



President's Message

With our fall society meetings and educational programs approaching this is a gentle reminder that our general membership meetings will take place at the Burlington Public Library located at 820 E. Washington Avenue in Burlington. Meetings/programs start at 1 pm on the second Saturday.

We are looking forward to our first educational program on September 8. We have our own George Ridgeway presenting "Google Tools for Genealogists". As our society's webmaster, George has an excellent background in these research techniques. The program is appropriate for beginners to advanced researchers.

Our Skagit Valley Genealogical Society will be presenting an "Intermediate Genealogy Workshop" on four Saturdays beginning on September 29 through October 20 from 10 am to noon at the Burlington Public Library. These classes will be taught by Barbara Johnson, George Ridgeway and others. Seating is limited so early registration is important. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our October 13 program titled "Mapping Your Ancestors" will be presented by Janet O'Conner-Camarata. She will give us an interesting approach for doing research. This is an untapped resource for learning more about our ancestors.

We are searching for volunteers to be nominated for two positions, president and secretary. Barbara Johnson is currently chairing our Nominating Committee and will be reaching out to the membership to find possible candidates. Annual officer elections will be held at our November 10 meeting. Both positions serve two year terms.

We are also looking for volunteers to add to our Genealogist Committee. This is basically a position that involves researching genealogy questions submitted to our society. Candice Soine is assisting Diane Partington, our current Genealogist, so training is available. If interested please contact me, Diane Partington or Candice Soine.

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SVGS Genealogy Library News – Fall 2018

Due to the Labor Day Holiday Weekend there will not be a genealogy volunteer on duty on

Saturday, September 1, 2018. Genealogy volunteers are not scheduled when a first Saturday is during a national holiday weekend such as Labor Day, Independence Day or New Year's Day so volunteers can enjoy the holiday with their families. Also, the Skagit Valley Genealogy Society is conducting an Intermediate Level Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Burlington Public Library conference room. As this is a first Saturday of the month **there will NOT be a genealogy volunteer on duty on Sat.**

October 6. This will allow the genealogy volunteers team members to attend the workshop. Instead visitors to the genealogy collection are invited to attend the workshop instead. The cost of the Saturday, October 6 session is \$15 and includes a discussion of DNA and also researching in libraries and archives – followed by a tour of the library collection. So this session is suitable for family researchers of all levels of experience. For more information about the Intermediate Genealogy Workshop series of classes and to register for one or all four classes online or to download a mail-in registration form visit: www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org.

The SVGS genealogy volunteers return to their regularly scheduled 1st Saturday's of the month availability on Saturday, November 3 from 10:00am to Noon at the Burlington Public Library.

Other library news: SVGS thanks the Mount Vernon Public Library for their recent book donations. The shelves are almost full in our allocated space at the Burlington Library so occasionally out-of-date books are replaced by more current additions. It is always a good idea to browse through your areas of research interest to see what updates have been contributed. New ideas are being introduced to the genealogy collection by SVGS member and former librarian, Joanna Bruno. Joanna has introduced the idea of a "New Book" section to the collection. Whenever the genealogy collection receives some "new to SVGS" used books they will be put on display for 1 month in the New Book section. That way repeat visitors will see instantly what books they may not have browsed previously. The SVGS collection is always looking for ways to improve and remain a relevant resource for genealogists. Please share your ideas with us! If you are interested in joining the SVGS genealogy volunteers team please contact Margie Wilson, 360-757-6224 or rootsproject@frontier.com.

We'd love to have you join us! Okay, we'll see you next at the Burlington Public Library on Saturday, November 3 from 10am-Noon when our regular volunteer schedule resumes. Until then – best of luck with your research.

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SVGS Members,

We have a new BLOG on our website. If you are interested in participating in our blog go to skagit-valleygenealogy. Org/BLOG to see how you can register and log in.
Thank you.

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Check out our redesigned web page at
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

Intermediate

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Workshop



\$50 for 4 classes or \$15 per class.*

Sat., Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, & 20
10AM to Noon

Burlington Public Library
820 E. Washington Ave • Burlington

Workshop Schedule:

- Sept. 29: Proving Your Research Using the Genealogical Proof Standard;
- Oct. 6: DNA Testing and Interpreting Results plus Libraries and Archives;
- Oct. 13: Exploring Online Family Tree Sites;
- Oct. 20: What to Do with the Data You've Found and Recordkeeping.



To register online or to download
a mail-in registration form visit:

skagitvalleygenealogy.org

***Register by Sept. 22 to receive discount**
After Sept. 22 tuition is \$60 for all 4 classes.

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or visit: burlingtonwa.gov/library

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.



