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October 10th Meeting 1:30 PM



Guest Speaker
Lorita
Cushman

Understanding DNA ***For Beginners***

Confused about taking a DNA test?

Have you taken a test but don't understand what to do now?

Learn about various DNA tests * What to expect from a DNA Test
How to get the most out of a DNA test * What is the "best" DNA test
How does a DNA test help your research

The guest speaker has been teaching beginners & advanced DNA groups at the Jackson County Genealogical Library in Medford for over two years.

Come early for the Board of Directors meeting from 12:30 - 1:15

Nominations for 2018 Officers accepted at this meeting



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General Meetings held on 2nd 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 individuals living at the same mailing address.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2017

As this month starts there are many interesting items on the calendar to do and it's hard to choose from such a variety of activities, programs and other fun stuff in this area.

Our next meeting on **October 10th** will feature Lorita Cushman who conducts 2 informative DNA interest groups at the Jackson County Genealogical Library in Medford. Her presentation at our meeting is aimed at beginners and will be very informative and you do not want to miss this meeting. It's an honor to have Lorita come to Grants Pass to make a presentation to our members.

The annual Grants Pass Community Seminar at the Family History Center on **October 21st** will feature 20 classes taught by local and visiting genealogy specialists. Subjects range from the Family History WIKI, DNA, Military Records, Web-Indexing & Basic Photo Imaging. The seminar information brochure is printed in the newsletter for you to refer to. Please sign-up by going to the following address <http://fhsgp.weebly.com/> and reserve a space in the class you plan to take. Don't wait too long to sign-up for a class as they fill up very quickly.

Thank you very much Garnet Rigby-Wharton for crafting the information bulletin board display at the Josephine Community Library in Grants Pass. This is the 5th year an activity sponsored by our group has been on display at the library. Garnet's display is very imaginative, unique and appreciated.

Nominations for the four elected officers of our organization are being accepted at this time. If you are interested in running for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer positions, feel free to send me a message so your name can be added to the ballot. The election will be held at the November 14th meeting.

Mark this date down and plan to attend the Christmas Luncheon at The Black bear Diner on **December 12th** at noon. More on this later.....

Jan Hansen is almost recovered from a knee replacement, Heide Conrad is no longer assistant director of the FHC and has moved on to another position. Thank you Heide for you're input and help during the last near as an appointed board member.

The new 55 inch TV in our meeting room is a welcome addition and should enhance our meetings. The picture is very clear and we no longer have a projector in the middle of the room with electric cords to trip over as we find a place to sit. We can also access Utube instruction videos available though Ancestry.com, Family Tree, and other reference sources.

See you at the meeting on Tuesday October 10th at 1:30. Members are welcome to attend the board meeting that starts at 12:30.

Cheers,

Celeste Guillory

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A little time from a few members to help as needed would be appreciated very much.

Celeste Says.....Keep me happy – VOLUNTEER.



News from the Membership Chairman
Mary Ann Blackledge

Please welcome three new members to GPGS: Catherine Byers, Millie Kuhnert, and Bonnie Rock. This brings our membership up to 60 people! I wonder how many people in Grants Pass are not aware of the wonderful local resources available to people for genealogical research. Remember to let your friends know about the programs, the wealth of information many members have to help people get started on family research and overcome some of those brick walls. Put in a good word for GPGS when you can.

Mary Ann Blackledge
Membership Chairman



Report from the Treasurer – Polli Kucharik

The checking balance at the end of August was \$1673.58 and \$128.00 of that amount is dedicated to the scholarship fund. Thanks to all the folks who donated money for the scholarship at the last meeting. Plan to help us reach our goal of \$500.00 for a scholarship in May 2018.

In September two bills were paid from the checking account..... \$450.00 for the new 55-inch flat screen TV in the meeting room and \$107.12 for workshop expenses. This amount includes the reservation for the workshop banner on 6th street in 2018. Our present balance is \$1116.46.

The 55-inch TV was donated to the LDS Church to be used in our meeting room and becomes Church property. The Church has charged GPGS no rent for use of the meeting room since we started meeting here about 5 years ago. We appreciate meeting at the church and this was a way to give back.

In September we added three new members to the membership list. See May Ann's report in this newsletter.

Please remember to shop at Fred Meyer Market so we can benefit from their Community Partners program. It's very simple to join....see the information at the end of this newsletter.

**DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO
WERE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE
GRANTS PASS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY IN 1968?**

Mrs. Lyle E. (Iantha) Baker
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 Mrs. Ray (Lee) Williams

*To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook
without a source, a tree without a root."
.. Chinese Proverb*

Ever wanted to learn about your family history, but were unsure how to start?

