

# So King News

## South King County Genealogical Society

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### More on

## What's YOUR Story?

In keeping with this year's theme of "What's Your Story?", you will find articles in this and future newsletters to help you get started writing. Our spring seminar will also center on telling your stories; check page 5 for more information.

One of the most difficult hurdles to writing a story is putting pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard in the modern genre) and getting that first sentence or paragraph flowing. The creative juices do not always gush; sometimes they barely drip!

In a recent radio interview of a creative writing teacher, it was suggested that, for an exercise, to take a common object and write a paragraph about it. The steps she outlined were very simple:

- Select your object
- Think of all the ways you have encountered that object
- Select one occurrence and answer these questions

Where are you?  
Who is with you?  
What is happening?  
What are you feeling?

In the interview she offered "the kitchen table" as the common object. Following the steps outlined, think of all the kitchen tables you might have encountered in your lifetime. Does one stick out in your mind? Whose table is it? Where is it?

In just a few minutes you might write a childhood memory of a delicious bowl of chicken noodle soup that you ate after building the first snowman of the season. Or maybe your story is about making an apple pie with your grandmother, rolling out the pie crust on her kitchen table. Do you still use her recipe?

Some of our most endearing family stories are about these common occurrences. They show an underlying current of character or tradition we might otherwise struggle to portray.



And, don't be shy! Submit your stories to this newsletter by emailing to [sokingnews@skcgs.org](mailto:sokingnews@skcgs.org). And also keep in mind that if you don't tell your story, who will?

*MaryLynn Strickland*

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## SKCGS

Serving the communities of  
Algona, Auburn,  
Black Diamond, Burien,  
Covington, Des Moines,  
Enumclaw, Federal Way,  
Kent, Maple Valley, Pacific,  
Ravensdale, Renton,  
SeaTac & Tukwila

# South King County Genealogical Society General Information

## Mission Statement

*To stimulate interest in genealogy and aid individual members in compiling their family records.  
Seek genealogical and historical knowledge.  
Preserve and perpetuate the records of our ancestors.  
Promote the preservation of public and private genealogical material.*

## About SKCGS

- The fiscal year runs from June 1 through May 31
- The board meets the first Tuesday of the month 7 to 9 p.m.
- General meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month except July, August and December. Meetings are at 10:15 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 11420 SE 248th, Kent WA. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for socializing, coffee and cookies.
- The SKCGS Traveling Library is at each general meeting. Members can check out books for one month. The Traveling Library is open one hour prior to the general meeting.

The SKCGS Research Library is maintained at the Auburn Public Library, 1102 Auburn Way South, Auburn. Books kept at Auburn are for use in the library only.

## Yearly Membership

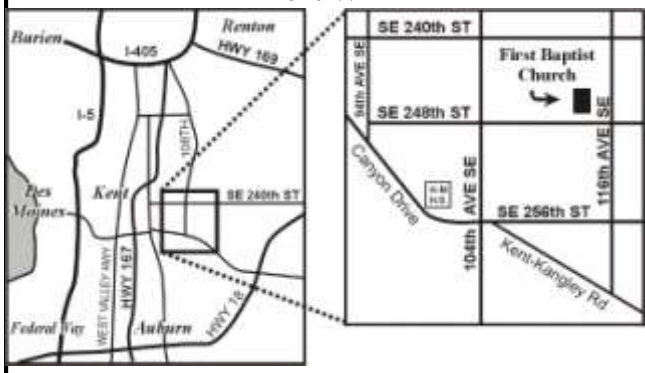
**Single: \$15.00 Dual: \$18.75**

**Applications for membership available upon request, in this newsletter or on SKCGS' web site**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~waskcgs/membership.html>

## General Meeting Location

**First Baptist Church  
11420 SE 248th Street,  
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# January Events

## Please take note of these events:

**Jan. 2—Out to Lunch Bunch. See Page 3**

**Jan. 19—SKCGS General Meeting—Timelines & Chronologies**

**Regularly scheduled interest group meetings as found on Page 8**

### January 19, 2012 Using Timelines and Chronologies

**Presented by Janet Camarata**

As a genealogist, Janet has researched her own family history for almost 20 years. Many of her family were farmers on the move, originating in Virginia and Pennsylvania, moving west through Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Kansas and on into California and Washington state. She now spends her time moving eastward discovering where they came from, why they moved and what they experienced. Janet is active in genealogy societies in both western and central Washington, volunteering in a variety of ways - secretary, newsletter writer, educator and seminar presenter. She has created an 8-week genealogy training course and many seminar topics, include preparing for a reunion, making sense of the census, genealogy and music, and using Google for genealogy searching. She is now working on using timelines and chronologies to better understand our ancestors place in history. Janet retired from The Boeing Company in computing and data management. She also taught within The Boeing Company and at the University of Phoenix. As a result, she tells her family's stories and incorporates genealogical facts using all the benefits of computing, including Legacy software, photos, movies, music and history.

