



# Genealogy Journal

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**Andrea Patterson**

The Grants Pass Genealogical Society is happy to welcome Andrea Patterson, former-president of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. Andrea is a frequent genealogy presenter at events held in Medford at the Jackson County Genealogical Library.

**Grants Pass  
Genealogical Society  
*March Meeting*  
*Tuesday March 14th*  
**1:30 - 3PM**  
LDS Church  
1969 WILLIAMS HWY GRANTS PASS  
(East Side of the Building)**

**Guest Speaker  
Andrea Patterson  
"Cultural Naming  
Patterns"**

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## President's Message for March 2017

### Dear Members,

There is so much going on in this area for people interested in genealogy. The recent Heritage Faire in Redding California was well attended and worth the trip through the mountains even in the rain.

Check out the information about the German Genealogy workshop and seminar sponsored by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society on April 7 & 8 in Medford. Information is included in this newsletter.

The local Family History Center is sponsoring a DNA Users Group from 6-8pm on the second Tuesday of each month. In addition on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month they'll present interesting topics taught by many of the consultants who volunteer at the Family History Center. Look for a list of the classes and dates later in this newsletter.

Have you registered your Fred Meyers reward card yet? Grants Pass Genealogical Society will benefit from your purchases there? Look for information about this fundraising opportunity in this newsletter.

We have a guest coming to the board meeting on March 14 – 12:30 to 1:15.... Rochelle Gauthier from the Josephine Educational Foundation will provide information about the creation of a scholarship fund for a local youth planning to attend college. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting prior to the program that starts at 1:30pm as the board makes a decision to support local students.

Have you paid your dues yet????? GPGS Treasurer Polli Kucharik wants to remind all members who have renewed their dues that the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is past. Dues are \$15.00 per person or \$20.00 for two people living at the same mailing address. Contact Polli at [pkuch6950@gmail.com](mailto:pkuch6950@gmail.com)

**I hope everyone remembers about the annual yard sale on July 8<sup>th</sup> at Washington Federal Bank 4 & G Sts in Grants Pass. Save nice things for the sale and bring them the morning when we set-up in the parking lot.**

**Sad news** – Jan Hansen's husband passed away on February 28<sup>th</sup> here in Grants Pass  
**Good News** – Joan Edward's husband John is recovering from recent surgery.

**Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all our Irish members**

*Celeste Guillory*

GPGS President



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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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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

GPGS Board Meeting- Feb 10, 2017  
480 Red Mountain Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97526

### Roll Call:

Celeste Guillory present Cindy Suda absent  
Jan Franz present Tiffany Hicks absent  
Joan Edwards present Jan Hansen present  
Polli Kucharik present Heidi Conrad present  
Janis Seaton present Laura Dunwald-Uhlig present  
Garnet Rigby-Wharton present Bev Wellington present

### Announcements:

GPGS is having an outreach program at Countryside Village on 27 Feb at 10:00. Don Ness has asked interested people there to fill out an information sheet and he and Celeste will research and provide pedigree charts.

DNA interest group will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of each month at 7:00 pm at the FHC. Rochelle Ford and Jacqui Campbell will be the instructors. It's on a first come basis and there are only 15 spaces available. There are 10 computers but it is recommended to bring your laptop if you have one. Redding FHC is having its Heritage Faire Feb 25. Celeste will be teaching a workshop on Newspaper.com. RVGS will be hosting a German Genealogy Workshop on April 7 and a Seminar on April 8. The cost is \$75.00 for RVGS members.

Minutes from the Nov. 8 meeting which were published in the Jan. newsletter were approved by Jan Hansen and seconded by Polli Kucharik.

Garnet noticed the Fred Meyer rewards # for GPGS was listed incorrectly in the newsletter. The correct number is 90538. By the way, the amount can be split among your favorite groups.

Treasurer's Report: The checkbook balance is \$1353.32 with no outstanding bills. There will be a bill in the future for the renewal of the domain name and the hosting fee for the GPGS website. Celeste will pay cash and Polli will reimburse her from GPGS funds. Membership Report: Polli reported that GPGS has 2 new members. Audit: Was performed by Polli and Laurie Neff. There weren't any discrepancies.

### Old Business:

Webmistress Tiffany Hicks is doing a great job maintaining the GPGS website.

