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## February Meeting & Program

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

Board Meeting Starts at 12:30 - Program Commences at 1:30

Guest speaker for the February 9th meeting of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society is Mary Timpe Robsman, facilitator for the German Interest Group at Rogue Valley Genealogy Society in Medford. She will review how history affects finding ancestors in Germanic-speaking countries and will share sources for German genealogy.

According to the 2000 U.S. Federal Census, 46.5 million people, or 15.2 percent of the population, claimed German ancestry when asked by census takers.

Members and the public are invited to attend the presentation that starts at 1:30 at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. There will be time for Q & A after her presentation.



Mary Timpe Robsman



### February President's Message

I'm happy to announce we have speakers booked through June for our meetings. Please thank Jan Franz for her excellent work to make sure we have some really good speakers booked in advance for our meetings.

Have you gone to our website yet? When you go there (www.gpgenealogy.org) you will be surprised by how different the site is arranged now. The new Webmaster, Tiffany Hicks of Cornerstone Graphics based in Brookings Oregon, designed our graphics LOGOs many years ago and has done other design projects for clubs in this area. I meet Tiffany in Rogue Roger before she moved to Brookings and was impressed with her creativity and technical talents. I was delighted when the Board offered her the challenge of updating our website. The website is still being updated so some things are not up and working yet, but the website is very much improved. Please go there often to check it out.

There is more good news - Family Tree Maker is not being discontinued. I'll include more details later in this newsletter regarding ancestry.com keeping this valuable resource.

Celeste Guillory
GPGS President



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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 or more individuals living at the same mailing address.

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#### **Update**

January marked the second anniversary of our Facebook page, with 44 more posts this month. We are now up to 88 followers, up this month by four new "likes." Our most popular post was a photograph from our Christmas Luncheon seen by 88, while 72 people saw our post with the RootsTech 2016 Live Streaming Schedule & 69 viewed Tips to Improve Your Results Finding Living Relatives via Social Searcher. Many people visit our Facebook page, see our posts and engage with them by clicking on, liking or sharing them—I encourage you to be among the numbers who use this awesome resource!

Week of: Dec 28 — Jan 3:	Page Visits	Total Reach 137	People Engaged
Jan 11 — Jan 17:	11	88	24
Jan 18 — Jan 24:	24	112	15
Jan 25 — Jan 31:	24	192	24
Five Week Totals:	94	672	97

Free Classes and Webinars in Research-specific posts included: Finding Irish Marriage Records; Researching Czech, Polish or Slovak Roots? Five Important Dates in Eastern European Genealogy; US GenWeb Project: Great State by State Site; US State Archives Online—Explore Historical Records Through All 50 States; Castle Garden; and make sure you don't miss: Thousands of "Lost" 1890 Census Records DO Still Exist—Here's How to Find Them for Free Online!

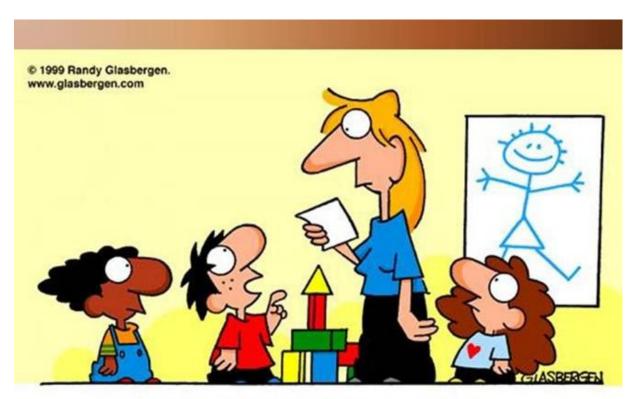
Other informative links shared in January include: How to Save Time and Actually FIND the Ancestors You're Looking For; The Limitations of OCR Technology in Our Newspaper Searches and How to Improve Outcomes; Journal Your Story; 4 Steps for Using Google Earth for

Genealogy; 5 Tips for Digitizing Photos; An Easy, Low Tech Way to Label Scanned Photos; What is a Podcast and How to Access Them; Using Youtube for Genealogy; How Blogging Can Help Family History; and New to DNA Testing—Who Should You Test First? Plus don't miss the great learning opportunities in: The Family History Library Announces February 2016.