# February Events

**Feb 6—Out To Lunch Bunch See page 3 for details**

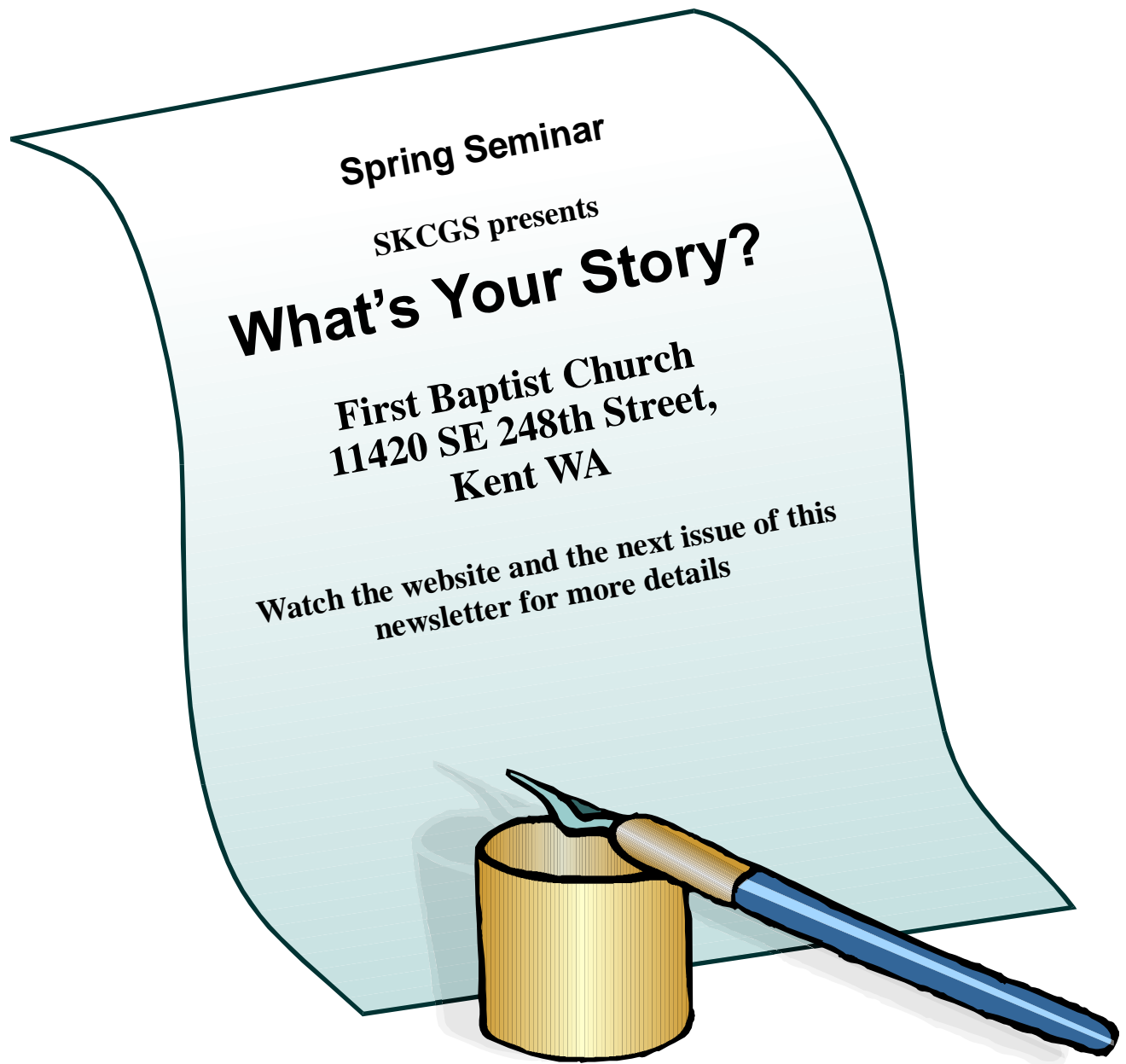
**Feb. 16—SKCGS General Meeting Background of the DAR in Washington State**

**Interest Groups will meet as listed on Page 8**

## Background of the DAR in Washington State

**Presented by Pat Hughes**

The Washington State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical women's volunteer service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. Pat Hughes, Washington State DAR Registrar, gives guidance to those obtaining the necessary data and documentation proving a family lineage. Pat will be presenting a brief background on the DAR in Washington state and will share her experiences in researching her family and working with the DAR.



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[sokingnews@skcgs.org](mailto:sokingnews@skcgs.org)**





History is a story; family history is a story about our family. As genealogists we work hard to collect, gather, and compile the names, dates and places concerning our family members, but facts like these are only bits of information. The distinction between information and story is especially important in family history, according to Charley Kempthorne, in his book *For All Time: A Complete Guide to Writing Your Family History*. “If we use the narrow history-as-data definition in our family history, we’ll come up with the barest of family trees, who are our great-grandparents were, when and where they were married, and when and where they were buried. This information is important stuff, no doubt, but not a story, the facts provide only an outline or a suggestion of a story.”

Any information collected about our family members raises questions. Why did they move away from their birthplace? How many family members travelled with them? How did the family members left behind react? Did others follow later? Where did they go and why? Write what their daily life was like or might have been like. What was typical? What were some of the experiences that they might have encountered? After arriving at a new home, what would be the first thing that they might have done to begin a life? Answering these questions is writing real family history.

Kempthorne recommends bringing your family history to life by “re-creating it.” “It may seem difficult to do, but in fact it is much easier, more fun and far more rewarding.” Recreate a moment in time. Present an experience that we can feel and think. “Family history puts far more emphasis on re-creation and less on interpretation. You may well read a history of the Civil War to understand better its causes. The historian may even organize the book around certain ideas. But in family history, there is much more emphasis on simply showing the reader what the past has been like.” If we merely write facts and data rather than narrative or a story, we would have no feel for our ancestor’s lives.

Nor should writing family history be limited to what happened generations ago. The story of the recent past is also family history: grandparents, parents and even the younger generation. The advice for genealogists is to start with your own life and work backwards in time. “...those who are alive have a huge amount of family history in their heads that can still be captured. It is the quest for this that sends many historians out to the field with a cassette recorder, camera, video camcorder, and/or paper and pen.”

Keep in mind that its *writing* our family history that is important. Just write. Goal number 1: Write without thinking much about it. Goal number 2: Give yourself a break from reading. Goal number 3: Create a pile of family stories before even *thinking* about compiling it into scrapbook or book form.

To start, make a list of family stories you’d like to see written up. List the things you would feel should be written, not just what you think is important to write. Think of the stories that have been told and retold in your family over the years. They may be a full story, a brief anecdote or glimpses into your family life. Don’t ignore ideas even if you think they might be too short.

