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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

1:30 PM, Tues, November 18
1969 Williams Highway
Grants Pass



“Why Use FamilySearch Wiki?”

Jan Edwards

Jan has been doing family history since 1994 and served a three-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Research Support Department of FamilySearch. She has served this last year as a volunteer, helping to create the Facebook and Skype Locality pages with emphasis on training how to use the many facets of FamilySearch. Jan and her friend Robin have started a site on Facebook called Genealogy! Just Ask! (genealogyjustask.com)



Happy November

Dear Members,

The annual Family History Community Seminar is behind us, and I hope everyone learned some new ways to do family history research. I understand attendance was higher this year..... many new faces and dozens of people stopped at our display table to take a brochure and handouts.

“Why use Family Search Research Wiki!”

was one of the programs presented at the seminar by Jan Edwards who will repeat it for our Nov. 18th meeting. Jan’s classes are very informative and will challenge you to learn new ways to find family history data. Jan is also on the staff at the Family History Center. She is a valuable local resource.

As our meeting approaches I want to remind you we will elect 2015 officers at our Nov. 18th meeting. Our slate of nominees has 2 vacancies that need to be filled.

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Meetings held on 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July, August, December) at 1:30 PM at the LDS Church, Relief Society Room, 1969 Williams Highway (corner of Harbeck), Grants Pass, Oregon.

Annual membership is \$15.00 for one individual, or \$20.00 for two or more individuals living at the same address.

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President's Message (cont'd from Page 1)

President – no nominee
Vice President – Laura Dunwald-Uhlig
Secretary – Joan Edwards
Treasurer – no nominee

I'll entertain nominations from the floor prior to the election and hope someone volunteers to assume these vacant offices. All of the present Board of Directors will remain in their current positions although Janis Seaton is stepping down as newsletter editor. I automatically become a board member as past president, and will be available to advise and assist incoming officers.

A REMINDER - Veterans Day falls on the 2nd Tuesday in November so our meeting date has been changed to Tuesday November 18th at 1:30. The Board of Directors meeting commences at 12:30 and is open to all members.

I want to thank Garnet Rigby-Wharton for her help in choosing items for the Christmas luncheon. She and I met with the TapRock banquet manager to get the best menu and price range possible. The menu is being sent out as a reminder and is also printed in this newsletter. This is a “no-host” meal but we will need a count of who plans to attend and what their meal preference will be.

One last thing.....Sue Duncan volunteered to be in charge of putting our club brochures out in the Community and I thank her for taking this job on. Please contact her if you know a location where GPGS membership information may be placed.

We are only a few weeks away from Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season and because this is the last newsletter until January 2015, I wish everyone health and prosperity in the New Year.

Cheers to all,

Celeste Guillory



Facebook Update

We now have 59 followers of our Facebook page, up by 3 more “likes” this month. There were 57 posts in October, each viewed by up to 104 people, thanks to your sharing our most popular ones. There was info about & photos from the local Family History Seminar & Celeste’s informative presentation on DNA, as well as information on last month’s National Archives

Virtual Genealogy Fair, Finding Your Roots episodes & sneak peek info about the upcoming RootsTech 2015 happening in February.

Topics included Genealogical Freebies, Free US Records & Tutorial Pages Too, 11 Types of Records That May Reveal Ancestor's Birth Info, 50 Questions for Family History Interviews, 5 Mistakes to Avoid in Research & lots of tips including running into date changes from the Julian to Gregorian calendar—some countries changing over as late as the 1900s! There were posts on FamilySearch's US Regional Research Facebook groups, ancestry.com's state by state guides with Historical Timelines & links to their State Collections & a great list of on-line library databases by state. Specific info included Norwegian Research, Scottish Naming Patterns, Digital Resources in Europe, Family Relationships Charts in English & Polish, Virtual Tours of Lithuanian Towns & Villages, Immigrants from the Russian Empire, Iceland Research, Researching British Ancestors, two posts on Canada Research, On-line Utah Records, 8 Tips for Southern US Research, a Virtual Tour of Ellis Island & local Grants Pass history including a brand new local history Facebook page.