Registration for SVGS'

Intermediate Genealogy Fall Workshop 2018

Instructors: Barbara Johnson and George Ridgeway

Saturdays, Sept. 29, Oct 6, 13 and 20

10:00 AM to Noon

Burlington Public Library | 820 E. Washington Ave. | Burlington, WA 98233

\$50 for all 4 classes* or \$15 per individual class

**After SAT. SEPT. 22 tuition is \$60 for all 4 classes.*

----- MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM -----

☐ YES, I plan to attend all 4-Classes. My check for \$50 mailed before 9/22/18 is enclosed

Or... ☐ I will attend classes on specific dates at \$15 each class as indicated below:

Check the class session(s) you will attend

☐ Lesson 1: (Sept. 29) Proving Your Research Using the Genealogical Proof Standard;

☐ Lesson 2: (Oct. 6) DNA Testing and Interpreting Results
plus Exploring Libraries and Archives;

☐ Lesson 3: (Oct. 13) Exploring Online Family Tree Sites;

☐ Lesson 4: (Oct. 20) What to Do with the Data You've Found and Recordkeeping.

☐ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Early registration by Sept. 22 is encouraged as space is limited and to receive the discounted price.

Walk-ins accepted as space is available and may pay at the door with cash or check.

Mail this registration form with your tuition check to: SVGS, P O Box 192, Burlington, WA 98233

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ WA _____ Zip Code: _____ Ph: () _____

E-Mail: _____

Questions? www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org • genealogy0715@gmail.com • 360.770.0762

"Burlington Means Business"

History Exhibit Opening

Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 10am-Noon
at the Burlington Chamber of Commerce

BURLINGTON - The Burlington Historic Preservation Advisory Board in partnership with the Burlington Chamber of Commerce announces the opening of: ***Burlington Means Business***, Saturday, September 1, from 10:00 am to Noon, at the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, 520 E. Fairhaven Avenue, in the downtown historic district. Local history storyteller and business owner Duane Stowe and community leader and bank CEO, Cheryl Bishop are the featured speakers. Burlington businesses celebrating over 50 years in operation are showcased in the exhibit such as Skagit Bank (60 years); Stowe's Clothing and Shoes (78 yrs.); Hulbush Funeral Home (92 yrs.); Wallace Insurance Agency (76 yrs.), Ekrem Do-It-Best Hardware (72 yrs.) including the Burlington Chamber of Commerce (57 yrs.). Join us for refreshments and enjoy a look back in time through the perspective of local family owned and operated businesses. What makes a business endure through the decades of both hard times and good times? The exhibit will be open for viewing during the Burlington Chamber of Commerce regular business hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm; Sat-Sun. 10am-4pm, and runs through February 28, 2019. For more info. visit: <http://business.burlington-chamber.com/events/details/burlington-means-business-11524> , or email: root-sproject@frontier.com or jd@burlington-chamber.com .

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SAT., SEPTEMBER 1st



10AM to NOON

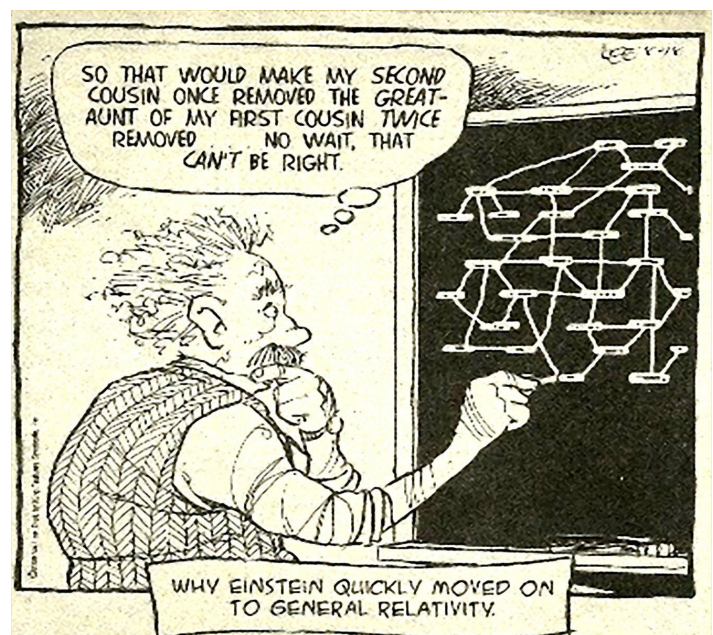
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M-F 8:30-5pm | Sat-Sun 10-4pm
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Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

Monthly Meetings Educational Program Calendar 2018

*Meetings: 2nd Saturdays, 1-3pm | Burlington Senior Center | 1011 Greenleaf Ave. | Burlington
Beginning in September: Burlington Public Library | 820 E. Washington Ave. | Burlington
 skagitvalleygenealogy.org | genealogy0715@gmail.com

Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to join SVGS!