To learn more about Charley Kempthorne, check out his book through the King County Library or his Lifestory Institute website at (<http://www.thelifestoryinstitute.com/>).

*Thank you to Janet Camarata for bringing this information to us.*

## Exchange Newsletters

Do you receive a newsletter from a genealogical or historical society for some other location, possibly where your family lived? Have you considered sharing it with others who may have similar roots?

Or would you like to have access to information from other parts of the world? Have you checked out the exchange newsletters that our society receives from other societies, near and far. See page 11 and following for suggestions of articles you might find interesting. Katie Hanzeli gleans this information for every issue of this newsletter and then prints out newsletters and puts them in binders in the Traveling Library.

Why read some other location's newsletter? You might not find mention of your family, but you could get a sense of what your family experienced in that place or time. You might find access to data or methods of research you had not considered before.

And you might find interesting stories or amusing anecdotes. Please share those with the rest of us!



## Education Committee

Are you familiar with the society's Education Committee? No? That may be because it's only been in existence for a few months! This committee was created on 15 November 2011, and its purposes are to (a) arrange for and oversee education programs outside the regular society meetings, and (b) work with other organizations to coordinate joint education projects. In other words, the Education Committee is responsible for external education events (like the alliteration?).

We have scheduled a free series at the Kent Public Library for three Sundays in the fall: 21 and 28 October, and 4 November. And if that's not enough, we've heard that another library is also interested in hosting a class, so we'll be following up on that in the weeks to come.

These external sessions are an excellent way to generate publicity for our society and to introduce newcomers to our field. But we can't do it alone – we need your help!

I'm looking for people interested in (a) helping develop standard curriculum, so anyone from the society will be teaching the same program; (b) teaching on the society's behalf; (c) finding more opportunities for the society to make presentations; and (d) identifying other topics we can offer to the general public. Item (c) is simply a matter of keeping your eyes and ears open, so every member of the society can do that. The others will be ongoing tasks, so let me know if you're interested in helping out in one or more of these.

Of course, I'm also open to new ideas regarding what the Education Committee can do, so please don't hesitate to tell me about them! The best way to get in touch with me is via email, [education@skcgs.org](mailto:education@skcgs.org). I'd love to hear from you!

Dave Liesse, Education Chair



### Computer Interest Group

The SKCGS Computer Users Group meets the third Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm. We are always exploring new gadgets or new ways to use our old familiar ones. If you have a problem or have a new solution or gadget, please join us!

**Next meetings: January 15**

**February 19**

**Notice: In February and March, we will meet in the Quiet Study area of the library as the conference room will be in use for tax preparation.**

**Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, Auburn**

### Heritage Photo Interest Group

Heritage Photo Interest Group features beginner classes using Photoshop Elements. The classes will follow PSE tutorials introducing the workspace, tools and adjustments available for making your photos look their best. From simple enhancements to restoring and sharing, you'll learn basic skills and helpful tips.

**Next meetings: January 28                      February 25**

Meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month at the Auburn Fire Station, 1101 D Street, Auburn; 6:30 pm. For further information, contact MaryLynn at [heritage-photo-group@skcgs.org](mailto:heritage-photo-group@skcgs.org)

### Family Tree Maker Users Group

This group meets the first Saturday of each month at 10:15 am.

**Note: January 5 & February 2 at the Covington Library**

Please bring questions and join discussion. Contact Winona at [ftm-group@skcgs.org](mailto:ftm-group@skcgs.org) for further information.

### Legacy and Beyond Group

meets on the first Thursday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the First Presbyterian Church of Kent, 9425 S. 248<sup>th</sup> Street in Kent.

### See Page 9 for new information

It is a great time for anyone just beginning to use Legacy, or thinking about switching to Legacy, to start coming to the meetings.

### The Master Genealogist Users Group

The TMG Users Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Algona-Pacific Library. Topics help beginners and more experienced users of *The Master Genealogist* genealogical software and its companion products. Check the SKCGS website for more complete information and meeting times.

### Nat'l Society of Daughters of American Revolution

Lakota Chapter D.A.R. regular meeting time is the second Saturday of each month (except July & August) at Auburn Fire Station, 1101 D Street at 11 am. Prospective members are always welcome to visit.

Sincerely, Helen McCreer Lewis [dar-liaison@skcgs.org](mailto:dar-liaison@skcgs.org)



## “Legacy Users Group” becomes “Legacy and Beyond Group”

The Legacy and Beyond Group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the First Presbyterian Church of Kent, 9425 S. 248th Street in Kent. The group will not meet in January since it's so close to New Year's Day and most of us will still be busy that week. The next meeting of the group will be Thursday, February 7, 2013.

The group has broadened its focus to topics beyond the Legacy program, although ties to the program will be made as appropriate. During the next year we will be choosing from the numerous webinars that Legacy offers. Many of these topics are of interest to everyone working on their genealogy, not just Legacy users, which led us to the change in our name. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings. Our topics will be chosen a month or two in advance of the meeting date. The list of webinars is available at: <http://legacyfamilytree.com/Webinars.asp>.

Legacy hasn't yet posted their schedule of webinars for 2013, so we will wait and determine the topic for our February 7 meeting in January. It will be listed on the society website and sent out to the SKCGS mailing list as well as the Legacy and Beyond Group attendees.

We will spend a few minutes working on Legacy at each meeting, bringing a Legacy Tip to discuss, and answering any questions about the program.

