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Jacquie Campbell

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR DNA

**Tuesday - March 8, 2016 - @1:30**

**Jacquie Campbell** was the child who asked the questions at family gatherings about her family origins. She turned that same curiosity for family history into an anthropology major/history minor in college.

Her chosen field as a medical researcher in Alternative Medicine and the American Acupuncture Association at UCLA trained her to be proficient at doing deep research. Working for over 40 years on her own family roots she is well respected as a family researcher and historian. She also loves to garden.

Her presentation on DNA at the 2015 Community Family History Seminar was one of the most popular and well-attended sessions of the seminar.

Jacquie is a consultant on the staff at the Family History Center in Grants Pass and works there on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 - 8:30pm.

***Board Meeting Starts at 12:30 and is open to the public  
Program Commences at 1:30***



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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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## *March President's Message*

Dear Members,

I invite those of you who have Irish heritage to wear green to the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and bring an IRISH family treasure to share in the opening minutes of the meeting. I have a family treasure to share and hope many of our members will do the same.

Be prepared for a very informative guest speaker this month, because DNA is “the topic” and new tool in family history research. Jacque Campbell will help you understand why DNA is such an important subject now and in the future.

We have no **Facebook** update this month because Cindy Suda, Facebook page manager, has welcomed her first granddaughter and took this month off to bond with the baby. Congratulations Cindy & Norm as you welcome your first grandchild to your family. Cindy promises a Facebook update in April.

Revamping the bylaws is coming along and I want to thank Garnet Rigby-Wharton and Jeanne Kengla for working on this project so our bylaws will be more organized and up to date.

Treasurer Polli Kucharik, Laurie Neff and Janis Seaton completed the annual audit, budget for 2016 and the tax filing for 2015. It's really good to get these items out of the way. Thank you Polli. Laurie and Janis to doing this so quickly.

I attended the heritage Faire in Redding the last Saturday of February and encourage you to mark your calendar for February 25<sup>th</sup> the date of the next Faire. Great speakers, subjects and food....and the weather was warm and dry.

May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too-far.

*Celeste Guillory*  
GPGS President



- **Grants Pass Genealogical Society Board Meeting**
  - **1969 Williams Highway, Grants Pass, Or**
    - **Tuesday Feb 9, 2016 12:30-1:30**

**Roll Call of Officers and appointed Board Members**

Celeste Guillory- present	Garnet Rigby-Wharton- present
Janet Franz- present	Joan Edwards- present
Polli Kucharik -present	Cindy Suda- absent
Laura Dunwald-Uhlig- present	Beverly Wellington-absent
Welcome Mary Robsman-guest speaker (German genealogy)	

**Announcements:**

Don and LaVona Ness have moved to Countryside Village in Grants Pass. Don has requested a genealogy workshop to be presented there, maybe in March and good topics to include might be the 1930 and 1940 censuses since many of the occupants would probably be listed in one or both census. Laura Dunwald-Uhlig- will be 92 tomorrow. Have a wonderful day and great year!!

**New Members:** Cathy Penland and Chuck Stobing.

Redding Heritage Faire- 27 Feb 2016. Celeste said it's a worthwhile event. Entrance is \$5.00 but also includes lunch. Celeste is going to try to get a class schedule and will pass it on if successful.

Minutes from Jan meeting were presented and approved by a motion from Polli Kucharik and seconded by Garnet Rigby-Wharton.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Audit Committee was Polli Kucharik, Janis Seaton and Lori Neff. The committee thoroughly went through Jan-Dec 2015 books and found "no glaring discrepancies". Copy of Proposed Budget: Polli looked at 2015 budget and will make adjustments as needed to the 2016 budget. The \$47.00 on page 2 for advertising is a carry-over from a bill paid in Dec. 2015.

Under Expenses, the -\$14.95 is a credit. Celeste paid the Yola bill and was reimbursed but a check was mistakenly sent to the company so it was credited back to the GPGS. The Audit and Budget Committee had a few suggestions: Polli had to purchase a new receipt book and the last receipt she found was for Nov 2015. Some receipts were missing and sometimes the checks were entered in the register after they came back, instead of when they were written.

\*When possible, reimbursements should be avoided and the vender should be paid directly.

\*Should be a book keeping system for petty cash. Maybe use an extra check register to record spending. Polli needs to go to the bank and cash a check to bring the petty cash amount up to \$20.00

\*Keep petty cash, register and receipts in a manila envelope.

\*Destroy the current checks and replace them with duplicate checks.

\*In addition to a monthly financial report, a quarterly one should be provided.  
The balance in the checkbook as of 5 Feb 2016 is \$952.87.

Super news!! Check was cashed by the State Attorney (sent when we claimed non-profit status) and Polli filed GPGS tax return using the EZ form. J Go Polli!

