



## President's Message

On behalf of the SVGS Board a big thank you to John Hayes for his leadership these past four years. John has left big shoes to fill indeed.

Recently, SVGS' webmaster George Ridgeway suggested a theme for SVGS' for the year ahead – **Get Involved!** Thanks, George. With your permission I would like to make **Get Involved** the theme to kick-start SVGS' new year.

The SVGS board invites you to **Get Involved** with SVGS' many genealogy projects. Like a small pebble dropped into a pond creates many ripples which touch all shores, one small helping gesture by you creates big ripples of benefits that reach every member.

A few ways for you to **Get Involved** are: Helping to set up the meeting room, volunteering to bring refreshments for a meeting, joining a cemetery reading team this spring, helping our webmaster with some website maintenance tasks, volunteering to help at the seminar, submitting your family discoveries to our newsletter, sharing your talents as a board member, or simply remembering to pay your dues to save SVGS postage, and so on.

There are countless ways you can be of service. Ask a board member for what they need help with so that they may better serve you.

Your ideas are spark plugs that energize SVGS' board to create programs that are engaging and beneficial. The boards aspire to create an atmosphere in which every attendee at our meetings leaves inspired to be, or become, an SVGS member -- eager to share in the fun of studying genealogy. Please join us in creating that friendly, supportive atmosphere. **Get Involved** – and the possibilities for your genealogy society -- are unlimited.

I look forward to serving you,

Margie Wilson  
SVGS Board President

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## Civil War Veterans Buried in Washington State



Bruce Smith and Karyn Zielasko Weingarden are the originators of the website [www.civilwarvetswastate.com](http://www.civilwarvetswastate.com) which they hope and expect to become the “One-Stop-Shopping” for those researching a Civil War veteran who came to the Pacific Northwest and died and is buried in Washington state.

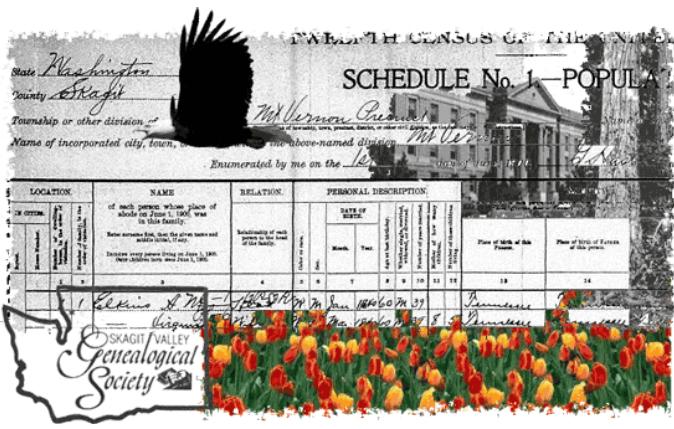
Did you know about this website? Ever looked at it? Suggest you do so!

Their goal with this project is to have, in one place, a complete listing of all Civil War vets resting in Washington soil along with a bit of a biography on him. These bios are gleaned from official records or submitted by researchers.

So what does this mean for you? Do you have a Civil War veteran ancestor buried here? Is he documented on Bruce and Karyn's website? Would you like to submit your information to the website?

Directions on how to submit your info is on the website but bottom line, send an email to Bruce at [smith.bruce123@comcast.net](mailto:smith.bruce123@comcast.net)

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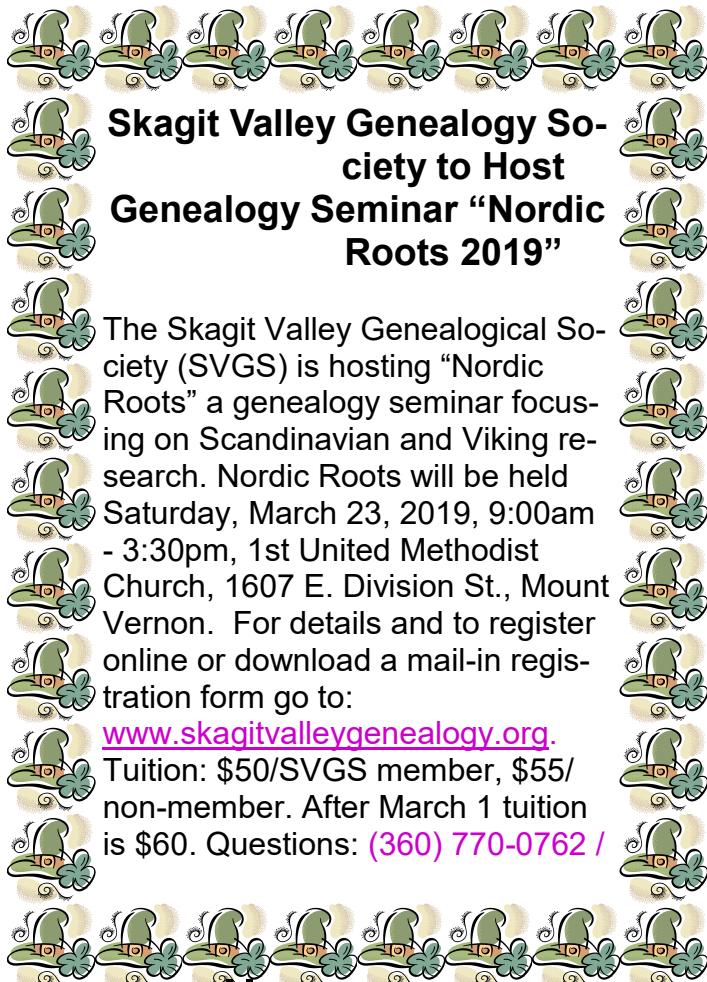
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The Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter accepts business card size advertisement. The cost will be \$10.00 per issue and the editor can help put one together for you if you don't have something ready.

