



President's Message

SVGS' program for May 11 will be "How to Read a Cemetery." Studying cemeteries is a fascinating field. The full depth of what cemeteries can offer in terms of art and history certainly cannot be exhausted in one brief presentation. There are so many clues about our ancestors' lives to be found on their tombstones. Discovering these gravestone symbols provides fresh insight into their lives. We hope you will be inspired to learn more about studying grave-stones.

The SVGS' board hopes you will become inspired to practice your cemetery reading skills and volunteer to help read the Hawthorne Cemetery in Mount Vernon. Hawthorne is the final cemetery remaining to be read so SVGS can publish the gravestones' inscriptions. Such SVGS publications have proven highly valuable to Skagit County family researchers.

In the coming weeks the SVGS publications committee will be organizing teams of volunteers to help with: Reading the gravestones; logging the information into a database, proofreading the data; and finally, publishing the information. This is a sizable project for SVGS. But, it promises to be an educational and engaging genealogy project as well. So, we hope you will sign-up to join a team of volunteers at Hawthorne Cemetery this summer.

SVGS' program for Saturday, June 8 will be presented by Dr. Janice Lovelace. Dr. Lovelace will discuss how and where to find those lesser known company records relating to our ancestors who worked for the railroads.

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Since SVGS takes a break from meetings in July and August the next membership meeting will be on Saturday, September 14 (program to be announced.) No matter what exciting new directions your family research takes you this spring/summer, all of us on SVGS board wish you much success and satisfaction.

~ *Happy researching!*

Margie Wilson, SVGS president

2019 Northwest Genealogy Conference

Aug 14—17, 2019

Byrnes Performing Arts Center
 18821 Crown Ridge Blvd
 Arlington, WA 98223

Speakers are:

Angie Bush, Thomas MacEntee, Michael L. Strauss AG, Liza Alzo M.F.A., Sara Cochran, Daniel Earl, Mary Eberle JD, Jean Wilcox Hibben PhD, Janice Lovelace, PhD, Jill Moraelli, Judy Muhn, Dave Obee, Pam Vestal, and Katherine Wilson.

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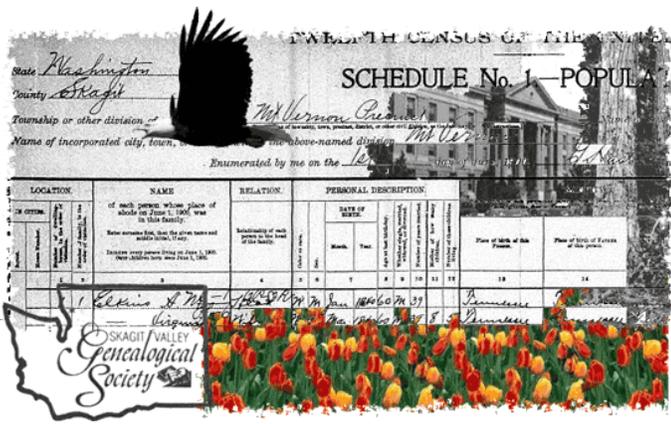
Full 3 days:	Single Day:
Member \$155	Member \$75
Non-Member \$175	Non-Member \$85

At the Door:

