



President's Message

Your SVGS board is planning its educational programming for the fall 2019 and early 2020 monthly meetings. This is your opportunity to let the board know what your research areas of interests are so we can provide speakers that can enhance your research outcomes. Please share your program ideas with Vice President, Dottie Chandler, dot-com10@frontier.com so she can find speakers aligned with our members' interests.

Speaking of opportunities – there are also a few board openings that may be a good match for the many skills and talents you've honed over your lifetime and/or career. The committee openings are: **Education** (coordinate the committee that organizes workshops and seminars); **Publicity** (contact the media about SVGS events); **Genealogist Assistant** (help conduct Skagit Co. area research upon request); **Webmaster's Assistant** (add updates to the website); and **Library Volunteers** (offer genealogy guidance by appointment and/or an orientation to the SVGS library), or be a **Guest Speaker** (give a presentation on an area of research interest at one of our meetings).

The November SVGS meeting is our annual meeting and time for board officer elections. The **Vice-President** position is seeking nominees for this 2-year term position. The V-P's main duties include chairing board and membership meetings in the president's absence and also scheduling speakers for the monthly meetings. If you would like to learn about any of these SVGS leadership positions please contact me. I will be happy to tell you more about what those positions entail.

(rootsproject@frontier.com). Posted on the first page of this newsletter is the current list of board and committee officers. Feel free to contact any of us to find out more about how you can get

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involved and share your skills and talents with SVGS.

Skagit Valley Genealogy Society exists **BECAUSE OF YOU, FOR YOU**, is guided **BY YOU**, and can only continue **WITH YOU** being actively involved as a member. Please share your passion for genealogy or your years of research experience with others by joining the SVGS board in 2020 or helping in some small way. Together we can offer more learning opportunities for genealogists in our community, plus, infuse a sense of fun and enthusiasm into all of our educational programs and events.

~ Margie Wilson, president

My Heritage Moment for September 14:

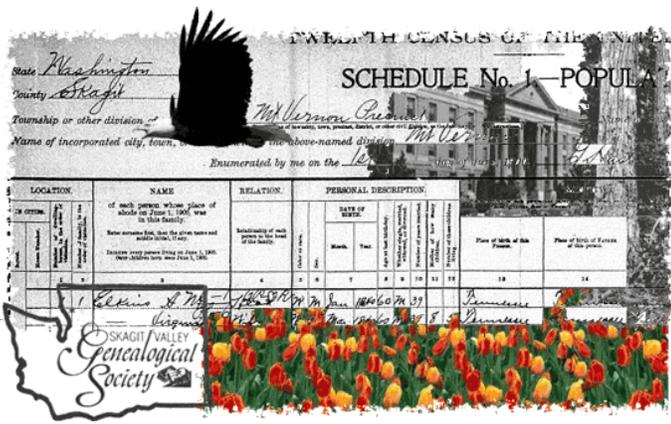
Bill Cayford will share his family history of *The Nansen Family of Oslo, Norway – The Adventures of an Artic Explorer and also a WWII Resistance Fighter!*

You are invited to bring in some of your family history for display at a future meeting. You can sign up at the meeting or email genealogy0715@gmail.com to schedule your My Heritage Moment display table. A board member will have the display table ready for you at the meeting. These family heritage displays are educational and fun to visit during our refreshments /networking break.

RootsTech

will be held in Salt Lake City in February 2020. Consider taking a genealogy education-vacation to this massive, pull-out-all-the-stops national level event.

Over 20,000 genealogists attend this annual event. Plus, the LDS Library is there for researching.



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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 skagit-valleygenealogy.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*

An Urgent 'Get Involved' Need:

Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments for the September 14, October 12 and the November 9 meetings. If you would be willing to bring in a tray of cookies or snacks and a jug of juice for our social networking break time it would be greatly appreciated by your fellow members and our community guests. Please contact Carol Nersten, 360-770-5542 to sign up for a future 2nd Saturday of the month SVGS meeting. This can be a one-time commitment but it is a big boost to the enjoyment of our meeting's networking time.

Thank you!!

Q: WHY DO MEN'S CLOTHES HAVE BUTTONS ON THE RIGHT WHILE WOMEN'S CLOTHES HAVE BUTTONS ON THE LEFT?

A: WHEN BUTTONS WERE INVENTED, THEY WERE VERY EXPENSIVE AND WORN PRIMARILY BY THE RICH. SINCE MOST PEOPLE ARE RIGHT-HANDED, IT IS EASIER TO PUSH BUTTON ON THE RIGHT THROUGH HOLES ON THE LEFT. BECAUSE WEALTHY WOMEN WERE DRESSED BY MAIDS, DRESSMAKERS PUT THE BUTTONS ON THE MAID'S RIGHT! AND THAT'S WHERE WOMEN'S BUTTON HAVE REMAINED SINCE

Changes to the SVGS Library, One-on-One Consultations Now Available By Appointment:

The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society (SVGS) as of August 1st is making changes to its scheduling of volunteers and research assistance offerings. Previously, SVGS provided volunteers once a month at the Burlington Public Library to offer an orientation to SVGS' book collection and point out the various materials and resources available in the collection and at the library, such as Ancestry.com Library Edition.

