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October 11th @1:30PM Meeting Program

RootsMagic "Software to Unite Families"

Guest Speaker Jan Edwards McDermott

Jan has been doing family history research since 1994 and served a three-year mission in the Salt Lake City Research Support Department of Family Search. She also helped create the Facebook and Skype Locality pages with emphasis on training how to use the many facets of doing FamilySearch. Her presentations are always very informative and popular.

ANNUAL SEMINAR

The theme for the 2016 Grants Pass Community Family History Seminar is **"The Path They Walked."** and the seminar is scheduled for Saturday October 15, 2016 from 8am-4pm at 1969 Williams Hwy. Please enter through the Williams Hwy. entrance of the building. To register on-line for classes go to: <http://fhsgp.weebly.com/>

Don't delay- classes fill up quickly – see list of classes in this newsletter

Nominations to elect new officers for 2016 will be taken at the October 11th meeting. All members wishing to run for an office are encouraged to submit their name for the ballot.

The election will be held on November 8th.

Board of Directors meeting at 12:30



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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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President's Message For October 2016

Hello everyone,

We finished September 2016 by attending the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society seminar featuring Judy Russell as guest speaker. Her presentation was excellent and well attended. Congratulations the RVGS on their 50th anniversary and the many activities that week to celebrate this achievement. Our own 50th anniversary will be here before we know it in 2018.

Back here in Grants Pass we held our annual workshop on September 10th and I saw many new faces in the audience. Thank you Jan Hansen, Janis Seaton and Joan Edwards for helping that day with paperwork and registration.



5 MEMBERS ATTENDED THE SEMINAR - June Cogle, Janis Seaton, Celeste Guillory, Anne Billeter and Barbara Johnson, at the RVGS Seminar.

The week before the seminar Garnet Rigby-Wharton and I worked at an early morning Cycle Oregon rest stop in Wolf Creek. We took no photos -were too tired serving snacks to about 2500 riders that morning but raised \$100 for GPGS.



Jan Hansen – Director FHC

October is Family History Month and FHC Director Jan Hansen received a proclamation from Mayor Flower to display at the Family History Seminar on October 15th. Jan announced many new subjects at this years' community seminar that you don't want to miss... especially Jacque Campbell's DNA class.

At our last meeting Garnet Rigby-Wharton gave a very interesting class about newspapers.com. I was enthused by her class and put a surname into the search engine that gave me some very useful information I wasn't able to find before then. I am now a fan of newspapers.com that has given me new clues about both sides of my family tree. Garnet will repeat her class at the FHC seminar on Oct. 15th.

It's that time again!!!!!! October is the month members can volunteer to run for elected office as President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. The election will be held on Nov. 8th. Hey, it's OK to step out of your comfort zone from time to time.

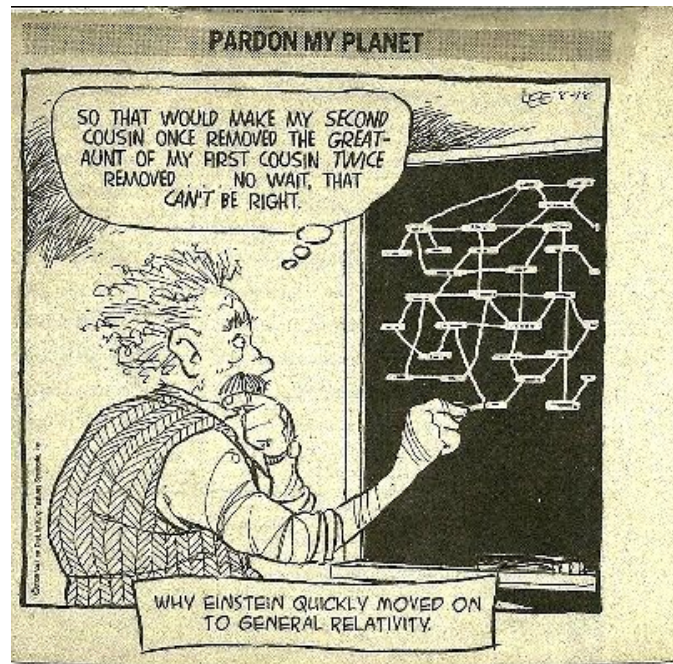
Don't want to hold an elected position? Maybe you'd feel more comfortable in one of the open positions – **research or membership.**

