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each month (except July, Aug, Dec)
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President's Message for February

In February we celebrate Groundhog Day, send Valentines to friends and loved ones and remember US Presidents via a 3-day weekend. As February chugs on we also start to see the first signs of spring as we recover from a long-cold winter.



We planned to travel to Salem as a group to take a tour of the Oregon State Archives on February 12th in lieu of the regular GPGS meeting. Those of you who attended our meeting in January enjoyed a virtual tour of the facility and were treated to sample of the many assets available there. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough reservations for the bus trip to Salem so the trip has been cancelled.

In place of the trip to Salem, Janis Seaton will present an **"Introduction to Irish Research"** a

topic we haven't covered in many years. Janis will make her presentation at 1:45 following a brief Board of Directors meeting that commences at 12:30.

Another announcement - Vice President Shirley Rhodes has resigned due to the poor health of her husband Roy. This leaves a big hole in the officer line-up because Shirley was responsible for setting the program speaker schedule for 2013.

To solve this dilemma we need interesting and informative programs and speakers for future meetings. I'm sure many of you can help with this challenge by volunteering to speak about your successes and "brick walls" at a meeting some time during the year. Call me if you can help.... Don't be shy.

Further on in this newsletter is a list of projects or committees, which need to be filled for 2013. Most of these items can be done via the Internet from home and I will be happy to provide guidance and suggestions to help those who volunteer to help. Please contact me at 541 471-1944 - leave a message if I'm not there to answer and I will get back to you ASAP.

I look forward to Janis Seaton's "Introduction to Irish Research" and hope to have an overflow crowd that day.

Cheers,

Celeste Guillory

GPGS President





Additional Volunteers Needed

This society is in great need of volunteers to help ease the load on our officers and other board members. We have 67 members at present and officers can't (and shouldn't) do everything. It's very important to spread out the workload in 2013. There are many small tasks that need doing. Even if you are a "newbie" to Grants Pass or to genealogy, we have a job for you. There are some quick little jobs and other long-term responsibilities that are just begging for someone to take them on. Please think about what you, as a member, could contribute to the organization. Don't be shy about raising your hand in a meeting when we ask for a volunteer! Here are some ideas. Talk to any board member if you are willing to help out.

Program Chairman—The board already has a list of folks who are willing to give presentations at our meetings. They just need someone to contact them, schedule a date and find out what their equipment needs are.

Publicity Chairman—This person would publicize our meetings and special events in local newspapers and radio stations. This can mostly be done over the Internet.

Newsletter Editor—Our current newsletter editor has agreed to stay on for the time being, but maybe there is someone out there who is willing to substitute for her when she is on vacation or needs a break.

Outreach—We always need volunteers to staff a booth at events where we can meet and greet the public, and hopefully recruit a few new members.

Research—We occasionally receive requests from researchers who need a local lookup. This is a good way to "pay it forward" if you have benefited from the assistance of others in your own research.

Give a Presentation—Maybe you have become adept in a certain area of research because of your own family history, or maybe you have an interesting story about one of our

ancestors. Well, share it with others! We would love to have our own members participate in this way.



This Month's Meeting

The program for February 12th is First Steps in Irish Genealogy Research, with speaker Janis Seaton. This introductory class will focus on how to get started, will discuss the special difficulties that Irish research presents and will give you a foundation of information about geography and history. A list of helpful websites will be distributed.

Introductory Websites for Irish Research

<https://familysearch.org>

FamilySearch. Get started on your Irish research by going to the FamilySearch website for some basic education. Click on the Tab "Learn," then "Research Wiki," then "Find Records by Place," then "Ireland." There is a lengthy Research Outline you can read on-line, as well as a link to the 158-page Brigham Young University's Ireland Research Guide, which can be printed off if you like.

www.rootsireland.ie

Irish Family History Foundation. The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization composed of county genealogy centers which are compiling databases for their respective counties. The databases include parish records as well as information from county libraries, local governmental agencies and historical societies. You need to register to use the site, and will receive 10 free credits for registering. There are minimal charges to view the records once you have used up the 10 free credits.



Dues Are Due!

