partington, Librarian – Joan Udd, Membership – Donna Hinds, Newsletter & Webmaster – Dan Royal, Heritage Historian – Thomas Robinson, Ways ‘n Mean – Maureen Royal and Past President - Laura Sparr. Your new board members, include Vice President - George Ridgeway, Secretary - Barbara Johnson, Audit & Budget - Sharon Johnson, FGS Delegate - Rita Schulze, Publicity - Shirley Christenson, Publications - Dale Hastin, Nominations - Joyce Liston, Bylaws & Standing Rules - Judy Clifford, Telephone Committee - Helen Bretvick, Refreshments - Barbara Ricketts, and myself. I am excited about working with all of our board members. We still have one vacancy on the board, in education, if any of you are interested in this capacity please contact Joyce Liston.

In the near future, your board will be planning a retreat to discuss long-range planning issues for the society. I look forward to sharing minutes of the board meetings, making an effort for each of you to have up-to-date bylaws and changes in the standing rules. These are the basics for which our society functions. Another of the changes we hope to make is in providing more opportuni-

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A publication of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society of Skagit County, Washington. Officers include: Vera Stuber, President (757-1602); Claudia Edsworth, Corresponding Secretary; Sharon Johnson, Treasurer. Address mail to P. O. Box 715, Conway, WA 98238. The Society, a non-profit organization, is open to all persons interested in genealogical and historical research, preservation, and publication.

1990 PROGRAMS

The meetings will be held at Skagit Valley College in the Library, room S-51, the Media Room. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7 pm and the speakers begin at 8 pm.

23 Jan - WAYNE KITE will speak about his research and efforts to write the history of his ancestor, locally famous in Oklahoma and in Texas for robbing banks during the Dustbowl Era.

27 Feb - PETER HOFFELPINGER will lecture on the elements of a good oral history, an area in which he did extensive work in Skagit County. He is currently affiliated with the Anacortes Museum.

27 Mar - MEG PETERSON will present the best method of researching photos, newspaper, and obituary archives of the Skagit County Museum where she currently works as the curator.

24 Apr - FRANCIS BYFORD, a member of our Society, will speak on research in Germany. Since she has been there you will learn first-hand how it is done.

22 May - ANNUAL ELECTIONS for the office of President, Second Vice President (membership), Third Vice President (fund-raising), and Recording Secretary. The budget for 1990-1991 will be presented for a vote.

June - SECOND ANNUAL PICNIC, an opportunity to meet the families and friends of the Society. This year's theme will be: Showing Off The Family Scrapbook. Time and place for picnic to be announced later. -- Peyton Kane

SURNAME CARDS AND GENERATION CHARTS

All SVGS members are requested to complete and turn in their surname cards and a five generation pedigree chart (8 1/2 x 11" size) for the family names they are researching. Each member is assigned an identification number so other persons researching in this area may see the surnames in the file and can contact you for discovered family history you for exchange. Some members have even discovered cousins within our Society! Please turn in cards to Julie Steves. If you need help call Julie (466-4079) or Janet Armbrust (428-0319).

DUES ARE DUE -- NOW!

A new membership list is included with this newsletter, and shows the number total to be 69. Colleen Thules, is our membership vice-president. Please check your listing and let Colleen know if corrections are necessary.

Dues are now due for all members for the year of 1990. Remember, it will make Colleen's task a bit easier if we get those dues paid right away. Mail your check for dues today, or remember to pay dues at our regular meeting on January 23. Our mailing address is: Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 715, Conway, WA 98238.

ALL MEMBERS' DUES ARE DUE JAN. 1990 MEMBERSHIP IN SVGS IS OPEN TO ALL. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE \$ 8.00; FAMILY MEMBERSHIP, SAME ADDRESS, \$10.

ties for our members to share their research "brickwalls" and "successes". If you have any comments about either our board meetings or general meetings please contact me or one of our board members with your suggestions. Remember, this is your society and our board meetings are open to the public. As a member, we invite you to attend board meetings and observe first hand how your board of directors functions. We look forward to hearing from you.