Check out our Facebook page frequently—and remember that all these topics are available to you by scrolling back down our page. When you get to a place that says “Highlight,” just click on it & a drop-down box will give you an option to see “All Stories” that are archived on our page. As always, I'm happy to assist you if you have any questions about our Facebook page!

Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator

www.facebook.com/gpgenealogy

Make a Family History Wreath

The Roseburg Family History Center is offering a two-part class, “Make a Family History Wreath,” in which you use your own ancestors' pictures. The classes will be held on Friday, November 14th and Friday, November 21st at 10 AM at the Family History Center, 2001 W. Bertha Ave., Roseburg. The class size is limited and you MUST register at the FHC (541-672-1237) to get a list of supplies that will be needed for the class.

Irish Seminar to be Offered by Rogue Valley Genealogical Society in the Spring

RVGS has announced plans to host a full day Irish seminar in Medford on March 30, 2015. The seminar will be presented by Fintan Mullan, the Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation and Gillian Hunt, Research Officer with the Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland. The seminar will cover family history research in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Early bird registration prices are in effect through March 15, 2015. See listing in Upcoming Events for more information.

GPGS Christmas Luncheon Scheduled for December 9th

We will be holding our annual society Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 9th at the TapRock Grill from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Look for the invitation and menu selections at the end of this newsletter. Follow the instructions to either e-mail or call Celeste Guillory with your menu choice no later than December 5th so she can call in our totals to TapRock by the 6th. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Welcome Workshops at the Josephine Community Libraries

Following is an excerpt from the latest Volunteer News of the Josephine Communities Library system. It announces a series of workshops that will explain what is available at the libraries and how to use their holdings. These workshops make it possible to understand the scope of what is currently available and how the system utilizes its resources.

Welcome Workshops: Your library offers resources and tools to make life easier. Learn about them at one of our free welcome workshops. We'll cover: How to use your library online research databases, free eBook downloads, library catalog and account management, and student support portals. At the end of the workshop we'll take questions and then have a brief tour of the sections of the library if you would like. Upcoming workshop dates are:

Thursday, November 13, 3:00-4:00 pm, Grants Pass branch Ben Bones room

Wednesday, December 3, 12:00-1:00 pm, Grants Pass branch Ben Bones room

Thursday, January 8, 6:00-7:00 pm, Grants Pass branch Ben Bones room

Friday, January 9, 11:00am-12:00pm, **Illinois Valley Branch**

For more information, contact Outreach Education Librarian Kate Dwyer at kdwyer@josephinelibrary.org

Illinois State Genealogical Society 2015 Webinar Series

The Illinois State Genealogical Society has again published the annual listing of free webinars for calendar year 2015. See the listing at the end of this newsletter. Note that non-ISGS members must view the webinars at the time of showing, while members have the added benefit of being able to view them in an archived version at a later time. Some of the topics are: Google Earth, Scandinavian Research, Female Ancestors, Evernote, City Directories, Obituaries, School Records, Tax Records, Polish Genealogy, and the US Federal Census.

Germanic Alphabet Chart

A handy chart showing the various styles of German handwriting can also be found at the end of the newsletter. This is a good reference tool to help you decipher old German handwriting or newspaper script. Print it out and save it with your other "cheat sheets."

British Website Lost Cousins www.lostcousins.com (Flyer at end of newsletter.)

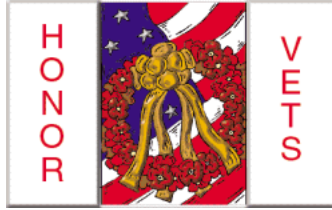
The website Lost Cousins is especially helpful for researchers with English ancestry, although it can be useful for various other countries such as the United States, Canada, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. The premise is that you enter any ancestors you can find on the England & Wales censuses (1841, 1881 or 1911), Scotland census (1881), Ireland census (1911), Canada census (1881) or United States censuses (1880 or 1940). The system provides matching with "cousins" who claim the same persons on their family tree. There is no cost to join Lost Cousins, but if you want to make contact with any of your matches, you would have to join. Current one-year subscriptions to join are 10 Pounds Sterling for single and 12.50 Pounds Sterling for joint subscriptions. These equate to about \$15.92 and \$19.90 at current exchange rates, plus a small charge from the credit card company for a foreign transaction. The site coordinator puts out a wonderful newsletter with lots of specialized information about British genealogy and resources.

