

Volunteer Opportunities

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for you to participate in family history in Skagit County. SVGS is a completely volunteer run organization. Society members as well as members of the community are encouraged to join us in preserving family history. Your skills, experience and energy can contribute to helping the Society achieve its mission: "To promote, educate about, and to preserve family history in Skagit County."

If you would like to volunteer please email us at: <u>genealogy0715@gmail.com</u>

Volunteer Benefits

- Learn more about genealogy
- Network with other family historians
- Make friends
- Learn new skills
- Share your knowledge

Volunteer Opportunities

Board of Directors

- Vice President: Duties include assuming duties of president in absence or request of president or vacancy of that office, chairs Program Committee, responsible for genealogical-related member meetings; and notifying program speakers in case of meeting cancellation.
- Nominating Head
- Volunteer Coordinator. Duties include Recruiting and organizing volunteers. Communicate with Board chairs and committees to update their volunteer needs. Updating needs list with web master, publicity chair, and to the public.

Member Meetings and/or Lectures



- Welcome Desk: Greet folks as they come in. Help them sign in and get oriented.
- Coffee/Refreshments: Set up coffee and refreshments. Provide refreshments one month.
- Set up/knock down chairs and tables before or after meetings.

Website/Social Media

Looking or folks who are tech savvy, who can assist in making website as user friendly as possible, and/or who could help wrangle social media.

- Website assistance
- Future web master

Communications

- Prepare e-list using Excel spread sheet. Copy and paste e-mail list into Word or Excel and save to desktop or a folder (about 10-30 minutes).
- Forward emails from Society president and secretary, as well as any interesting genealogy blogs or articles to entire email list.

Education

- Class/Workshop Support: Help set-up, welcome attendees, set up any refreshments, collect evaluation forms, help clean up.
- Help prepare handouts.
- Tech savvy individual to help as tech support in on-line classes.

Research

• A back-up researcher with intermediate to advanced skills is needed to act in support of SVGS genealogist chair, Sylvia Ammons, who currently fulfills research requests that focus on local family history. This would be on an "as needed" basis.

Library



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- *Library Shelf Maintenance:* Once a week "housekeeping" on genealogy section at the Burlington Public Library.
- *Cataloguing:* Assisting SVGS librarian in cataloging, labeling and shelving new and donated materials at the genealogy section of the Burlington Public Library.
- *Research Assistance:* If you have intermediate to advanced genealogical research skills, a person is needed to offer orientations to the SVGS library collection and research suggestions to patrons who need help with research, and using the resources in our library. Training provided if interested.