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## President's Message

Welcome back! I hope each and every one of you has enjoyed the summer and taken the opportunity to search for and locate some of your ancestors.

We had a great experience at the **Washington State Genealogical Society Conference** in May. Our society hosted this event and I would like to thank each and every one of you that participated. It is because of you that we can congratulate ourselves on a successful event. Our members wore white T-shirts with a colorful design and we received many compliments about how these made our members easy to identify. Compliments on how available and helpful you were to visitors. Of course it occurred on the first really hot week-end of the year.

I can only assume the many sessions were helpful since most classrooms were crowded or filled to capacity. Our vendors were well represented and indicated they were pleased with the attendance at their exhibits.

There were many sessions using the Internet or other computer generated genealogy. Few of our sessions dealt with what to do about researching our family histories without all of our current technology. It is important for us to remember to research in libraries, our collection at the Burlington Public Library contains many books, magazines & journals, our media library contains many CDs and microfilms. Attending genealogical society meetings is very beneficial with an educational component at every meeting, and it is also helpful to attend classes and seminars, and attend meetings or join genealogical societies in the area of your research. There are many resources available. However, it is also important to use the electronic resources to search for information, contact new family members, document your sources and share information.

I would like to thank **Laura Pemberton Sparr** for her interest and support of our society. She has served 4 years as your president and is currently our Education Chair. During the past several months she has single-handedly attended and given short introductions about our society and genealogy in general at both the **Highland Games** in July and the **Pioneer Picnic** in August. She has had a busy summer supporting all of us.

Our society has been blessed with people that step forward in times of need. Consider what you can do to help our society continue to flourish. Volunteers are the back bone of every genealogical society and ours is no exception. We are currently in need of someone to step into the roles of **President** and **Secretary** for the upcoming year. The requirements of these positions is easy, but does require a few hours of time.

The board meeting usually runs about 2 hours on a Wednesday morning (which can be changed to an evening if necessary) and then the General Meeting about 2 hours. Can you spare this amount of time to support your society? If you can say yes, then please let me know. I am always available by email or by telephone.

I would also like to thank everyone for their thoughts, cards and emails during this time that I have been unavailable. I hope to be back soon.

*Hazel Razar*, President

## PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS NOVEMBERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

**C u r r e n t B y - l a w :**  
ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, all saleable assets shall be converted to cash. The monies of the Society shall be used to purchase genealogical materials for the genealogical collection of a library, historical society or archives. Dissolution shall be in accordance with the current version of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

**P r o p o s e d C h a n g e :**

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, the cash assets and genealogical materials of the Society shall be donated to the genealogical collection of a library, historical society or archives.

Dissolution shall be in accordance with the current version of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future tax code.



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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 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*

**Calendar of Events**

*Upcoming 2008*

**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.

**September 23, 2008—Deanna Ammons**, from Clear Lake Historical Association; History of Clear Lake POTLUCK DINNER starts at 6:00 PM—BRING FOOD AND FRIENDS!

**October 28, 2008—Dale Hastin**, SVGS Publication Chair, 3 R's

**November 25, 2008—Annual Meeting & Program.**

**Welcome New Member(s)**

**Burlington Public Library**

820 E Washington Ave  
 Burlington, WA 98233  
 Phone (360) 755-0760  
 Email:  
 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



**POSITIONS OPEN - NOMINATIONS**

**THIS NOVEMBER**

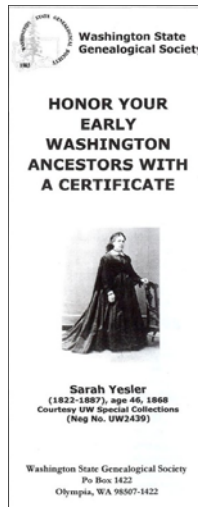
THIS NOVEMBER OUR SOCIETY WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE ON LEADERSHIP, CHAIR AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR THE SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

- **PRESIDENT**
- **SECRETARY**

COMMITTEE POSITIONS ARE OPEN AND NEED FILLED STILL. INCLUDED ARE:

- **BYLAWS/STANDING RULES**
- **NOMINATIONS**
- **PROJECTS**
- **PRINTING PUBLICATIONS**
- **SOUND SYSTEM**
- **COMB BINDING MACHINE**
- **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**Washington State Pioneer Certificates**



To celebrate our 25th anniversary, WSGS is again emphasizing our Pioneer Certificates which are available to direct descendants of Washington pioneers who arrived before 11 November 1889 or First Citizen Certificates for those before 31 December 1900. To assist local societies libraries and applicants, a new brochure describing some resources and procedures is now available. Contact **Frank McLean**, 3811 McLean Dr, Yakima, WA 98902 or **FL635@nwinfo.net** to obtain copies. Local societies are encouraged to take copies to local libraries, family history centers, genealogical meetings, etc.