## Legacy Webinars-on-CD now in the Traveling Library

As the newsletter is about to be printed/emailed, SKCGS has just purchased a number of the Legacy webinars and training CDs for society members to check out at general meetings beginning with the January 2013 meeting. These will also be available for viewing and discussing at future Legacy and Beyond Group meetings. Note that the subjects are generally not specific to using Legacy software and are usable by all members. The webinars are by professional genealogists, are of about 1.5 hours in duration, and were produced within the last 18 months. Some have printable handouts. The CDs include:

Chasing Women: Finding Your Female Ancestors  
 The Power of DNA in Unlocking Family Relationships  
 Organization for Success  
 The Three Cs of Irish Research: Civil Registration, Church Records, and Census  
 A Closer Look at Google+  
 Tracing Immigrant Ancestors  
 Digital Books and Sites for Genealogists  
 Researching Your Connecticut Ancestors  
 Research for Genealogists: Beyond the Basics  
 Digital Writing Tools for Genealogists  
 Researching Your Scottish Ancestors  
 Researching Your Pennsylvania Ancestors  
 Researching Your New York Ancestors  
 Researching Your German Ancestors  
 Putting Flesh on the Bones  
 The Quest for Your English Ancestors  
 The 5 C's for Success in Genealogy Today  
 Building a Family from Circumstantial Evidence

Beyond the Arrival Date: Extracting More from Passenger Lists  
 What is a 'Reasonably Exhaustive Search'?  
 Use Your Digital Camera to Copy Records  
 Brick Walls Bundle - 4 webinars-  
 Breaking Down Your Irish Brick Wall  
 Digital Images Bundle - 2 webinars-  
 Your Civil War Ancestors: Beginning Your Research  
 Privacy and Our Ancestors  
 Wikis for Genealogists  
 Staying Safe Using Social Media  
 Reverse Genealogy: Finding the Living  
 FamilyRoots Organizer System  
 Google+ the Next Big Thing  
 Researching Your Irish Ancestors: Beyond the Basics  
 Genealogy for Novices: Where Do We Begin?  
 The Big 4 U.S. Record Sources  
 Researching Your Canadian Ancestors, an Overview  
 Navigating the 1940 U.S. Census  
 Discovering Your Massachusetts Ancestors

## Auburn Library and Volunteers

I hope all our members will take some time to go visit the remodeled library. You will be surprised by the openness of the enlarged building along with more natural lighting. There are more computers in one area and most were being used while I was there. It is nice to see all the books that are available for researching. If you haven't looked to see what we have on your area of research, please check it out.

Several members met Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to pick out some books that will be purchased from the lifetime memorial funds. Information on these purchases will be in the newsletter when they become available.

Steven Bailey, Managing Librarian would like to have more volunteer hours available to assist patrons with genealogical research. Presently volunteers are available on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays from 1-3 pm and the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 1-3 pm. It would be nice to have a volunteer at least once a month in the evening, preferably from 7-9 pm. Volunteers need to be able to answer general questions, guide new researchers in using pedigree and family group sheets, look up census records (we have the use of one computer) and to help find an appropriate book if we have it available for research. He is hoping we can do a Beginners Genealogy Class.

Jan Emerson, Library Volunteer Coordinator

## Have you checked your local library online resources?

If you have not already bookmarked Seattle Public Library [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org) > Articles and Research or King County Library System [www.kcls.org](http://www.kcls.org) > Databases, you are missing out on an ever expanding wealth of information. Do yourself a favor and check it out!

### Job Opening: SKCGS Librarian

#### Duties

- ◇ Processes new books for the Auburn Library and the Traveling Library.
  - Maintains records of acquisitions.
  - Gives books to Auburn Library and Traveling Librarians.
  - Prepares KCLS forms for books going to the Auburn Library.
  - Maintains an up-to-date bibliography on computer for publication on the Society's web site.
  - Acknowledges donations to the library.
- ◇ Chairs acquisitions committee as appointed by the President. Prepares book orders..
- ◇ Maintains a list of the life members and the books purchased in memory of each after they pass away.
- ◇ Keeps subscriptions to national societies and magazines current..
- ◇ Maintains a file of current catalogues.
- ◇ Prepares a list of new acquisitions for the newsletter.
- ◇ Takes exchange newsletters to Auburn Library for either the vertical file or shelved boxes and puts them in the correct location. Removes old copies as necessary for shelf space at the library.
- ◇ Organizes the following assistants:
  - Exchange Newsletter extractions.
  - Newsletter – Notifies person making mailing labels of any address changes of societies we exchange with.
  - Used Book Table – collects any donated materials and holds them for a used book sale or the freebie box at meetings.

**To “apply” for this position or any other volunteer opportunity, please contact President Winona Laird at [president@skcgs.org](mailto:president@skcgs.org) Volunteer positions may be shared by more than one person if you have a friend who will help!**

# LIBRARY NEWS

## BARBARA HEUTCHY HONORED!

“Region 2 South King County Genealogical Society, Barbara Stokey Heutchy of Auburn, Washington, is recognized for exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the South King County Genealogical Society. Barbara Heutchy is a charter member of the South King County Genealogical Society, which was chartered in June 1984, and she won the design competition for the Society logo. In 1988, Barbara volunteered for the position of Librarian, coordinating acquisitions and monitoring the Society’s holdings housed in the Auburn Library. Barbara was instrumental in negotiations with library staff, and the King County Library System to transition the Society’s collection to ownership by the County system. She wrote the Library News and News from Exchange Newsletters columns in the Society’s newsletter for many years. She recently retired from her librarian position after 24 years of service. Barbara also served as Society Treasurer in 1985-1986, and managed the book sales table at most of the Gene-A-Rama seminars. She continues to help organize monthly get-togethers for the Out-to-Lunch Bunch, and has attended countless Board of Director meetings over the decades. During the Saar Pioneer Cemetery restoration project, she worked on several clean-up parties at the site. Barbara was awarded the Society’s Outstanding Achievement Awards in 2008 and 2010. She has also devoted countless hours, working diligently on the memorial, obituary, and marriage books published by the Society. Barbara organized a tour for the King County Historic Preservation officer to identify all historic cemeteries in South King County and develop a list of sites which need further documentation and restoration help. Seldom has one person done so much for the good of the genealogical community. We will be forever grateful for the legacy established by Barbara Heutchy.”

