

PUGET SOUND GHOST HUNTERS



PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH

unlocking the mysteries of the unknown

We are proud to be members of the following organizations:



About Puget Sound Ghost Hunters

Puget Sound Ghost Hunters (PSGH) was founded by Stephanie Davisson, former vice president and observer director of Advanced Ghost Hunters of Seattle Tacoma (AGHOST). Stephanie was looking for a new way to approach paranormal investigation and in 2008 gathered together a team of experienced investigators to join her.

PSGH made a conscious decision to build slowly and to get it right the first time. We started with just three members who were dedicated to making PSGH the best it could be. By October 2009 we had grown, adding additional members from a wide experience base including financial, medical, legal, military and law enforcement professions.

The PSGH approach to paranormal investigation is to combine a scientific/technical approach with a psychic/spiritual approach. Our equipment includes standard EMF meters, temperature monitoring systems and documentation equipment such as video, photographic and audio recording devices.

Our approach works because we are not confined to only one way of looking at activity and evidence. Our open mind and "out of the box" attitude allows us to tailor each investigation to fit the circumstances and activity reported.

PSGH are not ghost busters. We do not clear homes or perform spirit removal or rescue. Our goal in any investigation is to identify the cause of reported activity. Sometimes answers are easy to identify and we are able to quickly point out where ordinary but odd occurrences can be misinterpreted as paranormal. Sometimes we have to work a little harder, but finding the truth is our primary purpose.

Visit our new website at www.psgghosthunteers.com for more information about our organization, members and investigations. In addition, please read our monthly blog at <http://psghosthunters.wordpress.com> and our contributions to Paranormal Citings at <http://www.mlive.com/paranormal>.

Stephanie Davisson, President
Puget Sound Ghost Hunters

Investigations

The primary aim of PSGH in any investigation is to look at claims of paranormal activity in regards to reports of haunting or spirit activity and to assist the client in understanding the phenomena they may be experiencing. By utilizing both advanced scientific instrumentation as well as psychic ability PSGH attempts to document and validate such claims. Results of each investigation are compiled for analysis, comparison and review. By only opening investigations to members who are fully trained, PSGH is able to maintain strict adherence to proper investigation and research standards.

PSGH schedules investigations that are client and non-client related on a monthly basis. Non-client investigations are open to all members and can be a useful tool in developing good investigation skills. Examples of non-client investigations include, visits to haunted locations, group discussion events, cemetery cleanup events, field training, research and fact finding trips, as well as any other events.

Client related investigations are performed with the utmost professionalism and sensitivity to client privacy. Only our top investigators are permitted to perform client related investigations.

ALL INVESTIGATIONS ARE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE.

Research

Research is a large part of the scope of PSGH. With the aid of both online and archive research sources PSGH gathers information regarding past and future investigation sites. In addition, the research department analyzes past investigation data to identify trends in paranormal activity including geographic “hot spots”, most commonly reported activity and conducive dates and times for investigations, etc.

The research department works in conjunction with the investigation teams to coordinate experiments and prepare reports and articles that will be released for peer review.

Client Referrals

PSGH has a large list of possible referrals for post-investigation follow-up. These referrals include health and alternative medicine providers, massage therapists, religious affiliations as well as spirit removal and rescue experts. Clients wishing for services that cannot be provided by PSGH may request a referral.

What is a Haunting?



PSGH identifies three types of haunting phenomena.

Residual Haunting: is haunting phenomena which is similar to a recording. By it's nature residual haunting is activity that repeats without deviation and may fade over time. Residual haunting is not aware and cannot interact with the environment.

Active Haunting: is phenomena caused by an intelligence. This can demonstrate interaction with the environment, creating apparitions, moving objects, sights, sounds and feelings.

Poltergeist Haunting: is activity can be extremely violent and is usually of a short duration. Some believe that poltergeist activity may be associated with a specific person in the environment, typically a person undergoing extreme emotional and/or hormonal changes.

PSGH utilizes standard investigation techniques to document paranormal phenomena.

Private Cases

Private cases begin with a call for help. PSGH usually received 2-5 requests each month for assistance and/or information about paranormal activity in homes and businesses. Each email we receive is responded to within 24 hours. Emails that include a telephone number will receive a call back during which we will perform a brief interview to determine what type of activity the client is experiencing and if we can be of assistance. If an investigation is called for we follow standard procedures to investigate the client's claims and help them understand and deal with the phenomena.

Site Visit

The first step in an investigation is a site visit. The purpose of the site visit is to get a feel for the location and to meet and talk with the client and other witnesses. During the site visit we perform an in-depth interview with the client to get a complete picture of what they have been experiences, how long it has been occurring and identify possible causes. The standard interview may take as long as 1-2 hours.

Also during the site visit a detailed inspection of the location will be performed. The purpose is to take baseline readings, look at atmospheric and environmental effects on the occupants in relation to the paranormal activity and look for alternate causes. The inspection may take as long as 1-2 hours.

