



SVGS Library News

It has been another period of generous donations being made to the SVGS Library collection. Recent donations include: Several New England region genealogy books from Bob Witherspoon's estate. We are particularly pleased to have received his donation of "The Great Migration" books series. This series covers the early settlement of Massachusetts from 1620 to the mid-1630s. Also, several books of interest to Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine researchers were included.

JoAnn Duckworth's estate also contributed another set of beautiful books. These books focused on Nova Scotia, Canada, Iowa and Ohio genealogy research. SVGS extends a sincere thank you to both the Whatcom Genealogical Society and the Duckworth family for their assistance with these donations to SVGS' library.

Bill Melander donated books of interest to Norwegian and Swedish genealogy researchers and a series of *Swedish American Genealogy* magazines.

Volunteers are always needed to help assist visitors to SVGS' collection on Monday's from 11am-1pm. For those of you new to SVGS, the genealogy library collection is located at the Burlington Public Library, 820 E. Washington Ave. The more volunteers we have on the team means the volunteers don't need to sign up for a shift as often. The 3rd and 4th Mondays of the month are currently needed during the summer months. If you would like to volunteer or if you want to learn more about how you can help with the SVGS Library collection please contact Margie Wilson, 360-757-6224 or wil-songm@frontier.com. We'd love to have you join the library team!

Margie Wilson
Library Committee Chair

Check out our redesigned web page at
skagitvalleygenealogy.org

President's Message

Hi,

A year ago, I described how I flew out to see my parents in Casper, Wyoming. This year my daughter and I drove out in my pickup. Had a wonderful, wonderful trip and time with my folks. They were so excited to see their granddaughter.

Lots of things change in a year's time. We are not hosting the 2014 State Conference but instead are having our own Summer Seminar on June 14, 2014 at the Mount Vernon First United Methodist Church. Hurry and register before June 1th. More details are available in this newsletter.

The R.O.O.T.S. Project is winding down to its conclusion on this coming Thursday the 22nd of May. If you can come, please do not miss the inspiring story of 15 students working with genealogy mentors at the Burlington Public Library. Check out our calendar on skagitvalleygenealogy.org for more details.

Our next major project after the summer break will be to start holding Beginner Genealogy classes. I could really use some help in the development of curriculum, scheduling, volunteers, etc. "You do not have to be an expert in genealogy to help with this project."

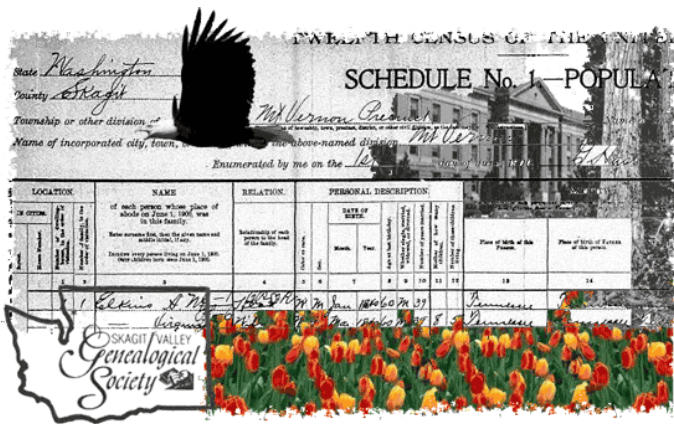
SVGS needs to branch out throughout the county. We need to try to involve Anacortes, LaConner, Sedro Woolley and upriver Concrete.

Finally, I will **not** continue as President after this year. This fall we need to find and elect a new President. I will continue on the board as Previous President. I will be happy to mentor the new electee. If you have any leanings this way, please step forward. The society needs you.

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George E. Ridgeway Jr.

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SVGS President/Webmaster



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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 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 the newsletter, please send to... *Ye Editor*

Needed New Volunteers

Our genealogists is looking for new volunteers to train to help with research requests when she is gone. If interested please give Diane Partington a call at 360-336-5832 or send her an email at nonie.dl@comcast.net

Fred Meyer's New Program

Fred Meyer has rewards points, fuel points and now community rewards. This is a new program where you help decide which organizations Fred Meyer supports. They will donate up to \$2.5 million a year.

Customers can enroll online at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and link their Rewards Card to the organization of their choice. The customer will continue to receive reward points, rebates and fuel points.

