



## President's Message

Wow! What a great seminar! We thank Barbara Johnson and her very active committee for doing a super job organizing a fine informative all day event. The speakers were excellent and there was something for everyone.

I was so wrapped up with the seminar in my last president's message that I overlooked the awards our society received from the Washington State Genealogical Society at their conference in June. Our society was selected for the Outstanding Project Award "Making Connections through ROOTS (Researching Our Origins for Teens with Seniors)" project. The brainchild behind this project was our own Margie Wilson. She was the organizer working with our society members, Burlington Public Library and Burlington-Edison Alternative High School. Two others were selected for Outstanding Volunteer awards by the statewide society. They were Diane Partington and Muriel Neely. Congratulations to all!

Looking ahead we have our annual meeting on November 7 when we will be selecting a new treasurer and vice president. We will also be approving a few proposed revisions to the by-laws and approving the 2016 budget. A ballot will be distributed via email and US mail so all should have an opportunity to vote. You can mail your ballots in or turn them in at the meeting.

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Yes, the business meeting will be busy. But we'll lead off with V.P. Carol Torset who will co-ordinate a program titled "Brick Walls/What Have You Learned". It should be an informative day. Our Board will provide a dessert potluck during the break so turnout and enjoy the afternoon with us.

There is no meeting in December so you all can enjoy the holidays with your families. Have fun!

*John Hayes*

President  
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I would like to send everyone out there wishes for a very safe and Happy Holiday, no matter what you believe in or practice. It is the love of one person to another that counts. Happy researching over the holidays if you have time or just spend the time with family that count you never know what the next day brings.

Sorry the newsletter was a little late, I thought the meeting was the 14th not the 7th.

*Dottie Chandler*, newsletter editor.

## 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 \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for family membership.

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Your advice is needed. If you have suggestions of program topics for next year. Or if you just can't wait to present a program yourself, please contact Carol Torset at [torset@comcast.net](mailto:torset@comcast.net) or 360-856-2410. She will happily take your ideas to heart.

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

## Prepared for Skagit Valley Genealogical Society NPO #86204 (Cycle 2015, Qtr 2)

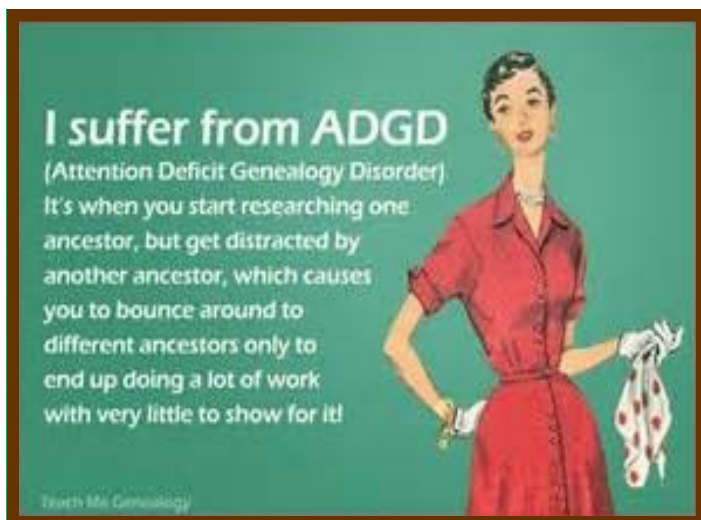
Dear Skagit Valley Genealogical Society,

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Fred Meyer. We are also committed to carefully protecting our customers' personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

Your supporters (9 households) who shopped at **Fred Meyer** between **04/01/2015** and **06/30/2015** (Cycle 2015, Qtr 2) have contributed to your **\$47.76** total donation. Your organization will be receiving a Kroger check in this amount within 30 days from 06/30/2015. If you have any questions, please email [fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com](mailto:fmcommunityrewards@fredmeyer.com) or visit our website at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). Thank you for your continued support of your local Fred Meyer store.

Don't forget to use your newsletter, website, and events to encourage your supporters to link to your organization. The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

Thank you,  
Fred Meyer Community Rewards Staff



### Burlington Public Library

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Hours: Monday – Thursday  
10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
10:00 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 ques-  
tions.

Margie Wilson—SVGS Librarian



### Genealogy problems

I fully intended to clean the house but somehow ended up doing some research online right after I started cleaning. The house now looks like someone broke in.

Twisted Twigs  
or other Twigs





If someone walked up to you and said "Howdy, I'm your third cousin, twice removed," would you have any idea what they meant? Most people have a good understanding of basic relationship words such as "mother," "father," "aunt," "uncle," "brother," and "sister." But what about the relationship terms that we don't use in everyday speech? Terms like "second cousin" and "first cousin, once removed"? We don't tend to speak about our relationships in such exact terms ("cousin" seems good enough when you are introducing one person to another), so most of us aren't familiar with what these words mean.

### Relationship Terms

Sometimes, especially when working on your family history, it's handy to know how to describe your family relationships more exactly. The definitions below should help you out.

### Cousin (a.k.a "first cousin")

Your first cousins are the people in your family who have two of the same grandparents as you. In other words, they are the children of your aunts and uncles.

### Second Cousin

Your second cousins are the people in your family who have the same great-grandparents as you., but not the same grandparents.

### Third, Fourth, and Fifth Cousins

Your third cousins have the same great-great-grandparents, fourth cousins have the same great-great-great-grandparents, and so on.