If anyone would like queries or surnames to be posted in the newsletter, please send to... *Ye Editor*



## Genealogy Trivia:

If you figure there's 25 years between each generation, 500 years ago there were 1,048,576 people involved in creating YOU! YOU are special!

### Genealogist's Disease Diagnosed

Submitted by Darla Patriacca

#### Genealogist's Disease

**Warning:** Genealogy pox (Very contagious to adults)

**Symptoms:** Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places.

Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children.

Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents places such as cemeteries, ruins and remote desolate country areas. Has strange, faraway look in eyes.

#### Treatment:

Medication is useless. Disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

**Remarks:** The unusual nature of this disease is the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it!

If you don't tend your roots, the tree may wither away.

Family tree research is one giant step backwards and one giant step forward-usually at the same time.

A cousin a day keeps the boredom away.

**Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's**  
**GENEALOGY MONTHLY MEETING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

# **Germans From Russia**



**PLACING OUR ANCESTORS IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT:**

Featuring internationally renowned author,  
genealogy expert and Canadian journalist

## **DAVE OBEE**

**Sat. January 12**

**1:00pm-3:00pm**

**Burlington Public Library**  
**820 E. Washington Ave.**

**FREE | Everyone Welcome**

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## 13,200+ GENEALOGY LINKS ON FACEBOOK

Katherine R Willson, professional genealogist, has done for genealogy related pages and groups on Facebook what Cyndi Ingle, of the renowned *Cyndi's List*, has done for genealogy resources on the Internet. She compiled them into a searchable, clickable, comprehensive, very useful list.

Last updated in November 2018, Katherine's list, "Genealogy on Facebook", is 351 pages, contains 13,200+ Facebook genealogy links. The first 11 pages is a Table of Contents organized by geographical categories (states, countries, regions) and non-geographical categories (adoption, lineage societies, ethnicity, military conflicts, etc). One group named "Associated Daughters of Early American Witches", in the category of lineage societies, certainly piqued my interest.

Why join a Facebook genealogy related group?

A Facebook group is a place where people with common interests (for example-genealogy research in Allegan County, MI) can go to communicate, share ideas, and ask questions. You are more likely to solve your Allegan County brick wall by networking with genealogists actually in Allegan County.

Our Seattle Genealogical Society Networking Group recently accepted a new member from Norway. He was trying to find descendants of his great-grandfather who immigrated to Seattle from Norway. The family in Norway lost contact with the Seattle family more than 30 years ago. Within the day, several group members came up with data, including obituaries, to help him, and he was able to establish contact with his US cousins.

Here's the link to Katherine's list, "Genealogy on Facebook". See what groups might be of interest and help to you. Also, which groups might you help? As genealogists we love to dig in to help a fellow genealogist solve their mystery; it's just in our DNA.

[Genealogy on Facebook List](#)

## 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.

Membership Chairperson: Candice Soine

# SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

## Monthly Programs for Winter/Spring 2019

**Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 1-3pm | Burlington Public Library | 820 E. Washington Ave. | Burlington**  
**[skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org) | [genealogy0715@gmail.com](mailto:genealogy0715@gmail.com)**

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

**Sat., Jan. 12**

### **GERMANS FROM RUSSIA: A CASE STUDY - *Dave Obee***

Tracing your German family back to Russia, and possibly through Russia to places of in Germany or Poland, can be rewarding. Research should also include a study of descendants in North America, Germany and elsewhere. More than anything, however, it is important to understand the lives they lived, and the conditions they faced -- in other words, the context behind the family history.

**Sat., Feb. 9**

### **AN INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH GENEALOGY - *Mary Kathryn Kozy***

Discover the historical influences on Jewish family research, the challenges of knowing where to look for records these records, special website to help you with Jewish genealogy sources and much more helpful guidance so you can discover your Jewish ancestors.

**Sat., Mar. 9**

### **I REMEMBER MAMA, I Just Don't Know Her Maiden Name! - *Mary Roddy***

Researching women in our family tree can be challenging. Many times a bride or wife's maiden name is not mentioned as she assumes the surname of her husband. This makes it difficult to trace information about her parents, her origins, and life prior to her marriage. Learn tips and techniques for finding document sources and where to research for information about the female lines in your family tree.

**Sat, Mar. 23**  
**SPRING**  
**SEMINAR**

### **NORDIC ROOTS SEMINAR with *Jill Morelli and Torolf Torgerson***

**1st United Methodist Church, 1607 E Division St., Mount Vernon, 9AM-3PM**

Register online or download a mail-in form or look up directions to the seminar location at: [skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org). Tuition: \$50/SVGS members | \$55/nonmembers  
Registration after March tuition is \$60/person.

**Sat., Apr. 13**

### **EVERNOTE FOR GENEALOGISTS- *Janet O'Connor-Camarata***

Discover how Evernote, a software program, can be a huge organizational and management tool for all of the data, records, photographs and websites that genealogists are collecting everyday. But do you know where to locate that data again? Learn how to get organized and be more effective in your research with this tool.