SVGS is experimenting, for one year, to see how it goes, with a different form of assisting visitors to the library collection. SVGS will now offer one-on-one research assistance by a genealogy volunteer on a by-appointment basis. Any genealogy researcher, SVGS member or not, regardless of one's level of experience, may schedule a one-on-one session with an SVGS genealogy library volunteer. The volunteer will offer genealogy research assistance, as well as, give an orientation to the SVGS book collection and its numerous resources.

In the event that no volunteer is available or found to assist at the level of expertise needed to help the individual making the request, then that individual will be referred to the SVGS Genealogist/Researcher for further follow-up. A nominal fee for this more in-depth level of assistance may be necessary to cover any documentation or copying costs.

As SVGS experiments with this new system of coordinating volunteers, on a temporary basis, if you wish to schedule a one-on-one genealogy research consultation please contact Margie Wilson*: root-project@frontier.com. When a permanent, locally based contact person is established we will announce that contact information.

Your feedback will decide whether SVGS will continue with the by-appointment method or return to once-a-month having a volunteer at the library. Give us a call, give us a try and give us your feedback!

*Due to the SVGS library chair's plans to snow-bird during the coming winter months and therefore become unavailable to make referrals for several months, please use the temporary, locally based contact information listed above to schedule your appointment.

Thank you.



New to SVGS?

Our society meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month (except July, August and December) at the Burlington Public Library, 820 E. Washington Ave. Membership dues (\$15/individual) support our monthly educational programs, publications, library book purchases, communications and a sundry of other activities. We hope you will get involved in SVGS' many volunteer activities, board positions, and/or contribute your ideas and creativity to the enhancement of the genealogy society. Welcome!

Here are 6 genealogical terms that can be confusing when you first encounter them

Ahnentafel chart

A table that lists the name and date and place of birth, marriage, and death for an individual and specified number of his or her ancestors. The first individual on the list is number one, the father is number two, the mother is number three, the paternal grandfather is number four, the paternal grandmother is number five, and so forth. Ahnentafel is a German word meaning ancestor chart or ancestor table. This chart is also called a continental pedigree.

Census enumeration district

The geographic area assigned to one census taker, who was known as an enumerator. The size of the enumeration district depended on the number of people living in the area. The enumerator was responsible to collect information about every person in the district on a specific night. Several enumeration districts make up a section of the census known as a census piece or bundle.

Hereditary society

An organization in which membership is based on descent from an individual who served during a particular military conflict; participated in a certain patriotic cause; immigrated from a particular country; was a founder or pioneer of a state; had royal, noble, or baronial lineage; had a particular occupation; or lived during a particular time period. Also called a lineage society.

Marriage bond

A written guarantee or promise of payment made by the groom or another individual to ensure that a forthcoming marriage would be legal.

PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)

A bibliography of articles appearing in genealogical periodicals and an index to the people and topics covered in the articles.

Tithable

An individual who is subject to a tax.

Overhead Projector – Make An Offer!

SVGS recently moved to a larger storage unit. Our archives, reports, and board documents have grown over the past 30 years. So it was time to expand our storage. A clean-up resulted in a surplus overhead projector and 2-boxes of transparency sheets being offered for sale. A photograph of the overhead/transparency projector is below. Perhaps it would make a great drawing tool for kids or used a home-school classroom? It is older technology but fully functional. Make an offer to SVGS and the projector is yours. If you are interested in more details about the projector email: rootsproject@frontier.com.

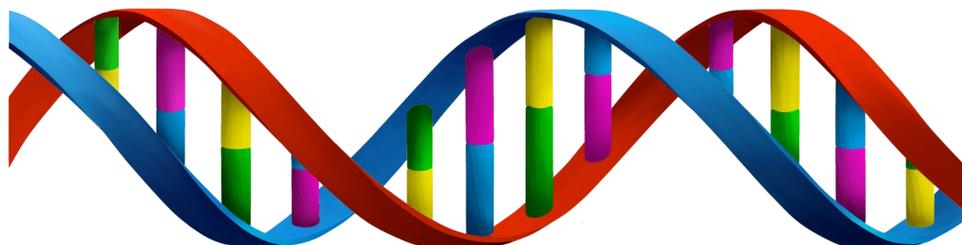


SVGS' Monthly Educational Program Resume on Saturday, September 14 at the Burlington Library:

Here's what to look forward to and how you can get involved:

Program: DNA Painter: A Cool New Tool!

SVGS will be launching its fall season on Saturday, September 14th at 1:00pm at the Burlington Library with an exciting program by SVGS' in-house DNA expert, Barbara Johnson. Barbara will introduce us to a new genealogy tool – “DNA Painter.” DNA testing has become a valuable asset to genealogists. So Barb's presentation will prove highly beneficial for finding your common shared ancestor amongst those long lists of matched “cousins” with surnames you don't recognize. Who knows what new clues and discoveries DNA Painter will lead you to?



