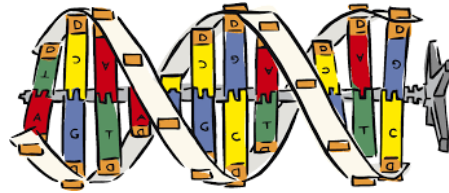




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January Guest Speaker

**Rochelle Ford**

January 9, 2018 @ 1:30 PM

As we start 2018 we are very happy to have Rochelle Ford as our guest speaker for the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

For the past 2 years Rochelle has delved into using DNA to support or refute the paper trail of genealogy. She is well read on current DNA studies and respected in the genealogy community as a “go to expert”.

Rochelle was a presenter at the Grants Pass Community Seminar in October 2017 and also organized a DNA special interest group in early 2017. She is a Family History Consultant at the local Family History Center on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 12:30.

**You do not want to miss her presentation.**



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January 2018  
 Presidents'  
 Message



Welcome back from the Christmas break and the start of another busy year. As we start 2018 I'm looking forward to the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization throughout the year.

The anniversary committee with volunteers Jeri Paradise, Elizabeth Holt & Linda Whitemore have some excellent suggestions to celebrate our organization in many fun ways. Read about their suggestions later on in the newsletter.

The Christmas luncheon was a blast & after lunch and installation of officers for 2018 we played "Robbers Exchange". There were some very nice presents.....Bev Wellington lost hers' three times. She was a good sport though.

Some of you may remember Pat Rieck who was a consultant at the FHC for many years. I met Pat in 1999 when I started working at the FHC on Thursday afternoons and she and I and two other FHC members went to Salt Lake City one October many years ago. Her funeral is Saturday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Savage Street LDS Church at 1PM. Pat was a charmer, former school teacher and did her very best to help the patrons.

This newsletter is really late this month due to "gremlins" in my Internet service that have finally been resolved so I can send out this issue of the newsletter.

The Redding Family History Center will have their annual seminar on

Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>. Their seminar is free and features about 20 subjects during the day with updated information and classes. I've attended the Redding seminar each year for many years and enjoy the exchange of information very much. I'll send their flyer out when it goes on line...please save the date February 24<sup>th</sup> in Redding.

Our guest speaker this month is Rochelle Ford and her topic is DNA- the most popular subject at the moment and one where classes are full when presented locally. Hear what Rochelle has to say Tuesday at 1:30.

Regards to all,

*Celeste Guillory*  
GPGS President

**FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**  
***THURSDAY NIGHT CLASSES***  
**7pm to 8:30pm**

Jan. 25	Portals at the FHC	Celeste Guillory
Feb. 22	DNA: Definitions	Rochelle Ford
March 23	Sourcing- Verify Collateral Relatives	Bev. Wellington
April 26	Find A Grave	Kay Watts
May 24	Obituaries and Newspapers	Jan McDermott
June 28	GED Match	Rochelle Ford
Jul 26	Ancestry.com	Bob James
August 23	Using the FHL Catalog	Jan McDermott
Sep. 27	Family Tree/My Heritage	Jacque Campbell
Oct.25	Descendancy	Janice Lathen
Nov.	Roots Magic Basics	Linda James



## Facebook Update for January 2018

Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to an exciting 2018 as we celebrate our Society's 50th anniversary with extra special activities throughout the year. And I'm happy to continue to manage your Grants Pass Genealogical Society Facebook page as we mark the start of our fifth year online on January 15.

Have you seen our new 50th Anniversary logo? It was unveiled at our November meeting and is now showcased on our website and Facebook page!

Our Facebook page grew by three more likes over the last two months bringing our total number of followers up to 127. There were 41 posts in November and December. I thank you for sharing and interacting with our posts as I truly appreciate your feedback.

The most popular posts during the last two months were:

1. The expert in anything was once a beginner—Reached by 158
2. Jackson County Genealogy Library events—Reached by 133
3. Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program—Reached by 124
4. 7 Free Google Search Features every Genealogist should use—Reached by 95
5. Legacy Family Tree Webinars for 2018—Reached by 91
6. DNA Test Kit Bargains-Black Friday or wait?—Reached by 68

Posts included local news on our November presentation, our newly elected Board of Directors, the local DNA class, announcement of our Anniversary Committee volunteers and information about our Christmas Luncheon and installation of Officers as well as event photos and a great article shared by Don Ness, "Don't get caught in the trap of believing all the records you need are online." I also shared some research specific items on Mayflower heritage, an

Alabama webinar and resources for Illinois research.