Cindy Suda is doing a wonderful job on Facebook. Thank you for all the time you have volunteered. April 2018 will be GPGS's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Celeste suggested that we have a float in the Boatnik Parade, which would cost \$150 but would be good advertisement for the society. It was also suggested that to celebrate the big event we host guest speakers. Because DNA is of interest to not only genealogists but an array of others, perhaps we could get representatives from 23 and Me, Ancestry.com, My Heritage and Family Tree Maker to sell kits as well as make presentations. The GPHS Fine Arts building was mentioned as a possible venue. At a future meeting, members will be asked for suggestions about celebrating GPGS's golden anniversary. Celeste Googled Oregon Genealogy speakers and found out that these speakers are expensive to book. More on that later.

**New Business:** Yard Sale: Celeste made a reservation for 8 Jul from 6:00 – 1:00 at Washington Federal Bank. A 50-50 raffle will be held during the yard sale.

Workshop: GPGS will present a workshop on Sat., Sept 9 at the FHC.

Library Bulletin Board: The Josephine County Library has offered the GPGS their bulletin board for the entire month of October.

Community Seminar at LDS Church: GPGS is responsible for hosting the keynote speaker. Heidi mentioned that she may have someone in mind but all are asked to think about possible speakers just in case. GPGS donates \$100 to the speaker's club/organization.

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Celeste found the Josephine-County- Educational-Fund-inc or 100scholarships.com who aid organizations interested in providing scholarships for students. The contact person is Rochelle Gauthier.

GPGS is considering giving a \$500 scholarship to a student whose major is library science, history, genealogy, or something dealing with research. The money goes directly to the college/university the student is attending. Celeste would like to have a donation box at FHC and plans to donate \$250. Bev Wellington is going to check on the rules regarding the donation box.

The meeting ended about 2:00. Everyone had such a lovely time and would like to thank Celeste for her wonderful hospitality, the lovely ambience and the delicious food.

Respectfully submitted,

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It's been a busy month on our Facebook page! We had three new likes to our page in February, so we now are up to 106 followers. Our posts reached 493 people with 160 people engaging with our posts by liking, clicking on links or sharing. Our page was viewed 32 times during the last four weeks, and there were 44 posts last month.

Most of the buzz was around RootsTech 2017, the world's largest genealogy conference and the sessions they were live-streaming free to the public. I learned a lot, gathered up some awesome new resources and got wonderfully inspired by the passion & excitement of all the speakers. I provided my personal input about the sessions I streamed on our page in real time. And as of this writing, the links I provided to access all four-days of RootsTech 2017 handouts was still functioning! I found some incredible information in the handouts, a great asset from sessions that were AND were not live-streamed. And just to prove that you never know where you'll unearth the "good stuff," in streaming "Creating Google Alerts" it just so happened that the presenter was the lady who puts together the incredible "Genealogy on Facebook" list that I've shared with you all. Her website, [socialmediagenealogy.com](http://socialmediagenealogy.com), has an extraordinary "Resources" section that I highly recommend.

The most popular posts in February were:

1. The Secret Hiding in the 1840 U.S. Census—Reached by 365
2. Have European Ancestry? Here are 30 Free Genealogy Sites to Search—Reached by 143
3. Reminder to Download RootsTech Handouts for Personal Use—Reached by 36

Besides the latest from RootsTech, our Society news & meeting information and links to free webinars & free search weekends, highlights of this month's posts include: This Underused Resource May Have the Family History Details You've Been Looking for; Ellis Island Records for Genealogy Research; Don't Let These Memories Fade! How to Scan Old Photos with Your Phone; and Jewish Surnames Explained.

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 hope you enjoyed RootsTech—and if you missed it, that you take some time to discover all the great resources still available on-line. Wishing you thrilling discoveries & fun preserving your family's heritage!

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



# Save the Dates

## Seminar 4/8

German History  
Historical Maps &  
Territories

Meyer's Gazetteer  
German Marriage  
Laws & Customs

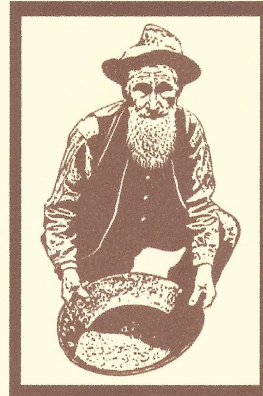
## Workshop 4/7

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>th</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)**

## HAPPENING AT THE Jackson County Genealogy Library

### **Book your room for RVGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City (SLC.)**

Come with us to research your family in SLC at the Family History Center, five floors of treasures. RVGS reserved a limited number of rooms at a genealogy rate at a hotel located within walking distance of the Center. Call the hotel 801-606-2410 to reserve your room with our RVGS group. Arrive Sunday May 7; depart Sunday May 14. For more information contact Betty Miller here at the library 541-512-2340 or e-mail: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com).

