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*Hello Members and Friends of Family
History Research*

I want to thank LaVona Ness in advance for the presentation she will make at our March 12th meeting. Her topic will be the new "Family Tree" feature located on the Internet at www.familysearch.org

LaVona will show how easy it is to add family history details to this new feature on the familysearch.org website. You may remember when familysearch.org first came on-line around 2000 how the system crashed due to its popularity. To avoid this, researchers are being asked to sign up early and help test the system.

Yes, non- LDS members are invited to sign up along with their LDS friends to get a head start using this valuable free, research and information tool.



Another GPGS program in the works is the April 9th meeting featuring a joint presentation about the DAR and SAR by Barbara Johnson and Don Thomas both members of these organizations and long-time GPGS

members. Many of our members believe they have kin who fought in the Revolutionary War and want to find out how they can join these two societies. Don't miss the April 9th meeting if you want to learn more about these two American institutions.

I had the pleasure of attending a mini-seminar in Portland in late February hosted by the Genealogy Forum of Oregon. Janis Seaton included information about their "*Family Heirloom and Artifact Reviews*" being held at the GFO Library in downtown Portland on Feb 23rd. It was a very interesting and enjoyable event, even for my husband who signed up to chauffeur and attend with me. He wants to attend next year, too.

The theme of the day required submission in advance of a picture and brief history of up to two selected family heirlooms to be reviewed by a certified appraiser and avid historian Harvey Steele – also a member of the GFO. He did a fantastic job and really knew the history of many apparent and obscure items.

The event was limited to 40 persons and up to 80 heirloom items and cost \$50.00 to register my heirlooms. I received a written appraisal and history about my great grandfather's pistol and French-made spyglass family legends say was used in the Crimean War. Mr. Steele confirmed the historical timeline told in family stories. A value was included in the written appraisal given to me for family history and insurance purposes.

The event is a yearly fundraising activity of the GFO and one I hope to attend next year if repeated by the GFO.



Another bonus that day was visiting the GFO Library housing many fine books, periodicals and city directories. Go to www.gfo.org for more information about their collection, hours of operation and membership information.

I hope to see you at the meeting on March 12th when we will vote to spend some money on an advertising banner and to remove a "typo" from the bylaws. We must have a quorum to conduct these votes, so please plan to attend. The Board of Directors meeting commences at 12:45 to conduct other business and this meeting is open to all. The vote will take place at 1:30 before the program starts.

Cheers to all,

Celeste Guillory

President, GPGS

This Month's Meeting

LaVona Ness will give a presentation on the new Family Tree feature available at the familysearch.org website. (*LaVona also drew my attention to the ability to add photos to your Family Tree at the familysearch.org website.—Editor*) LaVona is a long-time volunteer with her husband Don at the Family History Center, and is an experienced instructor on genealogy topics.

As time allows, we will also explore a few websites that offer free genealogy tutorials. Familysearch is, of course, one of them.

More Websites for Irish Research



A list of helpful websites for Irish research was passed out at last month's presentation, ***First Steps in Irish Genealogy***. (*Editor Note: For those who missed the February presentation, I will send out a list of those recommended sites in a separate e-mail.*) Shown below are some additional sites to try.

www.irishorigins.com

Irish Origins. Multiple subscription options are available, from short-term (for as little as 72 hours) to long-term (up to one year). A collection of varied genealogical records, including directories, censuses, wills, and many unique, one-of-a-kind records.

www.ancestryireland.com

Ulster Historical Foundation. Records available include many open to the public, some only available to paid subscribers, and others that are available only on a pay-per-view basis. Birth, Death, and Marriage records from Counties Antrim and Down, gravestone inscriptions, street directories and more.

www.ulsterancestry.com

Ulster Ancestry. This site is primarily designed to perform genealogical research for a fee; however, it contains a great deal of free content for you to explore. As you would guess from the title, the site focuses on the Province of Ulster (primarily the Counties of Antrim, Armagh, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Down, Londonderry/Derry and Donegal).

www.askaboutireland.ie

Ask About Ireland. Clicking on the "Libraries" tab leads to links to many libraries in Ireland.

www.irishtimes.com

Irish Times Digital Archive (\$). You can subscribe for 24 hours, a week, a month, or a year. There is also some free content available.

www.irishnewsarchive.com

Irish Newspaper Archives (\$). Digital images from 17 Irish national and regional newspapers.

www.irelandoldnews.com

Ireland Old News. Transcriptions from 18th and 19th century Irish newspapers, organized by County name and year of publication. Free site.

www.libraryireland.com

Library Ireland. Click on “Genealogy” tab to find links to 1850 and 1862 directories for Dublin and one directory for Ulster towns in 1910. There are quite a few other directories, as well.