We will have lots of opportunities for volunteers in the coming months. As we prepare for our spring conference in May we will be looking for members to assist with numerous tasks. I hope that many of you will

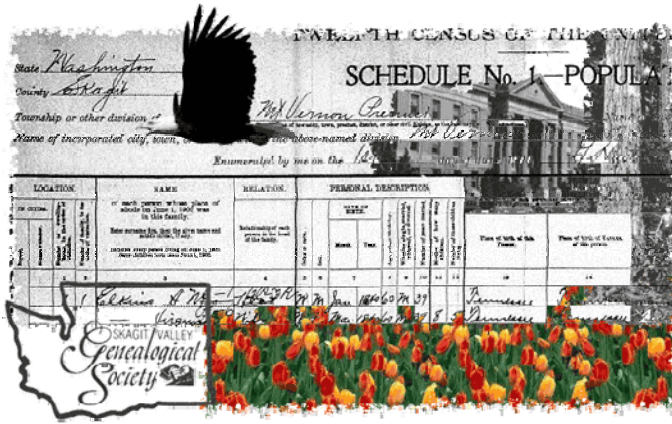
find the time to help us out. Our speaker, Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, is a well known national speaker, a board member for the Federation of Genealogical Societies and very knowledgeable in the topics the board has chosen for her to present. I am sure that each of you will find something of interest in her presentations.

Hazel Razar -
 President

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society
 20 Years Old!

Officially, the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society turned 20 years old, on January 1, 2007. A small group of people decided to form a "new society" in the genealogical community in 1987.

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Comb Binding ...

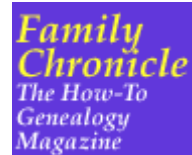
For members, The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call Arnold Stewart at 360-466-3288 he will make arrangements to bind your pages into a book for you. Cost is: \$1.00 per book to cover supplies.

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter is now accepting 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 to be posted in the newsletter, please send to... *Ye Editor*

You can help the Society by buying your favorite genealogical item of interest from our website through an affiliate program with the publishers. Simply click on the links to the magazine or website of your choice, pay for whatever you are interested in and the society will receive a small commission for you doing so.

A simple way to help contribute to Skagit Valley Genealogical Society and their ongoing works.



Calendar of Events

Upcoming 2007

General Meeting:

Start time 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the **Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington** No change in date or time.

23 January—**George Ridgeway**, SVGS Vice President “USING INTERNET SEARCH ENGINES”

27 February—**Darrell Trudeau** Stillaguamish Genealogy Society will be “Identifying and Using Irregular Sources”.

27 March—Publication Chair **Dale Hastin** will be talking on “Surname and Locality Cards”

24 April—**Sharon Johnson** “Understanding and Using PERSI”

Welcome New Member(s)

Diane Robertson Mount Vernon, WA
James & Florence Simm Mount Vernon, WA
Dane Jean (Keves) Di Rito Anacortes, WA

Burlington Public Library

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Burlington, WA 98233
Phone (360) 755-0760
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blibrary@ci.burlington.wa.us

Hours: Monday – Thursday

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – Closed

SVGS Library Collection

located here. SVGS Volunteers available on Mondays from 11:00—1:00 to assist with questions.

Joan Udd—SVGS Librarian



New Library Building to open Summer of 2007

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 have raised to \$12.00 for single membership and \$15.00 for family membership.

Donna Hinds

Membership Chairperson

Coming Events

Jan 16-26, 2007 Fiske Genealogical Library Trip to Salt Lake City for 10 days. Call the Fiske Library, 206-328-2716 or Betty Kay Anderson @ 360-898-2537 after May 1.

Mar 17, 2007 South King County Genealogical Society—Gene-A- Rama—watch for further details on their website.

Mar 17, 2007 Jefferson County Genealogical Society JCGS's Annual Seminar – Steven Morrison will speak on Irish and British Research, and a technique he calls “**Outlaw Genealogy**” tracking down ancestors like outlaws, not family.