**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!**

## **The Paradox of our Time in History by Bob Moorehead**

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Remember, to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person might not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind."

-Bob Moorehead

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2018**

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New Member \_\_\_\_\_

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## President's Message

Recently your SVGS board members met to set goals for 2019. Some fresh ideas were presented that the board is eager to try. The following activities will be introduced at the monthly meetings:

### Share Members' Successes:

During the first part of the monthly meeting 5 minutes – will be given for members to share a research story.

### Share a "My Heritage Moment"

A table with your "home sources" on display can be viewed during the socializing break. (See "My Heritage Moment" article in this newsletter for details.)

### Or...Share Your Discoveries in the Newsletter

If you enjoy writing then please share your family stories with us in the SVGS newsletter. Email your articles/stories to: Dottie at [dotcom10@frontier.com](mailto:dotcom10@frontier.com).

### Get Involved:

A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the meetings so volunteers can sign up for refreshments or for other help that is suggested as needed.

### Provide More Research Help to Members:

After the membership meeting at 3:00 p.m. there will be an opportunity to visit the SVGS book collection. A genealogy volunteer will be available to tell you about the various resources the collection offers.

These are just a few of new strategies SVGS will be introducing so your SVGS membership will be more engaging, rewarding and beneficial to you.

*We are here to serve you,*  
Margie Wilson, SVGS president

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## Share Your Research Successes!

We'd love to hear about your successes in breaking through your research brick walls – and celebrate your successes with you!

Email SVGS your research story or a new strategy you tried, a new website or search engine that you found, etc. Email: [dotcom10@frontier.com](mailto:dotcom10@frontier.com). Your story will be included in a future newsletter, so others can benefit from the strategies you tried that were successful.

## NEW! My Heritage Moment at Meetings

SVGS members are invited to bring in a scrapbook, family photos or small heirlooms to display at a monthly meeting. During the early portion of the meeting, just before the networking break, the person who has signed up to bring in their family heritage item(s) for that meeting, will be announced. The person will be invited to say a few brief words about the items.

During the break the audience can come up to the table and ask questions and find out more about that person's family history.

Sign up to be part of "My Heritage Moment" at the SVGS meeting by bringing in a display and for which meeting and as interest grows we will share our research successes with our genealogy friends!

## A Few Quick Ways to Get Involved

Here are just a few ways you can get involved with YOUR genealogy society without a big commitment:

**Bring refreshments** to a monthly meeting;

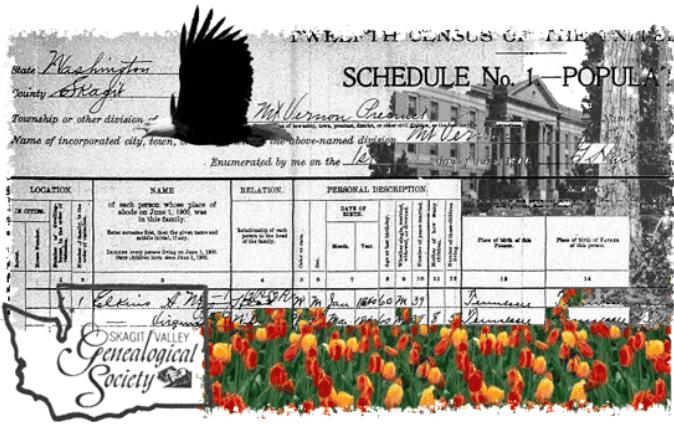
**Volunteer to write (or suggest) genealogy related articles** and submit them to the SVGS newsletter. Email Dottie Chandler: [dotcom10@frontier.com](mailto:dotcom10@frontier.com).

**Help with setting up** the day before the Nordic Roots Seminar on Fri., March 1 (Email Barb Johnson: [gordongen@gmail.com](mailto:gordongen@gmail.com)).

**Help distribute fliers** in the community about future SVGS' monthly programs, seminars and workshops. Email Margie: [rootsproject@frontier.com](mailto:rootsproject@frontier.com).

If you have skills/talents or ideas that you would like to share as a volunteer please let one of the SVGS board members know. Email: [genealogy0715@gmail.com](mailto:genealogy0715@gmail.com)

*Thank you for "Getting Involved!"*



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# Skagit Valley Genealogical Society's Nordic Roots Seminar Registration

Sat., March 23 - 9:00am-3:00pm

First United Methodist Church • 1607 E. Division St. • Mount Vernon, WA



## ----- About The Presenters -----

**JILL MORELLI** is an expert in Scandinavian genealogy research and a popular genealogy speaker in the Puget Sound area. Her classes will cover: How to research in all the major Scandinavian countries.

**TOROLF TORGERSEN** is the son of Norwegian immigrants. He grew up in New York immersed in Scandinavian culture. Torolf's scholarly study of Viking history, culture and naming patterns will give researchers a deeper understanding of Norse influences.



