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President's Message

I would like to thank all of you who donated dollars to our "No Bake, No Garage Sale" at our January meeting. Our society coffers have been increased by your generous contributions. They are appreciated. Your contributions to the FGS Malcolm Stern fund are also appreciated. Your society contributes to this fund by sending an additional \$25 for each member upon their passing.

As stated in previous messages, there will be many opportunities for our members to become involved in upcoming activities of our society. Our society plans include representation at the annual Pioneer Picnic in LaConner on the first Thursday in August and our annual Heritage Fair will be on October 6 this year. We will need assistance with both of these activities.

You will hear more about the new library facility in Burlington from our librarian, Joan Udd. It is a beautiful facility and we are very pleased to be a part of it even in a very small way. The "Book Brigade" was a lot of fun and those who attended enjoyed the festivities and refreshments in the new conference room. It is a very large and well equipped room with projection screen and lots of parking. Your board of directors will be having the June board meeting at this location. You are all welcome to attend the board meeting. It is open to anyone wishing to attend.

Joan and her library committee are to be commended. Our genealogical library collection has been moved, and arranged on the shelves. The media library (previously called the traveling library) has been moved to the library. Talk to Joan for further information about accessing those materials.

On an interesting note, one of the questions on our January questionnaire had to do with Saturday meetings. A majority of those polled by our telephone committee, by telephone or email, responded positively, however, the majority of those attending meetings were very much against the idea. For the present we will continue to have our meetings on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm. If there are some who would like to have a daytime session, it may be possible to form a Special Interest Group to discuss your brick walls and share your problem areas as well as your successes. Give this some thought and if there is someone who would like to consider chairing this group, please let me know.

Plans are beginning to take shape for the 2008 WSGS Conference and Annual Meeting. It will be hosted by Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, and will be held at the Christ the King Church on Riverside Drive in Mount Vernon. This is the old Elks lodge, is spacious and has lots of parking. Sandra Hargreaves Luebking of Chicago, Illinois has agreed to be our headline speaker and will do a presentation on Friday evening as well as three sessions on Saturday. Mark your calendars for May 9 and May 10, 2008.

In the meantime, let us all dig, dig, dig, and come up with some ideas to share with our members. In the upcoming months there will be a special night planned for you to share your brick walls, and your successes. I look forward to seeing many of you at our meetings and will enjoy sharing your stories.

Hazel Razar, President

Message from Joan the Librarian

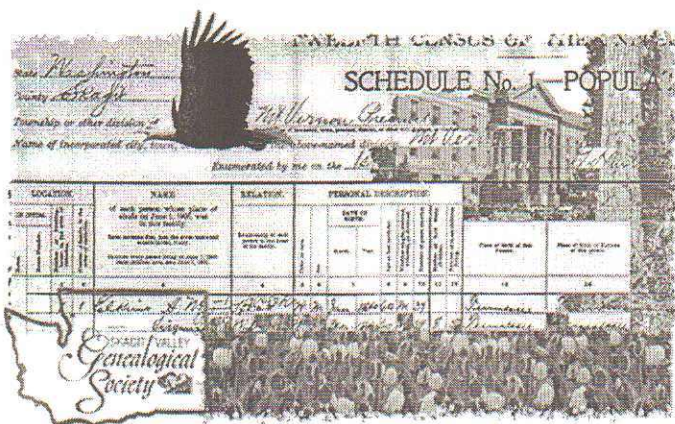
The new Burlington Public Library will be open by the time everyone receives this newsletter and what a grand and spacious place it is. The library committee, Lee Matson, Joyce Liston and Joyce Weimerslage and myself spent lots of time getting the shelves in order. It is great to have so much space to work with. Instead of the tall 4 drawer files there are file drawers that are horizontal with space on top to use. Also, the new microfilm reader is right beside for easy access. Two small study rooms are also close by where more space is available for spreading out materials and conversations. Individual computers are also close by as well as a computer lab for instruction.

Everyone is invited to the Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday June 16 with the ribbon cutting at 11 A.M. The plan is to have different parts of the library emphasized and Genealogy will be one of them. Members are invited to be there at 12 Noon to help answer questions people may have. So, put the date on your calendar and please come.

Joan



Our valiant society members representing SVGS at the "Book Brigades" human chain from the old library to the new!



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Comb Binding ...

For members, The society owns a comb binding machine. If you call Arnold Stewart at 360-466-3288 he will make arrangements to bind your pages into a book for you. Cost is: \$1.00 per book to cover supplies.

