



## President's Message

The days are getting shorter, camping gear is being packed away and children are going back to school. Summer is slowly morphing into Fall.

We have already had our first board meeting in September. Our main topic was revising SVGS Bylaws. At our next general membership meeting Martha Collins will be presenting African-American Genealogy Research. This is the last presentation for the ROOTS Project series of classes. The ROOTS project will begin on October 17th.

The WSGS 2014 Conference meetings have been moving steadily along. Meetings have been held at Stillaguamish Genealogy Library. Hazel Rasar will report more in this newsletter.

A year ago this time, Dottie Chandler, our former President wrote these words.

"I hope that the society can last another 25 years, but it will take new and old members to help keep it alive. Remember we are here to help each other with support and help one another. We are also here to preserve history and its record as well as meeting new friends."

I couldn't say it any better. This October we need someone to step forward for Vice-President. Barbara Johnson has done a superb job as Secretary and then as Vice-President. Should you volunteer for an officer or board position, you will not find a better group of people to be associated with.

*George E. Ridgeway Jr.*

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SVGS President/Webmaster

## **NEEDED**

Donations for a new PA System, camera, laptop computer. These need to be newer items or monetary donations. If anyone is willing to help please contact Joe Leblonde.

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 Barb Johnson at [raptorwoman@gmail.com](mailto:raptorwoman@gmail.com) or 360-856-0870. She will happily take your ideas to heart.

## **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.

Check out our redesigned web page at  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/>

Your membership dues purchases subscriptions to "Internet Genealogy" and the "NGS Magazine" of the National Genealogical Society. They have a lot of information on a variety of topics that can be helpful to our individual research. The publications are located in our genealogy section of the Burlington Library. The list of articles (sometimes with commentary) are listed in the SVGS newsletter. Find something of interest? Go to the library, find the magazine, locate the article and photocopy it. Less expensive than subscribing to the magazine and you can take it home to read



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### *Comb Binding ...*

For members, The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call Dan Royal @ 360-826-6141 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*

## Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Upcoming Programs 2013 - 2014



\*September 24: Martha Collins – African American Genealogy. This is a special guest who will be teaching a class for the ROOTs project on researching African-American genealogy.

\*October 22: Annual Meeting - Brick Walls. We'll work together to try to break down those brick walls that we all have.

November 26: Teru Lundsteen - Writing your personal history. Here is an opportunity to learn how to write your personal family history. **NOTE: This meeting will be Saturday, November 16 at 1:00 pm at the Burlington Library.**

January 25: Genealogy and Flutes: Peter Ally will entertain us with some lovely music while he discusses his family history. **NOTE: This meeting will be Saturday, January 25 at 1:00 pm at the Burlington Library.**

February 22: Speed Dating for Genealogists. We had so much fun with this last year, so we are going to try it again. You'll have 4-5 minutes to present your Brick Wall; we'll answer in 4-5 minutes. **NOTE: This meeting will be Saturday, February 22 at 1:00 pm at the Burlington Library.**

\*These meetings are from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Burlington Senior Center, 1011 Greenleaf Avenue, Burlington, WA

### DOES AN OLD MAP REVEAL FATE OF THE LOST COLONY OF ROANOKE?

Every American school child learns the story of the Lost Colony of Roanoke. But could its fate have been hiding in plain sight all along, behind some patches on a map? It's a major clue that could eventually solve a 400-year-old mystery.

#### Roanoke

According to the *Daily Telegraph*, scholars in the U.S. and U.K., studying the 16th century *La Virginea Pars* map painted by James White, think they have found clues that reveal where the colonists may have vanished to: the confluence of the Chowan and Roanoke rivers.



Experts from the First Colony Foundation and the British Museum in London discussed their findings at a scholarly meeting on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Their focus: the "Virginia Pars" map of Virginia and North Carolina created by explorer John White in the 1580s and owned by the British Museum since 1866. You can read more at [http:// goo.gl/53K9W](http://goo.gl/53K9W).

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#### SVGS Library Collection

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





## SVGS Library Report for September 2013

The library continues to receive some excellent books from genealogists who are downsizing and donating their treasured volumes to SVGS' collection. Here's the latest donation activity.

George Ridgeway picked up some book donations from the Stillaguamish Gen. Society for the SVGS Collection.

Shirley Christenson donated the book, "Evidence Explained" to the collection.

Paul Gilbert donated two boxes of books from his private genealogy collection.

Bruce and Lee Matson donated several books and magazines.

A warm thanks to all these great donors for their generosity and thinking of SVGS' Library.