### **Monday, March 13, 1:00-3:00. 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, March 14, 1:30-3:00. Family Tree Maker User Group for MAC Users.**

Barbara MacMillen facilitates this group. The 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.

**Tuesday, March 14, 3:30-5:00. 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, March 21, 1:30-3:00. Program for the Public and General Membership Meeting.** Larry Mullaly, local railroad historian, will present "The Great Transformation: How Oil from Bakersfield Changed Oregon Railroad." Through his illustrated presentation, Larry will describe the changes in Far Western transportation resulting from the introduction of liquid locomotive fuel in the early 1900's.

## Bend Genealogical Society



**Spring Seminar featuring Judy Russell**  
**SATURDAY – April 22, 2017 <> 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
**At the Bend Golf & Country Club**

**Registration Required – Seating is Limited – See Registration Form for Cost**

Call BGS at (541) 317-9553 for more information

Find the Registration Form Online at: [www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs](http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs)

Judy is a certified genealogist with a law degree, who is passionate about genealogy and the law. She strives to help us understand the legal context in which events took place and records were created.

**Judy's presentations at the Seminar** (*for both beginning & advanced genealogists*) —

➔ **Where There Is – or Isn't – a Will** — Where there's a will, there's a probate. And often when there isn't a will, there's still a probate. Understanding the process and finding the records created when our ancestors died can help break through those brick walls.

➔ **NARA Mythbusters: Your Family IS in the Nat'l Archives & Records**

**Administration** — "There isn't any birth, marriage or death data in federal records—There aren't any details about ordinary families at the National Archives." These kinds of myth-statements stop genealogists from breaking down brick walls using the wealth of information in NARA records.

➔ **From Blackstone to the Statutes at Large – How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists** — To understand our ancestors' lives, why they did what they did, we need to understand the law that governed their lives in so many ways. Learn how knowing the law our ancestors lived by helps us make sense of the records they left and find clues to more and different records.

➔ **That First Trip to the Courthouse** — If there is one truth in genealogy research, it's this: Not everything is available online. Sooner or later, every genealogist makes that first trip to the courthouse to see available records. How to prepare for a trip, what to expect, what to ask for, and how to be sure you'll be welcomed back the next time are explored in this lecture.



Visit Judy's website/blog at: <https://www.legalgenealogist.com/>

## 2017 Family History Classes – Grants Pass Stake

A monthly class on various ways to do family history work and connect with your ancestors. Held once a month from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Family History Center

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Tips to help you Research</b>	<b>Jan Mcdermott</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>How to find Cousins Using “Descendancy”</b>	<b>Kay Watts</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Using Family Search On mobile devices</b>	<b>Valerie Brown</b>
<b>June 22</b>	<b>Military Records</b>	<b>Celeste Guillory</b>
<b>July 27</b>	<b>Using the W.I.K.I Research Tool</b>	<b>Jan McDermott</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Indexing Bring a Laptop</b>	<b>Sharon Wilson &amp; Brandon Taylor</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Using Family Search’s Free Sites</b>	<b>Kathleen Seable</b>
<b>October 26</b>	<b>Merging/Duplicates To confirm Direct Ancestors</b>	<b>Beverly Wellington</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>DNA</b>	<b>Rochelle Ford</b>

### DNA INTERST GROUP

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6-8pm  
Family History Center – bring your laptop**

## IT'S BACK

## WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

**Back for it's 6<sup>th</sup> season  
on TLC at 10pm**

The next episode featuring actress **Julie Bowen** airs on Sunday March 12th, 10:00 pm Eastern / 9:00 pm Central on TLC.  
Check your local television listings for the exact time in your location



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 earnings towards fuel  
And your personal rewards will not be affected



## **Internet Tips**

**Free Family History Webinars...**  
**[www.familyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.familyTreeWebinars.com)**

**An easy way to learn in the comfort of your own home  
with these free on-line instructional videos that run  
through December 2017**

**Doing San Francisco research? Try this new site ...it will  
amaze you.**  
**[www.sfgenealogy.com](http://www.sfgenealogy.com)**

**Colma Cemetery Index  
Mortuary Records  
Obituaries and Death Notices  
And much, much more  
...and it's free**

***Genealogy is like playing hide and seek:  
They hide... we seek!***