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President's Message

I begin this message with recognition of SVGS' Education Committee: Barbara Johnson, Education Chair Pro-Tem; Stephen Hutchens, Treasurer; Rene Vance, Secretary; Linda Duffield, Vice-President; George Ridgeway, Webmaster; and Karen Strelow, volunteer/member. Thanks to their combined efforts SVGS members and genealogists from across North America are enjoying Judy G. Russell's 3-online classes on legal aspects of genealogy. Check skagitvalleygenealogy.org for registration details.

Update: At the October 14 meeting of the Burlington City Council a proposal to purchase and install audio-visual upgrades in the Burlington Public Library's (BPL) conference room was unanimously approved by the council. This means when SVGS returns to conducting meetings at BPL in the months ahead, (date to be determined) SVGS will have the ability to offer our monthly programs to both an in-person audience as well as an equally participating Zoom audience. This will be an exciting new form of outreach, engagement and education for our members and the genealogy community. The City of Burlington is investing in the future of the library and the community it serves by embracing this innovative technology.

The SVGS board thanks those members who participated in drafting a letter of support for these hybrid-meeting technology upgrades for the library conference room. Your words of appreciation and support truly influenced this positive outcome for SVGS. I thank Sarah Ward, BPL's director and Rachel Lunden, reference librarian for their strong support of hybrid-meetings at BPL. Thank you all.

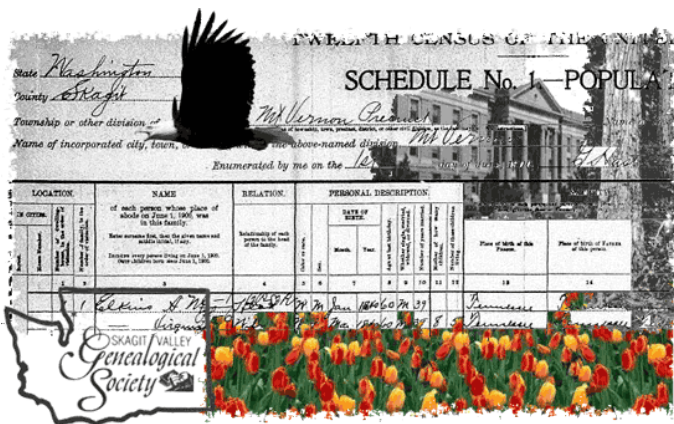
A reminder that on Saturday, November 13 at 1pm, via Zoom, we will be featuring – by popular request – genealogist, DNA educator and SVGS member, Barb Johnson. Barb will be facilitating a rousing Brick Walls Q&A session. We learn from each other by listening to the suggested approaches to solving these research barriers. So, bring your brick wall questions to our November meeting and get some suggested new tactics or sources to follow up on.

As a reminder in December SVGS takes a holiday break from meetings. On January 9, 2022 SVGS' monthly programming gets launched with Dave Obee's "A Potpourri..." Dave says he intends to be in-person at BPL for our meeting. And we all know that the power of intention is a strong creative force. So, we'll keep everyone posted as to the January meeting venue (Hybrid meeting at BPL or still on Zoom). Dave's topics will be: The Americans in Luxembourg in World War II; The Gold Rush and the Pacific NW and "What's in a Name?" The story of an amazing guy named Obee...but he's not related. It is always a special event to have Dave as our guest. We look forward to seeing many of his Canadian friends and colleagues on our Zoom screens on January 9.

I am looking forward to serving you in 2022- - my final year as your society president. It remains an honor and privilege to serve you, share ideas, compare notes, and help you to find ways for your family research be more productive and rewarding. An exciting new adventure in using state-of-the-art technology to bring our members meaningful educational programs awaits us.

Please renew your dues today so you can continue to be part of this bold adventure in genealogy education that lies ahead. You will be glad you did.

Margie Wilson, president



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Check out our redesigned web page at
skagitvalleygenealogy.org

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.

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



**BURLINGTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Community Education Partners present

SVGS Annual Meeting & Board Elections

**PLUS...
Let's
Tackle
Your
Brick
WALLS!**

**The Brick Walls Questions & Answers Session
Facilitated by Barb Johnson, Education Chair**

**Saturday
November
13**

12:45pm - 2:30pm

The Zoom link will be
emailed to SVGS members
& interested guests on
Friday Nov. 12.

For More Information:

skagitvalleygenealogy.org

**Email: rootsproject1@gmail.com
with full name and email address
to invite a guest to attend**

Take this quiz to see how well you know the basics of genealogy. Answers will be in Jan/Feb newsletter

1. You have the names of three siblings born between 1884 and 1887 and need to know the names of their parents. Which census would be the best one to start with?

- ☐ 1880
- ☐ 1890
- ☐ 1900
- ☐ 1910

2. IGI stands for...

- ☐ International Genealogical Index
- ☐ Index of German Immigrants
- ☐ Itemized Guardianship Inventories
- ☐ Irish Geographical Index

3. The best place to start your genealogical research is...

- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Grandma
- ☐ National Archives
- ☐ Mormon Library

4. It's been said that "genealogy of place" is vital to doing research. This means that the most important thing to do when you find out the name of the town an ancestor was from is to...

