



## President's Message

The good news from the Washington State Genealogical Society (WSGS) Conference in Tacoma in June was that our very own Margie Wilson was selected for the prestigious President's Award. It was her inspirational talent and leadership skills making the ROOTS project a success that gave her the edge in the selection process plus serving as our librarian, publicity chair and more recently as our vice president. These are just the tip of the iceberg! In addition both George Ridgeway and Barbara Johnson were selected for the WSGS Outstanding Volunteer Awards. It is fun to work with dedicated members like these.

We are looking forward to our educational programs this fall. Starting off we have Janice Lovelace presenting an introduction to "Beyond Online: Courthouse Records" on September 10. She will give us insight into what to look for and where to find information about our ancestors in court records. On October 8 we will have an opportunity to talk about our ancestors in a program titled "Tell Us Your Ancestor's Story". Betty Tartas, Pat Pulver Fitzgerald and some of our members will tell unique and fascinating stories about their favorite ancestors. After our two main speakers our members will have about three minutes each to speak.

Would you or a friend like to improve or learn basic genealogy skills? Our society is offering a beginners genealogy class over four sessions on October 1, 8, 15 & 22 at the Burlington Public Library from 10 to noon. Invite your friends, neighbors, etc. to check into our fun hobby.

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We need **YOU!** Secretary Muriel Neely is retiring at the end of this year (end of her second plus terms). So we will need someone to serve as our secretary for the next two years. Our society can't function without officers so give it some consideration. The president's term is up at the end of this year also so you have your choice of either position. Contact an officer or board member if you would like to learn more. Their contact information is on the second page of this newsletter.

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## Book Report on Internet Genealogy ~Aug/Sept 2016

Net Notes—A look at websites and related news.

New York City Marriage Records Indexes 1908-1929. Reclaim the records, [www.reclaimtherecords.org](http://www.reclaimtherecords.org), has been working to make vital records from NY and NJ available and accessible to researchers. As a result the index to the NY City Clerk's office marriage records ( the application, affidavit and license) for 1908-1929 are online via Internet Archive-where they are free to access. This include : Manhattan, Bronx, Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens. T  
<http://archive.org/details/nycmarriageindex>.

This issue had many interesting articles such as: Tippling and Temperance in the Family, Researching Northern Ireland, and The International Classification of Diseases. There of course were many other articles.

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

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 Genealogical Society**  
**Monthly Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 1-3pm**  
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**2016**

**Sat., Sept. 10-- "Beyond Online: Courthouse Records"**

An introduction to what to look for and where to find  
 inform about your ancestors in court records - Janice C. Lovelace, PhD

**Sat., Sept. 24 "Kick Start Your Family Tree"**

Free class to get you started in researching your family tree.  
 Mount Vernon City Library, Snoqualmie St., 1-3pm, Info: 770-0762

**Sat. Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 "Beginners' Genealogy Workshop"**

Burlington Public Library, 820 E. Washington, 10am - Noon  
 Pre-registration by deadline Sept. 26. \$50 for the 4-class series (after 9/26  
 \$60 for all 4-classe) Drop-ins welcome at \$15/session. Info: 770-0762

**Sat., Oct. 8-- "Tell Us Your Ancestor's Story"**

Betty Tartas, Patricia Pulver Fitzgerald and SVGS members, share the unique and fascinating stories of their  
 ancestors and their research discoveries.

**Sat. Nov. 12 -- Annual Meeting / Brick Wall Solutions / Used Book Bonanza**

*No meeting in December*

**2017**

**Sat., Jan. 14 -- "The Norwegian/Swedish Oral History Project of the 1970s"**

Professional genealogist, Linda Duffield will discuss this little known project that captured the stories of many  
 Scandinavian immigrants.

**Sat. Feb. 11-- (Pending confirmation) "Lost Cities of the Skagit"**

Mari Densmore of the Skagit County Historical Society will discuss  
 the many early settlements in the county that no longer exist.

**Sat. Mar 11-- "How Healthy is Your Family Tree?"**

Janice C. Lovelace, PhD returns to discuss the physical and mental illnesses of our ancestors; the terminol-  
 ogy and treatments.

**Sat. April 8-- "Topic To Be Announced"**

Donna Potter-Phillips, guest speaker from Spokane.

**Sat. April 22--"O Canada: Children of a Common Mother" - 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ` Canada; immigration to  
 Canada and Across the Border to the USA.**

Featuring: Dave Obee and Mary Kathryn Kozy. For details & to register visit:  
[skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org).