At the end of each quarter, Fred Meyer will make a donation to the participating nonprofits based on the accumulated spending of the Rewards customers linked to each nonprofit. If you would like to learn more you can go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society is enrolling in this program.

Most purchases qualify for Community Rewards but some items are not eligible: Those excluded are:
 Prescriptions
 Fred Meyer Gift Cards and Kroger Co Family Store Gift Cards
 Green Dot Prepaid Reloadable Products
 Bottle Deposits
 Lottery Tickets and promotional tickets
 Money Orders
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 Sales Tax
 Tobacco

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 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.
 Margie Wilson—SVGS Librarian



Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Upcoming Programs 2014



May 27th @ 7:00 PM at the Burlington Senior Center: **"Recap and Outcomes of the ROOTS Program"** from the instructor's perspective presented by Linda Larabee.

June 24th @ 7:00 PM at the Burlington Senior Center: **"Researching Land Records"** by Cori Russell, Records Management Coordinator, Skagit County Records Management.

September 23rd TBD

October 28th "Germans from Russia" by Jean Roth who is the AHSGR village coordinator of the Greater Seattle Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia and she also is the VP of Seattle Genealogy Society.

November 18th Brick Walls –What have you found this year and what would you like to see?
 Year-end meeting.

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.



11TH ANNUAL
Summer Seminar

Genealogy for Everyone!

Saturday, June 14

8:00am - 4:30pm

First United Methodist Church

1607 E. Division • Mount Vernon, WA

Featured Presenters

Dave Obee & Donna Potter-Phillips

Highlights of Classes – Novice to Advanced

- Genealogy for Beginners
- Genealogical Proof Standard
- Living Here and Researching There
- Your Genealogy Library in the Cloud
- Understanding DNA . . . and many more!

Register online or download the mail-in form on our website

skagitvalleygenealogy.org

PO Box 715 • Conway, WA 98238

Registration Deadline June 1

Questions? (360) 630-0170 or genealogy0715@gmail.com



Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

presents

11th Annual Summer Seminar

Saturday, June 14, 2014 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
First United Methodist Church - 1607 E. Division
Mount Vernon, WA 98274
Handicap Accessible

"Genealogy for Everyone"



themes are motivational and beginners.

Dave Obee – is a journalist and genealogical researcher. He has written a dozen books and given more than 400 presentations at conferences and seminars in Canada and the United States since 1997. He has received



many commendation for his numerous volunteer hours.



Barbara Johnson – As an SVGS member she has a degree in microbiology and did research at the University of Washington. She has been researching her family for about 20 years and taken 3 different DNA tests. She will share what she's learned including her Neanderthal DNA results



Rita Schulze – as a member of SVGS Rita has taught Beginning Genealogy for several years. She has been researching her family for many years mostly without a computer and continues her research. She has taught this class several times to

both large and small groups.

Judy Bayless - a member of Whatcom GS she has been a speaker for genealogy societies, & libraries and has given seminars for groups of beginning genealogists. With the expanding interest in genealogy as a result of the ever-increasing amount of information on the Internet, she is passionate about teaching sound research techniques to those new to genealogy.



Walk-ins welcome

PDF Syllabus will be emailed to attendees

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 SVGS Member Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 Non-member registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Everyone \$45 after June 1st online & at the door |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Box Lunch with a Turkey Sandwich, seasonal fruit, chips & a cookie | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring your own Lunch | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Box Lunch with Deli Club Sandwich with Roast Beef, Turkey, Bacon & cheese, seasonal fruit, chips & cookie | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Citrus Green Salad, with fruit & raisins | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 add rotisserie chicken to salad | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$6 Printed Syllabus | Total \$_____ Make checks payable to Skagit Valley Genealogical Society or SVGS | |
| Mail to SVGS, 1911 22 nd St., Anacortes, WA 98221-2413 | | PayPal available online @ www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org |
| Questions: call Hazel at 360-630-0170 | | Coffee, Tea & bottled Water will be provided |

