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Meetings held on 2nd Tuesday of
each month (except July, Aug, Dec)
at 1:30 PM at the LDS Church,
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October President's Message

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 8th. At that time nominations for officers to guide our Club through 2014 will be announced. The election will be held in November and officers will assume their responsibilities in December at the Christmas Pot Luck luncheon. See information about the luncheon in this newsletter.

Guest speaker at the October 8th meeting is Shannon Agee from the Roseburg Family History Center, who will speak about *New Family Search*. She is well versed in the subject and will provide an update about this new way of accessing genealogical information. I recently used *New Family Search* and found data that has opened up one new line for me. I was thrilled with what I found and expect to continue fleshing out more about my mother's side of the family as a result.



Family History Month 2013

Grants Pass Mayor Darin Fowler has declared
October 2013 in Grants Pass as Family History Month.
A copy of the proclamation is printed in this newsletter.

I want to thank Don Thomas and Marsha Young for contacting each GPGS member during the past month to see who would like to run for an elected office. I'm anxious to see who will run for the four elected offices

of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Whoever is elected will have the responsibility of guiding our Club through 2014.

October is Family History Month and will be observed in Grants Pass at the annual Grants Pass Community Family History Seminar on October 12th from 8am until 4pm. at the LDS Church on Williams Highway.

Attending the seminar is a great way to learn about new techniques, software, research and programs for genealogists. This seminar sponsored by the Family History Center promises to be very rewarding.

The keynote speaker is Anne Billeter who will enlighten us on *“Sarah Ann: A Jackson County Mystery.” There are no names on her gravestone in the Jacksonville Cemetery, just one single word “Mother.” Who was she? What was her story? How was her mystery solved?*



2013 Flea Market

The yard sale was very successful and those of us who were there had a pleasant time and the weather was just right. We sold most all the stuff I'd been storing in my garage for about eight months and earned a tidy amount for the Club treasury. Thanks to members who brought some items to add to the inventory...most all of those items sold, also. Refer to the financial report submitted by Shar Fairchild for the final count of what this event earned for GPGS. (*Editor note: we cleared approximately \$270.00.*)



Grants Pass Family History Center

If you haven't been in to the Family History Center in Grants Pass, take some time to go there soon. The facility is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 9 pm and Friday mornings from 10 am until 1 pm. The facility has been remodeled, has multiple computers and wireless internet. Bring a thumb drive to download information or pay 10 cents per printed copy of information. If you don't have a thumb drive you can purchase one for \$5.00 to store your research. Ancestry.com, fold3 and 15 other premium databases are available for free and the staff is ready and eager to assist you to get over that brick wall.

See you at the October 8th meeting.....

Celeste Guillory
GPGS President

Oct. 12th Program Information

Shannon Agee has been doing her own genealogy for the last 25+ years. She has been working in the Roseburg, Oregon Family History Center for most of that time as a Consultant, Staff Trainer, Assistant Director and Director. Shannon is now serving a part-time mission as a Church Service Missionary in that same FHC. Reading, gardening, teaching, and crafts of all kinds are great fun for her, but family history is her passion!

She will teach "New Family Search" at the October 8th Grants Pass Genealogical Society following the general meeting that commences at 1PM.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is the family, striving together, that reflects our City's belief in community, stability and love;

WHEREAS, we look to the family as an institution of promise, assurance and encouragement;

WHEREAS, we look to the family as an unwavering symbol of constancy that will help our community discover a future of prosperity, promise and potential;

WHEREAS, within our Nation's libraries and archives lie the treasured records that detail the history of our Nation, our State, our City and our Citizens;

WHEREAS, individuals from our City and across our Nation continue to research their family heritage, discovering their ancestors and the forces that shaped their histories;

WHEREAS, the study of family history gives individuals a sense of responsibility in carrying out the legacy their ancestors began;

WHEREAS, as individuals realize the hard work and sacrifice their ancestors endured, their own commitment to honor these values and to do good is increased;

WHEREAS, the health and strength of individual societies is often measured by the strength and health of its individual families;

WHEREAS, to encourage family history research and education is to renew the commitment of the concept of home and family;

WHEREAS, our City seeks camaraderie, support and participation in promoting genealogy in conjunction with our Nation's designation of October as "National Family History Month":

NOW THEREFORE, I Darin Fowler, Mayor of the City of Grants Pass, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim and pronounce the month of October as

"Family History Month"

In Grants Pass Oregon, and urge my fellow citizens to support and participate in the observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Grants Pass, Oregon to be affixed this _____ of September, 2013.