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### A Genealogist’s Christmas Poem

TWAS the day before yesterday and all through the branches,  
 NOT a name to be found, none of my ancestors.  
 THE Journals and Bibles were dusty and worn.  
 WHY should we care, these kinfolk are gone.  
 THE pictures of children and family, long ago dead  
 ARE scattered, crinkled and crammed under beds.  
 DAD in his chair, and I with a book  
 HAD just settled back to give the TV a look.  
 WHEN out on the street there arose such a clatter,  
 I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
 ON the way to the window I tripped with a crash.  
 I tore open the curtains and looked through the glass.  
 THE sun in the sky was nowhere in sight.  
 THE clouds were so gray, it could have been night.  
 WHEN what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
 THE Mailman with packages, letters and cards of good cheer.  
 THE driving was grumbling while sorting his letters,  
 I knew in a moment, things had to get better.  
 THE size of one letter stood out from them all,  
 A distant cousin was asking about family, one and all.  
 THE names of Grandpa and Grandma, Great Grandparents all,  
 NEXT came my Father, my Brother, and Uncle Paul.  
 FROM cousins and uncles to aunts and nephews,  
 NIECES and in-laws, just to name a few.  
 SO thru the many journals and photos, and stuff I possessed,  
 MY search for my ancestors slowly progressed.  
 WHILE up the family tree I gradually climbed,

MY ancestors names, I was seeking to find.  
 UPON that tree I have carved many a name,  
 THE branches of which, will never be the same.  
 THE tree is now filled with many I've found,  
 BUT in the search for others, now I am bound.  
 THE ancestors whose names I have written with love,  
 THE Lord has gathered to take to His Father above.  
 WITH so many names yet to be carved on that tree,  
 I have little time to waste on games and TV.  
 GATHERING names, photos, histories and places,  
 REQUIRES a lot of love, patience, and God's good graces.  
 SOME were Farmers, Soldiers & such, Mothers and Fathers who struggled much.  
 SOME were Settlers, who traveled far, some Adventurers, who followed the stars.  
 SOME were rich but most were poor, they came by ship, seeking more.  
 SOME died young, others old, many their stories yet untold.  
 I cried when I thought of those brothers and sisters,  
 FOR I am who I am, thanks to my ancestors.  
 MY family is but one branch on the Tree of Life,  
 A tree that grew strong through toil and strife.  
 ALONE, I'm just a bare twig or a stub,  
 TOGETHER we build a Family Tree of Love!

Written by Linnie Vanderford Payneer, late one night after a long day of research!  
 Puget Sound Genealogical Society The Backtracker: October - December 2012

**GENEALOGY TIP OF THE DAY:** <http://genealogytipoftheday.blogspot.com>

#### A HELPFUL REMINDER...

All of the current newsletters that we receive from other genealogical and historical societies are in the Traveling Library. There are three white notebooks filled with them. Two notebooks contain newsletters from societies in Washington State. The third is for newsletters from societies in other parts of the United States.

Each newsletter is filed alphabetically by the name of the society in its own section. The notebooks contain only the newer issues. The older ones are added to the magazine boxes or the vertical file in the SKCGS collection at the Auburn Public Library.

There are also single copies of newsletters that are too big to go into a notebook.

All items are available for check out from the Traveling Library. The older issues at Auburn can only be used in the library. I recommend you take advantage of the opportunity to check out one or two notebooks for a month and see what nuggets our exchange newsletters may have to help in your research.

#### LIBRARY NEWS

A couple of us went down to the newly remodeled Auburn Library, where the South King County library collection is housed. We went through all of the books on the shelf, determining what had been added by the library and what books were possibly missing. Unfortunately, there were a few of those. Hopefully, they'll be found in other parts of the library and returned to their home shelf. We also had the opportunity to talk with Stephen, our liaison with the library, and he offered another dozen to us. Some we had, some were redundant or too old and a few we gratefully accepted for the collection.

Keep your eyes on our website, <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/library.html> to see the updated list of books. These cold, dreary days are a wonderful opportunity to head to the warm and cheerful library and do some research. We hope to see you there soon!

#### NEWS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Smart phones and other, smaller digital devices are becoming the rage. We old folks are a bit behind our grandchildren in using such things, but having a portable toy to help with our genealogy might be just the new gadget we want. This article gives a description of such things and shares numerous websites to help us under-

stand them. Once the initial investment is made, many apps which can be used for our research are free. Perhaps this is a good time to take the next step into the digital world for the sake of our family tree!

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society Pioneer Branches: Volume XXVIII, Number 1, October 2012

“Do you have a tablet or iPad and want to use it for genealogy? You may want to read the blog posting at Genealogy Insider listing some great apps that were compiled from a recent online chat. Not all are expressly for doing genealogy but will help you track your tree, manage time, digitize documents, search websites and more. You can find the posting at [http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2012/09/19/GenealogyAppsForYourTablet.aspx?et\\_mid=580824&rid=2711020](http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider/2012/09/19/GenealogyAppsForYourTablet.aspx?et_mid=580824&rid=2711020)”

Eastside Genealogical Society Bulletin Board: Volume 31, Number 2, November-December 2012

Military pension application files can be a valuable resource for the genealogist who is seeking information to provide proofs about an ancestor's military service, for joining a lineage society, such as the DAR or SAR, or to get some direction on where to look for other records. The Revolutionary War Pension Files can be of significant help in any of these areas, if you think your ancestor was part of the battle. In acquiring these records from NARA, one must be careful to get the full file, not just the selected records. Nowadays, one can access some records online via various subscriptions sites like Fold3 and Ancestry.com. (The author of this article prefers Fold3 as they are complete and easier to get at.) Even if your ancestor was not a veteran, he may be listed as a witness for one, so it's important not to ignore this resource. The applicant may be related to your ancestor, the witness. There may be more than one pension application if the first was rejected. There's more so I recommend you read the article as it contains information about how to use this valuable resource and what more there is to it.

