

# Ineffable Twaddle

"It is my business to know what other people don't know."

The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

A monthly publication of The Sound of the Baskervilles A Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars • Since March 31, 1980 Serving the Greater Puget Sound Region of Western Washington, USA

## Afternoon Tea is Served at 1:00 p.m. on March 28

The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this Club will be celebrated on Saturday, March 28 at 1:00, at Carrol Clemens' home in Federal Way!

Carrol asks that we bring food of the sort traditionally served at "afternoon tea"—like tea cakes, finger sandwiches, and small 2-bite sweet or savory treats! Please, no large platters, crockpots or hot dishes!

Our annual tea is a great way to spend your Saturday afternoon—we'll have lots of food and drink, free raffle items, and other surprises!! So come out of your hibernation! We'd love to see **YOU** there!!



For the Benefit of Our Newer Members

The Sound of the Baskervilles, a scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars serving the greater Puget Sound region of Western Washington, USA, was christened *literally* on

March 31, 1980. Our first meeting was held on the Seattle-to-Bainbridge Island ferry, so our name derives from a merging of *The Hound of* 

the Baskervilles and the Puget Sound.

See driving directions to Carrol's on Page 2

## Join Us on May 2 for Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Wreath Throw

Our **Annual Wreath Throw**—to mourn Holmes' "death" and celebrate the fact



In the early years, our re-enactment of the events at Reichenbach Falls occurred at various waterfalls on Mt. Rainier including Myrtle Falls

that he never really died—is **Saturday**, **May 2**.

We'll meet in the park next to Falls Terrace Restaurant along the Deschutes River in Tumwater at **11:30 a.m.** and walk from there to the Falls for the wreath throw, photos and champagne toast. As is usual, lunch will follow immediately *(at 1:00–ish)* at Falls Terrace Restaurant.

We'll also remember our fellow SOBs who have passed on before us—a solemn occasion but always a lovely spring day to take a stroll, give a toast, and enjoy friends!!

The Romnes Clan— James, Ginie, Emily & Bryan—will be our hosts at this event! Driving directions to the Annual Wreath Throw: If northbound on I-5, take

Exit 103; follow Deschutes Way SW north (straight) for about one block to The Falls Terrace Restaurant on your right.

If southbound on I-5, take Exit 103; stay straight to go onto 2nd Avenue SW, turn left onto Custer Way SE (which takes you back over I-5). Turn right onto Boston St SE, then left onto Deschutes Way SW. The Restaurant is on your left.
The entrance to the park is on the south side of the Restaurant. Volume 34 Issue 3 April, 2015 Inside this issue: Afternoon Tea is Served at 1:00 p.m. on March 28 Join Us on May 2 for Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Wreath Throw

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 Your Renewal Dues are NOW Overdue!!!

 Any Member who renews for the 2015 / 2016 year may do so for \$15 for individual membership (\$20 for families)—that's a \$5 discount per person.

 If your dues payment is not booked by Treasurer Hank Deck by April 30, you may have to be dropped from our Membership roll!!

 Please send YOUR RENEWAL dues to Hank at: 1806—177th Street Court East, Spanaway, WA 98387 Thank you so much!!

 New Member Dues will continue as outlined on Page 6 and at our website

The Seattle Public Library on Queen Anne Hill is at 400 West Garfield, Seattle



Library opens at 1:00, and closes at 5:00. Come early, and catch up with your fellow SOBs!

#### Getting there:

From northbound or southbound I-5, exit at Mercer Street and head west. Turn right on Queen Anne Avenue and head up the hill. At the 3-way stop sign at the top, turn left onto West Galer Street. At 4th Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.



Eateries Near the Queen Anne Library:

 The 5 Spot, 1502 Queen Anne Ave. North; American cuisine.
 Hilltop Ale House, 2129 Queen Anne Ave. North; decent pub fare.
 Orrapin Thai Cuisine, 10 Boston Street (the intersection of Queen Anne Ave. North and Boston).

• The Paragon, 2125 Queen Anne Ave. North; eclectic cuisine.

• Olympia Pizza and Spaghetti, 1500 Queen Anne Ave. North; excellent pizza with a Greek slant.