Mayor Darin Fowler

Thank You Letter to Daily Courier

September 21, 2013

Grants Pass Daily Courier
Attn; Tamara & Debbie,

Thank you for arranging the use of the Courier employee parking lot to hold a yard sale on September 14th. We did very well and earned \$270.00 for our efforts. We especially appreciate the free ad in the Courier announcing our event on September 14th. Many people saw the ad and came to see what we had to offer. We had very little left unsold at the end of the day.

We look forward to next August's annual yard sale sponsored by the Courier ... our largest fundraising source other than membership dues. Please pass our thanks on to the owner on our behalf.

Very truly,

Celeste Guillory
President
Grants Pass Genealogical Society

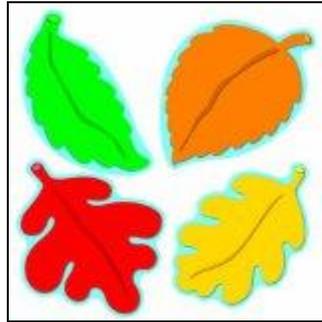
Bulletin Board at Library

Jeri Paradise and Celeste Guillory have decorated a hallway bulletin board at the Josephine Community Library in Grants Pass with a colorful display in honor of Family History Month. Here is a small photo that doesn't do it justice. Stop by and check out the real thing—it will be available for viewing until the end of October.



Ancestry.com Acquires Find-A-Grave.Com Website

From the Family Tree Magazine newsletter comes the news that Ancestry.com has acquired the Find-A-Grave website. Access to the site will continue to be free of charge, but enhancements are planned to make it more useful. The owner was concerned that it would become too big for him to manage by himself and also wished to ensure that the site would continue to be available after he passes on.



Upcoming Events:

GPGS (Grants Pass Genealogical Society) meetings are held at 1:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month (excepting December, July and August) at the LDS Church, corner of Harbeck Road and Williams Highway in Grants Pass. Board of Directors Meetings are held at 12:30 PM prior to General Meetings and are open to any members who wish to attend.

RVGS (Rogue Valley Genealogical Society) meetings and classes are held at the Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL), 3405 South Pacific Highway, Medford.

- Sep 23- Oct 14 *Genealogy Roadshow* television series, 9 PM Mondays on PBS (Channel 8).
- Oct 8 *GPGS Monthly Meeting. Guest speaker Shannon Agee from Roseburg, Using New Family Search.*
- Oct 10 *Genealogy Research Help Session, Klamath Basin Genealogical Society, 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Klamath County Library, Program Room, 3rd Street Entrance, Klamath Falls, Oregon. KBGS members will help “newbies” get started or help you work on your “problem” ancestors.*
- Oct 12 *Free All-Day Family History Seminar* hosted by the Family History Center and LDS Church at Williams Highway and Harbeck Road. You may attend as

many or as few presentations as you wish during the day—your only problem will be which ones to choose! This will be a “bring your own brown bag lunch” event, with complimentary beverages and desserts provided during the noon hour. SAVE THE DATE. **See flyer at end of newsletter.**

- Oct 19 *Graveyard Tours* at 4:00 and 6:00 PM, IOOF/Masonic Cemetery, hosted by Josephine County Historical Society. Cost \$10.00 first person, \$5.00 each additional person when purchased at JCHS Research Library or online before the tour. \$10.00 each when purchased at the gate. See JCHS website for details: www.jocohistorical.org.
- Oct 26 *Bend Genealogical Society Boot Camp*, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Williamson Hall, 2200 NE Hwy 20, Bend, Oregon. **See flyer at end of newsletter.**
- Oct 31 Deadline for early bird registration for *Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy*, scheduled for January 13-17, 2014. Early Bird Tuition \$425, \$475 after October 31st. Details including course offerings are shown at the Utah Genealogical Society website: www.infouga.org.
- Nov 9 *Ancestry Day in San Francisco* at the Hyatt Regency. Classes from experts at Ancestry.com and the California Genealogical Society and Library. Personal consultations with CGS will be available. **See flyer at end of newsletter** or follow the registration link at www.californiaancestors.org.
- Nov 12 GPGS Monthly Meeting. Annual election of officers. Program: *Genealogy for iPad Users*.
- Dec 17 *Christmas Potluck* at our usual meeting place at the LDS Church from 12:00 Noon till 2:00 PM. This is instead of the usual Christmas Luncheon at a local restaurant. Please bring some food to donate for the Food Bank. **See flyer at end of newsletter.**
- Jan 13-17 *Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy*. See listing above, at October 31, 2013.
- Jan 14 GPGS monthly meeting. *Your Family On the Internet*, by Ken Bower from Shasta County Genealogical Society.
- Feb 22 *Heritage Faire* hosted by the LDS Church Family History Center, Redding, California. The Faire will take place at the Family History Center, 3410 Churn Creek Road, across from Enterprise High School. Entrance fee of \$10 includes classes, syllabus and hot lunch. **See flyer at end of newsletter.**