Family Chronicle: Volume 17, Number 2, November/December 2012

Someday, we will all kick the bucket. There five things one must do, genealogically speaking, before then: 1) Research at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, 2) Visit an ancestor's homeland, 3) Attend a national conference, 4) Knock down a pesky brick wall, and 5) Publish your research. If that isn't enough (I know several of you that have done all five all ready!) you may wish to check out the blog <http://geniaus.blogspot.com/2012/01/bucket-list-geneameme-posts.html> and see what others have on their bucket lists. Or you can repeat the above with another line of the family! Have fun!

Family Chronicle: Volume 17, Number 2, November/December 2012

Would you like to know how dollars in the past relate to today's value? Here's a website that can answer the question. <http://www.westegg.com/inflation/>

Eastside Genealogical Society Bulletin Board: Volume 31, Number 2, November-December 2012

Have you ever watched the PBS series, “Upstairs, Downstairs”? It's a delightful look at one idea of master / servant relationships. If you had ancestors in Britain, they may more likely have been part of the “downstairs” group. This article gives a wonderful insight into the their world and some tips for researching their history. It gives a general description of what being in service meant, a list of the hierarchy of servants, what families could afford which servants, and finishes with a list of “The Servants Rules” worth a read all by itself! Take some time to peruse our newest exchange newsletter and check out this article!

British Columbia Genealogical Society, Quesnel Branch, Cariboo Notes: Volume 29, Number 3, Winter 2012

Would you like a good laugh? Check out the correspondence reportedly received by the Family History Department. Here's a sample: “I have a hard time finding myself in London. If I were there I was very small and cannot be found.”

British Columbia Genealogical Society, Quesnel Branch, Cariboo Notes: Volume 29, Number 3, Winter 2012

#### EXCHANGES ADDED TO THE TRAVELING LIBRARY

Family Chronicle: Volume 17, Number 2, November/December 2012: Your Ancestors' Holidays; Revolutionary War Pension Application Files; Genealogy Bucket List; Cousins Explained; Holiday Cards and Ge-

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nealogy; 1790-1840 Population Schedules; Railroad Magazine Sources; Research Trip to Bavaria; Reconnecting a Family; The Heirloom Anniversary Card; The Back Page: Why Are We So Obsessed with Celebrities in Our Family Trees

National Genealogical Society Quarterly: Volume 100, Number 3, September 2012: A Genealogy's Four Essentials; Without Land, Occupation, Rights, or Marriage Privilege: The Büttner Family from Bavaria to New York; The Parents of Martha Manaton, Wife of Rear-Admiral Cornthwaite Ommanney, R.N.; The Yorkshire Origins of Hannah (Watson) Smart of LaGrange County, Indiana; An Italian Indentured Servant Contract: Thomas Jefferson's Gardener, Anthony Giannini (1773-1778); Reviews

National Genealogical Society NGS Magazine: Volume 38, Number 4: National Genealogical Society 2013 Family History Conference; Paperless Research; New Course by Dr. Thomas H. Shawker: 'Genetic Genealogy, The Basics'; NGS Partners with Family Village Facebook Game; Books by Our Members; In Memoriam: John Thomas Humphrey CG; Tracking Generations with German Familienbuch and Sellenbuch; The Sicilians of South Louisiana; Lost Causes as Genealogical Opportunities; Family Data Circulars of 1989 and 1915; If Living Were a Crime ... Evidence Your Ancestor Left at the Scene; Small Miracles Unite a Family; Call for Papers: NGS 2014 Family History Conference, Richmond; From Their Hearts: How Our Female Ancestors Told Their Stories in Diaries and Letters; Review of Family Historian 5; Is There an Ancestor in the House? Or the Senate? Researching Legislative Ancestors; Using Technology to Prepare for a Research Trip; Account Books; Checking for Vitals

**NEW!** British Columbia, Quesnel: British Columbia Genealogical Society, Quesnel Branch, Cariboo Notes: Volume 29, Number 3, Winter 2012: Standards for Sound Genealogical Research; Member Spotlight-Bob Badger; My Badger Family Search; Unlikely, But Interesting Origins of Everyday Words; Upstairs, Downstairs: Our Ancestors in Service; The Servant's Rules; Brick Wall: What Is Your Name and Where Did You Go? 50 Best Brick Wall Solutions; Correspondence Reportedly Received by the Family History Department; Web Bytes; Digital Estates; Ye Olde Ways of Speache; What Family Tree Program Should I Get? 100 Years Ago in the Quesnel Cariboo Observer; What Is the Difference Between a Cemetery and a Graveyard?

New York, White Plains: Westchester County Genealogical Society Newsletter: Volume 29, Number 2, October 2012: Last Will Codicil for Genealogy; NARA Move; Six-Part Series on the American Civil War; Last Page of Plot-Holders of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, 1866; E-Mail to Jeanne Sutherland Re: the Expansion of the NYPL on 42nd St.

Rhode Island, Woonsocket: American-French Genealogical Society AFGnews: Volume XXIII, Number 3, September-October 2012: French Canadian Hall of Fame; Free Program Determines Special Dates; Welcome to New Members; Confused About His Family Tree

Virginia, Arlington: Roots Users Group "RUG" Newsletter: Volume 24, Number 10, October 2012: Concepts of TMG, Chapter 8, GTMOOTMG; Typing Foreign Characters; Tips for the New TMG User

Virginia, Arlington: Roots Users Group "RUG" Newsletter: Volume 24, Number 11, October 2012: Concepts of TMG, Chapter 8, GTMOOTMG (cont.)

