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January 2016 Meeting
Tuesday January 12 – 1:30PM



History – Shakespeare & DNA

The program for the January 12th meeting of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society is entitled **History-Shakespeare and DNA**. Members and the public are invited to attend this presentation being held at 1969 Williams Hwy - the LDS Church in Grants Pass at 1:30PM. Please enter the building from the east side parking lot.

The presentation covers long-held theories about the life and death of King Richard III by the use of land records, oral tradition and the science of DNA. These research techniques can be applied to any family history research project that stalls the researcher.

Richard the 3rd. was the last British monarch to die in battle and was succeeded by the Tudor line of Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I. Richard was not portrayed well in a famous play written by William Shakespeare but extensive research done recently shows that DNA can be used as a tool to solve many historical mysteries and solve once and for all many myths about Richard III.

There will be no Board of Directors meeting prior to the program on January 12th. The program promises to be very enjoyable and informative.



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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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Hello and Happy New Year

Holiday magic is over and it's time to get back to our normal routines. I hope the holidays were happy for all of you and this year will be productive, fun and some family history mysteries solved in 2016.

Last week I hosted a Board of Directors meeting at my house to get caught up on our club business. The new officers are anxious to do their jobs and are organized. We have 2 people doing the Vice President's job this year – **Jan Franz and Garnet Rigby Wharton** – are dividing the job and need suggestions for programs to present during the year. Garnet submitted a questionnaire/survey I hope you will read and answer ASAP. The survey appears in this newsletter.

Secretary **Joan Edwards** takes excellent notes and then transcribes them into accurate minutes – the official record of our organization. Thank you Joan for taking this task on for another year.

The new Treasurer, **Polli Kucharik**, has 2 big jobs to do in the next few weeks. Polli needs to form 2 committees – an audit committee and a budget committee. These committees are required by the bylaws and also the IRS and I encourage members to volunteer to help Polli with these tasks.

As mentioned at the board meeting we need to update our bylaws again. Garnet Rigby-Wharton will form a committee to do this task and will have suggestions ready for the May Meeting. A vote will be taken in June to update the bylaws so elections and other business can be clearly outlined.

At long last we have a web master to update www.gpgenealogy.org. Check our webpage from time to time to see the changes being done by **Cornerstone Graphics**, the company who designed our membership brochure.

Facebook site manager **Cindy Suda**, recovering from a foot injury, has prepared a report being printed in this newsletter. Thanks to the Facebook site for reuniting Janis Seaton with a cousin who lives in the Cayman Islands.

Laura Dunwald-Uhlig, former Vice President, has agreed to head the research committee during 2016. Thank you Laura to taking this on with all your other responsibilities. We continue her interesting website column in the 2016 newsletter.

I appreciate all the help received last year and hope to continue that tradition in 2016. **Just a reminder**..... in 2 years Grants Pass Genealogical Society will be 50 years old and I hope in January 2018 the club will be bigger and continue to assist and educate those wishing to do their family history research in this area and beyond.

Plan to attend the first meeting and program on January 12, 2016. This month's topic is very interesting.

Cheers,

Celeste Guillory

President GPGS



2016 GPGS Officers

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

Facebook Update

I hope you were all able to share some great conversations and time with family during the holidays—asking questions and telling your stories are such an important part of digging in & preserving your family’s history! Archived here on our Facebook page will be two-year’s worth of posts, hints, tips and resources as of January 15, 2016—an already rich history. It’s been my pleasure to share these with all of you, and I hope they have added to your personal research & preservation efforts! Here’s to another new year—have fun digging!

Our Facebook page now has 84 followers, up by two more “likes” in November & December. There were 41 posts over the last two months, and while the number of posts were down, they were seen by & interacted with substantially more people. We had a total reach of 1,541 views, with 196 people engaged by clicking on, liking, commenting or sharing a post. Our top three most popular posts were all seen by over 100 people. Our most popular post, Another Free Source for US Federal Census Records were seen by 175. Taking the second spot was a collection of incredible maps showing the Territorial Evolution of the US viewed by 130 followers. And rounding out the top three, 128 people saw the article 5 Photos You Should take at the Cemetery.

Research-specific posts included: Notes from the Scots-Irish DNA Project; 1.5 Million Slavery Era Documents Will Be Digitalized; Coal Mining in Western Pennsylvania; Illinois Research; Jackson County Oregon Obituaries & an Interactive Map Layers Pre-fire Chicago with Modern City.

Other inspirational links shared over the last two months include: Start Saving Those Family Photo & Stories—Now —One At A Time; 10 Grandparent Interview Questions & Social Media Archiving—A Toolkit —Increasingly Relevant & Important. There were Wonderful Tips for Historical Newspaper Finds; Evernote vs OneNote for Genealogy; Charting Failures—So You Know Where You Have Looked; 7 Reasons You Can’t Find Your Ancestors Online; 5 Time-Saving Tips for Finding Maiden Names & 4 Tips to Identify Unknown Family Photographs. Don’t miss the link to the free online Genealogy course starting this March or the great article on the 120-year-old family heirloom wedding dress worn by 11 women in the same family!

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 New Year and lots of fun preserving your family’s heritage!