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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.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

** JOBS 2 B Filled **

Most of these open volunteer positions can be done from the comfort of your own home or for a very short period of time during the time they are scheduled.

Yard Sale – Aug. 3rd. – Arrange for tables, beverages, make signs etc for the annual yard sale at the Courier parking lot.... This is our biggest source of revenue after dues.

Christmas Luncheon – Pick up cake, send out info to members, act as contact with the Tap Rock for Dec. 17th annual event.

Program Committee – Brainstorm for speakers and presentations needed for future meetings.

Newsletter – Work with present editor and eventually take over the duties of monthly newsletter.

Face Book Manager – Set up a *Face Book* account for GPGS – keep it up-to-date, post photos, meeting schedule etc.

Research – Assist with research requests from the public – set a fee schedule for this revenue resource.

Community Library Liaison– Compile a list of genealogy books presently in use at the Josephine Community Library – the list will then be included on GPGS webpage as a resource for people doing family history research in Josephine County.

Summer Work Shop – Assist at the July 9th and August 13th summer workshops.

Contact Celeste Guillory cacese36@gmail.com to volunteer.

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.



Upcoming Events

GPGS (Grants Pass Genealogical Society) meetings are held at the LDS Church, corner of Harbeck Road and Williams Highway in Grants Pass. Board of Directors Meetings are held at 12:30 PM preceding 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.

- Mar 12 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. **Please attend to vote at 1:30 PM on a couple of by-law revisions. We must have a quorum present (one-third of the membership) in order to validate the vote and avoid the cost of mailing out ballots.** At 1:45 our speaker LaVona Ness will explain how to use the new “*Family Tree Feature*” on-line at FamilySearch.Org.
- Mar 18 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at JCGL, *Starting Your Genealogy Project from Scratch*, by RVGS President Charleen Brown. (Free)
- 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. Stay for *Digging in the Dark*, a free afternoon and evening with librarians available to help you with your family history research.
- 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. **See flyer in this newsletter.**

- Mar 23 *50 Do's and Don'ts of Genealogy*, by Betty Miller, at JCGL, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Fee \$10 for members of RVGS, \$20 for non-members. Call 541-512-2340 to reserve a space.
- Apr 4 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at JCGL, *Google Tools for Genealogists* by Barbara Basden. Cost \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.
- 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.**
- Apr 9 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. *Daughters of the American Revolution* and *Sons of the American Revolution*. Guest speakers Barbara Johnson (DAR) and Don Thompson (SAR).
- Apr 16 General meeting of RVGS, 1:30 to 3:00 PM at JCGL. *Capturing Oral History on Video: Tips for Storytellers and for Behind the Camera*, by speaker Dan Shaw. (Free)
- Apr 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. **See attached flyer and registration form.**
- May 8-11 *Building New Bridges*, a Family History Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada sponsored by National Genealogical Society. **See attached flyer.**
- May 14 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. *Solving a 40-Year Brick Wall*, speaker Don Ness. A tutorial video will also be shown.
- May 18 *Brick Wall Roundtable*, 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon, JCGL. Conducted by members of the RVGS. (Donation suggested.)
- Jun 11 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. *Digital Photo Know-How*. Guest Speaker Valerie Brown.



Bend Genealogical Society

2013 Spring Seminar

Featuring **Christine Rose**

Certified Genealogist
Fellow, American Society of Genealogists
Certified Genealogical Lecturer



Christine is coming to Bend for a stimulating day of genealogy!

Christine has extensive national lecturing experience and is the author of many acclaimed genealogy books, including: *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*; *Military Bounty Land 1776-1855*; & *Genealogical Proof Standard*.

Christine will be presenting on four topics at the 2013 Spring Seminar:

- **Genealogical Proof Standard: Building A Solid Case** – Do you have enough evidence? Is it all circumstantial? What if there are conflicts? How do you make a decision? Is your case convincing? Christine uses many specific examples to demonstrate how to build a solid case.
- **Avoid the Crooked Path! Genealogical Problem-Solving** – Christine uses case studies to demonstrate how to zero in on your goal and stay on the path to reach it.
- **Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions: What Did the Record REALLY Say?**
We often look at a document and quickly come to a conclusion about what it means. But...did it really mean that? Christine examines how evidence can be misinterpreted.
- **Solving the Problem Onsite in 25 Hours or Less** – Featuring a case study, strategies are presented to maximize onsite research. The same strategies can be used when not onsite.