Please note that membership dues (\$10 for an individual, or \$15 for a household) were due on January 1st. Please pay your dues by March 1st in order to continue receiving the newsletter and other society mailings. If you are unable to make it to our next meeting, you may send in your payment to our mailing address listed on page one of this newsletter.



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GPGS Name Badges

A suggestion has been made to eliminate having the greeter pack the name badge box around each month. Doing so will make it easier for the greeter to handle membership packets, brochures, newsletters and the sign-in sheet in a very limited area before the meeting.

Members are requested to wear their name badge to all meetings and retain their name badge between meetings so you have it handy on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Members who wear their name badge to meetings will receive a free raffle ticket at the greeter table. A drawing will be held at the end of the speakers' presentation for a nice door prize each month.

Guests will have the opportunity to fill out a temporary name badge and be given a raffle ticket for a door prize.

How to Say “Germany” in Other Languages

Don Ness had the occasion to learn a few new names for “Germany” recently, and has passed the information along to us:

Danish	Tyskland	Norwegian	Tyskland
Finnish	Saksa	Polish	Niemcy
French	Allemagne	Romanian	Germania
German	Deutschland	Spanish	Alemania
Hungarian	Németország	Swedish	Tyskland
Italian	Germania		

Jean Boling, Cemetery Crawler, Moving to Idaho

Jean Boling, the undisputed expert on cemeteries in Josephine County, is in the process of moving away from Oregon. She has been a volunteer at the Josephine County Historical Society (JCHS) for the past 17 years. You will recall that she was our keynote speaker at the Family History Seminar held at the LDS Church last October. One of her major contributions to genealogy has been an extensive database of burials, obituaries and biographical data of local citizens that she developed and maintains. She freely assists Josephine County researchers for no compensation other than the pleasure of helping in their genealogy research. Jean has written and edited several books, which are available through the Historical Society. She is currently working on two additional books: *Incidents, Indiscretions and Indecencies in Josephine County* and *A Field Guide to the Historic Cemeteries of Josephine County, Oregon*. Jean is the editor of the JCHS newsletter, *The Oldtimer*, and will continue to serve in that capacity from afar. We thank Jean for her past and continuing service to the genealogical community.

Quick-Tip of the Month for Preservation--Convert Files to Newest Media by Dawne Slater-Putt, Certified Genealogist

This is a preservation tip that will not be new to most people, but is a worthwhile reminder just the same - Be sure that you continue to convert your archived computer files to the newest media. It wasn't very long ago that we were using 5 1/4-inch floppy disks in our computers! Now it would be very difficult for most people to find a computer with a 5 1/4-inch drive to read these disks. A few readers of this e-zine may still have a computer that runs the 3 1/2-inch floppy disks, but I'd wager that they are in the minority!

Here's a news flash (NOT): Technology changes rapidly. If we truly want to preserve for the future the scanned family photo files, stories we have written about ancestors, record transcriptions that we have painstakingly created and any other archived files, we must regularly take inventory to be sure that we have them stored on a medium that can be read by current computer equipment.

Compact disks largely seem to be going the way of floppy disks. The current - but maybe not for long - way we store portable files is on a USB drive, also called a "thumb" drive or a "flash" drive. Many of the newer computers do not have CD drives, especially the very small machines like netbooks and the Mac Book Air. iPads and other tablets don't have CD drives or USB drives! Although they usually aren't employed as a primary computer, they are gaining popularity and the soaring number of applications becoming available may change their status in the future. The iPad or tablet may be tomorrow's primary computer for the average person, with cloud storage - storage on the Internet - replacing USB drives and external hard drives as the archival storage medium of choice.

In the meantime, we would be wise simply to be aware of the changing technological world around us. The time to make back-up copies of the files and pictures that you have archived on compact disks is **before** your computer with the CD drive crashes - because your next computer might not come standard with a CD drive! If you have 3 1/2-inch floppy disks around your house and no longer have a computer that will read them, NOW is the time to poll your friends and fellow genealogy society members to see if someone has such a piece of dinosaur equipment. You might find treasures on those disks that you have forgotten, and that time might forget also if you do not act soon.