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**Deanna Ammons**  
 Clear Lake and Day Creek Historian

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## Coming Events

### 26, 27, 28 Sep 2008 - Kelowna, BC, Canada

**The Kelowna & District Genealogical Society** invites you to the 2008 Seminar "**Harvest Your Family Tree**" to be held in Kelowna, BC, Canada on September 26, 27, 28, 2008. Our biennial seminar has earned a reputation for great speakers, good selection of topics, wonderful Marketplace, super add-ons and as a previous participant commented, "having the buzz of excitement that you generally only see at the bigger provincial/state or national conferences." More information about early bird registration, seminar schedule and presenters is available on the Kelowna & District Genealogical website.

### 27 Sep 2008 - Belfair, WA

**Belfair Genealogical Society** presents a one day seminar featuring Barbara Clark Hovorka. Topics will include: "Crossing the Ocean: Finding the Immigrant", "Court/Land, Will & Probate Records: The How and Why of American Pedigrees", and "Out of the Mainstream: Hidden Sources" Check their website for additional information.

### 10-11 Oct 2008 - Seattle, WA

**Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle (BGRG)** hosts the 8th Annual West Coast African-American Genealogy Summit in Seattle. Speaker will be Dr. Quintard Taylor, Jr. He specializes in "African American History in the American West." He is the author of "In Search of Racial Frontier: African American West 1528-1990" and "The Forging of a Black Community" A History of Seattle's Central District, 1870 through Civil Rights Era" as well as several other articles. \$85. Check the website at <http://www.blackpast.org> or email [BGRG92@aol.com](mailto:BGRG92@aol.com)

### 1 Nov 2008 - Seattle, WA

**Seattle Genealogical Society** will kick off the group's 85th anniversary celebration with the fall seminar, "Finding Your Past in Your Future." The seminar will be held Saturday, November 1, from 9am - 4pm at the Sand Point Education Center (6208 60th Ave NE, Seattle). Speakers will present information about new tools using today's technology to help find family roots. The 12 seminar presentations should appeal to both new and experienced family researchers. Topics include Native American, Swedish, Chinese and Irish ancestral research; accessing libraries and publications online, advances in technology and the genealogy software of tomorrow, Seattle Public Library genealogical resources and the creation of and access to the Washington State Digital Archives records. For registration information contact the society at 206-522-8658 or email [gsseminar@gmail.com](mailto:gsseminar@gmail.com) or check our website listed above.

## Key Ingredients to Open at SCHM in November

What exactly are kolaces, spaetzle and pierogies? What is in burgoo and gumbo anyway? How did yams and pigs come to America? Most of us eat day in and day out without giving a second thought to the wealth of history and culture that shapes our dining habits and taste preferences. Our recipes, menus, ceremonies, etiquette, and even our fast food are directly affected by our country's rich immigrant experience, the history and innovations of food preparation technology, and the ever-changing availability of key ingredients.

*Key Ingredients: America by Food*, a Smithsonian exhibit from Museum on Main Street, explains the little known, the everyday, and the obvious through an entertaining and informative overview of our country's diverse regional cooking and eating traditions. It investigates how culture, ethnicity, landscape and tradition influence foods and flavors we enjoy across the nation. *Key Ingredients* demonstrates how food on the American table is rooted in centuries of continuous borrowing and sharing between people across generations, across cultures and across the land. In addition, it underscores the contributions made by Native America cultures to our palate and eating habits. It also addresses the entrepreneurial spirit on which many food production industries are based, such as those of food pioneers Heinz, Campbell, and Borden.

One way the museum is participating is working with elementary schools and the Children's Museum of Skagit County and collecting recipes and the story behind them. A family or classroom activity, they will be collected as an oral history for the Skagit County Historical Museum.

*Key Ingredients* is provided by Humanities Washington, a non-profit organization bringing cultural programs to the people of Washington State and is a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

*Key Ingredients* opens Saturday, November 15, 2008, 11-5. It is free for this day.

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## CONDOLENCES

The society has sadly lost several members recently and the board would like to offer heartfelt condolences to their families.



**Harold E. Christenson** was born to Charles and Carrie (Piengba) Christenson on December 21, 1922 in Oak Harbor and entered into rest peacefully with his family at his side at his home in Bayview (Mount Vernon) on August 19, 2008.