## --- Nordic Roots Seminar Schedule ---

8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration / Sign-in / Coffee and Pastries in the Main Dining Room
9:00 - 9:15 am	Opening Remarks ~ Barbara Johnson, SVGS Education Chairperson
9:15 -10:15 am	A History of the Viking Period and Their Many Cultural Influences ~ Torolf Torgerson
10:30 -11:30 am	Norse Naming Patterns for People and Places in Scandinavia and Beyond ~ Torolf Torgerson
11:30 -12:30 pm	Lunch (Pick up your box lunch in the main dining room)
12:30 - 1:30 pm	A Brief Look at Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish & Icelandic Genealogy Records ~ Jill Morelli
1:45 - 2:45 pm	A Father for Ole: A Danish Case Study ~ Jill Morelli
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Door Prize Drawings Awarded in the Main Dining Room. Seminar Closes

Questions? 360-770-0762 / [genealogy0715@gmail.com](mailto:genealogy0715@gmail.com)

For directions to the seminar location visit: [skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org)

For Mail in Registration Cut Along the Dotted Line, Complete the Form Below. Enclose a Check Payable to SVGS for Your Tuition & Lunch Choice and Mail to:

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (Your email is needed to send you your seminar confirmation.) Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**TUITION: \$50/SVGS member • \$55/non-member • Registration after March 1, 2019 everyone pays \$60/person**

Please bring a copy of your Registration confirmation that will be emailed to you.

SVGS Member(s)  Non-Member(s) # attending seminar: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Box Lunch Sandwich Choices: \$13 each. Please check your choice(s) below.**

All box lunches include: Seasonal fruit, potato chips, 1 cookie, napkin and bottled water. Sorry, no lunch orders after March 16, 2018 deadline.

**TURKEY EXPRESS:** Turkey breast with arugula, provolone, sweet & spicy tomato jam on a sourdough baguette. # of orders \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DELI CLUB:** Roast beef, turkey breast, bacon, Swiss cheese, Roma tomatoes, dijon mayo, onion, and lettuce on swirl rye bread. # of orders \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM:** Roasted portobello mushroom with roasted tomato, basil, goat cheese & arugula on ciabatta. # of orders \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED (Tuition + Box Lunch) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## PayPal Instructions

Recently people have become confused when using PayPal for seminar registration. Here are step by step instructions for registering for the Nordic Roots 2019 seminar.

On the PayPal Registration bar select either SVGS member, Non-member or After March 16 by clicking on Add to Cart.

That will take you to a shopping cart page similar to the one listed below. You should see your selection and the amount. If you are registering for two, be sure the quantity box outlined in blue is 2.

To go back to the SVGS website to make another selection for Lunches, click on Continue Shopping outlined in green.

By clicking on Add to Cart for your lunch selection, you will be returned to the Shopping cart.

You should see new totals reflecting your choices. When you see the amount you expect to be paying, you will then CheckOut.

**DO NOT check the yellow PayPal Check out tab unless you have a PayPal account.**

In order to pay with your credit card not using PayPal account, you need to click on the white tab Check Out outlined in the red box.

Yes, you have to complete the information that PayPal requests of you on the PayPal Guest Checkout page. Yes, they will try to get you to create a PayPal account. You don't have to.

When you are successful, you will get an email sent to you from PayPal and an email will be sent directly to our treasurer. If our treasurer does not receive a PayPal email of payment confirmation, you will be contacted.

We hope this description helps to make PayPal payment a less stressful and productive experience.

Webmaster  
GeorgeR

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*Skagit Valley Genealogical Society*  
**Genealogy Seminar Update**  
**NORDIC ROOTS**

**Sat.. March 23, 2019**

***The registration deadline to receive the discounted tuition has been  
extended to Saturday, March 16***

**After March 16 the seminar tuition for everyone will be \$60/person**  
***Don't miss this opportunity to discover more about your Nordic Roots!***

For Mail in Registration Cut Along the Dotted Line, Complete the Form Below. Enclose a Check Payable to **SVGS** for Your Tuition & Lunch Choice and Mail to:

**SVGS Nordic Roots Seminar Registration**  
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**TUITION: \$50/SVGS member • \$55/non-member**

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I wish to join/renew SVGS: \$15/individual membership \_\_\_\_\_ or \$20/family membership \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL SVGS MEMBERSHIP(S) DUES = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Tracing your German family back to Russia, and possibly through Russia to places of in Germany or Poland, can be rewarding. Research should also include a study of descendants in North America, Germany and elsewhere. More than anything, however, it is important to understand the lives they lived, and the conditions they faced -- in other words, the context behind the family history.

**Sat., Feb. 9      AN INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH GENEALOGY - *Mary Kathryn Kozy***  
Discover the historical influences on Jewish family research, the challenges of knowing where to look for records these records, special website to help you with Jewish genealogy sources and much more helpful guidance so you can discover your Jewish ancestors.

**Sat., Mar. 9      I REMEMBER MAMA, I Just Don't Know Her Maiden Name! - *Mary Roddy***  
Researching women in our family tree can be challenging. Many times a bride or wife's maiden name is not mentioned as she assumes the surname of her husband. This makes it difficult to trace information about her parents, her origins, and life prior to her marriage. Learn tips and techniques for finding document sources and where to research for information about the female lines in your family tree.

**Sat., Mar. 23      NORDIC ROOTS SEMINAR with *Jill Morelli and Torolf Torgerson***  
**1st United Methodist Church, 1607 E Division St., Mount Vernon, 9AM-3PM**  
Register online or download a mail-in form or look up directions to the seminar location at: [skagitvalleygenealogy.org](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org). Tuition: \$50/SVGS members | \$55/nonmembers  
Registration after March tuition is \$60/person.