A related tip is that even if you are using media that is still current - a USB drive, for example - after repeated use, being dropped, being carried around in a pocket, computer case or purse, any type of hardware can fail. It can even fail for no apparent reason after a very short time and with very little use! So to be truly safe in archiving images and files, back them up often on separate media, either the same or different types than your original. You can use your computer's hard drive, an external hard drive, CDs or DVDs, USB drives, or cloud storage.

There is no need to panic and rush out to buy the latest and greatest in computer storage media as soon as people begin to talk about it on Facebook, but do remain aware and have a plan in mind for keeping the fruits of your research safe for future generations.

Editor Note: The preceding article comes from the electronic newsletter "Genealogy Gems" published by the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center, which is "intended to enlighten readers about genealogical research methods as well as inform them about the vast resources of the Allen County Public Library." Thank you to LaVona Ness for bringing it to my attention.

To subscribe to "Genealogy Gems," go to the website: www.GenealogyCenter.org. Scroll to the bottom, click on E-zine, and fill out the form. You will be notified with a confirmation email.



Upcoming Events

GPGS (Grants Pass Genealogical Society) meetings are held at the LDS Church, corner of Harbeck Road and Williams Highway in Grants Pass.

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

- Feb 12 GPGS general meeting 1:30 PM. Due to an insufficient number of signups for the bus trip to visit the Salem Archives, we had to cancel our plans for that activity. Instead, we will hold a regular meeting. Our speaker will be Janis Seaton, and the topic is *First Steps in Irish Genealogy Research*.
- Feb 19 RVGS general meeting, 1:30 to 2:30 PM, at JCGL. Winners of Ancestor Photo Contest will be announced. Stay after the program to participate in *Diggin' in the Dark*, genealogy after-hours in the library (from 3:00 to 9:00 PM).
- Feb 23 *Brick Wall Roundtable*. 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon, JCGL. Suggestions for researching and locating missing information. Free.
- Feb 23 Half-day seminar sponsored by Genealogical Forum of Oregon. Harvey Steele, a certified appraiser and longtime member of the GFO will review items of historical and personal value. The event will run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the GFO Library in Portland. **The attached flyer contains registration information and a form which can be used for submitting an heirloom/artifact to be reviewed.**
- Mar 12 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. Speaker to be announced.

- Mar 19 RVGS monthly meeting, 1:30 to 2:30 PM, held at the Jackson County Genealogy Library. Speaker Doug Devine will make a presentation about a Confederate submarine which was sunk in 1864 during the Civil War. The wreck was discovered off the coast of Charleston, SC in 1995.
- Mar 21-23 *Roots Tech 2013* hosted by FamilySearch, to be held at Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. Over 250 classes to choose from. Register now at the discounted price of \$99.00 (55% off the full price). **See flyer in this newsletter.**
- Mar 23 *50 Do's and Don'ts of Genealogy*, by Betty Miller, at Jackson County Genealogy Library, from 1:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Fee \$10 for members of RVGS, \$20 for non-members. Call 541-512-2340 to reserve a space.
- Apr 9 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. Speaker to be announced.
- Apr 8-15 Salt Lake City Research Trip, sponsored by Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. Travel with congenial fellow researchers on a leisurely two-day bus trip to Salt Lake City, spending one night in Winnemucca, Nevada each way. Four full days of research at the Family History Library, with your accommodations just steps away at the Plaza Hotel. The cost will be approximately \$850 per person double occupancy, \$1,175 single occupancy. That includes all motel lodging and the bus transportation. Contact Betty Miller at 541-245-3427 or millerba1@hotmail.com if you are interested in going. **See attached flyer, but note that the price may vary slightly depending on the total number of signups for the trip.**
- April 27 Spring Seminar to be held at Bend Golf and Country Club, featured speaker Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG. Event sponsored by Bend Genealogical Society. **Limited information in attached flyer.**
- May 14 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. Speaker to be announced.



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BGS Spring Seminar April 26-27, 2013

Featuring

Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG

**Christine is coming to Bend for an
exciting genealogy seminar!**

The topics she will speak on are:

- Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions:
What did the record *REALLY* say?
- "Solving" the Problem Onsite in 25 Hours or Less!
- Avoid the Crooked Path!
Genealogical Problem Solving
- Genealogical Proof Standard:
Building a Solid Case



Christine Rose is a Certified Genealogist; Certified Genealogical Lecturer; and elected a Fellow, American Society of Genealogists in 1988, an honor bestowed by peers, based on the quantity and quality of publications, and is limited to only 50 at any one time.