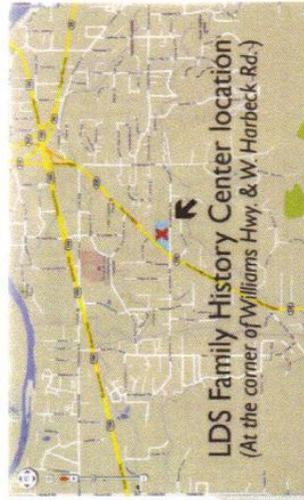
Thought about doing your family history, but don't know where to start?

Know that technology has made genealogy easier but don't feel confident in your skills?

Need new ideas to find those elusive relatives?

Help is available!

Come to the **Grants Pass Community Family History Seminar** and learn more about discovering your ancestors.



Sponsored by:
Grants Pass Family History Center and
The Grants Pass Genealogical Society

Grants Pass Community Family History Seminar

Saturday, October 12, 2013
Admission is FREE!

1969 Williams Highway
Grants Pass, Oregon

Sarah Ann:

A Jackson County Mystery

There are no names on her gravestone in the Jacksonville cemetery, just one single word: "MOTHER." Who was she? What was her story? How was her mystery solved?

Our guest speaker,

Ann Billeter, will explain all.

Fill out the registration on the reverse side and send it to:

Grants Pass Seminar
c/o 1403 SE Rogue Drive
Grants Pass, OR 97526

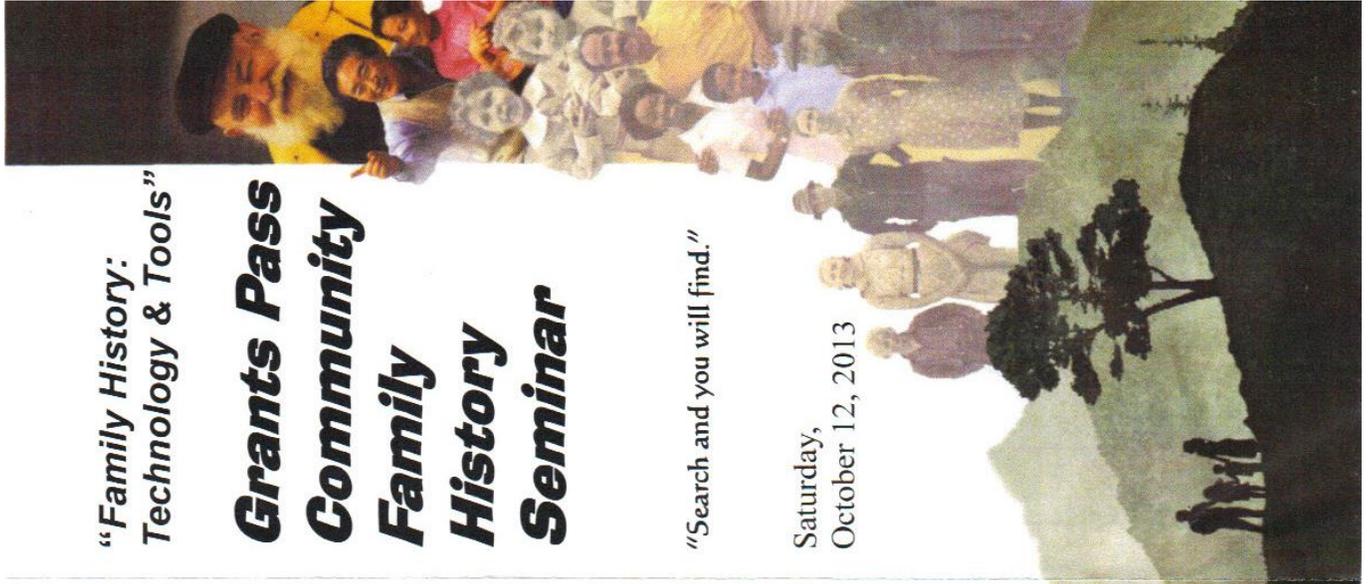
Or sign-up on the web:
<http://fhsgp.weebly.com>

"Family History:
Technology & Tools"

Grants Pass Community Family History Seminar

"Search and you will find."