Virginia, Arlington: Roots Users Group "RUG" Newsletter: Volume 24, Number 12, December 2012: Adding Multiple People in TMG v8; TMGv8 and WordPerfect

Washington, Auburn: White River Valley Museum Journal: September 2012: Bottlenecking in Washington: History Once Buried Now Revealed; Birth Records

Washington, Bremerton: Puget Sound Genealogical Society The Backtracker: October - December 2012: "Digging Up Granny" Seminar; Debbie Macomber's Roots; A Genealogist's Christmas Poem; Behind the Scenes: Macomber Research from A to Z; Celebrating Native American Month of November; Putting Down Roots, Part Two: Puritans, Witches and Land; Putting Down Roots: A Thanksgiving Story; My Brick Wall - It Took a Village of Genealogical Sources; Pioneer Days in Malmo; An Adventure in Wales

Washington, Colville: Northeast Washington Genealogical Society Pioneer Branches: Volume XXVIII, Number 1, October 2012: Grave Markers - It's Not Always as it Seems; Genealogy 2.0: Smartphones, Tab-



lets, Readers, Apps; Librarians Report: Basics on Preserving Paper and Photographs; Let Us Remember; 1945 Plat Map of Stevens County; Stevens County Alphabetical List of Names from the Stevens County Directory, 1913-1914, cont. from April 2012 Issue; Planning That Next Big Trip

Washington, Kent: Greater Kent Historical Society & Museum, The Recorder: Fall 2012: President's Report; Upcoming Events; Surplus Items for Sale; Military Road - At the Crossroads of History; Days and Nights at the Bereiter House; Jim Osness Scholarship Recipient; E. F. Hansen Practical Horse Shoeing

Washington, Maple Valley: Maple Valley Historical Society Bugle: Volume 25, Issue 3, September 2012: Summer Intern Learns Area History; The Future Remembered at the Gracie Hansen Building; Old Franklin on the Hill

Washington, Tri-Cities: Tri-City Genealogical Society Online Bulletin: Volume 42, Number 1, Online Number 5: Franklin County (WA) and World War I; East Side and West Side (of Early Pasco); What's New in the Richland Genealogy Library; Wiscasset, Lincoln County, Main, Miscellaneous Records; The Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research, Houston, TX; The Elmer Effect; Old Reprints from Bulletin Years 1960, 70, 80 and 90's; 1920 School Census for Benton County, WA; Prison Records from the Franklin County Jail, 1907-1911; Golden (or greater) Wedding Anniversaries Published in the Tri-City Herald, Kennewick, WA

Washington, Tri-Cities: Tri-City Genealogical Society Online Bulletin: Volume 52, Number 3, Online Number 7: Lien's Short Journey to Tri-Cities; Do You Know the Way to Richmond; Editor's Grab Bag: From the Tri-City Herald; Franklin County, Washington Eighth Grade Examination Results, 1922-1936; County History Questionnaire; Obituaries From the Files of the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society (cont.); Golden Wedding Anniversaries (or greater) Published in the Tri-City Herald, Tri-Cities, WA; Index for the March, July, and November 2012 Issues of Volume 52

Wisconsin, Sparta: Monroe Juneau Jackson County's Genealogy Workshop Inc. Newsletter: Volume 32, Number 3, November 2012: Did You Know? App for National Cemeteries; The Registration List: Complete List of Those Who Registered in Cashton, Jefferson and Portland

### **EXCHANGES AVAILABLE VIA ONLINE LINK**

Washington, Bellevue: Eastside Genealogical Society Bulletin Board: Volume 31, Number 2, November-December 2012: Genealogy Apps for Your Tablet; New National Archives Publication; What's in a Number? EGS Research Assistance Hours Change; Getting Started in Genetic Genealogy; What Type of Genealogist Are You? Genealogy Tip of the Day; Civil War Website; Why Is It? Figures and Formulas; History in Our Hands; Genealogy Book Links;

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/pages/Nov\\_Dec2012.pdf](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wakcegs/pages/Nov_Dec2012.pdf)

Washington, Lynnwood: Sno-Isle Genealogical Society The Beacon: December 2012: Greetings from the President; Events and Meetings; A Genealogical Puzzle

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasigs/BEACONDec2012.pdf>

Washington, Union Gap: Washington State Genealogical Society Newsletter: Volume 29, Issue 6, November/December 2012: Washington State Vital Records at Risk (hazard averted - see article above); 2013 Conference "Researching Rare Apples on Your Family Tree"; WSGS Annual Meeting; Upcoming Events in Washington State; MOHAI Grand Opening; Who Will Control Your "Digital Estate" After You're Gone? Are You Missing Your "Who Do You Think You Are" Fix? Can You Keep Up With The Changes At FamilySearch? National Archives and Records Administration Genealogy Workshops; Washington State Genealogical Society Outstanding Volunteers of Washington State - 2012 "Barbara Heutchy"; Elections

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/2012novdecnewsletter.pdf>

## Editor's Note:

In an effort to keep our publication fresh and informative, we welcome suggestions for content as well as contributions from readers. One such suggestion is for "geographic corners", articles that may pertain to research in a particular part of the country or world. Do you have information about a particular part of the country that might be helpful to others? Please send your contribution to [sokingnews@skcgs.org](mailto:sokingnews@skcgs.org) by the 8th of the month prior to publication.

## Are you missing out? Join the SKCGS mailing list.

The **E-mailing** list is a forum where members of the South King County Genealogical Society (SKCGS) and others with an interest in the Society, can discuss the efforts of the Society. It's a great way to keep up with what's going on in your Society!

It's informational, deals with society-related issues and can address general research questions that may be of interest to you.