• Betty, 1507 Queen Anne Ave. North; Northwest cuisine.

• Via Tribunali, 317 West Galer Street; good (but pricey) pizza and Italian food.

Thanks to SOBs Jon Strandberg & Sue Reid for this list!!!

#### Driving Directions to Carrol Clemen's Home for our 35th Anniversary :

From I-5 north- or southbound, exit in Federal Way at S.W. 320<sup>th</sup> Street and head west. After passing through intersections at 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.W. and at 26th Ave. S.W., turn left on S.W. 323<sup>rd</sup> Street. Then take the first left on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

S.W. Clemens' home will be on your right at 32148—33rd Avenue S.W. If you need further, call her at (253) 838-1790.



## Past the Deerstalker: Using Sherlockian Tropes in Original Fictions

The **April 19, 2015** Regular Monthly Meeting of The Sound of the Baskervilles will begin at **1:30 p.m.** at The Seattle Public Library at 400 West Garfield, Seattle (Queen Anne Branch). **Says PFL David**:

Grateful thanks to **SOB Vice-President Kashena Konecki**, who will chair this meeting! And, to our **resident-playwright & SOB John Longenbaugh**, a hearty "welcome back" as he gives us another of his most interesting talks.

**Notes John:** "The topic is how writers can create original fictions that don't focus on Sherlock Holmes, but refer to him as part of the creation of their own fictional worlds and characters. What would Holmes be like if he was partly mechanical? Or a woman? Or not a detective at all? This is how the character of Holmes shouldn't be just confined to pastiches, but can give inspirations to original characters."

So join us on April 19 for "Past the Deerstalker: Using Sherlockian Tropes in Original Fictions".



Your entry in our Trivial Twaddle Contest must be received at or before the April 19, 2015 SOB meeting. The winner will be announced in the May issue of Ineffable Twaddle. Says SOB DC Smith: "Are you nuts and haven't entered the contest yet? Why not???"

Watch the first episode, of the 1970s Soviet Sherlock Holmes TV series, titled "Acquaintance", and look for some prominently placed item (or items) in 221B that not only <u>do not</u> belong there but are strongly tied <u>not</u> to the USSR, but to the USA. Can you correctly identify it / them?

The judging relies both on your timely response <u>AND</u> on your accurate answer—so don't give up!!

## This is IT, Time's Up: Get Your Entry In!!

#### THE RULES:

☆ Entries must be clearly written BOTH locating or naming AND correctly identifying the object (or objects) in question.

Place your answer in a sealed envelope, with your name clearly printed on the outside.

★ Submit your answer to DC or Club Librarian Sheila at or before the April 19 meeting or mail it to: DC Smith, P.O. Box 99294, Seattle, 98139-0294. The date of receipt (post-mark date for those mailed) will be noted.

At the end of the contest, the first complete correct answer will be the winner!

☆ New Rule: Email your entry to DC on April 19 only at: TOTHgraphics@ aol.com, and he will accept your lastminute entry that day!!!

## John Longenbaugh's New Play Opens

The play I'm directing, which runs from **March 20<sup>th</sup>** to April 18<sup>th</sup>, is called "The Most Deserving", by Kansas playwright Catherine Trieschmann. It's a very funny (though irreverent and a little profanity-laced)

comedy about arts funding in small-town Kansas, where a \$20,000 grant leads to open warfare on an arts council. It plays Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. at **Theater Schmeater**—2125 - 3rd

Avenue, (206) 324-5801—in downtown Seattle. It's not at all like any of my regular Sherlockian or Steampunk work, but I think anyone who likes a good comedy will find something to enjoy in it; details are on the Theater's website at www.schmeater.org.



## Masters' Dinner: Roaring Success, Citations Bestowed!!

Thirty-seven SOBs gathered at Angelo's in Burien on March 7, 2015 to celebrate our Masters' Dinner—now commemorating the meeting of Holmes & Watson in 1881. For all the details of this great event, please see the write-up and pictures on our website at: www.soundofthebaskervilles.com/recent/ html. But first...

We are thrilled to announce that along with eating and drinking and frivolity and improv skits, we held some serious business at our 32<sup>nd</sup> Masters' Dinner—specifically, the awarding of our "Footprints of a Gigantic Hound Citations" to three highly deserving SOBs!!