Mar 31, 2007 Seattle Genealogical Society—Spring Seminar William “Bill” Dollarhide will speak on “**Wagon Roads in Colonial America,**” “**Forgotten Public Land Records,**” “**State Censuses and Substitutes,**” and “**Civil War Genealogy.**”

Mar 31, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society—Annual Spring Seminar. with Richard Kyle *Advanced Internet Research* and Patty McNamee *Seattle National Archives* Registration at 8:30 and program starts at 9:00 am and lasts til 4:00 pm with cost of \$20.00 & includes lunch.

Apr 13-14, 2007, Wenatchee, WA - WSGS Conference & Annual Meeting will be held at the Wenatchee Center Hotel & Conf Center. Theme is “*Climbing Your Family Tree*”. More details later. Hosted by Region 8 societies.

Apr 28, 2007 Abbotsford Genealogy Society Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada sponsors “**Roots Around the World**”. See <http://www.abbygs.ca/2007seminar.htm>

May 16-18, 2007 NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair *Rediscover Virginia 400 Years of Family History* to be held at Richmond, Virginia, hosted by the NGS with the Virginia Genealogical Society, The Fairfax Genealogical Society and the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia. For more information see: <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2007/>

May 19, 2007, Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Spring Seminar with Sandra Hargreaves Leubking, APG nationally known speaker and author. To be held at the Burlington Community Center, Burlington, WA. Topics will be: “**Salute Now! Military Records,**” identify and locate records of service, pension & military bounty lands; “**Trials and Tribulations**” capture those persons who lived on the fringe of mainstream society, what records did they create & where are those records today? “**NUCMC & Other Surprises,**” locate diaries, military records, family letters, church & courthouse files; “**Circumventing Blocked Lines,**” seven sure-fire search strategies for lines you stopped searching. See <http://www.rootsweb.com/wasvgs> for further details and registration form.

The roots of the society go much farther back, however. Many of the original members were part of a study group lead by Marjory Johnson. Her interest in the hobby began in the early 1950s.

Frances Byford believed that the study groups actually started about 1978. There were two groups, one met in the afternoons and the other in the evenings. The afternoon group met at the Mount Vernon City Library. Susan Bos attended the evening group which also met at the library, and this group later moved to Marjory's home.

The groups offered one-on-one instruction and opportunity to share a hobby. At that time, attendance was small, normally six to eight people. There was sharing of problems, successes, and car-pooling to Seattle libraries, archives and other places of research. It was also during this time period that the Church of the Latter Days Saints opened the Family History Center in Mount Vernon, providing access to the many resources of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Marjory also conducted classes at the Senior Center. She spread her love and knowledge of genealogy to many people in Skagit County.

Sharon Johnson and Colleen Thulen joined the group in the early 1980s. At this time there was only one group which met at the Mount Vernon City Library in the afternoon on the first Wednesday of each month. These small group meetings continued until the death of Marjory Johnson.

This small group wondered what they would do without their leader, but a member of the group for about 2 years, Betty Fellion stepped forward to fill the void. She was small in stature, gentle in voice, quiet, and not one you would expect to take over. But she was a champion, saw a need and filled it.

On November 5, 1986, a meeting was held at the Knotty Pine Restaurant in Mount Vernon. Six members decided to place an article in the newspaper to see if anyone else was interested in forming an area genealogical society. Dolores "Dee" Ackerman and Zelda Stout of the Whatcom Genealogical Society attended this meeting to assist in giving helpful information on what to do towards "Society" formation. Charter members listed in the minutes of that meeting were: Dee Ackerman, Edna Bainter, Dottie Burr, Betty Fellion, Ann Flath, Sharon Johnson, Gen McMullen, John Marian, Carol Oglesbee, Hazel Pilkinton, Colleen Thulen, Nola VanWieringen, Lois Wold and Mary Jo Wolden.