**Sat. May13 --"Topic To Be Announced" - Guest speaker, Bill Langworthy**

**Sat. June 10--"Topic and Guest Speaker To Be Announced"**

*July-August -- no meetings-- See you in September!*



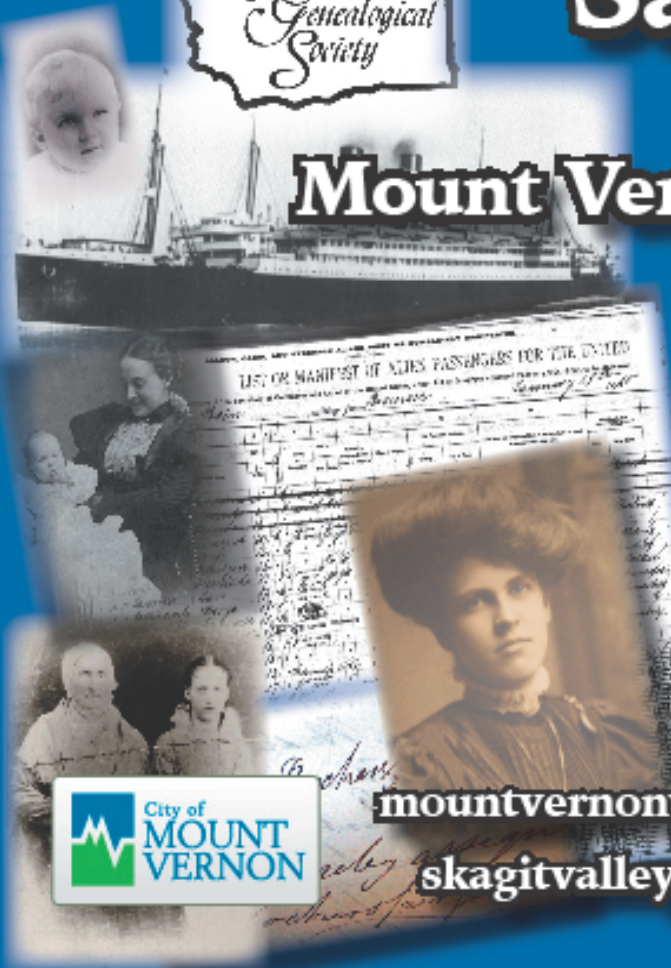
A free community education program in celebration of  
**Mount Vernon City Library**  
**100 Years of Service**

# Kick Start Your Family Tree!

**Sat., Sept. 24**  
**1:00-3:00 pm**  
**Mount Vernon City Library**  
**315 Snoqualmie St.**

*presented by genealogists*  
**Barbara Johnson &**  
**George Ridgeway**  
*of Skagit Valley*  
*Genealogical Society*

**mountvernonwa.gov/library | 336-6209**  
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Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

**Beginners**

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# GENEALOGY

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**Workshop**

AN INTRODUCTORY COURSE OF 4 CLASSES

**SATURDAYS • 10AM to Noon**  
**OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, & 22**

**Burlington Public Library**

**820 E. Washington Ave • Burlington**

*\$50 for 4 weeks if registered by Sept. 26*  
*After Sept. 26: \$60 for 4 weeks or \$15/class.*  
*Drop-in's are welcome!*

**Register by September 26**

*Mail-in the registration form on the back side of this flyer*  
*or download a form from SVGS' website:*

**skagitvalleygenealogy.org**

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The use of the Burlington Public Library facilities or meeting rooms by any group or organization in no way constitutes endorsement of the policies or beliefs of that organization by the library or the City of Burlington.



**See Other Side  
for Mail-in  
Registration.**





## **JOIN US FOR ANCESTRY DAY IN WASHINGTON STATE**

Join experts from Ancestry, Washington State Archives, Washington State Library, Legacy Washington, and the Washington State Historical Society for this great event. Registration for Ancestry Day presentations on Saturday is \$35.00, and you can purchase a box lunch and attend the guest lunch speaker for \$15.00. AncestryDNA® kits will also be available for purchase.

### **Saturday, Sept. 24, will feature a full day of classes, including:**

Ancestry 101: New and Review  
Getting the most from Ancestry.com  
Using AncestryDNA to further your family history research  
Ancestry FAQ's  
Sharing your family story

### **Friday, Sept. 23, will feature several presentations f rom area experts, including\*:**

Tracy Rebstock, Washington State Archives  
Mary Kathryn Kozy, Professional Genealogist  
Lynette Miller, Head of Collections at the Research Center of the  
Washington State Historical Society  
Karen Wallace Steely, Professional Genealogist  
Kathryn Devine, Washington State Library

Door prizes on Saturday include AncestryDNA kits, memberships to Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, Newspapers.com, and many items of value.

**\*There is a separate charge for the Friday presentations**

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2016**

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



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