**Sat., Apr. 13      EVERNOTE FOR GENEALOGISTS- *Janet O'Connor-Camarata***  
Discover how Evernote, a software program, can be a huge organizational and management tool for all of the data, records, photographs and websites that genealogists are collecting everyday. But do you know where to locate that data again? Learn how to get organized and be more effective in your research with this tool.

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How many of you have ever worked in a diner, restaurant or have eaten at one? Here is an article I found in the Reminisce magazine from Feb/Mar 2019. I could see this used at a truck stop. I have heard some of these terms but a lot are new to me. These were from the 50's.

## Short-Order Shorthand

Diner slang let the short-order cook know what to burn, what to wreck and what to put a hat on.

### BREAKFAST

Adam and Eve on a raft .....	Poached eggs on toast
Burn the British .....	English muffin, toasted
Sinkers and suds .....	Doughnuts and coffee
Wreck 'em .....	Scrambled eggs

### LUNCH

Bloodhound in the hay .....	Hot dog with sauerkraut
Bossy in a bowl .....	Beef stew
Burn one, clean up the kitchen .....	Hamburger
First lady .....	Spare ribs
Radio .....	Tuna
Two cows, make 'em cry .....	Two burgers with onions
Whiskey .....	Rye bread

### CONDIMENTS

Axle grease .....	Butter
Paint it red .....	With ketchup
Sand .....	Sugar
Sea dust .....	Salt
Twins .....	Salt and pepper
Warts .....	Olives
Yellow paint .....	Mustard

### SPECIAL ORDERS

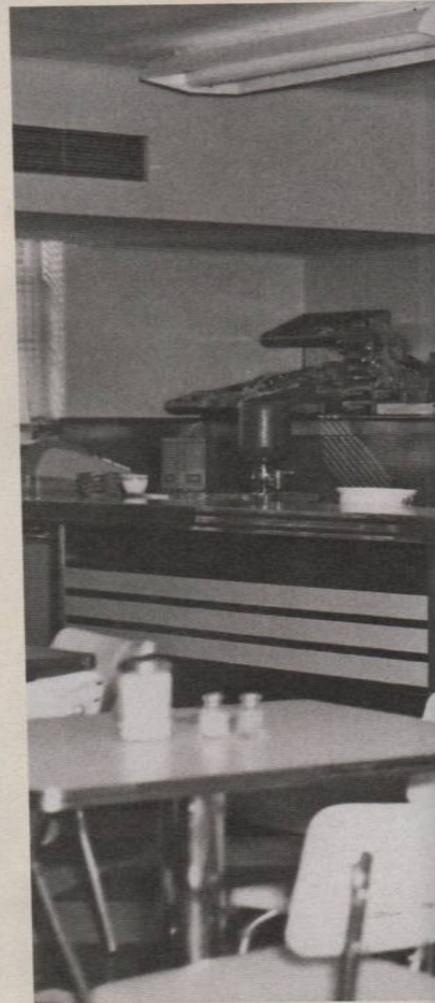
High and dry .....	Served plain
In the alley .....	Served on the side
Keep off the grass .....	... Hold the lettuce
On the hoof .....	Meat cooked rare
On wheels .....	To go
Put a hat on it .....	Add ice cream

### LIBATIONS

Adam's ale .....	Water
Baby juice .....	Milk
Blond and sweet .....	Coffee with milk and sugar
Shake one in the hay .....	Strawberry milkshake
Squeeze one .....	Orange juice

### DESSERT

Eve with a lid on .....	Apple pie
Fish eyes .....	Tapioca pudding
Houseboat .....	Banana split
Nervous pudding .....	Jell-O



### CALL THEM BY NAME

WAITER → SOUP JOCKEY

DISHWASHER → BUBBLE DANCER

BOOTH SQUATTERS → CAMPERS

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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.

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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.

### COST:

Full 3 days:

Member \$155

Non-Member \$175

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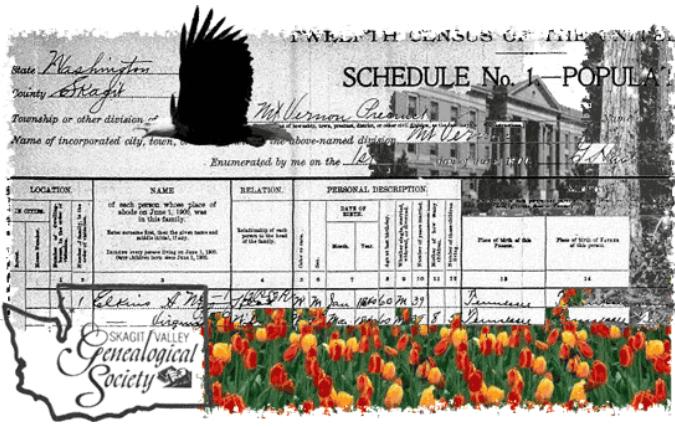
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# HOW TO READ A CEMETERY

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.**

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## 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;  
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## 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 Lay

Shared on a genealogy page.