World War II Nose Art

June 5, 2019 by [Jenny Ashcraft](#)

During WWII, members of the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) flew countless missions in aircraft adorned with art on the fuselage. Although not specifically sanctioned by military officials, the practice of painting and personalizing aircraft was widely popular and seen as a way to boost morale. The images were painted both by hired professionals and enlisted soldiers who were amateur artists. The paintings were usually found near the nose of the aircraft and are known as nose art.

Bomber crews developed tight bonds with one another and with their aircraft. Everyone knew the dangers of bombing runs, and each mission brought the possibility that it could be the last. Nose art was a safe way to bring a bit of levity and comradery to the stresses of war. These paintings often featured good luck images, names of loved ones or towns back home, pin-up girls, and cartoon characters.

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

Sat., Sept 14 DNA PAINTER – Barbara Johnson & Jim Justice

Now that you've received your DNA test results and those cousin matches with unrecognizable surnames are flooding in, how do you easily find your common ancestor? Discover also how DNA Painter is a valuable new tool for helping solve tough research challenges such as adoption research. Jim Justice will also present a case study of how she used DNA Painter in her research of adopted relatives.

Sat., Oct. 12 AN INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH GENEALOGY – Lily Bogash Kohn

Discover the historical influences on Jewish family research, the challenges of knowing where to look for records and helpful resources for your Jewish genealogy searching. Lily will also share her story of researching her own Jewish roots and visiting her ancestors' homeland. Lily Bogash Kohn is a professional genealogist and graduate of the University of Washington's Certificate of Genealogy and Family Research Studies.

Sat., Nov. 9 ANNUAL MEETING & GENEALOGICAL QUIRKS – Evelyn Roehl

We have all encountered those quirky mistakes found in censuses and vital records due to misreading handwriting, false assumptions being made by recorders, etc. A myriad of recording and transcription errors create brick wall challenges for researchers. Evelyn Roehl will help us recognize and sort through these quirks and help us be alert to finding solutions that lead us to the correct information regarding our ancestors. December No SVGS Meeting This Month – Enjoy the holidays!

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Sat., Jan. 11 GERMANIC IMMIGRATION IN THE 1800S – Evelyn Roehl

Learn about the large immigration of Germanic people from Europe, including Luxembourgers, Swiss and Austrians, to North America in the 1800s. What inspired this large migration at that time in history? What countries did these immigrants come from in Europe and where did they typically tend to settle once in North America? Knowing the historical background and the many political and socio-economic influences on our ancestors will help researchers as their search for their Germanic roots. Evelyn Roehl is a professional genealogist specializing in Germanic and Scandinavian research.

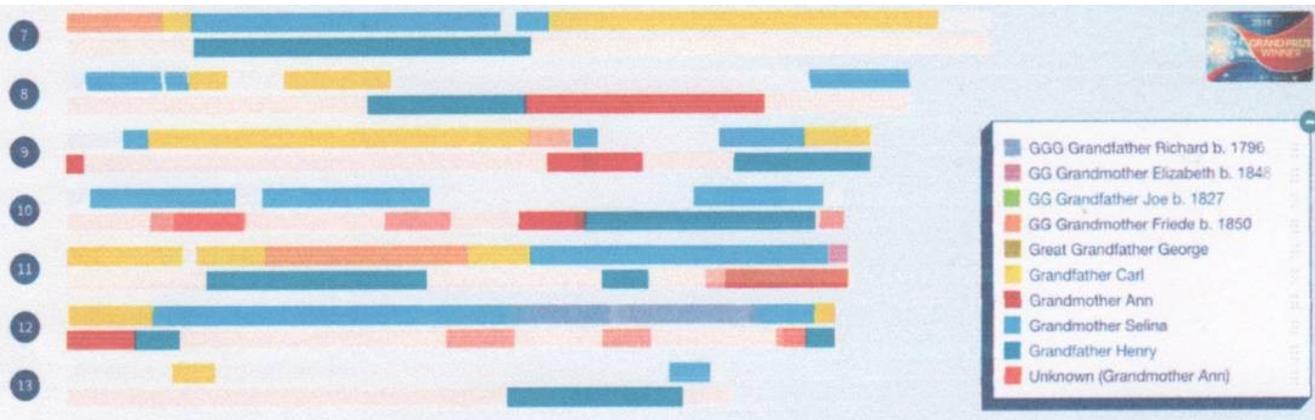
Sat., Feb. 8 TOPIC PENDING

Sat., Mar. 14 EXPLORING UNITED KINGDOM CENSUSES --

Robbie Johnson How are censuses in the United Kingdom different from US censuses? What years were UK censuses conducted? Explore what valuable information these censuses contain to help researchers discover more about their UK ancestors. Robbie Johnson is a professional genealogist that lives in Sedro-Woolley. SVGS is excited to feature this new presenter in its 2020 line up of new and interesting guest speakers.

Sat., Apr. 11 TOPIC PENDING

Sat., May 9 TOPIC PENDING – Winona Laird



DNA PAINTER

A NEW TOOL FOR GENEALOGY AND DNA

Have you found a DNA match but you cannot figure out how you are related? DNA Painter is a free tool that may help you solve the mystery.

Join Skagit Valley Genealogical Society at their monthly meeting and learn the process step-by-step.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
820 E. WASHINGTON AVE.

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