Remember that all these topics are available to you by scrolling back down our page. When you get to a place that says "Highlight," just click on it & a drop-down box will give you an option to see "All Stories" that are archived on our page. As always, I'm happy to assist you if you have any questions about our facebook page. Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Searching for the heart and soul of your family!

Regards,

Regards, Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator www.facebook.com/gpgenealogy



"My name was David, but that sounded old fashioned. So I shortened it to DVD!"



## LAURA KNOWS INTERESTING WEBSITES

#### by Laura Dunwald-Uhlig

This site compares the 3 top DNA sites

http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2014/04/06/2014-most-bang-for-dna-bucks/

#### Following is the press release from **Ancestry.com**:

Since our Family Tree Maker announcement last December, we have continued to actively explore ways to develop and support Family Tree Maker and ensure you have choices to preserve your work in ways that matter to you.

Today, I am pleased to announce two options for desktop software that will work with Ancestry.

**Software MacKiev** Software MacKiev, with whom we have a long-standing relationship, is acquiring the Family Tree Maker software line as publisher for both Mac and Windows versions. Software MacKiev has been the developer of Family Tree Maker for Mac for more than six years and is thrilled at the opportunity to publish future versions of Family Tree Maker for Mac and Windows.

This new agreement means you will receive software updates and new versions from Software MacKiev, and have the ability to purchase new versions of Family Tree Maker from Software MacKiev as they are released. You will have continued access to Ancestry Hints, Ancestry searches, and be able to save your tree on Ancestry with Family Tree Maker moving forward.

RootsMagic We have made an agreement with RootsMagic, a leading genealogy

desktop software program publisher, to connect Ancestry with the RootsMagic software by the end of 2016. With this new relationship, RootsMagic can serve as your desktop family tree software, while having access to Ancestry hints, Ancestry searches, and the ability to save your tree on Ancestry.

We have heard your concerns and are working to provide the solutions you requested. These new agreements will make it possible to preserve your work on Ancestry and Family Tree Maker and enable future features and benefits to help you discover your family history. Be assured that Ancestry, in cooperation with Software MacKiev and RootsMagic, will continue to support you as you discover your family history.

We ask for your patience as we work diligently through all the details to make these solutions available. Be sure to check back on our blog as we share more information about Family Tree Maker in the next few months.

For more information on Software MacKiev and RootsMagic, click below:

- â— Software MacKiev: <a href="http://www.mackiev.com/">http://www.mackiev.com/</a>
- â— RootsMagic: <a href="http://www.rootsmagic.com/">http://www.rootsmagic.com/</a>

## **ROOTSTECH 2016**

You can access it at www.Rootstech.org

RootsTech, hosted by Family Search, is a global conference celebrating families across generations, whereby people of all ages are inspired to discover and share their memories and connections. This annual event has become the largest of it's kind in the world, attracting tens of thousands of participants worldwide



#### Member Survey



#### Please submit your response via email or bring them to the meeting.

- 1. What topics would you like to learn about?
- 2. Would you like to have a meeting where:

  A few people share their break through stories?

  Everyone shares stories?

  We have a family treasurers show and tell?
- 3. Our # 1 fundraiser is our rummage sale. Do you have any suggestions for? Venue? Date? Other fundraisers?
- 4. We have had low turnout for the last few picnics. What do you suggest we do to improve turnout?

Venue? Date? Other?

5. Are you interested in field trips?
Grants Pass Historical Society?
Jackson County Genealogy Library?
Salem Archives?
Salt Lake City?
Other?

6. Would you be willing to work on a committee?

Fund Raising Auditing Budget Nominating By-Laws Programs Membership

- 7. Would you be willing to work of research request s from the public?
- 8. Do you have any ideas that you think would improve our organization?