SATURDAY – April 27, 2013 <> 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 Information/Registration Form Online: www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs



Bend Genealogical Society

2013 Spring Seminar

Friday and Saturday – April 26-27, 2013

Featuring Christine Rose

Nationally acclaimed genealogist, speaker and author

Williamson Hall, Fri. Evening, April 26

2200 NE Highway 20, Bend, OR 97701

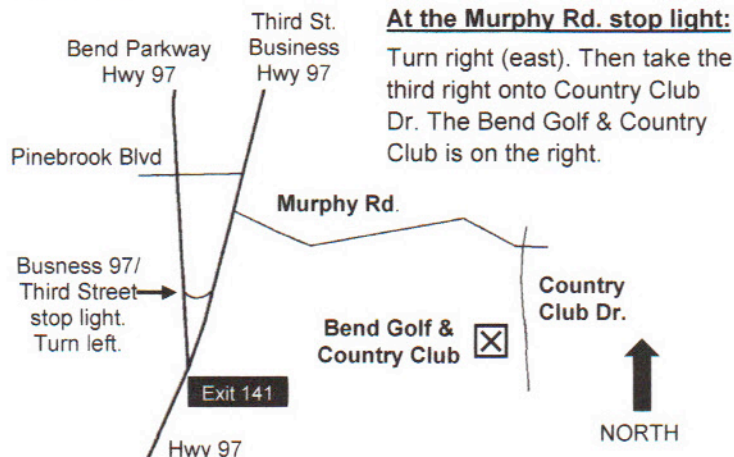
Williamson Hall is the recreation building for Rock Arbor Villa Mobile Home Park. It is behind the Chevron Station & Jake's Diner on the north side of Hwy 20. Seminar registrants only.

Seminar Location on Sat., April 27



Bend Golf & Country Club
61045 Country Club Dr.
Bend, OR 97702

From the North: Proceed to the south end of Bend on Hwy 97 (Bend Parkway) to the Business 97/Third St. stop light. Turn left at the light and proceed north on Third St. to the stop light at Murphy Rd.



At the Murphy Rd. stop light:

Turn right (east). Then take the third right onto Country Club Dr. The Bend Golf & Country Club is on the right.

From the South: Proceed north on Hwy 97. Take Exit #141, which is for Business 97/Third St. in Bend. Continue north on Third St. to the stop light at Murphy Rd.

SEMINAR EVENTS

**"Meet Christine" on
FRIDAY EVENING
April 26
At Williamson Hall**

5:00 – 7:00 PM

- Meet Christine, enjoy light hors d'oeuvres & stimulating genealogy conversations.

**Spring Seminar
SATURDAY, April 27
At Bend Golf & Country Club**

8:30 AM

- Check in and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. No continental breakfast this year.

9:00 AM – Seminar Begins

- Morning sessions

LUNCH

- Afternoon sessions

4:00 PM – Seminar Ends

The cost of registration includes all events, meals & Seminar syllabus.

All events for registrants only.

QUESTIONS?

**Call or e-mail BGS
(541) 317-9553**

bgs@bendbroadband.com

Bend Genealogical Society

**2013 Spring Seminar
April 26-27, Bend, Oregon**

Featuring Christine Rose

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed: \$_____ ☐ BGS Member
☐ Non-member

Lunch Choices (select one per person):

- ☐ **COBB SALAD** – Herbed breast of chicken, bleu cheese, tomato, bacon, chopped egg and avocado.
- ☐ **ORIENTAL CHICKEN SALAD** – Soba noodles, scallions, mandarin oranges, Napa cabbage seasonal blend with sesame dressing.
- ☐ **TUSCAN TUNA SALAD** – Lemony tuna salad on organic greens with olives, pepperoncini, tomatoes and balsamic vinaigrette.

Send payment and completed form to:

Bend Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 8254
Bend, OR 97708-8254

QUESTIONS?

- E-mail: bgs@bendbroadband.com OR Phone: (541) 317-9553



Cost per person:

Early Registration through April 12

BGS members – \$60
Non-BGS members – \$70

Registration on/or after April 13, or at the door:

All registrants: \$70

Registration includes the following:

- On April 26, "Meet Christine" at 5:00 p.m. & enjoy light hors d'oeuvres at Williamson Hall.
- Saturday Seminar on April 27, 9:00 – 4:00, at the Bend Golf & Country Club.
- On Saturday: Choice of Lunch (dessert included). Coffee/Tea service all day.
- Seminar Syllabus

We will confirm
your registration via
e-mail or phone.

Credit card payment
is not available.