Site visits will usually be performed by at least two PSGH team members, allowing us to save time by performing the interview and inspection simultaneously.

At the end of the site visit, the team will sit down with the client and explain how we perform our investigations and what their expectations are. If the client and team leader feel that further investigation is needed, we will discuss possible dates and sign our standard investigation agreement.

Following the site visit, the site visit team will discuss the case and determine how large the investigation team should be and make recommendations on performing the investigation based on the interview and inspection. The team leader will put a call out to all PSGH team members asking for volunteers but keeping all case specifics confidential. Only the site visit team will be aware of the case details.

Investigation

During our investigations PSGH fully explores all paranormal claims that were not sufficiently explained during the site visit. We will attempt to communicate with any spirits in the location using Electronic Voice Phenomena recording, psychic ability or other methods.

We will monitor environmental and atmospheric changes in the investigation site using standard EMF (electro-magnetic field) meters and temperature monitoring systems. We also document every aspect of the investigation using photographic, video and audio recording devices.

PSGH makes every attempt to have one of our team sensitives present during all investigations. The sensitive's job is to assist in determining which phenomenon is paranormal, the level of haunting and to attempt to communicate with any spirit present in the location.

While sensitives may use crystals, pendulums and dowsing rods to focus their abilities, we do not use spirit communication devices such as Ouija boards unless the client specifically requests. Our experiences has shown that use of Ouija boards are not an efficient method of spirit communication and may lead to further, unwanted, activity in the location. In the event that a client request use of a Ouija board or a séance be performed, we will outline our reasons why this is not productive and explain the consequences of doing so before we proceed.

An investigation will generally last between 2-6 hours, depending on the size of the location and the amount of phenomena experienced. At the end of the investigation PSGH team members will review all photographs, audio and video recordings to identify if any phenomenon was captured. Additional visits may be necessary to document all phenomena reported or to clarify evidence collected.

Post Investigation Research

Following the investigation the investigation team will use online and other archives to review the history of the location and to attempt to validate any information received psychically by team sensitives. Following our research, we may request an opportunity to return to the investigation site to clarify our information.

Evidence Reveal and Follow-up

Within two weeks following an investigation the team leader will contact the client to request an appointment to issue a report on our findings. This written report will be accompanied by a computer ready CD containing a copy of all evidence collected. Only those photographs, video or audio clips that we feel demonstrate documented evidence of the client's claims will be provided. (It should be noted that each investigation is documented with hundreds of photographs and many hours of audio and video. The client will receive only those portions we feel contain evidence of the paranormal.)

Along with the written report and evidence, we may provide the client with a list of referrals to assist them in moving forward. Depending on what we feel is causing the phenomena we may recommend changes to the environment or methods for spirit release and removal. PSGH does not perform any of these functions and we are not responsible for any work performed by any professional engaged by the client.

Investigation Team

The Puget Sound Ghost Hunters team comes with a wide range of life experience including the financial, medical, legal, military and law enforcement professions.

Position	Role/Duties
President	Coordinates private cases, organizing team meeting, training, technical support, web management.
Case Manager	Coordinates public cases, taking photographs of the investigation, looking for alternate causes for paranormal reports.
Technical Specialist	Utilizes scientific equipment to track and monitor environmental changes during investigations, taking investigation photographs
Documentation Specialist	Takes photographs of the investigation, performing EVP recordings.
Sensitive / Psychic	Utilizes psychic means to verify previous paranormal reports. Dani is also an ordained minister who can perform home blessings.

The Puget Sound Ghost Hunters team works together to provide clients with a complete investigation experiences including pre-investigation research, evidence and data collection and analysis. We also perform post investigation research to validate and clarify evidence before preparing a written report for clients. Reports include:

- Explanation of investigation procedures
- List of evidence collected with copies on CD
- List of recommendations and referrals based on client wants and needs

All reports and evidence CD's are provided to the client free of charge.

Standardized Equipment

PSGH has a standard equipment case that is available to all members during our investigations. In addition each member provides their own photographic equipment and video and/or audio recorder. Members may also utilize other personal equipment that has been approved for use during investigations. The equipment listed below is contained in our standard equipment case.

1) EMF Detectors

An EMF detector registers electro-magnetic fields within a location. Electro-magnetic fields are created both naturally and mechanically. The prevailing theory is that spirits utilize available energy to manifest. This energy manipulation is thought to disrupt the electro-magnetic fields within the environment, causing baseline readings to drop or spike. Most paranormal groups use standard, “off the shelf” EMF detectors to monitor these changes. PSGH has three models that are available to all team members during investigations.

- Tri-Field – uses a dial to give a numeric reading in milligauss
- Sperry 200A – gives a digital numeric reading in milligauss
- K-II – uses a series of five lights to indicate the level of electro-magnetism

2) Temperature Monitoring Systems

PSGH uses both digital and infrared thermometers to monitor changes in the investigation environment. Prevailing theory is that when spirits utilize energy within a specific area it causes a change in the temperature of that area. Depending on whether the spirit is drawing in energy to perform a function or expelling energy in the form of manifestation, the temperature will fall or rise, respectively.