Harold worked in a variety of positions during his life, such as grower and shipper of "Kitty King" potatoes, self employed trucker, highway engineer with the State Department of Transportation, and engineer with the City of Mount Vernon.

His achievements included 30 plus years with local Boy Scout programs including time as the Mount Baker Area Council President. He was also one of the founding members of the Skagit Land Trust.

His hobbies included, hiking, aviation, skiing, sailing, photography, bird watching and traveling. Harold was able to strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere and he truly enjoyed people.

Harold is survived by his wife, Shirley; his brother, Fred Christenson and wife Lila; daughter, Karen Radcliffe and husband Doug; son, Roy Christenson and wife Ronelle; son, Eric Christenson and wife Linda. He is also survived by grandchildren, Alyssa Stamey and husband Chris, Erin Radcliffe and Kevin Hartman, Tasha Bunch and husband Matt, Leyna Holmes, Andrea Bigham, Charlie Christenson, Hannah Christenson and Holly Christenson; great-grandchildren Alex Stamey, Carin Bunch, Riley Holmes and the many friends he made along the way that will also miss him dearly.

His parents and a nephew, Chuck Christenson, predeceased Harold.

Memorials in Harold's name may be made to the Skagit Land Trust, P.O. Box 1017, (325 Pine St. #B), Mount Vernon, WA 98273. At Harold's request there will be no public services.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care and direction of Affordable Burial and Cremation Services LLC, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.



**Edna L. Bainter**, age 77, a resident of Mount Vernon, died September 4, 2008 at Skagit Valley Hospital.

She was born July 29, 1931 in Commerce, Oklahoma, the daughter of the late Harold and Lena McBee. As a young girl, her family moved to Burlington, WA, where she attended school. She was a 1949 graduate of Burlington Edison High School.

Leonard L. Bainter was the love of her life and their marriage took place March 16, 1949 in Burlington.

Edna was a passionate person with many interests. She belonged to Children's Hospital Guild (Dr. David Lawson Group),

DAR (Ann Washington Chapter), Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, went through the chairs as Women of the Moose (Mount Vernon Chapter); volunteer at Providence Hospital; one of the founding women of Alaska Women In Timber; and many other community clubs and service oriented activities.

Surviving are her husband, Leonard at home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Robert Young of Mount Vernon, Margie and Gordon Bennett of Milton; Grandchildren, Jason and Lisa Young of Alger and Jacob L Young of Mount Vernon; Great Granddaughters, Aleena N Young and Isabelle R Young; four sisters, Elizabeth Murray of Mount Vernon, Delores Taft of Bellingham, Bonnie Herman in Michigan, Barbara Demirigan in Florida; two brothers, Wayne McBee of Tacoma and Alfred McBee of Longview; numerous nieces and nephews.

Her parents; two sisters, Catherine McBee and Karen McBee; and one brother Charles McBee preceded her in death.

Memorial Mass will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Mount Vernon on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 12:15 pm.

Interment will be in the Burlington Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hulbush Funeral Home, Burlington. Memorials are suggested to your favorite charity.



**Judy Ray** passed away on July 8, 2008, at her home in Mount Vernon.

She was born on May 23, 1941 in Breckenridge, Minnesota, to Robert and Thelma Ray.

Judy graduated from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, with a degree in nursing and worked as a psychiatric nurse in hospitals as well as a county traveling nurse.

Spain then drew her attention and she spent nine happy years living in Seville. Upon her return to the States, she moved to Mount Vernon to be near her family.

Her special way of lighting up people's lives will be missed by her family and many friends.

As a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, Judy was active in the Women's Group and a charter member of the Quilters Group, during which time she made many beautiful quilts which were donated to Hospice. She also belonged to the Red Hat Society, enjoying their many fun outings. Judy was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by brothers Patrick Ray of Mount Vernon and Robert (Alice) Ray of Breckenridge, Minnesota, niece Crystal and nephews Shannon and Nathan.

A memorial service will be held at the Mount Vernon First United Methodist Church on July 19th at 2:00pm with Reverend Rand O'Donnell officiating. Friends attending are asked to bring a single flower to be placed on the altar.

Memorials to Skagit Hospice Services are suggested.





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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2008**

APPLICANTS NAME

ADDRESS STREET, CITY, STATE & 9 DIGIT ZIP CODE

AREA CODE ( )

TELEPHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

New Member

Renewal

Previous Member

FAMILY \$ 15

INDIVIDUAL \$12

INSTITUTION \$12



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