The first recipient was SOB John Longenbaugh who, while not able to at-



tend (due to rehearsals on his new play!!), was recognized for his contributions directly to our Club (through submissions to this newsletter and our *Beaten's Christmas Annual* and acting as

meeting speaker) and his Sherlockian efforts throughout the Seattle-area (through articles in various periodicals and Sherlockian and Steampunk conferences). John's become a real asset to the Sherlockian World in western Washington!

Our second recipient was SOB Charlie Cook, who has become a mini-membership recruiter to The SOBs. Charlie

## Things to See, Buy, Do and Know

➡ Pop-up books can be delightful works of art and there is now a properly Sherlockian one: "The Illustrated Sherlock Holmes" (San Diego: Canterbury Classics, 2013; 58 pp., \$19.95) is nicely illustrated in full color by Chris Coady and contains two stories—"A Scandal in Bohemia" and ""The Blue Carbuncle"—with eight splendid pop-up creations.

• Some Final Words from the London Society's District Messenger's long-time Editor Roger Johnson, as he passes the reigns on to another:

➡ Now out is "Sherlock Holmes FAQ: All



lives in of Sumter, SC and we in Washington have never met him!!! Yet in his six years as an SOB, he's recruited four other Members and "overpaid" his lowing us to keep

dues every year, allowing us to keep some other folks as members-in-goodstanding. He's also been a regular contributor to this newsletter and our *Beaten's Christmas Annual.* We exchange lots of emails with Charlie and he sure does seem to be an all-round good guy!!

Our third recipient was SOB Vice-President Kashena Konecki, who in just two short years has become an active



Member, a real asset to this Club, and a dear friend to many! She became our Facebook administrator in January 2014, then shocked us all by agreeing to become this Club's first Vice-President, with little to

no job description! No matter! Since then, she's gotten a promo on her job at Children's Hospital, kept our Facebook page going, and worked both up-front and behind the scenes at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sherlock Seattle Con. And, as we found out at this Masters' Dinner, Kashena is a talented improv director!!!

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That's Left to Know about the World's Greatest Private Detective" by Dave Thompson. Sadly, it is sensationalist, inaccurate hackwork, consisting largely of lengthy, breathless summaries of the sixty stories.

➡ "A Chronology of the Life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1859 to July 7<sup>th</sup> 1930: 2014 Revised and Expanded Edition" by Brian W Pugh (MX Publishing) replaces the previous edition as the one essential reference source. Anyone seriously interested in Conan Doyle's life and career should have a copy.



#### More New Members!

Melvin Alcord is a new SOB who made contact with PFL David and, without much arm-

twisting, has joined!! He's from Sacramento, CA and his Canonical alter-ego is Dr. Percy Trevelyan (RESI).

#### Jeff Hutchinson

was a guest at our February Meeting. He had such a good time that he dropped a line afterward to say, "Thank you for the warm greeting at today's meeting and introducing me to the group. I really had an enjoyable time," and then he joined!!

> Welcome to you both, Melvin and Jeff!

#### From SOB Carl Wirth If you can get to Omaha in late May, be sure to join us!

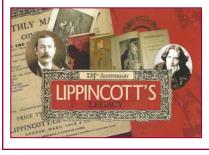
Lippincott's Legacy A literary conference celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of "*The Sign of Four*" by Arthur Conan Doyle and "*The Picture of Dorian Gray*" by Oscar Wilde. May 29 to 31, 2015 Hilton Hotel, Omaha, NE

For more info on the Conference: www.lippincottslegacy.org.

> For more about Omaha: www.visitomaha.com

For Hotel Reservations: Resweb.passkey.com/go/ lippincottslegacy

Questions? Call Robert Bernier at (402) 554-2521 or email <u>lippincott@</u> <u>unomaha.edu</u>





Sad news about Leonard Nimov's death. Here are a couple of photos of him

from the time he played Sherlock Holmes on stage back in the 1970s.