I hope you'll come to the October meeting and learn more about Roots Magic being taught by Jan Edwards McDermott. Be sure to buckle your seatbelt for her class because she moves along very quickly – at the ***"Speed of Jan" which is VERY FAST.***

Cheers to all,

Celeste Guillory

President GPGS





UPDATE

I'm delighted to report that we reached an exciting milestone on October 2, 2016. After nearly 2-3/4 years of starting our Grants Pass Genealogical Society Facebook page, we reached our 100th follower! A big, special welcome to Nancy L Laney!

Our Facebook page continues to bring you a mix of local news and informative articles—Everything from “Tracing Your Health History-It’s In Your Genes” and “25 Family History Questions You’ll Really Want to Ask” to “8 Rules to Properly Record Names in Genealogy.” There were 25 posts in September, and once again this month, a mix of how-to and local happenings were in the top three spots.

The most popular posts in September were:

1. How To Make Your Own Ancestor Coloring Book Step By Step – Reached by 129
2. Mark your calendars for Jan’s “RootsMagic” Program in October – Reached by 56
3. Thank you to Garnet for the great September Presentation & Handouts on “Newspapers” –Reached by 50

I should also mention that the Save The Date post for the upcoming Family History Seminar that was posted August 31st reached 81. Links to register are now up, so make sure to make plans for this incredible day of learning on October 15, 2016.

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. Wishing you wonderful autumn and lots of fun discovering and preserving your family's heritage!

Regards,

Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator

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3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford
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Classes and Events, October 2016 Rogue Valley Genealogical Society

October 10: 1-3. DNA Interest Group, Advanced. Lorita Cushman facilitates this group for people who have had their DNA tested and are interested in sharing information about DNA and related topics. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register call [541-512-2340](tel:541-512-2340), email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or stop by the library in person.

October 11: 3-30-5. German Interest Group. Mary Robsman facilitates this group for people interested in German Genealogy and History. It's Oktoberfest time, come and enjoy the fun afternoon among fellow German heritage researchers. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register call [541-512-2340](tel:541-512-2340), email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or stop by the library in person.

October 12: 10-11:30. Family Tree Maker User Group for MAC users. Ongoing group meets to discuss their experience making the best use of this program for MAC computers in building their family trees. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register call [541-512-2340](tel:541-512-2340), email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or stop by the library in person.

October 13: 1:30-3. Irish Interest Group. Bruce McGarvey facilitates this ongoing Interest Group for people researching their Irish heritage or who are interested in starting their research. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register call [541-512-2340](tel:541-512-2340), email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or stop by the library in person.

October 18: 1:30-3. General Membership Meeting and Program for the Public. This

month's program is our Member Fair Affair. A program of short presentations by the entrants of the Society's recent Photo and Writing Contests will give a background of what their subject matter was of their photo or story. Come and hear the interesting backgrounds from the authors and photographers. Free for everyone.

October 24: 1-3. DNA Interest Group, Beginner. Lorita Cushan facilitates this group who have not yet had their DNA tested or who are awaiting results and who are interested in learning more about this fascinating subject. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, call [541-512-2340](tel:541-512-2340), email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or stop by the library in person.

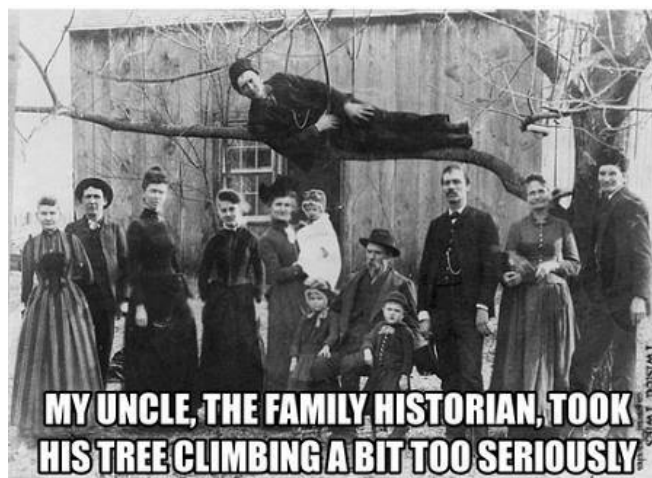
October 25: 1:30. Quilts and Genealogy Talk. Quilt Tops from the Bin Box, by Nell Mathern and Sue Waldron. Introducing Ester McFayden and her 1930's quilt tops, a recent donation to RVGS. Free.