Members ask and answer questions and give feedback on Society issues that you also may be interested in! The list is open to all those who have an interest in the Society, including announcements, conference and meeting schedules, membership questions, etc. General questions on **genealogy** ARE suitable on this list; specific ancestry, family and research queries should be directed to the appropriate forums elsewhere on the web. see: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/maillist.html>

## Seattle Public Library Information

The Seattle Public Library is revising its Genealogy Librarian desk and appointment hours. Beginning January 4, 2012, Genealogy Librarians, John LaMont and Mahina Oshie, will be available at the Central Library's Level 9 Reference Desk to provide genealogy assistance at the following times:

- Tuesday - Saturday: 11 a.m. - noon & 1 - 3 p.m.
- Sunday: 1 - 3 p.m.

They are also offering 30 minute one-on-one appointments with a Genealogy Librarian at the following times:

- Tuesday - Friday: 3 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Appointments can be scheduled in person at the Level 9 Desk during library hours, by phone 206-386-4636 (ask to be transferred to the History Desk), or by using the "Ask a Librarian" service on the Library's home page [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org)

## Newsletter Subscription Fee

To offset the expense of printing and mailing hardcopy newsletters, members, both annual and lifetime, who elect to receive their newsletters in the mail are assessed a fee of \$2.00 per issue for a total of \$12.00 per year.

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Please submit your fees to SOUTH KING COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY,  
C/O Michelle Lyons  
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Kent WA 98089-0203

### Surname List Update

One of the more frequently visited pages on our website is the Surname List. This is the digitized version of the box of 3 x 5 index cards to which people have been contributing for several years. A

list of this sort is a great opportunity to find others who are researching the same families as you are. Website listing is limited to current (annual or life-time) members who have given specific permission to be included on the website.

## South King County Genealogical Society

### Surname Database Information Sheet

Submitter \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone and street address are for SKCGS use only, they will not be available on the website.*

Include Email address on  
SKCGS Website                      Yes    No

Include Email address in  
SKCGS Newsletter                      Yes    No

**List the surnames, locations or migration routes and time period for each family group you are researching. If you are researching the same surname but different migration routes, list them separately.**                      *Example: Stowe—NH>VT>WI—1770-1850s*

*Stowe—NH>NY>IN—1800-1900*

Surname	Locations/Migration	Time Period

This information is      New \_\_\_\_\_ Updating \_\_\_\_\_



South King County Genealogical Society  
**PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE**

Prices effective June 1, 2008. All books are comb-bound, unless otherwise noted.

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- VOL. I - Includes St. Patrick Catholic, Saar Pioneer & Mess Cemeteries Indexed, 89 pages, © 1981 \$ 9.00
- VOL. II - Hillcrest Cemetery - Indexed, 344 pages, © 1988 ..... \$20.00
- VOL. III - Meridian, Marker & Lagesson Cemeteries - Indexed, 108 pages, © 1995 ..... \$12.00
- VOL. IV - Auburn Pioneer Cemetery - Indexed, 47 pages, © 1997 ..... \$ 8.50
- VOL. V - Mountain View Cemetery, Auburn WA (3 Books) © 1997
  - Book 1, Section A-H (old section) - 346 pages..... \$25.00
  - Book 2, Garden Mausoleum & continues through Section T - 369 pages..... \$25.00
  - Book 3, Index - Military burials - History - 211 pages..... \$15.00
- VOL. VI- Enumclaw Cemetery Records. 684 pages in 2 volumes sold as a set © 2001 ..... \$42.50
  - Book 1, Section 1-3H Evergreen Memorial Park, 348 pages
  - Book 2, Section 4A-10 Evergreen Memorial Park; Holy Family Krain Cemetery; Veteran's Memorial Park; & full name index to both books, 336 pages
- VOL. VII- Maury Island Cemetery & Vashon Island Cemeteries - Vashon Cemetery & Church of the Holy Spirit Memorial Gardens indexed, 423 pages © 2004..... \$25.00
- VOL. VIII Memorial Records of South King County, Gethsemane Cemetery, Federal Way Washington, Indexed, 284 pages, © 2006..... \$18.00
- VOL. IX Maple Valley-Hobart Cemetery, Indexed, 163 pages, © 2007 ..... \$15.00

KENT AREA OBITUARIES —

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Indexed, 216 Pages, © 1988..... \$15.00
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- VOL. III - 1921-1931  
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Indexed, 169 pages, © 1991..... \$12.00

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KING COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE REGISTERS 1889 - 1895

Volumes 5-10 compiled by Helen McGreer Lewis, 240 pages © 2004 ..... \$15.00

KING COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE REGISTERS Dec. 1916 - Sept. 1917

Volumes 38 and 39, abstracted by Helen McGreer Lewis, 194 pages..... \$13.00

BLACK DIAMOND, WA CEMETERY RECORDS.....

Indexed, 62 Pages, © 1980..... \$ 9.00

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*SKCGS is always happy to exchange publications with other societies and libraries on an equal basis  
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## SKCGS Activities Calendar

	Jan Dates	Feb Dates	Mar Dates
<b>Legacy Users Group-1st Thursday 10:00 am</b> 9425 S 248th, Kent	<b>No Meeting</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Board Meeting 1st Tuesday 7 pm</b> Winona Laird's house	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Out To Lunch Bunch 1st Wednesday 1 pm</b> See article within	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Family Tree Maker Users Group-1st Saturday 10:15 am</b> Covington Branch of King County Library	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>The Master Genealogist Group 2nd Thursday 1 pm</b> Algona Pacific Library	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>General Meeting 3rd Saturday 10:15 am</b> 11420 240th Ave SE, Kent	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Seminar see page 5</b>
<b>Computer Users Group 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm</b> Auburn Library 1102 Auburn Way S, Auburn	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Heritage Photo Group 4th Monday 6:30 pm</b> Auburn Fire Station, 1101 D Street, Auburn	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>

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**Librarian**

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**Spring Seminar**

Volunteers will be needed in several positions

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Time essential material! THANK YOU!

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