### Removed

When the word "removed" is used to describe a relationship, it indicates that the two people are from different generations. You and your first cousins are in the same generation (two generations younger than your grandparents), so the word "removed" is not used to describe your relationship.

The words "once removed" mean that there is a difference of one generation. For example, your mother's first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. This is because your mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. This one-generation difference equals "once removed."

Twice removed means that there is a two-generation difference. You are two generations younger than a first cousin of your grandmother, so you and your grandmother's first cousin are first cousins, twice removed.

[http://www.genealogy.com/16\\_cousn.html](http://www.genealogy.com/16_cousn.html)



## The Biggest Mistake of Online Ancestor Hunting and How to Avoid It

When you find a mention of your family tree online it's thrilling. Especially if the site lists long sought-after dates, more names, and stories about your ancestors. Who doesn't like knowing the details of a Civil War soldier, a Revolutionary-era patriot, or a wild west frontiersman?

Unfortunately, though, the information you find online can be correct, almost correct, or totally false - - and you have no way of knowing which is which. That's because most online sites don't include documentation on their web pages.

Genealogy is a fascinating hobby that requires the skills of a detective and the scientific techniques of a forensic analyst. It's all about proving the connection from one generation to the next. You can guess about the connection, but until proven they remain guesses (albeit it good guesses).

So, how do you avoid falling into the "no source materials" online trap?

If a website has information about your family but no sources, you can either

1. Contact the site owner and ask about sources
2. Use the site info as a springboard for your own research.

If you're very lucky, the site owner will have sources for the information posted on the site. If not, you can still use the information in your own search. Here's an example:

If the site says your great-great-grandfather served in the Civil War, but there's no proof, you can begin searching Civil War records yourself. If you have the state where he was born, begin looking in Civil War records associated with that state. If you don't, use a site like the Soldiers and Sailors system (see resource below), enter the soldier's name and begin the search. If he was in the Civil War, you should find his records here.

Another example. Let's say the website has marriage information for an ancestor. Where can you go to prove it? Begin with where the ancestor lived and start your search in state archives, state websites, or sites like FamilySearch.org. It's possible you'll find exactly what you're looking for at an official site, or you may have to write or call a courthouse in the county where the ancestor lived.

The bottom line, here, is to use whatever information you find as a foundation and begin building on it with proof. Otherwise, you'll just copy down the same information everyone else has copied, and before long no one will know what's really true.

### [Civil War Soldiers and Sailors](#)

Nancy Hendrickson is a professional genealogy researcher, author and instructor. She specializes in helping people trace their ancestors using Internet tools and techniques. Considered an expert in Internet genealogy, Hendrickson has been interviewed by national publications including the New York Times and Better Homes and Gardens.

Nancy invites you to download her [Family Tree Idea Book](#) and learn more about researching your genealogy at <http://www.ancestornews.com>. If you've ever wondered about your family's past, join her in a voyage that may take you where you never expected and show you things you never imagined would happen in your own family.

## 2015 Programs

[November 7th](#) Year-end meeting. **Brick Walls/What Have you Learned?** Coordinated by Carol Torset.

Go to our website to look at our future speakers and programs, [skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org)



## SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BALLOT NOV 7, 2015

Note: per a vote of membership in a change of Bylaws, (Oct Annual Meeting 2014) it is now possible for ALL paid members to vote. Please print this ballot.

Vote by email [svgsgenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:svgsgenealogy@gmail.com)

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Vote at General Meeting

### VICE PRESIDENT 2016-17

Write in ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Has this person agreed to serve if elected?    Y    N

### TREASURER 2016-17

**Carol Thomson**

Write in ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Has this person agreed to serve if elected?    Y    N

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### BALLOT REVISIONS:

#### ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS, Section D. Quorum

For the purpose of conducting business at the Annual Meeting, a quorum shall be **those members present after notification** as indicated in Article **XII**, Section A, #4, under Amendments to the Bylaws.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

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#### ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

##### Section B. Vice President shall:

3. Be chair of the Program Committee in charge of the following: a. \_\_\_\_\_ Programs/Speakers for general membership meetings **with topics related to genealogy; shall be presented in advance to the Board of Directors;**

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

##### Section D. Treasurer shall:

**5. Administer the PayPal account.**

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

#### ARTICLE VIII – BOARD COMMITTEES, Section A. All Board Committees

Board committees shall be Archival Historian, Audit & Budget, **Parliamentarian/ Bylaws & Standing Rules, Communications & Sunshine**, Education, **FGS Delegate**, Genealogist, Library, Member at Large, Membership, Newsletter, Nominating, Projects, Publications, Publicity, Ways and Means, and Webmaster.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

#### ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS, Section A. Bylaws

**1. A bylaw is a rule or law established by an organization to regulate itself.**

**a. Shall govern the activities of the Society;**

2. May be amended only at the Annual Meeting;
3. Written proposals shall be submitted by any member, to the Board of Directors prior to the September Board Meeting;
4. All such proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the Board of Directors, shall be **published** via society newsletter or e-mailed to the membership at least 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting;
5. A two-thirds vote of members present at the Annual Meeting shall be required to amend these bylaws.

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2013**

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APPLICANTS NAME

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Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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FAMILY \$ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL \$15 \_\_\_\_\_



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