Name: _____ Maiden: _____

Address: _____

City//state/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For adjustments in class size please indicate your preferences for classes.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Summer Seminar - June 14, 2014 8:00 am REGISTRATION WALK-INS WELCOME		
SPRAGUE HALL		CLASSROOM
9:00 am - 9:10 am WELCOME - George Ridgeway		
9:10 am - 9:25 am Jim Johnson/Heritage Quest - <i>Introduction to the Flip Pal Scanner</i>		
9:30 am - 10:45 am <input type="checkbox"/> A1 <input type="checkbox"/> A2	A1 Donna Potter-Phillips - <i>Researching A Place Online Living Here And Searching There</i> Learn how to locate research resources in distant locales.	A2 Rita Schulze - <i>Basic Beginning Genealogy</i> Begin with group sheets & ancestor charts progressing to more involved aspects of researching your family history.
10:45 am - 11:15 am BREAK / VENDORS / DOOR PRIZES		In REES FIREPLACE ROOM
11:15 am - 12:30 am <input type="checkbox"/> B1 <input type="checkbox"/> B2	B1 Dave Obee - <i>Seven Habits of Highly Successful Genealogists</i> - It doesn't matter where you are researching, certain practices will help to increase your chances of success--and the quality of your collected information. Keep these 7 points in mind as you work, and you will be less likely to be led astray.	B2 Judy Bayless - <i>"Getting the Most Out of Cyndi's List"</i> Cyndi's List, the mega-index for genealogical resources on the Internet, has been a "go-to" site for genealogists for 18 years. Now with over 300,000 links in 200+ categories and more than 43,000 sub-categories, as well as a major upgrade, Cyndi's List is better than ever. Learn what's new since the upgrade and discover the many features you may be overlooking.
12:30 am - 1:30 pm LUNCH / VENDORS / DOOR PRIZES		
1:30 pm - 2:35 pm <input type="checkbox"/> C1 <input type="checkbox"/> C2	C1 Dave Obee - <i>Your Library in the Cloud: A Genealogical Guide to Digital Collections</i> There are billions of scanned pages on the Internet -- a collection few physical libraries could match. The problem is that pages relevant to your research can be difficult to track down. This session provides ideas on how to find the documents that will help you learn more about your families or the local histories of the area where they lived. Includes web links.	C2 Judy Bayless - <i>"The Genealogical Proof Standard -What is it and Why You Should Be Using it?"</i> The GPS is a standard by which genealogists can reach a greater degree of credibility in their conclusions, whether proving the identity of an ancestor or a relationship. The five-step process will help to focus your research, provide ways to better analyze and evaluate the evidence, and come to a valid and sound conclusion, or proof -- one that will stand up to careful scrutiny.
2:35 pm - 3:00 pm BREAK / VENDORS / PICK UP DOOR PRIZES		
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm <input type="checkbox"/> D1 <input type="checkbox"/> D2	D1 Donna Potter-Phillips - <i>Questions Asked By Eager Genealogists</i> she asks the question and as a group we tell and discuss the answers. Fun; good for beginners and maybe you can ask her questions to end this day of good fun and great education.	D2 Barbara Johnson <i>DNA and Genealogy: Why should I take the test?</i> Barbara Johnson will discuss (briefly) the science behind DNA; then on to the types of tests one can take. At the end she will discuss the pros and cons of various testing companies and which ones are best for genealogy purposes.
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm		CLEAN UP & RE-ORGANIZE ROOMS.

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SKAGIT VALLEY
Genealogical Society

The following press release comes from A Place for Mom, Inc.:

SEATTLE, Wash., May 8, 2014 — According to a May 2014 online survey conducted by Harris Poll and commissioned by A Place for Mom, Inc. (APFM), the nation's largest senior living referral service, 28 percent of adults do not feel they know, or knew, their mother as well as they would like. U.S. Adults were asked which of the following topics they are/were interested in knowing about their moms: Family history (e.g., genealogy, origins of the family) Personal history (e.g., childhood memories, dating history) Medical history (e.g. Health issues common with family members, life-threatening disease diagnosis) Life advice (e.g., view on aging, words of wisdom to share with children and grandchildren) Career highlights (e.g., significant work achievements, favorite job).