Full 3 Days \$190	Single Day \$95
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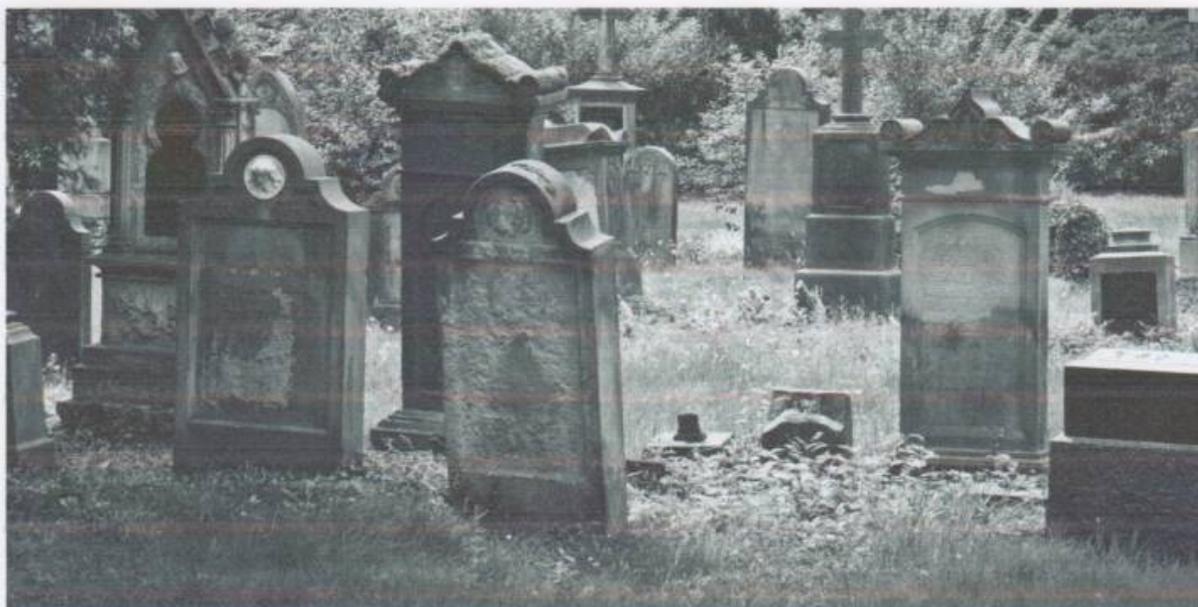
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Check out our redesigned web page at skagitvalleygenealogy.org

SVGS Members,
We have a new BLOG on our website. If you are interested in participating in our blog go to skagitvalleygenealogy.org/BLOG to see how you can register and log in. Thank you.

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

HOW TO READ A CEMETERY

Cemeteries are valuable resources for family historians; gravestone markers contain clues to our ancestors' lives.

Join Skagit Valley Genealogical Society to learn the basics of cemetery gravestone types and the mystery behind the icons on the stone. Best practices for recording cemetery inscriptions will also be discussed.

SATURDAY, MAY 11
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
820 E. WASHINGTON AVE.

Questions? Contact: skagitvalleygenealogy.org
genealogy0715@gmail.com



Accolades

SVGS' Nordic Roots Seminar on March 23, 2019 was a great success. The SVGS Seminar Committee worked many months to plan, organize and conduct this educational genealogy event. A special thank you to seminar committee members: Barbara Johnson, Candice Soine, Karen Strelow, George Ridgeway, Dan Royal, John Hayes, Carol Nersten, and Joanna Bruno. Plus, we give a big thank you to those SVGS volunteers working quietly behind-the-scenes: Diane Partington, Muriel Neely, Dottie Chandler, Judy Hakins, Kris LaRue and Joline Bettendorf.

This year, standing out for their dedication and tireless efforts are two highly dedicated committee volunteers: Barbara Johnson, Education/Seminar Chair and Candice Soine, Treasurer. Both Barbara and Candice enthusiastically contributed 110+% of their time and efforts over the past several months to ensure the seminar was well-organized, beneficial and enjoyable for all who attended. Thank you both for all of your above and beyond efforts on behalf of SVGS.



Nordic Roots Seminar Committee Volunteers

Left to right, front row: Carol Nersten and Barbara Johnson;
 Middle row: Joanna Bruno, Karen Strelow, Dottie Chandler (volunteer), John Hayes, Margie Wilson;
 Back row: Candice Soine, George Ridgeway. Committee members and volunteers not shown: Dan Royal, Diane Partington, Muriel Neely, Judy Hakins, Kris LaRue and Joline Bettendorf.



THE LEGACY

Some of us are called to carry on the stories as a legacy

“Family history is a waste of time,” the young man said.
“Who cares about old dead people and things that happened long ago?
It makes no difference where you came from but only where you are going.
The future begins with me.”

Oh, foolish young man. Do you not know who you are?
Bits of the mitochondria in your very cells date from the dawn of the species.
The story of your family is your story; the past is the foundation for the present and future.
In the sweep of events that constitute human history, your people were there.
Living their lives-quietly or otherwise; going about their daily tasks.
Most were ordinary; some heroic; no doubt some were villains or knaves.
But each was a present in a moment of time to bequeath a genetic gift to you.
You did not emerge in aloof singularity from the forehead of Zeus.
Instead, you are the culmination of generation upon generation of stalwart survivors.