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*

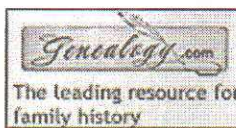
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Calendar of Events

Upcoming 2007

General Meeting:

Start time 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held at the **Burlington Community Center**, 1011 Greenleaf Ave., Burlington No change in date or time.

22 May Robert Witherspoon—Past President of Washington State Genealogical Society will speak on “Overlooked Census Data.”

26 June Tentative—Dave Obee from Victoria, B.C.; watch our website for details.

Welcome New Member(s)

Lynda Minter LaConner, WA
Lynette Taylor Mount Vernon, WA
Bonnie Winge Mount Vernon, WA

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Hours: Monday – Thursday

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

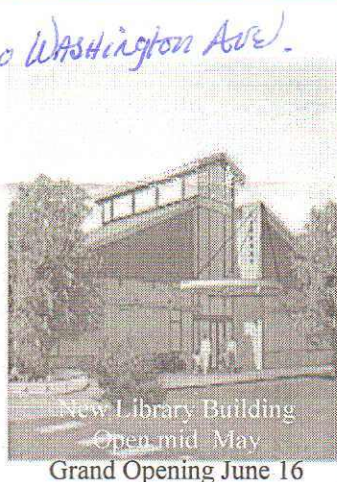
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday – Closed

SVGS Library Collection

located here. SVGS Volunteers available on Mondays from 11:00–1:00 to assist with questions.

Joan Udd—SVGS Librarian



• EXTRA, EXTRA THIS SUMMER! SVGS JOURNAL 2007 HISTORY & HERITAGE IN SKAGIT COUNTY.

• SEPT/OCT NEWSLETTER “QUIRIES & SURNAMES”
You still have time to submit, deadline 08/31/2007

Since the move to the new library the SVGS board has decided the old bookcases can be sold. Overall measurement is 7 feet tall and three feet wide. There are 7 shelves and they are 12 inches apart all but the bottom shelf which is 15 inches apart. They are solid wood and a very good price of \$75 each. Since they are bolted to the wall an arrangement will need to be made to remove them, since the old library is now closed. Please let **Joan Udd** know if you wish to purchase.

Coming Events

May 16-18, 2007 NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair Rediscover Virginia 400 Years of Family History to be held at Richmond, Virginia, hosted by the NGS with the Virginia Genealogical Society, The Fairfax Genealogical Society and the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia. For more information see: <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2007/>

May 18-19, 2007 Clark County Genealogical Society Spring Seminar featuring Donna Potter Phillips & Lethene Parks *Migration and National Expansion*: topics include: “*Emigration to America*” & “*Migration Finding Clues*” by Donna and “*Moving West Filling Up the Continent*” & “*Mappint Family Migrations*” by Lethene. Seating limited. Cost \$35 members; \$40 non-members. Bring a sack lunch. More information at website: www.ccgss-wa.org/

Jun 2, 2007 Co-Sponsors Region Three Societies Gary Zimmerman *German Research Day*—“*Finding Germans in America*”; “*History of the German Republic*”; “*Using German Records*”. Suggest \$10 donation at the door & bring a sack lunch. To be held at the Tri-Area Community center in Chimacum. Space is limited so add your name to the list at wajcgs@olympus.net

Aug 15-18, 2007 Federation of Genealogical Societies/Allen County Public Library Conference “*Meeting at the Crossroads of America*” to be held at the Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana. For more information see: <http://www.fgs.org/2007conf/FGS-2007.htm>

Sep 29, 2007 Seattle Genealogical Society Fall Seminar Henry Z. “Hank” Jones, Jr., FASG, will speak on “*When the Sources Are Wrong!*” “*Tracing the Origins of Early 18th-Century Palatine & Other Emigrants*” “*Family Tradition: separating Fact From Fiction in Research*,” and “*Genealogy in the New Millennium: Where We’ve Been & Where We’re Going*.”

Oct 27, 2007 Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society Annual Fall Seminar featuring Barbara Vines Little, a certified genealogist from Virginia. She is currently president of NGS. Topics will be: “*Teasing the Silent Woman from the Shadows of History*”; “*Granny Possum’s Pointers*”; *An Overview of Colonial Virginia Records*”; and “*Documentation: A Formula for Every Day*”. Tacoma Elks Club, 1965 Union Ave South. Registration \$25 before Oct 12, \$35 after. Lunch additional \$10 & must be paid in advance. Registration begins 8:00 am, Lectures begin at 9:00 am.

May 9-10, 2008 WSGS Annual Meeting and Conference hosted by Skagit Valley Genealogical Society. To be held in Mount Vernon, WA at the Christ the King Church at 2111 Riverside Drive. Featured speaker will be Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. Mark your calendars and watch for further information.