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### **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

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Burlington, WA 98233

**CONTACT:** 360-755-0760

**COST:** FREE

### **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.

## 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 known  
By watching how the sizes changed  
You'd 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

### Comb Binding ...

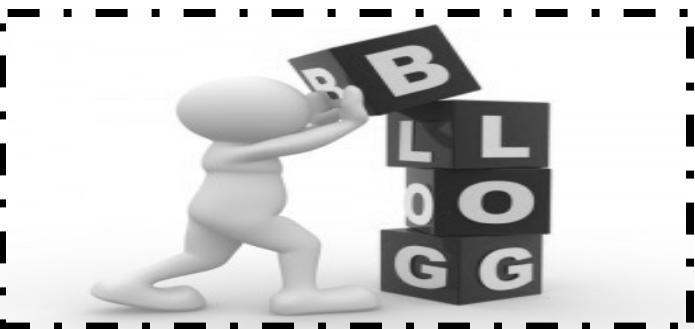
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## President's Message

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](mailto: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.

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~ 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](mailto: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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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 co-ordinating volunteers, on a temporary basis, if you wish to schedule a one-on-one genealogy research consultation please contact Margie Wilson\*: [root-sproject@frontier.com](mailto:root-sproject@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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:rootsproject@frontier.com).

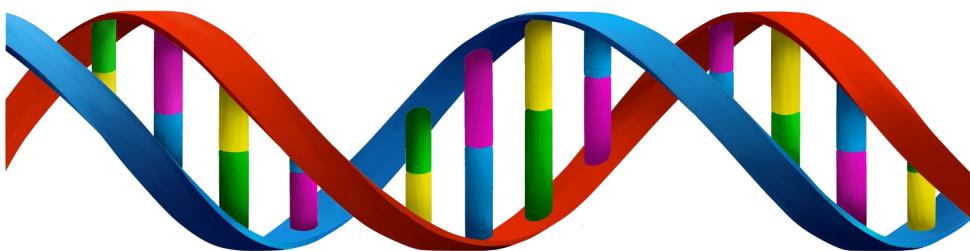


## SVGS' Monthly Educational Program Resume on Saturday, September 14 at the Burlington Library:

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.

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**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**



- GGG Grandfather Richard b. 1796
- GG Grandmother Elizabeth b. 1848
- GG Grandfather Joe b. 1827
- GG Grandmother Friede b. 1850
- Great Grandfather George
- Grandfather Carl
- Grandmother Ann
- Grandmother Selina
- Grandfather Henry
- Unknown (Grandmother Ann)

# 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.

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## President's Message

The holiday season is fast upon us. The holidays remind me of holiday traditions of my grandparents. Remember those special baked desserts full of-ago-long lost symbolism that we enjoyed. Or an archaic tradition from the Old Country your grandmother showed you that seemed magical to you as a young child. But, now many of these traditions passed down from generation to generation are fading due to our fast paced modern world.

Your family research is a treasure trove of fascinating stories. Your ancestors' experienced struggles, successes, happiness and sadness. As family and friends gather this holiday season why not transform those pedigree charts with their stark BMD dates and your brick wall questions into meaningful family storytelling. Take the time to ask your relatives questions about the stories they remember – and cherish from their childhood. You might uncover a new clue just by hearing a story from a different family member's perspective.

Family storytelling brings family and friends closer to feeling a sense of pride in our ancestors' unique life journeys. Our ancestors' stories give each of us a deeper appreciation for who we have become due to their dreams and efforts. Celebrate and share those precious family stories this holiday season. And perhaps in so doing, you will create your own new holiday traditions to pass along to future generations.

Enjoy your gatherings with family and friends,

~ Margie Wilson, president

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## Reminder: No December SVGS meeting.

The next SVGS meeting will be held on Sat., January 11, 2020, Burlington Library, 1-3pm. The guest speaker is Evelyn Roehl who will speak on:

***“Germanic Immigration to North America in the 1800s.”*** This Germanic immigration presentation will include immigrants from what is now Germany as well as Prussia, Austria, Switzerland and Luxembourg. We will look forward to seeing you in 2020 for more educational programming.

**FREE**

**To Creative  
 Grandma or  
 Grandpa**

**A fully operational  
 Overhead Projec-  
 tor**

Plus, 2 boxes of  
 transparency sheets



SVGS no longer uses this piece of equipment. **Ideas for Reuse:** Invite your grandkids to draw (felt marker pens) on the transparency sheets holiday scenes of snowmen, Santa, or grandpa and grandma, etc. They will be delighted to see their drawing projected super big onto the wall. Or, you could teach the grandchildren how to create shadow shows with their hands. You remember, making flying birds, etc. with your hands in front of the light source to project on the wall. Do you remember how fun that was! Plus, don't forget the instant cool factor as most young children probably have never seen an overhead projector before! The ideas are only limited by their "very cool" grandma and grandpa's memories and imagination. To arrange pick up (just in time for Christmas) email: [rootsproject@frontier.com](mailto:rootsproject@frontier.com).

Ho, ho, ho.



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We have a new BLOG on our website. If you are interested in participating in our blog go to [skagitvalleygenealogy.org/BLOG](http://skagitvalleygenealogy.org/BLOG) to see how you can register and log in.  
Thank you.

