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Silent Auction Fund Raising Event 14 March 2013
Held at Gordon Head United Church, 4201 Tyndall Ave, Victoria, B.C.

What do we need? Donations of services or items that can be auctioned at the Silent Auction on 14 March 2013. Suggestions include gift certificates or a product.

Who are we? The Victoria Genealogy Society (VGS) is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that welcomes both young and old, beginners and advanced family historians and genealogists. The Society's aim is to further the study of genealogy, the exciting search for one's ancestors and family history.

What do we do? Members help people from the Victoria area and from around the world gather information about their heritage and family history and help prepare family trees. The VGS volunteers also work with in the community offering free presentation at seniors' retirement homes with the Ask Granny Program, and provide material for teachers and the education system with Genealogy in the Classroom. Other programs and services are listed on our website www.victoriags.org.

Why do we need your help? The VGS has no paid staff at any level. The organization lost all government gaming grants in 2009 and now is reliant totally on members and volunteer fund raising

What will the money be used for? 100% of the monies generated by the Silent Auction will go to the operation of the VGS. Included is the operation of the VGS Resource Centre and Library which is open six (6) days a week to anyone interested in family history. All other VGS community programs will also be supported.

What will we do for you? In appreciation for your support, all donated services and products will be acknowledged with the donor's name, business address, and contact information including website:

- at the time of the Silent Auction;
- distributed in Resourcefully Yours, an electronic newsletter that goes out weekly to 800+ people in the Victoria and lower Vancouver Island area. The acknowledgement will be included weekly from the time the gift is received until the date of the Silent Auction.
- distributed in the Members' Update, an electronic newsletter that goes out monthly to VGS's nearly 300 members; and
- posted on the VGS website www.victoriags.org.

Also, in appreciation of your interest, whether you chose to become a donor or not, you will receive a 'Free afternoon at the Resource Centre' certificate (see reverse) to explore what the VGS and the Resource Centre have to offer. This certificate can be used either by yourself or you may give it to someone as a gift.

Yours Truly

Patricia Acton, VGS President