- ☐ learn the important people in a town's history
- ☐ determine where the town is located and how boundaries have changed over time
- ☐ go to the town itself to research your family's history
- ☐ learn where the cemeteries are located in the town

5. An ancestor died intestate. This means...

- ☐ he left no will
- ☐ he was traveling out of state when he died
- ☐ he died in a state prison
- ☐ his body was never found

6. Your grandfather's sister's daughter is your...

- ☐ great aunt
- ☐ half-sister
- ☐ second cousin
- ☐ first cousin once removed

a potpourri...

of intriguing genealogy topics presented by
expert genealogist, author and storyteller

an afternoon with
Dave Obee



The Americans in
Luxembourg in WWII



is Obee.

Meet an amazing
guy named Obee . . .
not related to me
in any way.

What's in a
Name?



The Gold Rush and
the Pacific Northwest

Sat., January 8, 2022

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Burlington Public Library

820 E. Washington Avenue



IMPORTANT. Please Read:

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society

meets on 2nd Saturdays from 1-3pm and presents an educational program each month.

This special presentation by genealogist and author Dave Obee we hope to hold at the Burlington Public Library in a hybrid-meeting format if possible. SVGS members will be kept informed as to the final meeting location and details. Non-members: If you wish to attend RSVP to: rootsproject1@gmail.com.

Prior to this meeting SVGS members AND the RSVP'ed guests will be emailed an update as to the final meeting details such as location and/or Zoom link. Stay informed by visiting:

skagitvalleygenealogy.org or burlingtonwa.gov/library

Questions? genealogy0715@gmail.com

7. The standard way to write May 8th, 1904 is...

- ☐ 5/8/04
- ☐ 5/8/1904
- ☐ 8 May 1904
- ☐ May VIII 1904

8. You do not know your grandmother's maiden name. She was married several times. The surname you will use for her on a pedigree chart is...

- ☐ the surname of her first husband
- ☐ the surname of your grandfather
- ☐ the surname she had when she died
- ☐ none of the above

9. You found several records that give your ancestor's birthdate. Rank the sources for reliability.

- ☐ 1834 baptismal record
- ☐ 1850 census
- ☐ 1902 death record
- ☐ 1974 family history book

10. Finding the original meaning of your surname will help you in researching your ancestors.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

Skagit Valley Genealogy Website Make-Over

If you have been to the Skagit Valley Genealogical society website recently, you may have noticed scenes across the top of the website mostly from Skagit County. They have been randomly changing for the last few years. We, the SVGS board, think it is time for a make over of those banners or headers. We are suggesting a contest where you can be involved if you so choose. The picture taking phase of the contest can begin now. The remake contest will officially begin the first of September. These images should be roughly 940 by 198 pixels. Landscape or wide angle shots will work best. On September first, the remak-contest page link will disclose the contest rules. Meanwhile, you can get your cameras out and started taking pictures.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE COMING UP

Just a friendly reminder that dues are going to be due soon for the Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. **Our year goes from Jan. 1st through Dec. 31st.** Dues this year have raised to \$20.00 for single membership and \$25.00 for family member

September 2021 to March 2022 Education Calendar

Check your email for updates as to whether we will be meeting at the Burlington Public Library or meeting online. Look for your Zoom link in your email inbox on the Friday prior to each meeting.

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Thurs. October 21– 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

That Scoundrel George: Tracking black sheep

Thurs October 28– 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

When World's Collide: Resolving conflicts in Genealogical Research

Thurs Nov 4– 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

No Vitals? No Problem!

Presenter: Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL

Sat., 13 November 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Presenter: Laura Sparr Pemberton

“Our November Mystery: Where Will Laura Take Us?”

December 2021: No Meeting

-----2022-----

Sat., 8 January 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Presenter: Dave Obee (confirmed)

Sat, 12 February 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Presenter: Janice Lovelace (pending)

Sat., 12 March 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Presenter: TBD (pending)

Questions? Contact Margie Wilson, rootsproject@frontier.com, 360-757-6224. Website: www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org

Thank you for being flexible due to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. SVGS will keep you informed

SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2021

Membership is open to all persons interested in historical research, preservation and publications of genealogical interest. You may join SVGS via www.skagitvalleygenealogy.org and pay via PayPal or credit card or by completing and mailing in the form below. SVGS is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. EIN #: 91-1359846. A newsletter is published by the society and is distributed free of charge to members as a benefit of membership.

**Please print to complete the membership form below and mail with your check to:
SVGS, P.O. Box 192, Burlington, WA 98233.**

FULL NAME: _____ **PHONE:** (____) ____ -- _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip Code+4

EMAIL: _____ ☐ NEW MEMBER ☐ RENEWING MY
DUES

DUES: _____ **INDIVIDUAL = \$20/yr.** _____ **FAMILY (at Same Address) = \$25/yr.**

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