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*Grants Pass Genealogical Society*

## February Meeting

Tuesday Feb 14th

1:30 - 3PM

LDS Church- 1969 WILLIAMS HWY GRANTS PASS  
(East Side of the Building)

## "Writing Your Story"

Guest Speaker Peggy Hill

Author of

"A Brave Soldier's WWII Story:  
The Brutal Battle of the Bulge"

Peggy Hill was born and raised in Grants Pass and graduated from Grants Pass High School in 1966. She received her BS degree at Southern Oregon University, and then earned her MA degree in Education. She taught 31 years at Redwood Elementary School where she taught the second grade for 17 years later becoming a Reading Specialist at the same school for another 14 years.

She is retired enjoying friends and family. She continues to be active in her church and various community organizations. Even though she has dyslexia, she enjoys writing family stories. Her presentation will share how she wrote the story and what was needed to do to have it published.

**No Board of Directors meeting in February**

## President's Message February 2017



2017 started with ankle-deep snow that caused us to cancel the January meeting and reschedule that presentation for April 11<sup>th</sup>...the first time since I've been a member.

Like many of you who live in Grants Pass or rural Josephine County we stayed home and made good use of the "down-time". Our closets were cleaned out of un-needed items, we ate extra food from the freezer and the pantry, did a lot of reading and took advantage of this break in our routine to slow down a bit.

With that behind us February is almost half gone and our meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup> is coming up with a very interesting speaker, an author of a book about her grandfather. You will enjoy Peggy Hill's topic and how she came to write a book about her relative. Her presentation starts at 1:30 – there will be no public board of directors meeting this month.

Upcoming events include the Heritage Faire on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the LDS Church in Redding and if you haven't attended this event in the past please plan to attend this year. There are a number of interesting topics and knowledgeable speakers for all of the planned topics. See the flyer later in this newsletter for details.

We still need a membership chairman to send out information to new members and place brochures in various locations to recruit new members. ***New members mean new ideas and talents.*** Anyone interested in volunteering to serve as membership chairman please contact me and I'll be happy to help you get started.

Thank you Laurie Neff for helping treasurer Polli Kucharik with the annual audit so Polli has that out of the way for another year. See Polli's report later in this newsletter.

If you haven't renewed your dues please do so by the end of the month.

Regards to all,

*Celeste Guillory*



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General Meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except July, August, December) at 1:30 PM at 1969 Williams Highway (corner of Harbeck), Grants Pass, Oregon. The Board of Directors meets at 12:30 PM before the General Meeting. All are welcome to attend the Board of Directors meeting.

Annual membership - \$15.00 for one individual, or \$20.00 for two or more  
Individuals living at the same mailing address.

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On January 15<sup>th</sup> the Grants Pass Genealogical Society's Facebook page celebrated our third birthday! As we begin our fourth year of bringing you trending genealogy information and resources, I'm very pleased and excited to share that RootsTech, one of the world's largest family history conferences, will be once again live-streaming selected sessions—and our Facebook page will be keeping you current on all the latest happenings taking place in the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City!

What you need to know: Live streaming will appear on their main website at: <http://www.rootstech.org>. The RootsTech 2017 schedule of sessions will be "live streamed" over the Internet, February 8-11, 2017. If you are unable to attend the live event in Salt Lake City, Utah, this is a great way to participate and expand your genealogy and family history education. For the complete list of sessions that will be live streamed—complete with a listing of time zones and links to other great information, go to:

<http://genealogycalendar.pbworks.com/w/page/111016033/RootsTech%202017%20-%20Live%20Streaming%20Schedule> . Please note that these links can also be found on our Facebook page, along with the most up-to-date news from RootsTech, so check our Facebook page often and please share your thoughts about sessions with us. We appreciate your feedback!

Did you know that before & during RootsTech ALL session handouts, RootsTech 2017 Syllabus Articles, are available for download in PDF form for your personal use! There is an incredible array of general to

specific topics—with 236 different handouts this year! One of these may contain just the gem of information to aid your research! Each day's offerings can be accessed here: [http://app.core-apps.com/rootstech2017/events/view\\_by\\_day?day=Feb++8](http://app.core-apps.com/rootstech2017/events/view_by_day?day=Feb++8). Scroll down on each day's sessions to see what PDFs are available. You can download them individually, or you can follow this link that contains specific detailed how-tos:

<http://www.geneamusings.com/2017/01/its-easier-to-download-rootstech-2017.html>. Again, these links will be on our Facebook page and you can access them there.