But do not be full of yourself.
For in this moment of time, you are only the current link between past and future tense.
You are the ancestor of your grandchildren’s grandchildren.
Who will transmit to them the gift of their unique heritage if not you?
Voices in the blood call out their stories across the centuries.
Do not close your ears to what they have to say to you.

The history of your family is your legacy from the past.
The heirloom you hold in trust for generations yet unborn.
Keep the faith; listen to the stories and tell them to any who are willing to hear.
Carry them with you, augmented with the tales of your own earthly existence,
As precious cargo for your voyage down the River of Life
And into the infinite future.

Anita Jay

Shared on a genealogy page.

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 are \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for family membership.

SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Monthly Programs for Winter/Spring 2019

Meetings: 2nd Saturdays, 1-3pm Burlington Public Library | 820 E. Washington Ave. | Burlington
 skagitvalleygenealogy.org | genealogy0715@gmail.com |

The public is always welcome to attend SVGS monthly educational programs. We welcome you to join us!

Sat., May 11 **HOW TO READ A CEMETERY -- SVGS Publications Committee**

Genealogy Societies across the country, including SVGS, gather and publish the information found on local cemetery tombstones. These cemetery books are helpful resources for families who do not live in the area but wish to know what is written on a deceased family member's gravestone. Once you learn the basics why not help on a Cemetery Reading Volunteer Day for SVGS (to be scheduled later this spring 2019).

Sat., June 8 **GRANDPA WORKED FOR THE RAILROAD - Janice Lovelace, PhD**

Janice's grandfather worked for the railroad as did many men in the 19th & 20th centuries. Learn how to discover which company, what type of job and where they worked. This program will focus on railroad companies and accessing their records, including pensions.

--- July-August – no meetings until the 2nd Saturday in September -- Enjoy Your Summer!

Ideas and suggestions wanted.

We would like to hear about some ideas or programs you would like to hear and learn about. Is there anything we can do to improve our meetings, etc. You can email Dottie Chandler at dotcom10@frontier.com

Cemetery Books ready for Publication

After a long exhausting job the Hamilton Cemetery Book is ready for publishing. Right behind this book will be the Lyman Cemetery book. Both of these books have taken quite awhile with a lot of people involved to get these published. Many THANKS to everyone who has contributed in some way from start to finish. Also, the cemetery books will be published on CD's soon. More information to continue.

Let it Not Happen Again: Lessons of the Japanese American Exclusion

Clarence Moriwaki shares the story of Bainbridge Island—the origin point of the Japanese American exclusion—to provide a human, historical account of this national tragedy, and to ask the question: Are there parallels to what's happening in America now? Moriwaki uses historical images, including historical and current propaganda to explore the fear, racism and failure of political leadership that led to these unconstitutional actions during World War II and why we must not let it happen again.

DATE; May 18, 2019

TIME: 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Burlington Public Library

ADDRESS; 820 E. Washington

Burlington, WA 98233

CONTACT: 360-755-0760

COST: FREE

Clotheslines

A clothesline was a news forecast
To neighbors passing by
There were no secrets you could keep.
When clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link
For neighbors always knew
If company had stopped on by
To spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the fancy sheets
And towels upon the line;
You'd see the company table cloths
With intricate design.

The lines announced a baby's birth
To folks who live inside
As brand new infant clothes were hung
So carefully with pride.

The ages of the children could
Readily be know
By watching how the sizes changed
You's know how much they'd grown.

It also told when sickness struck,
As extra sheets were hung;
Then nightclothes and a bathrobe, too,
Haphazardly were strung.

It said, "Gone on vacation"
When lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged
With not an inch to spare.

New folks in town were scorned upon
If wash was dingy gray,
As neighbors raised their brows,
And looked disgustedly away.

But clothesline now are of the past
For dryers make work less.
Now what goes on inside a home
Is anybody's guess.

Author unknown

From the Livingston County Genealogical Society

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So please go to these sites and help us out. It is appreciated.

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.



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APPLICANTS NAME

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Previous Member _____

FAMILY \$ 20 _____

INDIVIDUAL \$15 _____



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