Sat., May 12

***Note: Topic Change:* Censational Census Strategies**

The US Federal census and its "little brother" the state census, are among the major workhorses of genealogical research. But are you getting the most out of them? This presentation presents 20+ tips for finding missing ancestors and mining the census for more clues for follow-up research. Good for all levels of experience. Mary Kircher-Roddy, presenter.

Sat., June 9

***Note: Topic Change:* Planning Strategies for Visiting Ancestral Homelands, Libraries & Archives**

Barbara Johnson is back to share strategies to get the most out of your visit to distant ancestral homelands far afield. Also, not all archives and libraries have the same procedures. Advance preparations for these visits helps avoid frustration and disappointment. Barb will share examples from her travels.

-- July-August -- no meetings --

***SVGS is moving to the Burlington Library, 820 E. Washington Ave. in September 2018**
Same schedule: 2nd Saturday of the month | 1:00-3:00pm

Sat., Sept. 8

New Location: Burlington Public Library!

Google Tools for Genealogists

Please create an online Google account prior to this session if you don't already have one. This will help you follow-along during the program. George Ridgeway, SVGS webmaster and our technology go-to-guy will introduce you to the numerous ways that Google can assist genealogists with their research. Easy to do alerts and ways to most effectively use Google for information will make your research more productive and streamlined. Appropriate for beginners to advanced researchers.

Sat's., Sept 29,

Oct. 6, 13 & 20

10am-Noon at

Burlington Library

Genealogy Workshop (Intermediate Level)

Barbara Johnson and George Ridgeway lead the instruction for this intermediate level workshop. \$15/person per class or \$50 for all 4 classes. For details and to register online: www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org or at the workshop class.

Sat., Oct. 13

This is My Family's Story -- SVGS Members Show and Tell

Your family is invited to join us at this special meeting. This will be an opportunity for you to share the results of your many months/years of relentless detective work in pursuit of your ancestors. Bring your family memorabilia, displays, albums, etc.

Sat., Nov. 10

SVGS Annual Meeting and Research Brickwalls Troubleshooting & Strategies

Members please bring your research challenges for a "Wisdom of the Crowd" solutions from experienced genealogy researchers on a variety of topics.

-- December -- no meetings --See you Sat. January 12, 2019 at the Burlington Library --

Meet the SVGS Board

How did you decide to “do” genealogy?

About 2006 , I was talking to my co-worker Loretta Moody about her genealogy and I told her I would like to know about mine so we started researching mine. I became hooked! I attended a meeting with her and decided to join.

How long have you been researching?

About 12 years

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Illinois and we moved out here around 1954 to Ferndale, Wa. Then in the summer of 1969 we moved to Burlington.

Are you still working? Retired? What do/did you do for a living?

I am working as a security guard at the court house in Mount Vernon. I used to work at Copeland Lumber for 8 years and then Mount Vernon Building Supply for 9 years. I wish I could retire!

What countries/states are you researching?

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Arizona, North Carolina, Kentucky , Washington and Missouri. The countries are Germany, Netherlands, and England.

Have you traveled to your ancestors' places?

Only within the states of Illinois and Washington

Do you have other hobbies besides genealogy?

I do quilting, knitting, crocheting, woodworking, beading, scrapbooking and painting. If there is a craft I usually do it except I do not like crewel, or embroidery. I also like to read.

Do you have pets? (type/names)

Yes, we have 1 cat left now and his name is Orbit and he is all white. I ended up adopting him from my son.

Do you have descendants? (OK, children, grandchildren, etc.)

I have two daughters and a son, Tonia, Alicia and Frank from my 1st marriage. I have 3 step-children. Together Paul and I have almost 14 grandchildren (1 is due anytime). 2 of the grandkids are my daughters. Oh I 2 granddogs, Tank and Hudson!

Describe yourself in one word.

Busy

Anything else you'd like to add?

I have been on the Sedro-Woolley Loggerodeo board for about 10 years and president the last 2 years. I enjoy the festivities during this time. Lots to do but rewarding. I like beach sunsets, camping which we don't do anymore. We now have our 16 year old grandson living with us. Challenging!



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2018

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Previous Member _____

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INDIVIDUAL \$15 _____

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