Need new ideas or means to track down those elusive relatives?

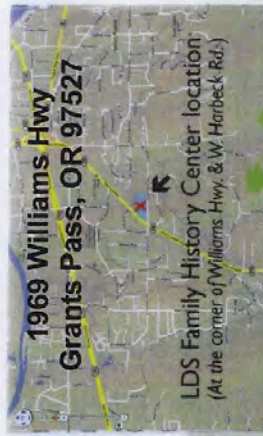
Realize that technology has made family history research easier –but feel a lack of confidence in your skills?

Then this seminar is for you!

- ✓ Beginners can learn how to get started.
- ✓ Those more advanced can hone or improve their skills.
- ✓ There has never been a better time to find your ancestral roots!

Come to the 2017 Grants Pass Community Family History Seminar and learn more about discovering your ancestors!

[see class schedule inside this brochure and online]



Sponsored by:
Grants Pass Family History Center and
The Grants Pass Genealogical Society

The Grants Pass Community Family History Seminar

is a day of **FREE** workshops and presentations sponsored by the Grants Pass Family History Center and the Grants Pass Genealogical Society.

Welcome by Jan Hansen, Director of the Grants Pass Family History Center.

"Pioneer Presentation" by the Josephine County Historical Society.

Remarks by Celeste Guillory, President of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society.

Free Workshops begin immediately after the opening presentation. **Choose from twenty classes** (*ranging from beginner to advanced*).

Register online today at:
<http://fhsgp.weebly.com>

Registration is FREE!

Admission is FREE!

KIN-nect **2017** **Grants Pass** **Community** **Family** **History** **Seminar**

Saturday
October 21, 2017
8am – 4pm



2017 Grants Pass Community Family History Seminar Workshop/Presentation Schedule

Time	Activity/Class	Room No.	Instructor/Presenter
8:00 - 8:55am	Registration and Sign-in. Sign-in for those already registered. Sign-up for those not yet registered. Get your ticket for the prize drawings to be held at 12:45 pm.	Foyer	Kay Watts
9:00 - 9:45am	Welcome Message Pioneer Presentation by Josephine County Historical Society	Chapel	Jan Hansen JCHS Guest(s) Celeste Guillery
10:00 - 10:50am	Opening Remarks Wiki Organizing Your Research DNA: Do I Need It? Making A Living History	5 8 17 FHC RS	Jan McDermott Shannon Agee Rochelle Ford Bev Nelson
11:00 - 11:50am	Ancestry Migration & Immigration Beginning Family History Web Indexing	5 17 FHC RS 8	Jan McDermott Jacque Campbell Bev Wellington Sharon Wilson
12:00 - 12:40pm	LUNCH - Break. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.		
12:45pm	DRAWING for prizes. Must be present to win and receive prizes.	Gym/Cultural Hall	
1:00 - 1:50pm	Obituaries and Newspapers Portals Find-A-Grave Using Mobile Devices to Attach Pictures	5 17 FHC RS 8	Jan McDermott Celeste Guillery Bob James Valerie Brown
2:00 - 2:50pm	Federal and State Censuses Military Records WWI and WWII Family Search Memories Google It	5 17 FHC RS 8	Jan McDermott Celeste Guillery Bob James Shannon Agee
3:00 - 3:50pm	Research Help DNA: Advanced Q&A Panel Basic Photo Imaging	5 17 FHC 8 RS	Jan McDermott Jacque Campbell GPGS Members Terry Conrad
4:00pm	Seminar ends. Family History Seminar resumes in October 2018!		

REGISTRATION

Space is limited and is on a first-come/first-served basis.

Easy and fast registration is available online at: <http://fhsgp.weebly.com/>

Alternatively, you may use this form to register by mail.

To register by mail:

- clearly circle the workshops you would like (choose only one class per hour);
- completely and legibly fill in the contact information;
- mail the completed form (only one person per registration) to:

Family History Seminar
277 Kingsgate Way
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you at this year's seminar!

Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____



UPDATE

Facebook Update

Autumn is upon us; October is here. Happy Family History Month! Our Facebook page grew by five more likes over the last month bringing our total number of followers up to 120. There were 16 posts in September. During the last four weeks we've had 30 people go directly to our page and we've reached 130 on their news feed with 77 people engaging with our posts by liking, clicking on links or sharing our posts. In addition, we received an interesting research request via Facebook Messenger regarding a miner found dead in Grants Pass 100 years ago.