#### From SOB Judy Lyen <u>Zengl</u>icon

Here are details on Anglicon 2015: The Regeneration • June 12 to 14, 2015 •Sea-Tac Double Tree Hotel, Tukwila

- SOBs wanting to volunteer can call me at (253) 761-3447
- More: http://anglicon.com



Says the London Society's **Roger Johnson of** the new book by **SOB Sonia** Fetherston, BSI

Prince of the Realm: The Most Irregular James Bliss

Austin" (see Ineffable Twaddle, Vol. 34, issues 1 & 2) launches The BSI's **Biographical Series**. Bliss Austin (1904-88) was a successful businessman, an authority on oriental art, a great Holmesian collector, and a generous mentor. In Fetherston's book, I almost feel that I've met the man.

## Things to See, Buy, Do and Know

• From our friends Joel & Caroline Senter in Cincinnati and their "Sherlockian E-Times": The Agra Treasurers held their 2015 "Holmes, Doyle and Friends" gathering (formerly Sherlock Holmes/ACD Symposium) in Dayton, OH in March. Please go to their website at http://www.agratreasurers.net/ holmes--doyle----friends.html for their postcon write-ups.

• From SOB DC Smith: I was mildly surprised to get a note from the new Strand Magazine offering Sherlockian books as premiums. Said their missive: "We are proud to offer a selection of Sherlock Holmes books imported from England for the first time." Then listed for offer are the following: The Lost Stories of Sherlock Holmes, Tony Reynolds The Outstanding Mysteries of Sherlock Holmes, Gerald Kelly • Sherlock Holmes and the Lufton Lady, Marlene R. Aig • Never Meant to Be, Stephen Seitz 
 Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Lyme Regis Trials, David Ruffle • Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Crystal Blue Bottle, Luke Kuhns • Sherlock Holmes and the Element of Surprise, J. Andrew Taylor • Holmes and Watson: End of Peace, David Ruffle • Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Dis-

carded Cigarette, Fred Thursfield, For reviews and to buy, email: strandmag@strand mag.com



• From SOB Margie Deck: For those, like me, who can't watch the Rathbone/Bruce films, this editorial sums up my feelings. It really is the *writing*, though, and not the acting: https://www.cooksillustrated.com/maga zines/196-march-slash-april-2015/editorial#. always enjoy reading Mr. Kimbal's editorials but didn't know he was a Holmes fan until now.

• From SOB Terry Burns: Discovered a website where you can order a 99.9% fine silver 1-ounce Sherlock Holmes coin that was issued by the country Tuvalu in 2014. Go to: govmint.com, then search for item 258913. A British possession, Tuvalu consists of nine small islands scattered over 500,000 square

miles in the South Pacific northeast of Australia. Queen Elizabeth's visage is on one side; the other depicts a ship and Holmes to one side "in his distinctive hat and smoking pipe". Here's a laugh: Says the web promo, "(This coin is) part of a series that celebrates 'Ships That Never Sailed' from literature, and features the 'Gloria Scott'. After a public outcry over Holmes' being killed by Doyle in 1893, he was resurrected by returning on the 'Gloria Scott' in the book 'The Memoires of Sherlock Holmes', published in 1894."

 From SOB VP Kashena Konecki: Well, it's happened. The New York Times has covered (and defined) the "Johnlock" phenom. Says the reporter of the February 18 missive, "Part of the Internet's beauty is the space it affords people to take an idea and run with it ... and run with it and run with it, until they end up miles away from where they started. Among a subset of online superfans of the BBC show "Sherlock," solving mysteries is mere window dressing for the real story: one about unrequited love between Sherlock Holmes (Benedict Cumberbatch) and Dr. John Watson (Martin Freeman).

- From Peter Blau's newsletter:
- ➡ "Wholock: Sherlock Meets the Doctor!"

is an imaginative 6-minute crossover video produced by John Smith, who explains his concept as: "Months after an encounter with a mysterious 'Doctor'. Sherlock becomes obsessed with discovering more about this impossible man...until the man makes an unexpected return." Watch it at www.youtube.com/ watch?v=g3bGYljQ5Uw. It's been reported that the BBC was so impressed with the video that they authorized it.