Celeste posed the following question: instead of the summer picnic, what are our thoughts about a road trip to the State Archives and the State Library? We would need to decide if it's an over-nighter and we would need people willing to drive so we can carpool.

Currently, GPGS receives newsletters from Linn Co., Redding, Bend, Santa Clara and Klamath genealogy societies. Celeste will forward them to members as she gets them.

**Programs:** Jan Franz has speakers booked through June J  
March= Jackie Campbell/ DNA  
April= Jan McDermott / Roots Magic  
May= Bob James/Family Tree  
June= Roger Roberts/land grants and how land was surveyed in Oregon.

**By Laws:** Garnet Rigby-Wharton and Jeanne Kengla will meet this Thursday to discuss the By Laws.

**Old Business:** We currently have 2 reservations for the annual Christmas party; Taprock, 12 Dec. and GP Golf Club 8 Dec. Neither date is a Tues. We prefer the luncheon to be the same day as our meeting. Celeste will also look in to Black Bear as a possibility. Also maybe this year bring a small wrapped gift and have a "robbers exchange" as well as a guest speaker. Discussion is tabled for now.

The GPGS website is almost completed, with only 3 things left to be done. It will have an active calendar. If you click on the date, it will provide further information.

Yard sale in July as a fundraiser?? Good spot might be Washington Fed Bank parking lot on 4<sup>th</sup> and G Streets. Sat. would be a good day because of Farmers Market. ELK's parking lot was suggested but probably not enough foot traffic.

Membership Committee: position open

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Edwards GPGS sec.

## Bend Genealogical Society



### 2016 Spring Seminar

Featuring

*Lisa Louise Cooke*

International Genealogy Speaker



*Lisa Louise Cooke's*  
**Genealogy Gems**

#### 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!

Visit Lisa's website at:  
<http://lislouisecooke.com/>

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

Do you want to say, "**WOW**, 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: [www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs](http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs)



# Member Survey



**Please submit your response via email or bring 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?





## **HAPPENING AT THE JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY**

**3405 South Pacific Hwy – Medford 541-512-2340**

**Wed, Mar 9 Family Tree Maker ~ MAC User Group, 10:00am – 11:30am.**

Family Tree Maker User Group (Mac computers). Barbara MacMillen facilitates this informal group discussing FTM, Genealogy, and Mac computers. Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Tue, Mar 15 Program and Members Meeting: DNA Panel Discussion, 1:30pm – 3:00pm**

Panel Discussion on DNA with Cara Davis Jacobson, Donna Rae Hayes, Al Ayres, Steve Kious, Lorita Cushman, and Vern Arnold. These six members of the RVGS will discuss the various testing companies and the types of tests they used. They will share some of their reasons for testing, e.g., to find Native American ancestry, cousin matches with different name spellings, relative connections, and medical information. They will share some of their discoveries and issues with the process or results. Free.

**Thu, Mar 17 Irish Genealogy Interest Group, 1pm – 3pm** Bruce McGarvey will facilitate this session where attendees meet to discuss their research and interest in Irish genealogy and history. Please bring your favorite Irish book to share with the group. Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Tue, Mar 22 Quilts and Genealogy Talks: "The Helman Quilts - More Mysteries in Our Backyard," 1:30pm – 2:30pm.**

The Helman Quilts: More Mysteries in Our Backyard, by Lynn Ransford. Two quilts donated to JCGL by Julia Powell, daughter of the well-known local quilter, Dena Powell, may or may not have been quilted by the same person. The Brown Diamond quilt was, indeed, pieced by a Helman relative, but probably not by the wife of Ashland's founder. What about the other quilt? Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person. **Fri,**

**Mar 25 How To Start Your Genealogy Project, 10:30am – 12:30pm** Charleen Brown will again teach this popular class for people who are thinking about starting or are just beginning their projects. She will share the important steps to take to get you off to a good start. Free. Please register in advance by email at:

[reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.



**Family Tree Maker Basics, 1:30pm – 3:30pm.** Charleen Brown teaches an introduction to FTM, presenting basic knowledge and skills to open the program and navigate the software and use its unique interface and tools. With an understanding of the basic structure, you can confidently begin building your tree. Free. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Sat, Apr 2 Family Tree Maker: Documenting Sources, 10:30 – 12:30.** When you cite a source you are proving to others which records were used to support your facts. Each time you add information to your tree you will want to create a source and source citation that describe where you found the information. Charleen Brown teaches this informative class. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person.