Christine's web site:

<http://www.christine4rose.com/>

Come for a terrific Saturday of Genealogy!

There is a fee for the Seminar.

Watch for more details and registration form.



SALT LAKE CITY TRIP

April 8-15, 2013

Must have 20 in order to go!



HAVE YOU EVER...

- * ...dreamed of having access to a free library filled with answers regarding your family tree?
- * ...fantasized about researching genealogy all day long if you wanted to?
- * ...wished you could consult free with world and regional experts?
- * ...longed to take free classes in genealogical research?
- * ...wondered what it would be like to share your research efforts with other like-minded people?
- * ...thought about combining a relaxing trip / vacation with your favorite pastime?
- * ...considered visiting Salt Lake City and its surroundings?

IF YOU HAVE, THEN YOU NEED TO JOIN US IN APRIL OF 2013!

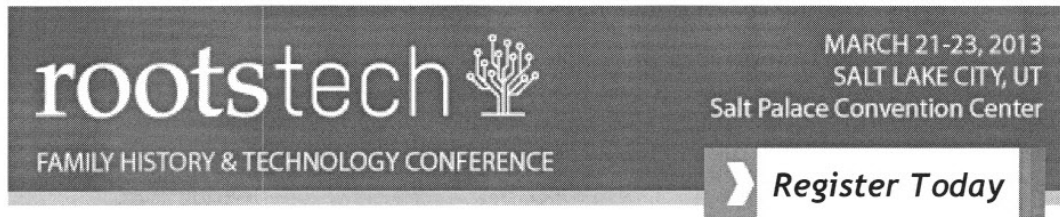
Plans are underway for the annual trip to Salt Lake City to the Family History Library. We travel by bus with *Raindance*, a professional tour bus operator with new and comfortable buses that have plenty of room to spread out. We pass through beautiful eastern Oregon and the Sheldon National Wildlife Preserve in Nevada, and often see wildlife along on the way—wild horses, wild donkeys, antelope, and sandhill cranes.

OUR ITINERARY

- ⇒ Leave Medford a.m. Monday, April 8th. Overnight in Winnemucca
- ⇒ Arrive in SLC around 4 or 5 p.m. on Tuesday April 9th.
 - ⇒ Library is open till 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening for research nuts!
- ⇒ Research Wednesday April 10th. through Saturday April 13th
 - ⇒ 4 days to do as you please—research, take tours, enjoy city shopping and dining!
- ⇒ Leave SLC Sunday April 14th. Overnight in Winnemucca.
- ⇒ Arrive in Medford p.m. Monday April 15th.

We stay at the Plaza Hotel, right next door to the Family History Library and the free downtown metro rail line to everywhere stops right in front of the hotel. There are beautiful views from the rooms and a restaurant on site. This year the cost will be \$820 per person double occupancy. (Single occupancy — check with *Raindance*, but usually \$300 more.) More information will be provided later but **if you are interested, please get your name on the list now by contacting us at 541-512-2340!**

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About RootsTech

Schedules

NEW TRACK
Getting Started

Expo Hall

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RootsTech 2013: New, Bigger, Better

We're excited to announce the third annual RootsTech conference on March 21-23, 2013, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Building on the success and growth of previous years, RootsTech 2013 is shaping up to be the biggest and best yet!

RootsTech, hosted by FamilySearch, offers an opportunity unlike any other to discover the latest family history tools and techniques, connect with experts to help you in your research, and be inspired in the pursuit of your ancestors. You will learn to use the latest technology to get started or accelerate your efforts to **find, organize, preserve, and share** your family's connections and history.



New In 2013! A full track of *Getting Started* classes and labs will help those new to family history learn things like where to start, how to build their family tree, and how to use technology to explore your connections (starts at only \$19). [Learn more](#).

Experience All RootsTech Has To Offer for \$99!

We invite you to experience the full conference at a **special 55% off** discount for the full 3-Day pass with **over 250 classes** to choose from. [See schedule](#).