October 26: 10:30-12:30. My Heritage Website. Christy Austerman will present an introduction to the RVGS library My Heritage search engine. How to connect to European and Asian records as well as Public Trees, including Geni, Family Search and WikiTree, and an introduction to the My Heritage database. You can import a GEDCOM and start your own tree. My Heritage also has an extensive set of reports and charts for your use. Come and learn how to use this powerful search engine. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. To register call [541-512-2340](tel:541-512-2340), email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or stop by the library in person.

A peak into November:

November 1: 1:30-3. Family Tree Maker for PC Users

November 3: Irish Interest Group



The Grants Pass Genealogical Society
Board Meeting-1969 Williams Hwy, Grants Pass
Tues 13 Sept 2016 12:30 PM

Roll Call:

Celeste Guillory-present

Polli Kucharik-present

Jan Franz-present

Cindy Suda-present

Garnet Rigby-Wharton-present

Bev Wellington-present

Joan Edwards-present

Laura Dunwald-Uhlig-present

The meeting began at 12:40 pm

Announcements: Jan Hansen is the new director at the FHC. She does not wish to be on the GPGS Board of Directors. Heidi Conrad will be her assistant and Celeste Guillory has asked that Heidi's name appear on their web page also. Bev Wellington will be the liaison between FHC and GPGS.

The 10 Sept 16 GPGS Workshop was well attended (21 people). All comments were glowing and several people seem interested in joining GPGS. Celeste would like to change the venue next year to the Cultural Hall so as to accommodate a larger group, then spend the last 45 minutes in the FHC for computer use. Janis Seaton will do the searches for those people who submitted the "look up sheet" which was provided. Polli was asked to watch for response mailings if any are sent to the GPGS P.O. box.

RVGS is having a seminar on 27 Sept in Medford, which sounds very interesting and informative.

Minutes: for the 10 May 16 meeting were approved by Cindy and seconded by Polli.

Treasurer's Report: The GPGS has \$930.08 currently in the checking account, however there is actually 1 outstanding check for \$25.00 for the banner, which had not cleared yet. We made \$343.28 from the garage sale and 50/50 tickets.

Programs: Celeste suggested that a program for Jan 2017 might be to explain all of the 17 free sites that are in the portal at the FHC.

In Oct., Jan McDermot will be presenting information on Roots Magic and in Nov., Celeste Guillory will be presenting information on Fold3. December will be our Christmas party at Black Bear and it was suggested that those who wish, can share some of their finds, stories, tips... and a "robber's gift exchange". Rules for the robber's exchange should be discussed in advance, including the cost of the gift.

Old Business:

Sign the bylaws- We did.

Yard sale- We want the same location as this year's garage sale so Celeste will reserve the bank parking lot for 8 Jul 17.



LAURA KNOWS INTERESTING WEBSITES by Laura Dunwald-

This week's contest at GeneaBloggers, welcomes back one of our favorite vendors Couragent, Inc. and their amazing product: the [Flip-Pal® mobile scanner](#)! If you are already planning for the holidays like I am, and working on a variety of family history-related gifts (like calendars, photo books and more!) then you need to get busy scanning those family photos! This is where the Flip-Pal® mobile scanner comes in!

The winner will receive a Flip-Pal® mobile scanner, deluxe carrying case, and a Story Scans Activation Key PLUS a free PDF copy of [*Preserving Your Family's Oral History and Stories*](#) by Thomas MacEntee!