### Other Library news:

The cataloging renumbering of the entire collection is nearly complete. The last section, Family Histories, is currently being reviewed.

There will be a "Book Bonanza" (aka sale) on a donation basis at the October general meeting. Come check out some great book bargains.

See you at the Book Bonanza at the October SVGS meeting at the Burlington Senior Center, 7-9pm.

Margie Wilson, SVGS Librarian

### Separate Article 2:

There will be a history awareness event coming up in October that SVGS members may find of interest.

#### **WANTED:**

#### **Burlington History Detectives**

**Wed., October 23,**

**7-9pm**

**Burlington Library Conference Room**

**820 E Washington, Burlington, WA**

**For info: [edieedmundson@comcast.net](mailto:edieedmundson@comcast.net) / 360-755-4757**

**Free and the public is invited to attend**

The public is invited to bring their old photographs or antique items that they can't figure out what they were used for long ago. Everyone will become self-appointed history detectives and help each other identify people in the photos, etc. The purpose of the event is to generate enthusiasm for Burlington History. SVGS members are invited to help with identifying photos. For more information contact Edie Edmundson, 360-755-4757, [edieedmundson@comcast.net](mailto:edieedmundson@comcast.net).

The main purpose of this event is for all attendees to assist each other with historic photo identifications and enjoy meeting other folks interested in local history.

## **Co-Host WSGS 2014 Annual Conference, Bow, WA**

**[www.wsgs2014conference.com](http://www.wsgs2014conference.com)**

Many of you are aware that our society has agreed to co-host the 2014 Washington State Genealogical Society Annual Conference. I have the honor of chairing that committee and we are exploring some different ideas for the conference. We had originally considered having the conference at the Skagit Hotel and Casino at Bow. However, due to some contract issues our committee is now exploring so other options. We are currently looking at the Arlington High School and the Performing Arts Center. I have toured this facility and find it to have everything that we will need and more. It is a very nice facility and the building is only 6 years old. I will be keeping you informed as we go forward and hope that you will all plan on joining us. On August 15 & 16, 2014 we will be holding the annual conference for WSGS. Our theme is **"Improved Genealogy Through Better Methodology."** Our keynote speaker will be David Rencher on both Friday and Saturday. He is a well known national speaker, lots of credentials, Secretary of the FGS and the Director of FamilySearch.org in Salt Lake City. He has instigated many of the things you see on that website. We look forward to hearing lots of good things from him. On Friday the 15th, Eric Stroschein will be doing a 4 hour hands-on class on Methodology. In addition we are exploring the possibility of having other speakers as well. On Saturday we look forward to hearing Donna Potter Phillips, Mary Kathryn Kozy, Steven Morrison and possibly one other speaker, as well. We are still in the planning stages and I am certain there will be many more changes before next August arrives. As the time nears we will also be looking for volunteers to assist us along with the Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society. There will be many small and big chores alike both as the time nears and at the conference. We have a website which is currently available to browse at [www.wsgs2014conference.com](http://www.wsgs2014conference.com) and you can take a peek. However it is still evolving and will be changing as we progress toward settling on a venue, our speakers and their class topics. All on methodology and proper ways to research.

Hazel Rasar Co-Chair 2014 WSGS conference



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<[www.geneawebinars.com](http://www.geneawebinars.com)> Click on “CALENDAR”, then “WEEK” or “MONTH” on the right side.

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<[www.familytreewebinars.com/archived\\_webinars.php](http://www.familytreewebinars.com/archived_webinars.php)> Legacy genealogy webinars <fgs webinars> gives you a choice to download a webinar and they post more every so often.

There is a cost for some of these websites, and others are free.

Genealogists collect dead relatives.

## WEBSITES

<[www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/census.htm](http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/census.htm)>

This website specializes in New England and New York Colonial American History and includes state and colonial census records.

<<http://civilwardailygazette.com/>>

This is an amazing website full of information and photos. Daily, the webmaster is publishing what happened 150 years ago to the day.

### Skagit Valley Genealogical Society PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

The following is a list of publications for sale. Use the order form on the other side of page.

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___ Vol 13 Hamilton City Cemetery 1891-2010	\$20.00
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___ The Pioneer Book (Online Index) 1926-1955	\$13.00
___ Skagit County Death Records 1891-1908 (Online Index)	\$5.00
___ Index to Funeral Home Records Vol 1 1908-1994	\$34.00
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___ Every Name Index for the 1906 History of Skagit and Snohomish Counties, WA	\$22.00
___ Pioneer Certificates Available on request. Application available online at SVGS Website <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com-wasvgs">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com-wasvgs</a>	\$10.00

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