The survey, which polled 2,058 U.S. Adults ages 18 and older, was commissioned by APFM to explore the relationship between adult children and their mothers and to emphasize the importance of learning more about a parent's history. Survey highlights include: The top three things U.S. Adults wanted to learn were family history (64 percent), personal history (59 percent) and medical history (45 percent); 42 percent of U.S. Adults were interested in hearing more life advice from their mothers, such as views on aging and words of wisdom to share with children and grandchildren; Out of the five topics presented, career highlights ranked the lowest at 23 percent; Men and women were both equally interested in knowing more about their mothers with 79 percent of males and 82 percent of females indicating they are interested in learning more about their mothers

"For Mother's Day, we are encouraging adult children to learn more about their family history, beginning with their mothers," said Sean Kell, CEO of A Place for Mom. "Making the effort to explore your ancestry can bring family members closer together, provide important health information and help facilitate discussions about how parents envision spending the rest of their lives. This conversation can help families bridge the discussion to the more complex topic of senior care." To honor mom, APFM encourages families to take the time to learn about their personal, medical and family history. Not only does this shed light on important pieces of information, it can also serve as a way to start the difficult conversation about senior care. APFM recommends the following five questions to help start or continue the conversation: What have you enjoyed the most about your life? Ask mom questions about her childhood, her college years or when she met her spouse. Find out what she enjoyed the most during these different stages of her life. Her responses could provide some insights into what she values the most and can pave the way for a discussion on how she would like to live the next stage of her life.

What would you like to do or accomplish in the next five years? Whether it's travelling, spending more time with family or learning new skills, this question can help mothers feel as though their opinion is valued. Furthermore, it can help adult children figure out what type of senior care or living arrangements they should consider in the future. There are many different types of niche communities available today that cater to different interests.

What financial and legal documents should I know about? Knowing where and how to access important financial and legal documents can help the process of planning for senior care easier. Furthermore, information such as whether mom was previously married to a war veteran, or if she signed up for long-term care insurance, can help figure out budget parameters for senior care.

Does our family have a history of illnesses? Being familiar with your family's health history is important in anticipating potential health issues – for yourself and your aging parents.

How can I help you continue to maintain the best quality of life? Starting the conversation about senior care is usually not easy. But reminding your parents that you are there to provide support and to help ensure a good quality of life during their senior years can help them feel in control.

As part of their mission to encourage families to research their family history, A Place for Mom is offering the chance to win a one-year membership to Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family genealogy resource. More information can be found on the A Place for Mom Senior Living Blog. About A Place for Mom

A Place for Mom, Inc. (APFM) is the nation's largest senior living referral service with 300 senior living advisors providing resources and personalized assistance in finding senior living services. Using its nationwide network of nearly 20,000 providers, APFM helps families find options based on a loved one's stated needs, preferences and budget. This may include independent senior housing, home care, residential care homes, assisted living communities and specialized Alzheimer's memory care. The service is offered at no charge to families as providers pay a fee to APFM. For more information, visit <http://www.aplaceformom.com>, call 1-877-311-6099 or visit one of APFM's social networks at Twitter, Facebook, Google +, Senior Living Blog and Pinterest. Methodology

This survey was conducted online within the United States by Harris Poll on behalf of A Place for Mom from May 1-5, 2014 among 2,058 adults ages 18 and older. This online survey is not based on a probability sample and therefore no estimate of theoretical sampling error can be calculated. For complete survey methodology, including weighting variables, please contact kdela@hlgrp.com.



Who will you remember?



It's finally here – on Monday 12 May, we're launching Lives of the First World War to the public. Read on to find out how you can get involved.

Registering with Lives of the First World War

On Monday, everyone will be able to register with Lives of the First World War, and start piecing together the Life Stories of millions of people. As the permanent digital memorial, it brings together material from museums, libraries, archives and family collections. We need your help to explore those documents, to link them together, and to start telling the stories of the people behind them.

You'll be able to start piecing together a Life Story with a source of evidence – perhaps a photo of a letter home, or an official death record. From there, you can start adding facts – like the date they died, or the names of their parents, or even a family story about their experiences in the war.

This is just the beginning. We are continually improving the site and we'll be adding great new features to help everyone discover and explore those Life Stories. This is a project of unprecedented scale, and we look forward to welcoming you on board.

[Watch the video](#)

Launch day

On Monday, we'll be talking about Lives of the First World War all over the place; join the conversation on [Twitter](#) and on our [Facebook](#) page.

And if you want to read more about the project and the stories being uncovered, check out our [blog](#) – have you been keeping up with Rifleman Stephen Brown's letters home?

Thanks,

Lives of the First World War team

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2013

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