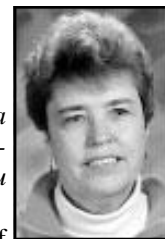
In January 1987, the first officers were chosen and the bylaws and charter of the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society were drawn. Officers were: Betty Fellion, President; John Marion, Vice-President; Carol Oglesbee, Secretary; and Colleen Thulen, Treasurer. Betty was an encouraging guide for the new organization, and despite health problems she was able to complete her presidential term in May 1988. Membership had increased to 52, by the time of Betty's death that summer. Both Marjory and Betty left genealogical books to the group, thus planting the seeds for our ever expanding library. Our society

library is presently situated at the Burlington Public Library at 900 Fairhaven Ave., Burlington.

During the following years our membership continued to grow and flourish. Every two years we have managed to find people who have volunteered to fill the positions for the different offices and the positions necessary to maintain a Board of Directors for the Society. Our current membership is in excess of 150 very enthusiastic people. Many are just beginning to do their search for ancestors and others have a great deal of experience. We encourage our experienced members to assist the beginners in getting started in the correct methods of research and documentation of their ancestral families.

Our Society currently meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month except for July, August and December, at 7:00 p.m. At the Burlington Community Center, 1011 Greenleaf Street, Burlington.

Society Member Jeannette Mowrer



Our heartfelt condolences to Jim Mowrer, a friend to the society and 'Special History Project' book committee member. Please know you have friends.

Jeannette Elaine (Grinde) Mowrer of Bow, WA passed away Friday, November 10, 2006 at 1:12 AM at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle with her family at her bedside. She fought a short, but a very valiant and courageous battle with adult non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer.

Jeannette's families on both sides were early Stanwood and Camano Island, WA pioneers. She was the only child born to Orlin E. and Margaret "Peggy" (Moe) Grinde on March 6, 1941 in Stanwood, WA. She was raised and received her schooling in Stanwood, graduating from Twin City High School with the class of 1959. She then attended Western Washington College of Education graduating with a degree in Education in 1963.

Jeannette married Larry Mowrer of Mount Vernon, WA on April 6, 1962 at the Eighth Street Chapel at Fort Ord, California. They moved to Lakewood, WA where they raised their son Christopher David.

Her intelligence, love of reading and natural way with children led her to a job at the Clover Park School District in Lakewood, WA as a fourth grade elementary school teacher and later as a reading specialist. Jeannette retired in 1996 after 33 years of teaching. In 1998 she and Larry moved back to Skagit County and settled in Bow. Jeannette spent her retirement going on adventures with good friends and devoting more time to her talent for creating crafts that brightened a lot of people's lives with her special personal style.

Preceded in death by her mother and father, Jeannette is survived by her husband of 44 years Larry Mowrer at the family home in Bow and her beloved son Christopher and his wife Angela of Seattle. The world needs more people like Jeannette; she lives on in the hearts and memories of all who knew her. Inurnment service will be held at 1:00 P.M. Monday,



The Skagit Valley Genealogy Society needs your help! Please support our first annual "No bake sale/No Garage Sale" with your donation of \$10⁰⁰ or more. No need to buy cookies you won't eat or dig through your garage for those items to donate, or buy something you don't need! A simple way to support your society!

The Society desperately needs funds to defray the cost of upcoming activities/projects such as the May Conference and the publication of our book & other activities. Your donation of \$10 or more will provide these funds and a No muss, No fuss fund raiser.

*Please help us reach our goal! Make your checks payable to:
Skagit Valley Gen Society & mail them with this form to
SVGS -PO Box 715, Conway, WA 98283*

Or bring them to our General meeting. Without your help, we won't be able to complete these projects or meet our goal. Thanks very much!!

Name: _____ *Phone number:* _____

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2007

APPLICANTS NAME _____

ADDRESS STREET, CITY, STATE, & 9 DIGIT ZIP CODE _____

AREA CODE () _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

New Member _____

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FAMILY \$ 15 _____

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