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# GENEALOGICAL QUIRKS

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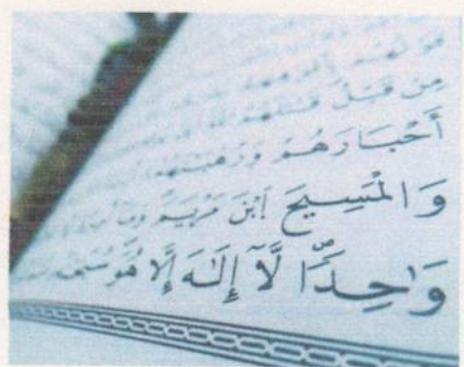
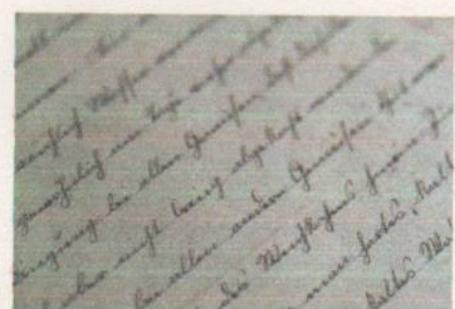
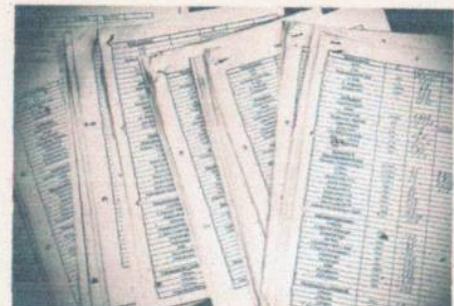
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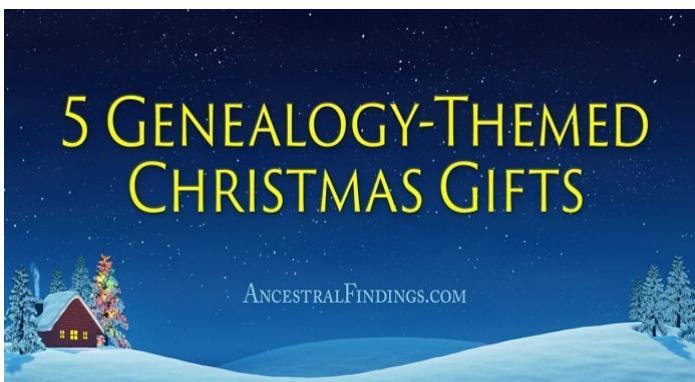
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Are you looking for genealogy-themed Christmas gifts to give this year? Here are five that won't cost much money to make, but that your relatives will adore.

## 1. A Family Tree Chart with Photos

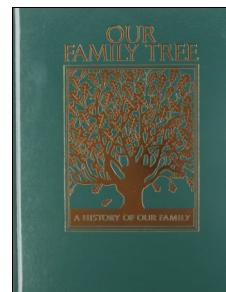
There are all kinds of family tree charts you can use for free located online. Use a type that has room to put a person's name, birth and death dates (marriage dates are nice, too, if there's space), and a photo. Using photos, you may only be able to go back three or four generations. However, if you are creative and can tape two or four family tree charts together in a configuration that makes them look like one, you can go back farther in time.

## 2. An Ancestor Photo Cube



You can get a plastic photo cube at most craft stores. Use it as an any-time decoration or put a hook in it and use it as a Christmas tree ornament. The cube has six sides. Put a photo of each set of your grandparents on opposite sides. The other four sides can be used for photos of your great-grandparents since you have four sets of those. If you don't have photos of one or more sets of great-grandparents, use photos of great-great-grandparents, or siblings of your grandparents and/or great-grandparents. Be sure to label each photo on the cube.

## 3. A Family History Book



You can buy books where you can add your family history details on a person-by-person basis. Paste in a photo if you have one, and write down all the statistics and personal details and stories you know about that person. Use one branch of your family and give copies of the book to each person with a connection to that branch.

## 4. The Gift of Research

Put together a family history of a line that isn't yours. This could be the line from the other side of a cousin's family tree, for example, or the genealogy of an aunt or uncle who is only related to you by marriage. They will love it, and love you for doing this special thing for them.

## 5. A Family History Video

Put a photo montage together of one particular branch of your family, starting with the oldest photos you have, up to the present generation. Use photo editing or montage software to space how many seconds you want each photo to show in your video. Put a meaningful song behind it all, and time the photos so the last one shows just as the song is ending. Burn it to DVD, put it in a jewel case with a nice homemade cover that indicates what it is, and give it to all members of the family with a link to that line.



## Walking in Their Footsteps

Lynn and I have always wanted to visit Norway where both our ancestors lived. This year was finally the time to do it. We did not have family connections but knew from our genealogy studies where we wanted to go. His family came from Aure and Kristiansund Norway. Mine were from Liabo and Halsa Norway. We learned that they were within travel distance of each other. Prior to leaving I was able to connect with a 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin from Lillehammer and she agreed to meet me in Aure. This trip was a dream of a lifetime and hopefully I would be able to walk on the land of my ancestors.

We arrived in Aure on August 6<sup>th</sup> and entered the town (Kommune) through a tunnel. The first thing we saw was a church and a cemetery. We, of course, stopped and discovered many Torsets residing there! We talked with a woman who was caring for a gravesite and asked where the Guesthouse was and she pointed to a building on the hill. We did not disturb her work, but left to check into our room. At check-in we talked to the receptionist and asked about where the Torset farm was located. She said it was down the road a bit, so we took off to find it. Heading east a short distance from the Guesthouse we crossed a bridge and right away I noticed the TORSET name engraved on a stone in the bridge. (I had once seen this brick on the Internet at someone's Geo cash hike.) We stopped and took pictures and then went on. Finding the farm was not easy as there were no signs and we did not have any references so we returned to the cemetery to search headstones. The woman we talked to earlier had left but we met the pastor and he agreed to meet with us on Thursday. This meeting was later canceled as the Vicar was arriving and therefore we were unable to obtain any church records.

