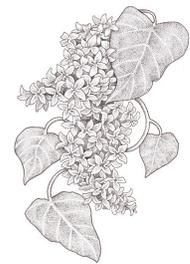


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## January 26 Zoom Meeting

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we all know, because of the pandemic, we haven't had a regular meeting since last February. While we still can't meet in person, we can have a virtual meeting using Zoom. Here is the way this month's meeting will work:

**How to attend:** If you haven't already signed up, [send me an email by Thursday, January 21](#), telling me that you plan to attend. I'll reply to your email and send you a link to log in to the meeting. (The following people are already registered: Kevin Dixon, Steve & Helen Corker, Myron Molnau, John & Marilyn Miller, Vera Felts, David and Anne Harris, Felix Jimenez, Chuck Jones, Bill Ailes.) My email address is [Larrymann02@aol.com](mailto:Larrymann02@aol.com)

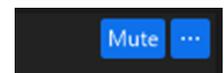
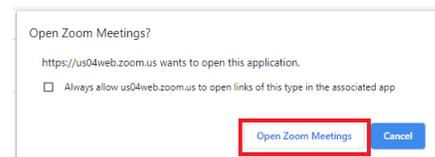
**Meeting starts at 7:00:** Please sign in by 7:00. We will start out with 15 minutes to visit and give everyone a chance to get signed in and make sure that we can see each other. It will probably take a few minutes to resolve any technical issues so that everyone can watch and participate.

**Program starts at 7:15:** Larry Mann will give a program on **Spokane Postal History from 1898 to 1918**. Spokane grew from a city of 19,922 in 1890, to 36,848 in 1900, and to 104,402 in 1910. Until 1898, Spokane was a small enough city that mail could be processed using only hand cancels. The first machine cancels arrived in Spokane in 1898, with faster types being added every few years as the quantity of mail handled by the Spokane post office increased. At first, one post office served the entire city. Between 1905-11, seven new stations were added to serve the growing city. Covers will show the different types of machine cancels, station and branch cancels, and illustrated corner cards from businesses, organizations, and individuals who sent mail.

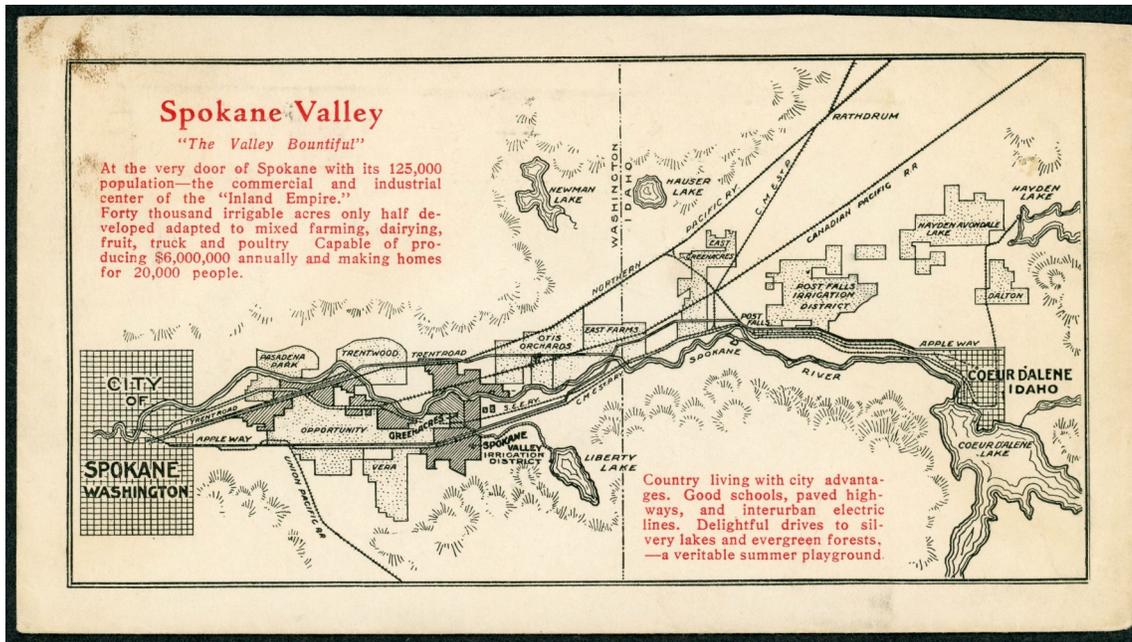
### Zoom instructions:

You can use a PC, laptop, tablet, or smart phone. Others will be able to see you in the meeting if you have a camera on your PC or laptop. The following directions may differ depending on what you use.

1. Turn on the audio on your computer.
2. Click the link in the email. No password is needed.
3. Click the **Open Zoom Meetings** button.
4. You will see all of the people who have signed in, including yourself.
5. Go to the upper, right corner of your icon. (It may show your name if you have attended Zoom meetings before.)
6. Click **Mute** to unmute your audio, so that others can hear you speak.
7. Click the three dots next to it (...) and select **Start Video** and **Rename** to type in your name so that others can see your name and your picture.
8. If you have trouble signing in, phone Bill Ailes (466-5315) or Larry Mann (290-5138).



# “The Valley Beautiful”



The back of this 1923 Spokane cover shows an ad for buying land in the Spokane Valley, here referring to the “valley” of the Spokane River that extends east from Spokane to Lake Coeur d’Alene. The ad touted “country living with city advantages” and 40,000 “irrigable acres” that could be used for “mixed farming, dairying, fruit, truck [farming], and poultry. It went on to tout “good schools, paved highways, and interurban electric [railroad] lines.”

The map shows lakes and the nearby countryside, and areas such as Pasadena Park, Opportunity, Trentwood, Otis Orchards, and Greenacres.



**Front:** June 15, 1923 Universal slogan cancel from the Old National Bank of Spokane. The slogan advertises a “2,000,000 acre Columbia Basin” irrigation project that was finally realized in the 1930s with the construction of Grand Coulee Dam.

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