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And don't forget the SPECIAL DEAL we've put together on the Flip-Pal Value Pack! You get not only the Flip-Pal® mobile scanner, deluxe carrying case, and a Story Scans Activation Key, normally \$199.97, **now just \$174.97 PLUS FREE SHIPPING.**

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Enter The Flip-Pal® mobile scanner Value Pack Contest this week and you could win a Flip-Pal® mobile scanner Value Pack (Flip-Pal® mobile scanner, deluxe carrying case, and a Story Scans Activation Key)! This is a \$175 valueenter by 11:50 pm CDT on Monday 10 October 2016.

Grants Pass Family History Community Seminar - October 15th
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
1969 Williams Hwy. Grants Pass – please enter from the Williams Hwy entrance
2016 Schedule and Available Classes:

8:00 - 8:55 am - Foyer

- **Sign-in** for those already registered.
- **Sign-up** for those not yet registered.
- **Get your ticket** for the prize drawings to be held at 12:45 pm. Must be present to receive prizes.

9:00 - 9:45 am - Chapel

Welcome Session and "Her Path" presented by a special Josephine County Historical Society Player. "Her Path" is a touching pioneer story about Cynthia Applegate -- a very young girl, who as an orphan and a new bride, brought a lovely secret gift with her to Josephine County on a wagon train. Cynthia's story will warm your heart and make you wonder how she could be so happy during such extremely difficult circumstances.

10:00 - 10:50 am

- **Stroll down MEMORY lane** by **Kay Watts**. Room: 17 FHC
- **FamilySearch BASIC - find your path** by **Bev Wellington**. Room: RS
- **Getting the most out of your time on ANCESTRY** by **Shannon Agee**. Room: 8
- **FamilySearch - don't let RESEARCH trip you up** by **Jan McDermott**. Room: 5

11:00 - 11:50 am

- **Skip along the FamilySearch BROWSE image** by **Jan McDermott**. Room: 5
- **Windows 10 - this takes a different route** by **Sean Malloy**. Room: 8
- **Meet yourself coming and going on SOCIAL MEDIA/BLOG** by **Ashley Rappleyea**. Room: RS
- **FamilySearch/FAMILYTREE/LDS and bark up the right tree.** by **Bob James**. Room 17 FHC

12:00 - 12:40 pm - LUNCH - Break

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. Nearby food places include: Safeway, Little Caesar's, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Albertson's, Abby's, Burger King, Sonic and Dairy Queen.

12:45 pm - DRAWING for prizes in the Gym/Cultural Hall

Must be present to win and receive prizes.

1:00 - 1:50 pm

- **INDEXING will point you in the right direction** by **Sharon Wilson**. Bring your laptop computer. Room: 8
- **FamilySearch - Don't run around in circles using WIKI** by **Jan McDermott**. Room: 5

- DNA - 1-step up to Autosomal -- YDNA--LMtDNA by **Rochelle Ford**. Room: 17 FHC
- Leave your trail behind with LIFE STORIES by **Bev Wellington**. Room: RS

2:00 - 2:50 pm

- FamilySearch - Discover the jewel in your CATALOG journey by **Jan McDermott**. Room: 5
- Clearing your family's path with DIGITAL PHOTO BASICS by **Terry Conrad**. Room: 17 FHC
- Winding through the past, present and future with your TIMELINE by **Bev Wellington**. Room: 8
- Getting your family interested in FAMILY HISTORY by **Shannon Agee**. Room: RS

3:00 - 4:00 pm

- Follow the trail of your family with ANCESTRY DNA - by **Jaque Campbell**. Room: 17 FHC
- How an ONLINE CASE study keeps you from derailing your family history by **Jan McDermott**. Room: 5
- Follow the path of your ancestors through NEWSPAPERS.COM by **Garnet Rigby-Wharton**. Room: RS
- Putting your family on the right track with BEGINNING FAMILY HISTORY by **Shannon Agee**. Room: 8

4:00 pm

Seminar ends. Family History Seminar resumes in October 2017!



Grants Pass genealogists are fortunate indeed to have the excellent resources available at the local Family History Center. Plan to attend the 2016 Community Seminar to learn the latest ways to jump-start your family history research. You will be inspired.