General knowledge posts included reposting about October's popular link to Genealogy Videos on Youtube, a really interesting 1903 US Immigration map, and links to 150 Questions to ask family members about their lives, 5 Family Heirlooms heirs actually want to inherit, When "late" doesn't mean dead and Any record can be wrong.

So what are your genealogy goals this year? There are awesome opportunities for genealogy learning on a vast array of topics with free webinars online. Do not dismiss regional society's offerings, as many present a large array of wonderful general topics. Among my favorites are webinars offered by Legacy Family Tree, Southern California Genealogical Society and the Illinois State Genealogical Society. Don't miss the links to their complete listings. Besides selecting the webinars I want to register for, I signed up for the 52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks challenge using the link I posted. Here's to many incredible family history finds in 2018!

Remember that all these links 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. Happy Researching!

Regards,  
Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator  
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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Report

**Members Present** Elizabeth Holt, Linda Whitmore, Jeri Paradise,  
Celeste Guillory

### **Various activities discussed:**

**Scholarship** \$500 scholarship awarded through the Josephine County Education Foundation in April 2018.

### **Local Parades**

Float entry in the Merlin Parade May 5 -\$15.00 entry fee

Float entry in the Boatnik Parade May 26 - \$75.00 entry fee

Volunteers needed to pick a theme and design the float

**May 8th Anniversary Meeting** - Meet and greet (buffet luncheon) at the Taprock Restaurant

Surprise Anniversary gift to each member

Bring something special from their family history research to share at the meeting.

**Bank window Display** - anniversary display at Evergreen Bank

**PSA's - Article in the Courier**

**KAJO** - the Tuesday talk show

Courier article for "Sundays Make History"

Create an anniversary budget

**Programs and events available at  
The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society  
3405 S. Pacific Hwy Medford**

**Programs and Meetings**

**Tuesday, January 9, 9:15-12 Noon  
Board Meeting**

Members and public are welcome. Free for all.

**Tuesday, January 16, 1:30-3:00 PM  
Public Program and General Membership Meeting**  
“Our Ancestors’ Sports” by Lynn Ransford.

**Tuesday, January 23, 1:30-2:30 PM  
Quilt and Genealogy Talk,  
“Family Quilt Sharing by RVGS Members”**  
Six members will share the history and memories  
of their family quilts.

**Friday, January 26, 10:30-12:30 PM  
Computer Tips for Patrons**  
Rick Black will teach a class for patrons about using our computers. How to create PDF files,  
how to send images and files home using email, and much more

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**Special Interest Groups**

Free for members; \$5 for nonmembers;  
Register in advance.



**Monday, January 8, 1:00-3:00 PM  
Advanced DNA Interest Group**

For those who have had their DNA tested and are interested in sharing information about DNA and related topics.



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**Monday, January 8, 3:00-4:00 PM**  
**Jewish Interest Group,**  
For those persons interested in Jewish research.

**Tuesday, January 9, 1:30-3:00 PM**  
**Family Tree Maker User Group PC & MAC users.**  
Discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other.

**Tuesday, January 9, 3:30-5:00 PM**  
**German Interest Group**  
Concentrates on German history and research.

**Thursday, January 11, 1:30-3:00 PM**  
**Irish Interest Group**  
Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors.

**Wednesday, January 17, 10:30-12:30 PM**  
**Genetic Genealogy Interest Group**  
For everyone interested in Genetic Genealogy.

**Monday, January 22, 1:00-3:00 PM**  
**Beginning DNA Interest Group**  
This interest group is for those who have not yet had their DNA tested or are beginners.

**Also, there will be a tour of the library every Saturday in January, free to all.**

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**RVGS Research Trip to  
Family History Library  
In Salt Lake City  
March 11-18, 2018**

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**By telephone:** 541-512-2340.

**In person:** Library hours: Monday through Saturday  
10 AM to 4 PM. Open until 9 PM on Tuesday



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**card by going to:**

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

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**GPGS will benefit and your purchases**  
**your personal rewards will not be affected**