Saturday,
October 12, 2013



REGISTRATION FORM

1. Please circle your desired class number.
Choose one per hour
2. Bring your own lunch. We will provide a dessert and water.
3. Cut apart and mail this part of the registration form and keep the class schedule for your reference.
4. Mail your registration form to:
Family History Seminar
c/o 1403 SE Rogue Drive
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Please register as soon as you can.

THANK YOU

Late registrations at the door are welcome, however, class choices may be limited.

(Duplication of this form is permitted.)

Please - One person per registration. Thank you.

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please register me for the class numbers indicated.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20																

CUT ALONG DASHED LINE

Time	Activity/Class Number & Name	Instructor	Room No.
8:00 - 9:00	Registration - View Displays		
9:00 - 9:45	Guest Speaker: Anne Billeter		Chapel
10:00 - 10:50	Class 1 WW I & II Draft Registrations Class 2 Which Personal Computer Program? Class 3 Overview of FamilySearch Class 4 Pathways to the Past: FH for beginners	LaVona Ness Shannon Agee Jan Edwards Bev Wellington	5 8 FHC RS
11:00 - 11:50	Class 5 Writing Life Stories I Class 6 Google Gold Mine Awaits Class 7 Family Search Portal Class 8 They are Out there, Research on the Net	Judy Hoppe Shannon Agee Jan Edwards Wendy Swanson	5 8 FHC RS
12:00 - 12:45	SACK LUNCH - DESERT AND WATER WILL BE SERVED		
12:45 - 1:35	Class 9 Writing Life Stories II Class 10 Utilizing the National Archives Class 11 FamilySearch for Research Class 12 Blogs and Family History	Judy Hoppe Celeste Guillory Jan Edwards Caitlin Guerra	5 8 FHC RS
1:45 - 2:35	Class 13 Organize Your Photos Class 14 Especially for Youth (12-18) Class 15 Getting the Most of Ancestry.com Class 16 FamilySearch Family Tree	Valerie Brown Heide Conrad Jan Edwards Bev Wellington	5 8 FHC RS
2:45 - 3:35	Class 17 Add Photos and Stories to Family Tree Class 18 Beginner Computer Tips Class 19 Social Media in Family History Class 20 The Joys of Indexing	Valerie Brown Sean Malloy Jan Edwards Sharon Wilson	5 8 FHC RS
3:45 - 4:00	Drawing for Prizes (must be present to win)		Cultural Hall

“To forget one’s ancestors is to be a brook
without a source, a tree without a root.”
Author: Chinese Proverb

BGS BOOT CAMP IS COMING!

Beginning Genealogy and Beyond

The 2013 BGS Boot Camp is planned to be a stimulating day of genealogy! Beginning genealogists and more experienced researchers should both gain information that will help them in their family history quest.

Boot Camp will be at Williamson Hall, where the BGS Library is located. This will be a great opportunity to explore the Library. Wi-Fi is available in Williamson Hall. Bring your laptop to practice tips and visit websites during Boot Camp.

There will be a technological focus this year, which will include presentations on:

Technical Aspects of
Modern Family Research
Software Options
Research Websites

In addition, how to begin is covered for those of you just starting out in genealogy. Parts of the Boot Camp schedule will have a variety of breakout sessions, so you can choose the one that best meets your needs.

Saturday, October 26, 2013
9:00 AM to 3:30PM

Williamson Hall
2200 NE Hwy 20
Behind Jake's Diner, off Greenwood

LUNCH

Bring your own brown bag lunch.
Coffee and Hot Water will be provided.

COST

\$20 Member
\$25 Non-Member

HOW TO REGISTER

REGISTER FOR BOOT CAMP TODAY

To register by phone—Call BGS at (541) 317-9553
(Follow up with payment.)