The most popular posts in September were:

1. Genealogy Workshop Banner-Photograph & Information—Reached by 83
2. The Stories That Bind Us: What Are The Twenty Questions? 60 reached
3. Message from Celeste about Workshop, September Meeting & our 50th Year—Reached by 31

Interesting reads this month included "DNA Testing Kits, TV Help Make Genealogy a Hot Hobby," "The Disappearing Art of Family Storytelling with 5 Simple Fixes to Resurrect it" and my personal favorite, "Pat Sajak's Letter 'D' in Poland," a fascinating personal story of how family history research influences how we see our ourselves.

And if you are of German heritage, don't miss LivingDNA's request for

participants in “German DNA Research Project.”

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. I wish you a harvest of family history finds this fall!

Regards,
Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator

GENEALOGY MYSTERY – REQUESTING HELP A MESSAGE FROM A FACEBOOK READER

Maxine Bramlett Lindsey FB messaged us with this research request:
“Looking for information on **John Jackson Hayden**. He would travel from Laurens South Carolina to Grant Pass, Oregon and work his mine for months at a time and then return home to the family for a short time. He had not been home for quite some time and was reported to have been found dead on the street in Grant Pass. It was likely that he had a great deal of money on him and possibly that he was killed. The story from my mother is that he was buried at the head of his mine. Family simply could not get enough money together to have his body brought home to SC. 1840-1916 **Editor’s note: Don Ness solved this mystery before the newsletter went to print. Thank you Don.**

A Message from Cindy Suda – Cindy advises that her niece has some medical issues, a baby is due at the end of the month but doctor is inducing in Medford this week. Positive thoughts & prayers appreciated!

October Library Bulletin Board - Crafted by Garnet Rigby-Wharton



ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Monday, October 9, 9:30-12:00 noon, RVGS Board Meeting Members and the public are welcome. Free to all.

Monday, October 9, 1:00-3:00 PM, Advanced DNA Interest group this is a work group for those who are advanced in working with DNA genealogy. Members in this group most likely know DNA terminology, have uploaded to GEDmatch and others sites, and have done a X-DNA inheritance chart and a match chart. Lorita Cushman facilitates this group. \$5 for non-members. Register in advance. Free for members,

Tuesday, October 10, 1:30-3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker User Group for PC and MAC users This group meets to discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other. Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, October 10, 3:30-5:00 PM, German Interest Group This month the group will collaborate to help each other read difficult German handwriting and translate terms in vital records. Bring your items on a thumb drive. Apple cider and pretzels will be served, a mini-Oktoberfest to commemorate the group's second anniversary. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Thursday, October 12, 10:30-12:30 PM, "How to Write on the Back of your Digital Photos" Digital photos have made preserving our family history much easier, but how do we capture all the information that used to be written on the back of printed photos? Rich Miles will share a video presentation from RootsTech2017 and demonstrate how to "write" on the back of your digital photos. You can record names, captions, and even keywords that are all searchable, with each of your photos. Learn how to preserve all the information about the photo, not just the photo itself. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Register in advance.

Thursday, October 12, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group Bruce McGarvey moderates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching

Irish ancestors...a sharing of ideas, information and the how-to of researching in general. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, October 17, 1:30-3:00 PM, Public Program and General Membership Meeting, "Paper and Spit" Our program speaker will be Don Anderson, author of "Paper and Spit, Family Found: How DNA and Genealogy Revealed My First Parents' Identity." He will share his story about discovering the identity of his biological parents and his true identity. He was adopted in Portland, OR and through DNA was able to unlock these mysteries. Free for everyone.

Wednesday, October 18, 10:30-12:30 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group Donna Rae Hays facilitates this group for everyone interested in Genetic Genealogy. The October topic will be "Using the GEDmatch One-to-One Reports, both free and Tier One," followed by an open discussion. Free for members. \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Monday, October 23, 1:00-3:00 PM, Beginners DNA Interest Group "Sneak Peak: 23andMe, Ancestry, Family Finder, Y-DNA." Lorita Cushman facilitates this group. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, October 24, 1:30-2:30 PM, Quilts and Genealogy Talk, "Poore Snowball Signature Quilt" Sue Waldron will present this quilt that is on loan from the Jacksonville Museum Quilters. Who are these people? We value cemetery research in solving genealogy puzzles. Free for everyone.

A Peek into November **Thursday, November 9, 10:30 am-noon, *The Who, Why, Where, When, and How of Planning Your Family Reunion*** At the intersection of "maybe someday we should get together" and "time marches on" is a family reunion. This class will discuss the pitfalls and pleasures of planning and holding a successful reunion and having fun doing it as well as what works and what doesn't. Marilyn Ayres will teach this class. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Register in advance.



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