**Checks payable to:
Bend Genealogical Society**

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2013 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE



Building New Bridges

The NGS 2013 Family History Conference brings together genealogists and family historians — experienced researchers and those new to research, professionals and non-professionals — who share a common desire to learn how to share information about their ancestors. The conference will include programs for all skill levels and will feature tracks on

DNA, ethnic research, the law, migration, methodology, the West, women, and more. Lectures, meal events, and social events all provide opportunities to learn from and network with other genealogists. For additional information, please visit

http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

**Mark Your Calendars - National Genealogical Society (NGS) Family History Conference
8-11 May 2013, Las Vegas, Nevada**



BETWEEN US DIGGERS

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

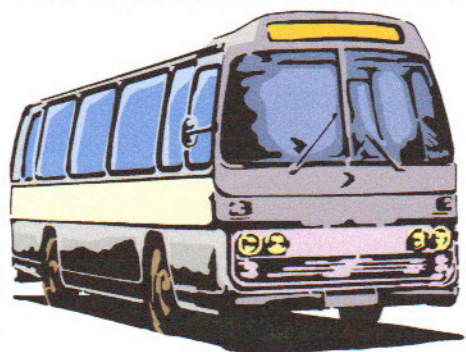
NEWSLETTER



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WE ARE GOING TO VISIT SALT LAKE CITY APRIL 8 - 15

The 2013 RVGS-Raindance bus trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City is scheduled for Monday April 8 through Monday April 15 and seats are still available! We will spend Monday in Winnemucca and will arrive in Salt Lake City around 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday. We will have Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and a full day on Saturday for

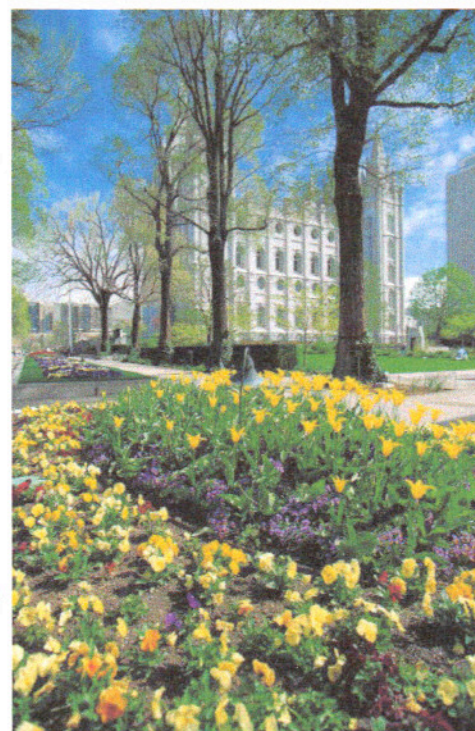
research. We will leave on Sunday morning and spend Sunday night in Winnemucca, arriving back in Medford on Monday afternoon.

Rhonda at Raindance Tours has the itinerary ready. The fare includes all baggage handling and although the modern and comfortable bus has its own bathroom, the trip includes frequent stops along the way to stretch or to grab a cup of coffee.

We will stay at the Salt Lake Plaza Best Western Hotel, which is just a few steps from the Family History Library and adjacent to Temple Square. The free downtown light-rail (TRAX) runs right by the hotel's front door and connects you to many of SLC's best attractions. The cost of this trip will be \$850 per person for double occupancy if 20 or more participate. Single occupancy will be \$1,175. The price will be adjusted if fewer than 20 sign up. Be sure to call Rhonda at 541-479-8217 to reserve your spot and sign up on the list at the Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) or call (541)512-2340 and provide your email address so that we can keep you informed about the full itinerary. There will be a pre-trip-meeting at the JCGL to help you plan ahead and use your research time wisely.

Come to the largest genealogical library in the world and learn more about your roots!

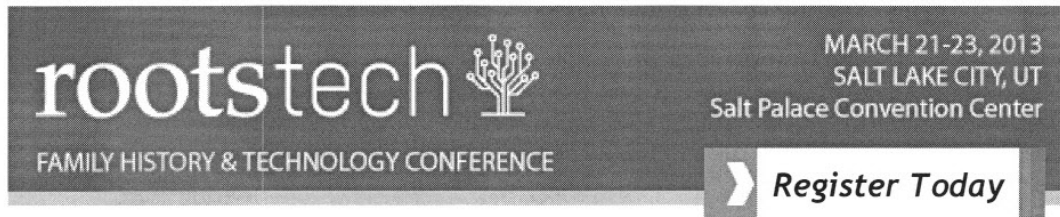
Or just come and enjoy the beauty of Salt Lake City in the Spring!



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<http://www.rvgsociety.org> and <http://www.rvgslibrary.org>



About RootsTech

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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).