**Tue, Apr 5 Family Tree Maker PC User Group, 1:30pm – 3:00pm.** This informal, casual group usually meets the first Tuesday of each month. Everyone is encouraged to bring problems or concerns, etc. and as a group we try and deal with them. This group provides a great way to keep connected and share information. Free and Fun! Please register in advance by email at: [reception.jcgl@gmail.com](mailto:reception.jcgl@gmail.com), by telephone 541-512-2340, or in person. located at 340 West C Street. Seating for each performance is limited to the first 60 people so reservations are strongly encouraged! Admission is \$3, with proceeds dedicated to maintaining and preserving historic structures in Jacksonville, Oregon, and bringing their history to life.

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society operated the Jackson County Genealogical Library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy in Medford. The library is the largest genealogical library between Sacramento and Portland and has a huge collection. Go to [www.jcgl.org](http://www.jcgl.org) to view the on-line catalog or go plan to attend one of the classes or interest groups offered to members and the public.



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## LAURA KNOWS INTERESTING WEBSITES

by LAURA DUNWALD-UHLIG

**July 28 & 29, 2016 - Western Institute of Genealogy and July 30, 2016 - Summer Genealogy Fest** - two events and each has it's own registration page. They are individually listed under the tabs of the Summer GenealogyFest and the Western Institute of Genealogy on the website. The Summer Genealogy Fest is a one-day event and encourages all levels of family historians to attend. The two-day event, Western Institute of Genealogy (WIG) has limited spaces and will fill quickly. Please note that the WIG courses are for intermediate or advanced genealogists. We will soon open up registration for non-APG members, so get your seat soon! [gcoconference@gmail.com](mailto:gcoconference@gmail.com)

1. “[About Tapgenes and you](http://www.tapgenes.com/),” *TapGenes* (<http://www.tapgenes.com/> : accessed 7 Feb 2016). ↩
2. Ibid., “[Mission Statement](#).” ↩
3. See e.g. Judy G. Russell, “[SSDI: The art of the possible](#),” *The Legal Genealogist*, posted 4 Apr 2012 (<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog> : accessed 7 Feb 2016). ↩
4. “[FAQ: About TapGenes](http://www.tapgenes.com/),” *TapGenes* (<http://www.tapgenes.com/> : accessed 7 Feb 2016). ↩

**What is TapGenes?** TapGenes helps you crowdsource your family’s health information, helping you understand the thread that ties your family’s health together.

**Discover your family’s health story...**We’re referring to what makes you YOU...and how your entire family is connected. Not just physical traits and natural abilities, but valuable health information to preserve for future generations.

TapGenes offers you the convenience of keeping all your family health history in one safe and secure place. In our digital age, we think paper seems so antiquated. So we’ve

excelled at creating an easy-to-understand Family Health Tree where all that ‘runs in your family’ is recorded. And most importantly, preserved. Access this information whenever you need to – just think, your family history could be a mere tap away!

**Invite the whole family...** Every family member who becomes part of your Family Health Tree gets an unparalleled Personal Health Portrait that can be accessed anywhere any time.

**What’s the best benefit you ask?** Having your family history on TapGenes not only allows you to safeguard it, but also share it if you choose.

After all, this is data that’s personal and private so know that you’re free to share the information with doctors, school nurses or caregivers or whoever you designate.[1](#)

The company website goes on to say that: “Our mission is to help you understand the unique and personal connection between your family’s health, lifestyle, and the surrounding environment. We created TapGenes to provide you with the tools you need to be prepared for any situation and to help you use knowledge about your family’s health to live better and make more informed decisions when it comes to planning for the future (whether that’s starting a new family, deciding on a treatment pathway, or thinking about retirement).”[2](#)

Nobody who’s involved in genetic genealogy, and most genealogists overall, fails to understand the link between family history and disease. It’s been one of the driving factors in our community’s opposition to closing the Social Security Death Index — because so much mortality information that we need to trace family health issues can be tracked there.[3](#)

So collecting all that data, in one secure place, accessible to the whole family, is a great concept. And, while TapGenes says (correctly) that you don’t have to do DNA testing to learn about family health history, the company notes that “seeing what runs in your family and your personal risk factors may prompt you to want to learn more about whether genetic testing, and which one, might be right for you. We have resources to help you with that!”[4](#) Just how the DNA integration will work, how the security will be handled... well, those are issues to be fully developed as this start-up gets more than just getting started.

But it really is an interesting concept, it fills a need, and it’s getting a boost from the genealogical community with the cash prize from the Innovator Showdown. It’ll be fascinating to watch what happens.





# Last but not least

Looking for a **Membership Chairman**- or  
Maybe even 2 people to fill this position

Duties are:

Put membership brochures at the library, local restaurants  
and other locations to advertise GPGS

Send out information packets to new members

Update the membership roster

**Yard Sale Chairman** for the July 9<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale

**Christmas Luncheon Chairman** for the  
December 13<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

**Road Trip Chairman**

Possible trip to Salem Oregon to tour the  
State Archives in August

Any and all volunteers welcome

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