#### **Bend Genealogical Society**



#### **2016 Spring Seminar**

Featuring
Souise Cooke

International Genealogy Speaker

#### Lisa is passionate about genealogy!

Lisa Louise Cooke is the owner of **Genealogy Gems**, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She produces and hosts the **Genealogy Gems Podcast**, an online genealogy audio show that brings research strategies and expert interviews to genealogists in 75 countries around the world, and recently celebrated 1.5 million downloads!

Lisa digs through the myriad genealogy questions & resources to deliver special **gems** to add to your family history trove!



Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems

Visit Lisa's website at: http://lisalouisecooke.com/

Lisa's presentations are designed for both beginning & advanced genealogists.

#### Do you want to say, "<u>WOW</u>, I learned a lot from Lisa," on April 23? Come to the BGS Spring Seminar for these presentations:

- Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers Yearning to "read all about it?" Newspapers are a fantastic source of research leads, information and historical context for your family history. Learn Lisa's approach to achieve success in locating news about your ancestors.
- Genealogy Podcasts 101 Learn everything you need to know about how to find and listen to genealogy and history podcasts.
- Time Travel with Google Earth Experience historic maps, images and videos coming together to create stunning time travel experiences in the free Google Earth program.
- Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of the Non-Genealogists in Your Family Learn how to capture the imagination of your non-historian friends and relatives. Lisa's projects are guaranteed to inspire your family to ask you to tell them more about the family tree!

## SATURDAY - April 23, 2016 <> 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: <a href="https://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs">www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs</a>



## HAPPENING AT THE JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

#### 3405 South Pacific Hwy - Medford

541-512-2340

**Feb. 16 Maps of Jackson County, Oregon**." RVGS member Roger Roberts, a land surveyor and former Jackson County Surveyor, has a large collection of maps that date from the 1860's to the 1930's. RVGS obtained an Oregon Heritage Commission grant to scan and index over 1600 of these maps. Roger, with assistance from Chuck Eccleston, will give us an overview of the project and what it means for genealogical research. Roger will discuss some of the more interesting maps, and he and Chuck will point out some of the unique details on the maps. Free.

**Feb 20 Let's Talk About It: Pinterest,** 10:30am -12:30pm. Rich Miles will lead a discussion about the ways Pinterest can help you organize your genealogical research and keep it at your fingertips. This is the second session in this series. Free for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance at: reception@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340

#### Feb 23- Family Quilt Sharing by RVGS Members, 1:30-2:30pm.

Several RVGS members will share the history and memories of a family quilt. A reminder that objects may have a place in discovering the genealogy of a family. Free.

**Feb 25 - Early Canadian Genealogy Research,** 1-3:30pm. Ruth Ann Page will present the history of early Canadian migration focusing on revolutionary times and the movement of peoples across eastern Canada and the United States in that era. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance at: reception@gmail.com, by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

# Heritage Faire 2016

Annual Event

# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016 3410 CHURN CREEK ROAD, REDDING, CA

#### Open to the public

#### A full day of classes with outstanding instructors:

- ★Castle Gardens, Ellis Island & Immigration Ports—Celeste Guillory
- \*History? Shakespeare & DNA—Celeste Guillory
- \*Beginning Genealogy—Lena Harmon
- \*Navigating FamilySearch—Lena Harmon
- \*Wiki.FamilySearch—Lena Harmon
- \*Organizing Your Genealogy Files—Marian Ladd
- ⋆FamilySearch Memories & Stories—Becky Riveros
- **★**Chasing the Paper Trail—Marti Roe
- **⋆**Working the Web—Marti Roe
- \*Research Ancestry.com/Institution Version—Jane Witesman
- **⋆**Understanding Autosomal (at) DNA—Mike Witesman
- \*DNA Roundtable Discussion—Mike Witesman

Hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Redding California Stake

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.

#### $\sim$ 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: <u>www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org</u>