3) Data Logging System

PSGH utilizes a Paranormal Puck Data Logging System. This system allows for passive monitoring of the temperature and EMF levels within the investigation environment. A laptop is used to generate tables and charts of the periodic environmental readings for analysis at a later time.

4) Allophone Generator / Voice syntheser

This is a device which uses mechanical means to mimic human sounds. Prevailing theory is that spirits need some kind of carrier wave in order to produce speech. An allophone generator is used to make the sounds typical in human speech allowing spirits to emphasize specific syllables to form words. The model PSGH uses is called an Ovilus and is produced by Digital Dowsing. The Ovilus is unique in that it also contains a 2000 word dictionary and can be used to generate full words and sentences.

What is Paranormal Evidence?

There are four types of evidence resulting from paranormal investigations. They are:

- Anecdotal Evidence
- Documentary Evidence
- Physical Evidence
- Statistical Evidence

Anecdotal evidence is the most common type of evidence of the paranormal. This type of evidence consists of stories passed down and witness statements of personal experiences that are not otherwise documented. Anecdotal evidence, because it is sometimes hard to trace the origin of stories, is seldom promoted as proof of the paranormal.

Documentary evidence is the most common evidence provided by paranormal groups. This type of evidence consists of photographs, video and audio recordings and written records of environmental changes during an investigation.

Physical evidence of the paranormal is extremely rare. Examples of physical evidence may include “ectoplasm” which is a mucus-like substance associated with some hauntings or evidence of physical contact including bites and scratches.

Statistical evidence consists of facts from multiple sources that are analyzed for trends. Statistical evidence can be difficult to find in the paranormal community because most paranormal groups are not equipped to consistently compare the details of their investigations to enable statistical analysis to take place. PSGH has begun to develop a platform that will allow us to get more deeply into data analysis.

Specific Evidence



An orb is a circular light anomaly that appears most commonly in photographs and video but can sometimes be seen with the naked eye. Causes attributed to orb activity are dust, lens flare and moisture. Orbs may appear as solid or transparent and sometimes have a circular striation.

Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) is a sound or voice that is recorded on audio or video recording devices. EVP's are generally not heard at the time of the recording, only later during playback.



Investigation Listing 2009/2010

St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery, Seatac, WA (Daylight hours)	Sept 2009
Saar Cemetery, Kent, WA (Daylight hours)	Oct 2009
Fort Warden, Port Townsend, WA (Nighttime hours)	Nov 2009
Walker-Ames House, Port Gamble, WA (Nighttime hours)	Nov 2009
Private Case, Auburn, WA (Nighttime hours)	Jan 2010
Walker-Ames House, Port Gamble, WA (Nighttime hours)	Jan 2010
Meeker Mansion, Puyallup, WA (Nighttime hours)	Feb 2010
Woodbine Cemetery, Puyallup, WA (Nighttime hours)	Mar 2010
Private Case, Whidbey Island, WA (Daylight hours)	April 2010
Walker-Ames House, Port Gamble, WA (Nighttime hours)	May 2010
Port Gamble Theater, WA (Nighttime hours)	May 2010
Port Gamble Morgue, WA (Nighttime hours)	May 2010
Villisca Axe Murder House, IA (Nighttime hours)	June 2010
Glick Mansion, Atchison, KS (Nighttime hours)	June 2010
Missouri Insane Asylum No 2, St Joseph, MO (Nighttime hours)	June 2010
Woodbine Cemetery, Puyallup, WA (Nighttime hours)	Aug 2010
Private Case, Lakewood, WA (Nighttime hours)	Sept 2010
Ft Casey, Whidbey Island, WA (Day & Night hours)	Sept 2010
Private Case, Roy, WA (Daytime hours)	Oct 2010
Black Diamond Cemetery, WA (Nighttime hours)	Nov 2010
Private Case, Whidbey Island, (Nighttime hours)	Nov 2010

Investigation Listing 2011

Manresa Castle, Port Townsend, WA (Nighttime hours)	Jan 2011
Private Case, Seattle, WA (Nighttime hours)	Jan 2011
Private Case, Bonney Lake, WA (Nighttime hours)	Feb 2011
Walker-Ames House, Port Gamble, WA (Nighttime hours)	Mar 2011
Port Gamble Theater, WA (Nighttime hours)	Mar 2011
Port Gamble Morgue, WA (Nighttime hours)	Mar 2011

To schedule a free confidential investigation, contact **Puget Sound Ghost Hunters**

www.pshghosthunters.com
investigation@psghosthunters.com

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Puget Sound Ghost Hunters holds monthly team meetings. Our meetings are open to the public.

Watch our website for dates, times and locations.

Follow us on



Read our blog



Contact information:

Web: www.psgghosthunters.com

Info: info@psghosthunters.com

Investigations: investigations@psghosthunters.com

Outreach: outreach@psghosthunters.com