➡ Oxford University Press' editorial team has acquired "The Mystery of the Green Garden", which has never before been published and is now believed to be ACD's first use of the Sherlock Holmes character in his writing. Written during Doyle's time at Stonyhurst College at age 16 before entering medical school, the short story displays an early, amateur style of writing not seen in his later published works. You can read the complete announcement at: www.tinyurl.com/nsp35v9.

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## **SOB Mason Discredits Lost Sherlock Holmes Story**

The web was ablaze on February 20, after such a story totally incredible, considering which SOBs Terry Burns, Airy Maher, James Romnes and Ann Milam relayed reports from both The London Telegraph and BBC News that a "long-lost" Sherlock Holmes story written by ACD was found-



supposedly published in a pamphlet in 1903 in Selkirk, Scotland, to promote a bazaar dedicated to bridge-raising. (Just google "lost Sher-

#### lock Holmes story found in an attic".)

That said, SOB Bill Mason, BSI was interviewed on BBC5 the evening of February 21 and has discredited the authenticity of the work. Try these links to hear the interview: http://www.bbc.co.uk/5live or Bill Mason on BBC.3gp

Here are some of Bill's comments, made in advance of the interview:

I did not find the original report about

Doyle's two authentic parodies/sketches, "How Watson Learned the Trick" and "The Adventure of the Two Collaborators". And this episode calls to mind the 1942 discovery of "The Man Who Was Wanted" by Arthur Whitaker, a story which many accepted at first as a genuine, previously-unknown Holmes story. But then I read it.

This little sketch is not nearly up to that quality level, much less that of Doyle, and it is clearly (to me) not his work. Nor, I should note, does it claim to be. I am sure any of us can raise a dozen or more objections to such a claim just on first reading.

Nevertheless, I see this as an interesting and, in some ways a significant, find: An early pastiche at a time when parodies and burlesques of the Holmes stories were fairly common. I'm betting that any of us would love to have that little pamphlet in our collection.

## **Experience Victorian Time in Raymond, WA**

#### By: SOB Margaret Nelson

Take a trip to Raymond, WA's Northwest Carriage Museum to see beautifully restored 19<sup>th</sup> century carriages and wagons. Their current display includes: brougham, phaeton, victoria (named after Queen Victoria who used this type of carriage to be seen), hansom cab, stagecoach, English mail coach, governess' carriage, wagon, surrey, carriage, landau and a physician's buggy. Each has been restored to excellent condition and looks brand-new.

Hansom cabs had saloon-like swinging doors which fit in front of the passengers. These doors were controlled by the driver who sat behind and slightly above the passenger's coach. Before you could get out, you paid the driver through a trapdoor in the roof, or those doors did not open. Prior to their installation, too many passengers jumped out of the cab without paying, stiffing the driver! These cabs had only two tall wheels of about five feet in diameter. Their size made it possible to turn the cab around, almost on a dime, to cope with the crowded streets and numerous other vehicles clogging traffic.

Expensive private carriages, like the victorias, had coachmen's seats placed higher

than the passengers' to accentuate that you could afford to have a paid coachman. For elegance's sake, these carriages had no cover over the driver's seat, even when the passengers were protected!

In carriages made to be driven by a family member or owned by a middle class family, the coachman's seat would be at the same level as the passengers. These coaches were more likely to have a covering over the driver. All of these carriages were built for people shorter and smaller than us and most held only two passengers. If there were four, their knees must have been jammed against those on the opposite seat.

Ladies' full skirts must have been crushed when they sat next to another passenger. However, the victoria's front was "cutaway" to make it easier for those fullskirted ladies to get into the carriage and not have their skirts touch muddy wheels, such as those on a hansom cab!

It took us two hours to drive at reasonable speeds from Federal Way to Raymond. If you go, be sure to also see the adjacent Willapa Seaport Museum and the very nice, life-sized metal animal sculptures placed near the river. There is also a huge antique store across the street.