And one last note on RootsTech, there will be an additional day of live streaming on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> for member of the LDS Church. More information on Family Discovery Day 2017 can be found at: <https://www.lds.org/church/events/2017-rootstech-family-discovery-day?lang=eng>.

The most popular posts in January were:

1. Commemorating Our Third Anniversary on Facebook—Reached by 107
2. Photographs From Our Christmas Luncheon—Reached by 71
3. Mark Your Calendar For Our February Meeting—Reached by 4
4. Happy New Year in European Languages—Reached by 52

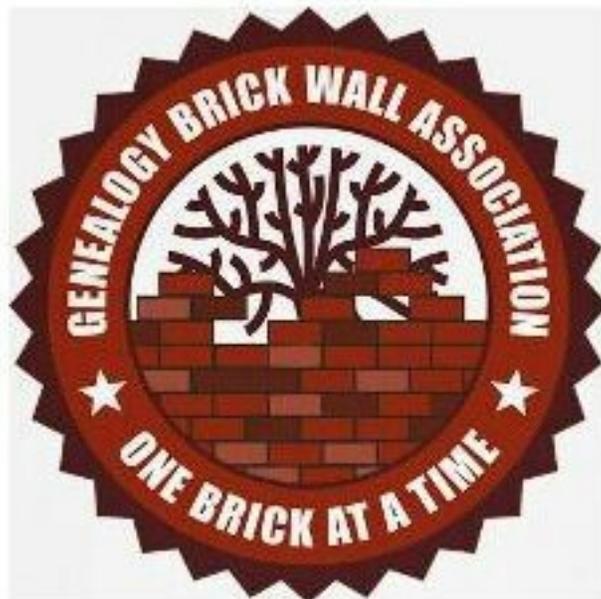
In the last four weeks, we've had 29 people view our Facebook page, and our posts were reached by 626 people on their news feed with 562 people engaging in those posts. There were 33 posts in January, including posts on our January meeting cancellation due to snow, free weekend access to Findmypast and a half dozen posts on where to find informative free webinars throughout the year. Make sure you didn't miss: 6 Things to Look for in FamilySearch in 2017; 13 Reasons You Can't Break Down Your Brick Wall; Best Genealogy Library Websites; an article and checklist of Home Sources for Your Genealogy Research; The History of Scrapbooking; and Are you Making the Direct-Line Mistake in your Family Tree? Plus one of our member's

shared her DNA success story!

Remember that all these topics and much more are available to you by scrolling back down our page. As always, I'm happy to assist you if you have any questions about our Facebook page. Hope you enjoy RootsTech—and a great month discovering and preserving your family's heritage!

Regards,  
Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator  
[www.facebook.com/gpgenealogy](http://www.facebook.com/gpgenealogy)

Thank you Cindy for including so much information about Roots tech 2017 in this month's FaceBook update.



# Heritage Faire 2017

Our 26th  
Annual Event

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017**  
3410 CHURN CREEK ROAD, REDDING, CA

Open to the public

A full day of classes with outstanding instructors:

- ★ Beginning Genealogy—Jane Witesman
- ★ Emily's Quilt—Susie Grohs
- ★ Family History Center Tour—Marian Ladd
- ★ Fold3—Celeste Guillory
- ★ German Birth and Marriage Records—Lisa Goodfellow
- ★ German Death Records—Lisa Goodfellow
- ★ Newspapers.com—Celeste Guillory
- ★ Social Media & Family History—Lena Harmon
- ★ Sourcing Your Records Correctly—Lena Harmon
- ★ The FH Guide—Alton Sissell
- ★ The Why and How of Property Research—Scharri Brennan
- ★ Using Google in Your Family History Searches—Brad Ogden
- ★ Understanding Autosomal (at) DNA—Mike Witesman
- ★ DNA discussion group—Mike Witesman
- ★ What is Indexing?—Bob Pugh

Registration: Doors open at 7:45 a.m.

∞ No pre-registration required

Opening Program: 8:30 a.m.

Classes Begin: 9 a.m. End: 3 p.m.