On the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> we met up with my 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin, Gunn Iren and had dinner with her and her husband. The following day we were heading to Liabo. This time it was my ancestor's home to see. We followed Gunn Iren and she took us to her 1st (and my 3rd) cousin's home. I was so excited to meet Kari as she too has the "Olson" curly hair! Her daughter Kristin came out and she too had curly hair, and we were all wearing it in the same style! Kari said her son has curly hair too but he was not home that day. Kari had coffee, tea and lefsa for us while we visited. Then Kari informed me that I met her sister at the church graveyard the day before. She said her sister knew I was the one coming to visit because of my hair! After leaving their home, Gunn Iren took us to meet her aunt Dordi. She did not speak English so Gunn was able to translate. Aunt Dordi also had my curly hair, but wore it the way my grandmother and Aunt Arlene used to wear theirs. We had a wonderful visit, and just as we were leaving she gave me a hand drawn family tree written in Norwegian! This tree shows my Great grandfather's siblings, parents and grandparents – all of which I did not know prior to joining Skagit Genealogy. My great grandfather and his brothers and sister who went to America are branches that say "To Amerika." We drove on to Liabo to meet up with Ralph Sandvig who lives in the home of my Olson ancestors. He spoke a little English and was able to share some information. It was really nice to walk on the land where my great-grandfather grew up and look at the view over the fjord and the small town. We did not have time to find the church and cemetery this trip but I plan to return and make more connections again 2021. We returned to our Guesthouse to research the Torsets some more. The following day we drove over the Torset Bridge and stopped and talked with some people that lived near there. One lady pointed out the Torset farm on the hill and we headed over there. We met an elderly man whose name was Paul Torset. He did not speak English but we were able to communicate that we also were Torsets. In the meantime the receptionist at the Guesthouse had found more information on Lynn's grandfather's family and told us where to go on the Northwest side. The Torset farm was located on the far side of the bridge. No one was home but as we were leaving a car pulled up the driveway. A young lady said that this was the Torset farm. She took my phone number and said she would talk with her mother and get back to us. That evening we were looking through a book they had at the Guesthouse and there was an article in Norwegian written by Ivar Torset and a picture of another bridge named Torsetsundbro. This bridge was a one-way bridge over the Torset sound in the Northwest section. That night Aashild called and said that Lynn's great-grandmother, Gjertrud Larsdatter Torset grew up on their farm. She married John Iversen Maele who lived 4 km down the road. They had a son Lars Johnsen Torset born in 1886. We left the Guesthouse that morning and drove over the one-way Torsetsundbro and took pictures of the Torset farm. We drove further down the road but did not find the place where Lars grew up. We now have connections so in the future we can make the trip and meet with more relatives.

It was wonderful to walk the streets in the towns and on the land where our ancestors once lived.

Submitted by Carol Torset

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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 - YOUR SUGGESTIONS WELCOME!**

### **Sat., May 9 TOPIC PENDING – Winona Laird**

## Year-end Recognition

*The SVGS board extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to our community partner and to the staff of the*

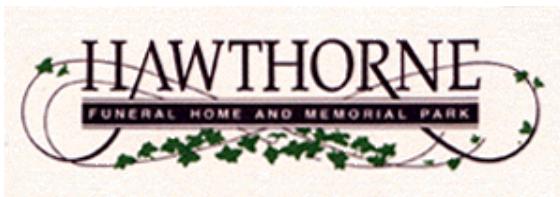


*for their assistance in 2019. Meeting at the library has made it possible for more family researchers to discover their family history.*

*Thank you for your support.*

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The SVGS board and cemetery recording volunteers extend their thanks and appreciation to the staff of



for their gracious assistance with our cemetery recording project. You made our volunteer experience even more rewarding.

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Thank you for your donation of shelving for SVGS new storage unit.

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for helping with SVGS' move into our larger storage unit.

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## Annual Dues Reminder

**SVGS Annual Dues Are:  
\$15/individual or \$20/family**

Did you enjoy SVGS' monthly educational programs and learning from expert genealogists such as Dave Obee, Mary Roddy, Dr. Janice Lovelace, Evelyn Roehl and other guest speakers this past year?

Did you know that it is your annual dues that help make it possible for SVGS to provide these professional quality speakers for you to learn from at our meetings? Your annual dues pay for a myriad of day-to-day expenses that keep SVGS operating such as:

**Office supplies** – necessary to maintain SVGS' collection of over 2000+ books and support other SVGS projects such as recording Hawthorne Cemetery grave-stones for publication;

**A larger storage unit** – needed to expand space for archiving SVGS' 30+ years of local records and therefore better assist family historians with their research;

**Postage** – So SVGS can reach out to those members who live out-of-state, may not have a computer, or do not have access to electronic communication. Mailings keep members involved with enjoying genealogy and informed about society news.

The list goes on as to the many ways your dues make SVGS possible. Please renew your dues between now and March 2020 so SVGS can continue to offer a fun, educational, and engaging experience for all of our members in 2020.

*Thank you for your support*

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