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President's Message

Summer is coming to an end; temperatures are dropping, so it's time to think about family, Christmas, etc. With winter coming you can warm up by looking back on pictures and keepsakes, which you can add to your genealogy.

I hope everyone had a good summer, whether it was traveling, relaxing or home projects.

We have been proceeding with our reading of the cemeteries and we want to get started on another one in Mount Vernon, soon.

Researchers, especially if you are new at this, please remember not everything you may find will be true. A lot of times someone has done research and thought they had the right person, but dates or even spellings are not correct. Census records are good at not spelling names correct. It is what the census taker perceived it.

We are looking forward to the next year with some more interesting programs and helping anyone who needs help. See you at the September meeting, remember potluck at 6:00 and bring your own service, plus a dish.

Look at the changes for the by-laws and standing rules, because we will be voting at the October meeting on them.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make us a success and lets keep going that way.

Dottie Chandler

President

Recent Passings

The past few months we have had four SVGS Life Members pass away.

Joan Udd

Vera Stuber

John Fisher

Arnold Stewert

I will post their obituaries in the Nov/Dec newsletter.

Upcoming Elections

There is still time (barely) to become a nominee for the following SVGS Officer Positions.

Vice President

and

Treasurer

I must have names of all nominees before the 30th of September! Ballots will be put in the mail the 1st of October and MUST be returned by the 26th of October. They will be opened and counted at the General Membership Meeting on the 27th of October.

Kevin Osborne
Nominating Chair

Special Committees



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Calendar of Events

*Upcoming 2009
General Meetings:
Start time 7:00 p.m*

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

September 22, 2009 –
Bob Witherspoon –Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness

October 27, 2009 –
Laura Sparr – American State Papers

November 23, 2009 –
Steve Baylor – City Directories

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 the editor...

End of the SVGS blog

It's a simple decision. It's not being used so I will stop paying for it. Unless there is a dramatic increase in use before the next renewal it will cease to exist.

Webmaster

Queries

If you have a query I'll post it here for free!

Coming Events

Seminars & Conferences

Legacy User Group: Mary Buzzell is leading a Legacy User Group on the *first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1 to 3 PM at the Stillaguamish Library in Arlington*. Anyone interested in learning about using a genealogical computer program is invited to attend. While the focus is on the Legacy Family Tree program, much of the information is transferable to other brands. Mary has acquired a video training CR program from Millennia, Legacy's producer. The training subjects are: a 12 step Process for using Family Tree; Mastering Events and Chronologies; Ultimate Guide to Sources; and Tagging and Searching Made Easy. Mary visited with the Legacy folks who had a display⁷ at the Washington State Genealogy Society Annual Meeting last May in Mount Vernon. They offered to post our sessions on their website and assist us in any way they can.

COMB BINDING SERVICE

Comb binding is an inexpensive way to bind your finished books or collections of papers and newsletters. The Society owns a binder and we are available to do your binding for you at a reasonable price. Service is also available to non-members, church groups, schools and private clubs or organizations. If you know of anyone that could use our service let me know. Makes a good fundraiser.

Prices:

Up to 112 sheets (5/8") - \$2.00, non-members \$3.00

113-168 sheets (1") - \$4.00, non-members \$5.00

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**BYLAWS
SKAGIT VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section B. Categories of Membership

~~3. Associate. (Delete)~~

Section C. Dues

- ~~1. Annual dues for each category of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors, and approved by a vote of the membership. (Delete) after a 30 day mailed notification of same;~~
- 2. (Add) Ballots shall be mailed to all members in September and must be received, by return mail or in person, prior to or at the October Annual Meeting.**

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section A. Regular Meetings

1. the Board of Directors may cancel a meeting **(Add) at the request of three or more members.**

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section D. Terms of Office

2. **(Add) All officers shall take office at the January Board Meeting.**

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section D. Treasurer shall:

5. ~~(Delete) Act as chair of the Finance and Budget Committee with appointed assistants,~~ Present a budget for approval at the Board Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting and at the Annual Meeting **(Add) of the membership.**

ARTICLE VIII – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section A. Standing Committees

- 2 Standing committees shall be Membership, Ways and Means, Archival **(Add) Historian,** Newsletter, Genealogy, Education, **(Add) Publication,** Publicity, **(Add) Projects,** Library and Telephone.

Section B. Standing Committee Chairs

- 4 Annual Reports shall be presented **(Add) to the President and Secretary** at the end of the fiscal year.
- 5 Are encouraged to request **(Add) and utilize additional** committee members.

Section C. Specific Duties:

3 Archival Historian shall:

- a. Collect and preserve all items of historical interest to, and about, the Society;
- b. Collect and preserve the genealogy, biography and pedigrees of members;
- c. Maintain Surname and Locality card files **(Add) located in the Society library;**
- d. Maintain a permanent file of Society Newsletters.

Section C. Special Committees

1. Special Committees shall be appointed by **(Add) president and approved by** the Board of Directors;
2. These include, but are not limited to, Audit, **(Add) Bylaws/Standing Rules, FGS Delegate, Sunshine** and Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE IX – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section A. Elections

1. Elections shall be held at the Annual Meeting **(Add) in October.**
1. Nominating Committee shall:
 - c. Prepare **(Add) and mail a** ballot for election **(Add) of officers and changes to the bylaws.**
 - d. **(Add) Shall count all written ballots at the Annual Meeting in October.**

Section C. Voting

1. Individual and family members in good standing may vote in Society elections;
2. **(Add) All voting shall be by mailed ballot**
3. **(Add) Ballots shall be mailed to all members in good standing in September and must be received prior to the October Annual Meeting.**
4. **(Add) Ballots shall be counted at the Annual Meeting by members of the nominating committee.**
 - e. ~~(Delete) Voting shall be by voice, providing there is only one candidate for office;~~
 - f. ~~(Delete) If more than one candidate is running for any one office, the voting shall be by written ballot;~~
 - g. ~~(Delete) Majority of members present shall elect.~~

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, **(Delete) all saleable (Add) cash assets and genealogical materials of the society shall be donated to (Delete) shall be converted to cash. The monies of the Society shall be used to purchase genealogical materials for (Add) the genealogical collection of a library, historical society or archives.**

STANDING RULE (as determined by the Board of Directors and voted on by the membership)

DUES

1. The following Society membership dues shall be:

a. Individual Membership	\$12.00 (6-27-2006)	\$15.00
b. Family Membership	\$15.00 (6-27-2006)	\$20.00
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Persons living at the same address; ii. Full voting privileges; iii. Shall receive society newsletter; 		
e. Associate Membership	\$12.00 (6-27-2006)	

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2009

APPLICANTS NAME

ADDRESS STREET, CITY, STATE & 9 DIGIT ZIP CODE

AREA CODE ()

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

New Member _____

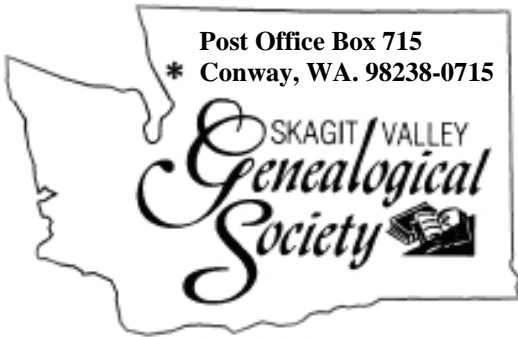
Renewal _____

Previous Member _____

FAMILY \$ 15 _____

INDIVIDUAL \$12 _____

INSTITUTION \$12 _____



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