Regards,
Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator



LAURA KNOWS INTERESTING WEBSITES by LAURA DUNWALD-UHLIG

Ron Arons, the author of *Mind Maps for Genealogy*, is offering an incentive in our newest contest! Enter **Mind Mapping Contest** this week and you could win one of these prize packages!

Prize #1: A ZTE Android smartphone loaded up with Android apps that will help with 'organization'. This includes mind map apps, to do list / checklist apps, calendar apps, and other related apps (Evernote, OneNote, DropBox), etc. Valued at \$30 USD. One (1) winner selected.

Prize #2: A RCA Android 5.0 7" inch tablet loaded up with Android apps that will help with 'organization'. This includes mind map apps, to do list / checklist apps, calendar apps, and other related apps (Evernote, OneNote, DropBox), etc. Valued at \$50 USD. One (1) winner selected.

Prize #3: Both the ZTE Android Smartphone AND the RCA Android Tablet listed above. Valued at \$80 USD. One (1) winner selected.

Simply enter your email below and we'll select the winners on Monday, January 11th!

AN INTERESTING WEBSITE – PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE TO ENTER THE CONTEST

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"THE COMPUTER SAYS I NEED TO UPGRADE MY BRAIN
TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH ITS NEW SOFTWARE."

Member Survey -Please submit your response via email or bring the survey to the January 12th 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 fund raiser is our rummage sale. Do you have any suggestions?
 - 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 on research requests from the public?
8. Do you have any ideas that you think would improve our organization?

Submitted by Garnet Rigby-Wharton frogpond1355@hotmail.com



4 Things to learn about your Cell Phone

For all the folks with cell phones. (This should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. Good information to have with you.) There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a lifesaver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST (Emergency)

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

SECOND (Hidden Battery Power)

Imagine your cell battery is very low. To activate, press the keys *3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

THIRD (How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?)

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: *#06# .

A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone is stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

FORTH (Free Directory Service for Cells)

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: (800) FREE411 or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.

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eNews for RVGS/JCGL January 2016

About this Newsletter: This monthly eNewsletter (eNews) for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) and Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) has three sections:

- (1) Classes and Events both at the library and elsewhere in the US,
- (2) RVGS News of member and society activities, and (3) JCGL News about our book collection and internet resources.

You can access the current issue of the eNews from either of our websites, [RVGS](#) or [JCGL](#). Items of interest concerning genealogy are frequently posted on our [blog](#), on our Facebook page [Friends of Jackson County Genealogy Library](#), or on [Twitter](#) and other social media sites.

Classes and Events JCGL CLASSES AND MEETINGS

JCGL Classes and Meetings are held at Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR. Please register in advance when requested.

Tue, Jan 5

Family Tree Maker "PC" User Group, 1:30pm – 3:00pm This informal, casual group usually meets the first Tuesday of each month as long as interest continues. Everyone is encouraged to bring problems or concerns, etc. and as a group we try and resolve these issues. It is a great way to keep connected and share information, too. Free and Fun! Please call (541) 512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free workshop.

Sat, Jan 9

Brick Wall Roundtable, 10:30am – 12:30pm Andrea Patterson and Marilyn Ayres will facilitate this session. Bring your questions and discuss with others ways of breaking through the brick wall in your research. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Free.

Tue, Jan 12

German Interest Group, 3:30pm – 5:00pm Mary Robsman facilitates this group. Come with your questions, ideas, and share what interests you in finding your ancestors from one of the

Germanic countries. The meeting is free and is available to all, but please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Wed, Jan 13

Family Tree Maker User Group-Mac computers, 10:00am – 11:30am Family Tree Maker User Group (Mac computers). Barbara MacMillen is the facilitator of this informal group discussing FTM, Genealogy and Mac computers. Please call (541)512-2340 or email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free workshop.

Thu, Jan 14

Irish Interest Group, 1pm – 3pm The Irish Interest Group will meet to discuss topics of interest for those researching or wanting to know more about researching their Irish ancestors. Please call (541)512-2340 or

Charleen Brown and Marilyn Ayres will present strategies for making the most of the questions you ask your older relatives to put together their history and memories for your family. To register, call 541-512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance. Free.

Sat, Jan 23

Finding WWII Records, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Barbara Northrop will discuss ways that you can best search for records and information about your relatives who served in World War II. These records may be difficult to find or acquire. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Fee: \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Tue, January 26

Quilts and Genealogy Talk: “Coat Quilts,” 1:30pm – 2:30pm the title of this month’s talk is “Coat Quilts.” Sue Waldron will present the talk. Using three examples of the utilitarian quilts made from scraps of wool winter coats, Sue will share some of the philosophy behind their creation and the family stories that the names that appear on the quilt bring to mind, enriching and bringing color to the memories of our ancestors. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Free.

Tue, Feb 2

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Photo by Cindy Suda

Annual Christmas Luncheon Group Photo

TapRock Northwest Grill - Tuesday December 8, 2015

Front Row

**Judy Liepold, LaVonna Ness, Garnet Rigby-Wharton, Laura Dunwald-Uhlig,
Esther Snyder**

Middle Row

**Pat Heumann, Trish Bell, Cindy Suda, Janis Seaton, Polli Kucharik, Janet Franz,
Joan Edwards, Celeste Guillory**

Back Row

**Don Ness, Bev Wellington, Shar Fairchild, Joan Quast, Laurie Neff,
Jeanne Kengla**