∞ Entrance Fee by Donation: \$5

Includes classes, & hot lunch

For more information call

(530)222-4949 or (530)221-3843

∞ Visit our website to print your syllabus:

[www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org](http://www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org)



# Save the Dates

## Seminar 4/8

German History  
Historical Maps &  
Territories

Meyer's Gazetteer  
German Marriage  
Laws & Customs

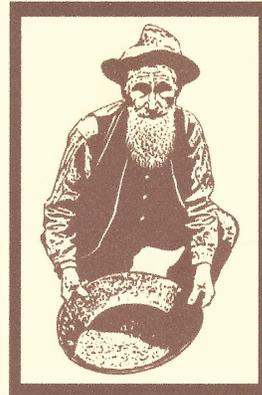
## Workshop 4/7

German Gothic  
Handwriting

## GERMAN RESEARCH CLASSES

April 7th, 8th 2017

The Rogue Valley  
Genealogical Society &  
Library invites you to  
**Save the Dates** for our  
Spring Seminar  
**GATEWAY TO GERMANY**  
with renowned speaker,  
Warren Bittner. Follow us  
on Social Media for details.



**The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society presents a German related event April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>t</sup> - see details above. If you have German relatives this is an opportunity to learn how to tackle the many challenges faced when Researching your German kin.**

**DON'T WAIT – THIS WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR IS FILLING UP QUICKLY**

**Jackson County Genealogy Library  
3405 South Pacific Highway, Medford, OR 97501  
541-512-2340 [info@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:info@rvgslibrary.org)**

## EVENT CALENDAR AT THE ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

See the webpage for detailed information and to register for  
classes, interest groups & seminar

**Monday, February 13, 9:30-noon. Board Meeting.** Monthly RVGS board meeting is open to all.

**Monday, February 13, 1:00-3:00 pm. DNA interest group for those who have tested.** Lorita Cushman facilitates this interest group. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by the library.

**Tuesday, February 14, 3:30–5:00 pm. German Interest Group.** Mary Robsman facilitates this interest group concentrating on German history and research. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by the library.

**Tuesday, February 21, 1:30-3:30 pm. General Membership Meeting and Program for the Public.** Ben Truwe, local historian, will present “The Rogue River Indian Wars, Everything We Know About the Indian Wars is Wrong.” Ben will review new research, repudiate some myths and offer some themes to tie together the events of the 1850s. Free for everyone.

**Monday, February 27, 1:00–3:00 pm. DNA Interest Group for those new to the subject.** Lorita Cushman facilitates this group for those who are beginners or have not yet tested their DNA. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by the library.

**Tuesday, February 28, 1:30-2:30 pm. Family Quilt Sharing by RVGS members.**

Members share the research, history, and memories of a family quilt. A reminder that “things” can have a place in discovering the genealogy of a family. Free for everyone.

**A Peek into March Saturday, March 4, 10:30 am–12:30 pm. World War II Records.** Barbara Northrop will present what and where you may find information about your relative's military service and records available. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. To register, please call 541- 512-2340, e-mail [receptionJCGL@gmail.com](mailto:receptionJCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Tuesday March 7, 1:30–3:00 pm. Family Tree Maker User Group for PC users.** This group meets to discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by the library.

**Wednesday, March 8, 10:00–11:30 am. Family Tree Maker User Group for MAC users.** Barbara MacMillen facilitates this group who meets to discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by the library.

**Thursday, March 9, 1:30–3:00 pm. Irish Interest Group.** Bruce McGarvey moderates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, e-mail: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by the library.



"I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN LOCATING WEALTHY RELATIVES."



**Thanks to the efforts of our treasurer Polli Kucharik, the *Grants Pass Genealogical Society* will now benefit from the Fred Meyer Community rewards program. Link your Fred Meyer Reward card by going to:**

**[www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)**

**and use this registry number - **90538****

**GPGS will benefit and your earning towards fuel and other rewards will not be affected**

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**If you haven't paid your 2017 dues time is running out. Dues are \$20.00 for 2 people living at the same address or**

**\$15.00 for one person. Dues need to be paid by March 1<sup>st</sup> to remain on the mailing list.**

**Contact Polli Kucharik at the meeting on Tuesday and she will gladly accept cash or a check or mail your check to**

**PO Box 214 Grants Pass, OR 97528**



## **Annual Yard Sale - July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Being held in the Washington Federal Bank parking lot from 8am until 1pm. Put those items you don't need aside for the yard sale and bring them on the morning of the sale. Each year we raise \$\$\$\$ for our club to keep our dues low and support the workshop, newspaper, quest speakers, and the Community Seminar. Contact Celeste for more details and to volunteer to set up and take down that day.

**Sorry we cannot accept any  
Yard Sale items before July 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



*Some family trees have beautiful leaves, and some have just a bunch of nuts. Remember, it is the nuts that make the tree worth shaking. -  
Unknown*