Or—leave form & payment at the BGS Library or at a meeting

Or—mail form & payment to: Bend Genealogical Society (BGS), PO Box 8254, Bend, OR 97708-8254



**Bend
Genealogical
Society**

**3RD ANNUAL
BGS BOOT CAMP
SAT OCTOBER 26, 2013
9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM
BRING YOUR OWN BROWN BAG LUNCH
COFFEE & WATER AVAILABLE
BRING YOUR LAPTOPS – WORKING WIFI**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	SIGNIN, COFFEE, HOT WATER AND GETTING STARTED	
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION	GLEN ROBERTS
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	WHY DO GENEALOGY?	NANCY NOBLE
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	BREAK	
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	GENEALOGY BREAKOUT SESSIONS:	
CHOOSE ONE:	GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS	MARSHA LAKES
	INTERMEDIATE GENEALOGY	GLEN ROBERTS
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	ONLINE/SOFTWARE PRESENTATION BREAKOUTS:	
CHOOSE ONE:	FAMILYTREEMAKER	HUGH PICKERING
	PAF – ROOTSMAGIC	GLEN ROBERTS
	FAMILYSEARCH – FAMILYTREE	JAN WIHELMSEN
	REUNION (MAC)	GEORGE WARREN
	MYHERITAGE	MARSHA LAKES
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	BROWN BAG LUNCH – COFFEE, HOT WATER, WATER, COOKIES	
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	COMING BACK TOGETHER	GLEN ROBERTS
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	HOW TO USE THE BGS LIBRARY	LORI HILL
1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	REAL – LIFE RESEARCH	GEORGE LARSON

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM	BREAK
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	BGS PANEL . . . SHARING IDEAS MARSHA LAKES
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Q & A, COMMENTS AND EVALUATION GLEN ROBERTS

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU JOINING US FOR A DAY OF LEARNING TOGETHER!



The annual Christmas luncheon will be held on **December 17th from Noon to 2 PM** at our usual meeting location at the LDS Church. We will not be at the Tap Rock Restaurant this year.

The luncheon will be a **Pot Luck** event and everyone is invited - prizes awarded for the best entrée, salad and dessert. This will make up for the Pot Luck luncheon that was cancelled due to smoke in early August

A-F - bring a Salad to serve 6

G-M - bring an entrée to serve 6

N-Z - bring a dessert to serve 6

GPGS will provide beverages, plates etc.

*** * Bring a can of food for the Food Bank * ***

RSVPcacese36@gmail.com

Heritage Faire 2014

Saturday, February 22, 2014
3410 Churn Creek Road, Redding, CA

Open to the public

A full day of classes with outstanding Instructors!

- ★ Check back in the Fall for a list of classes and instructor information.

*Hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Redding CA Family History Center
(3410 Churn Creek Rd, across from Enterprise High School)*

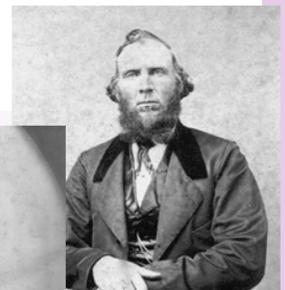
Registration: Opens at 7:45 a.m.
- No pre-registration required

Opening Program: 8:30 a.m.
Classes Begin: 9 a.m. **End:** 4 p.m.

Entrance Fee \$10
Includes classes, syllabus, & hot lunch

For more information call
(530)222-4949 or **(530)241-7254**

Or visit our website to view class descriptions at
www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org





[Ancestry Day in San Francisco 2013](#)

Saturday, November 9, 2013
Hyatt Regency San Francisco

[Register Now](#)

Join [Ancestry.com](#) in San Francisco at the [Hyatt Regency San Francisco](#) for a full day of family history, classes, genealogy book sale, door prizes and much more. **Register Today!**

Classes from experts at [Ancestry.com](#) and the [California Genealogical Society and Library](#)(CGS) will help you take your family history research further than ever before.

In addition, personal consultations with CGS will be available (pre-registration required) and representatives from [Ancestry.com](#) will be available to interact with attendees.

Stop by the Market Street Grand Foyer in the Hyatt Regency on Friday, November 8, between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., for a welcome reception and an opportunity to chat with experts from CGS and [Ancestry.com](#).

Check-in and registration begins Saturday, November 9 at 7:30 a.m. at the Market Street Grand Foyer.

Classes include:

- Ancestry 101: New & Review
- Smart Search Tips & Tricks
- Searching and Writing Your Family History as You Go on [Ancestry.com](#)
- Five Things to Try on [Ancestry.com](#)
- Get To Know Our Family to Learn More About Yours
- Putting Your Ancestors in Historical Perspective: Extracting Stories from Military Records on [Ancestry.com](#) and Fold3
- The Internet is Just the Tip of the Iceberg

"Early bird" registration for the full day is \$38 (through Oct. 9) and includes access to one-hour sessions 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. There will be a lunch break from 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

[Register now!](#)