To attend the full conference at the **\$99 discount price**, click on the **Register** link at rootstech.org. Choose the **Full 3-day Conference Pass**, and enter the discount code: **CONSULT99**. Your discount will be applied at checkout.

Free Family History Training-Stay Tuned

Completely new family history training is being developed and will be presented at no charge during RootsTech. Consultants, center directors, priesthood and youth leaders, and anyone with a family history related calling are invited to attend these free training sessions. These classes will not only be informative, they will inspire you as you fulfill your calling in the work of salvation.

Watch for more information about attending these free training sessions and how to register in upcoming Consultant newsletters and e-mails.

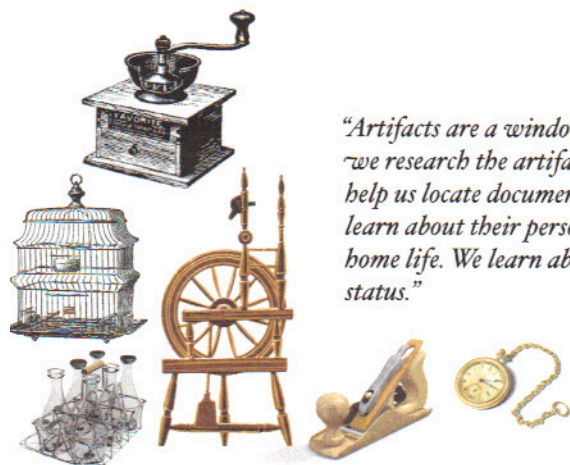
A Conference for Everyone-With New Classes Specifically for Members!

RootsTech 2013 truly has something for everyone, whether you are an avid genealogist, just getting started, or simply want to discover the latest technologies and solutions to better connect with your family. Session topics are geared toward a general audience, but in 2013 there will be several classes in the new *Getting Started* track specifically for LDS Church members (including starting your family tree and preparing names to take to the temple).

Genealogical Forum of Oregon presents ...

Family Heirloom and Artifact Reviews

Harvey Steele



"Artifacts are a window into a person's past... When we research the artifacts, we learn things that can help us locate documents about our ancestors. We learn about their personality. We learn about their home life. We learn about their social and economic status."

— Connie Lenzen

Learn more about the history and value of family heirlooms and artifacts. Harvey Steele, a certified appraiser, avid historian, and longtime member of the GFO, will continue his popular series reviewing items of historical and personal value. **The review will include a history of the item and give an estimated value.** (Occasionally an item will require a referral to a specialist.)

Reviews are limited to two items per person and only the first 40 submissions received. Please include the attached Item Submission Form and a photo for each item along with your registration, and submit them by February 1 to allow time for Harvey to prepare the review.

Saturday
23 February 2013
10 am - 2 pm
GFO Library

Limited to 50 attendees

Brown bags welcome
Cafés nearby

Coffee, tea, and snacks included

Used book sale

The library will be open for
research after the seminar.

Event Schedule

9:45 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:20	Introduction
10:20 - 11:45	Reviews
11:45 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 2:00	Reviews

Artifact Reviews Half-day Seminar Sign-up Form

23 February 2013

Members ☐ \$20 - one item, by 2/1/13 ☐ \$30 - two items, by 2/1/13 ☐ \$10 - observer

Non-Members ☐ \$25 - one item, by 2/1/13 ☐ \$35 - two items, by 2/1/13 ☐ \$15 - observer

Total Enclosed _____

Name _____ Member No. _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Email for confirmation _____

Please make check payable to "Genealogical Forum of Oregon" or "GFO."

Attn: Artifact Seminar, GFO, 2505 SE 11th Ave, Ste B18, Portland OR 97202-1061

503-963-1932

www.gfo.org

gfoinfo@hotmail.com



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Family Heirloom and Artifact Reviews

Item Submission Form

Due February 1st, 2013

Limited to the first 40 received

Please fill out as many fields as you can and **attach a photo**. For more information contact Nanci Remington at nancicr@comcast.net. **Be sure to include your registration form with the submission.**

Your name:

Item:

Size:

Place of origin:

Year of origin:

Acquisition date:

Original owner:

Provenance:

Description:

Family story:

Question:

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Remarks from Harvey:

Estimated Value

Signature