From SOB Margie Deck

please give us a report when you get back!! For the rest of us, start watching EBay UK beginning April 24. And, it appears the "Sherlocked" event *will* be coming stateside. The dates and location are unknown. See more at: http://www.sher locked.com/index.php/news/9sherlocked-in-the-usa

#### **Raymond**, WA

... is on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, in Pacific County, on the Willapa River. The Northwest Carriage Museum is at 314 Alder Street. Their website is: www.nwcarriagemuseum.org. Below, an authentic hansom cab



Photo by SOB Allen Nelson



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#### PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Dates of

**Jaterest** • SATURDAY, <u>March 28</u> Our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Federal Way. See Page 1 • SUNDAY, <u>April 19</u> Regular Monthly Meeting, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Queen Anne Library, 400 West Garfield, Seattle

• SATURDAY, <u>May 2</u> Our 33<sup>rd</sup> Wreath Throw, 11:30 a.m., Tumwater. See Page 1 for details • SUNDAY,

<u>May 10</u> Regular Monthly Meeting, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Queen Anne Library, 400 West Garfield, Seattle Member News & Updates

SOBs attending our March 15, 2015 Meeting, presided over by **PFL David Haugen** were:

Pat McIntosh Laurel Becker Annie Becker Airy Maher Sheila Holtgrieve Al Nelson Kashena Konecki Jon Strandberg Lauren Messenger Jeff Hutchinson • **Poor Kashena's bike** got know

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• Poor Kashena's bike got knocked over before our meeting even started!! Luckily the fellow who did it was honest, came into the Library and gave her his insurance info!! \* David showed off the special gift of Sherlock Socks that Sheila had bought him on a BC ferry. She reports that you can order your own from Amazon: Simply put in "Sock it to me men's Sherlock socks" 🖈 PFL David reminded all about our 33<sup>rd</sup> Wreath Throw on May 2 (see details on Page 1), where we'll commemorate the events at Reichenbach Falls, with the throwing of a wreath, followed by lunch. This event is chaired by The Romnes Clan 🖈 PFL David also noted that: i) our May Meeting at Queen Anne Library will be moved forward to May 10 (from May 17) due to a scheduling conflict), and ii) The Orient Express at 2963-4th Avenue South in Seattle has been suggested as a possible restaurant location for our Seattle Meetings. (It's where the old "Andy's Diner" was!) If we make *any* change, it will occur after August! 🖈 **Jon** took 1<sup>st</sup> place honours in our quiz on LAST; a 3 -way tie occurred for 2<sup>nd</sup> place between Airy, Al and Sheila; but Lauren M was solid in 3rd place!! Al said he'd dropped in at British Bites in Puy-

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\$20 per year brings Members the monthly newsletter "Ineffable Twaddle", a copy of Beaten's Christmas Annual, and the incalculable benefits of association with a group of certifiable Holmes aficionados.

Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month. Location of the meetings may vary. Regularly scheduled additional events throughout the year include: "The Masters' Dinner" celebrating the meeting of Holmes and Watson (March), "The Annual Wreath Throw" commemorating Holmes' loss at Reichenbach Falls (May), "The Dr. John H. Watson Picnic" (July), and "The Will Crakes Memorial Jollification" (December). Other activities—book crawls, teas, plays and gaming events—are as announced.

To join, send your check for dues—\$20 for individuals, \$30 for families (U.S. funds only) —to the address shown at left.

allup (see *Ineffable Twaddle*, January 2015, P. 4) and dropped off some of our cards; they'll be having a special Holmesian event in October, which Al will keep us posted on!

• SOB Pat Connelly says she and SOB Nola Cheff (their driver) missed our Masters' Dinner celebration because Pat was sick and Nola got stuck with a household project!! We missed you!

• SOB Becky Geis tells us that she and Bob have moved closer to Seattle!! After umptyump years up in the wilds of Snohomish Country, they now live in north King County!! We hope to see LOTS more of them in the near future!!

• Proud grandparents **SOBs Cara Cross & Geoff Jeffery** tell us that granddaughter Annika—seen last year as Peter Pan—has just been cast in ACT Theatre's "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof", which runs from mid-April to mid-May!!



• SOB Barbara Nelson tells us she's getting ready to sell their home!! She wants to be sure that the Sherlockiana and memorabilia that she and John collected over the years goes to good homes!! So she

wants the SOBs to have the first opportunity to purchase things from her. That's Barbara *above*, at our August 2012 Meeting. Watch this space for news from SOB Librarian Sheila on when Barbara will be ready to have callers!!