**Family History Conference—October 11, 2014
“The Time is Now”**



**GPGS Family History Bulletin Board Display
At Josephine Community Library, Grants Pass
September 2014**





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 generally 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. Much greater detail is provided at the RVGS website (www.rvgsociety.org). Click on "Read Our Blog" from the home page.

- Nov 18 GPGS Meeting. Election of 2015 GPGS officers at 1:15 PM (Meeting begins earlier than usual.) Scheduled program *Why Use FamilySearch Wiki?* by Jan Edwards starts at 1:45 PM.
- Nov 18 RVGS Monthly Meeting, 1:30-3:00 PM. *The Holly and the Phoenix—Restoration Of the Holly Theatre*, speaker Randy McKay, Executive Director of Jefferson Live! and Manager of the historic Holly and Cascade Theatres. *Diggin' In the Dark* follows at 3:00 PM.
- Nov 18 Bend Genealogical Society meeting at 10:00 AM at Williamson Hall, 2200 NE Highway 20, Bend, Oregon. *Organizing Your Genealogy Project*.
- Nov 25 *Quilts and Genealogy Talk, Growing Up Takelma*, 1:30-2:30 PM, Jackson County Genealogy Library.



- Dec 9 *GPGS Christmas Luncheon and Installation of 2015 Officers* at TapRock Grill from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.
- Dec 11 *Excel Tips and Tricks*, 10 AM – 12 PM, JCGL. Please bring your personal laptop for this session. Cost \$10 for Members, \$20 for Non-Members. Sign up at 541-512-2340. Class size limited to 10 students.
- Dec 16 *Diggin' In The Dark, Genealogy After Hours*, 3:00 PM at Jackson County Genealogy Library.
- Dec 20 *Celebrate Christmas Past*, from 1-4 PM at the historic Schmidt House and Barn, Grants Pass. Sponsored by the Josephine County Historical Society.



Coming in 2015:

- Jan 12-16 Utah Genealogical Association sponsored *Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy* in Salt Lake City. Several different tracks (subject areas) are offered, with twenty hours of in-depth instruction in the subject matter over a five-day period. More information is available at www.infouga.org.
- Jan 13 GPGS monthly meeting. Presentation by Celeste Guillory on *Ellis Island and Castle Garden* ports of entry begins at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 20 Bend Genealogical Society presentation: *Military Research* by Gus Oberg, 10 AM to Noon at Williamson Hall in Bend, Oregon.
- Feb 11-14 *Two Conferences, One Location (Annual Conferences of Federation of Genealogical Societies and RootsTech)*. Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. Go to the following websites for brochures, details and registration information:

FGS: <https://www.fgsconference.org/>
RootsTech: <https://rootstech.org/>
- Mar 30 *Researching Your Irish and Scots-Irish Family History*, 9:30 AM – 6 PM, Jackson County Genealogy Library. Early bird registration (by March 15, 2015) \$45 for Members, \$55 for Non-Members. Prices rise by \$10 after March 15. The registration form is included at the end of this newsletter.

May 13-16 *National Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference, "Crossroads of America,"* St. Charles, Missouri. Visit www.ngsgenealogy.org for more details, or to download a copy of the conference brochure.



ROGUE RIVER CHAPTER

Meets third Thursday of each month

At noon at the Black Forest Restaurant

You are welcome to visit one of our meetings if you think you might have a Revolutionary War ancestor and want to find out more.

Barbara Johnson, Chapter Regent

bobbijo45@gmail.com - 541-226-6064

Germanic Alphabet Chart

1. Modern		2. Fraktur		3. Sütterlin		4. Kurrent		5. Old Handwriting Styles
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LOSTCOUSINS

PUTTING RELATIVES IN TOUCH

You've found your relatives on the census....

.....now let **us** find your 'lost cousins'!

- Just enter your relatives who were recorded on the 1881 census – and let our 100% accurate **automatic** matching system do the rest!
- We'll **find** your 'lost cousins' - other researchers who share your ancestors - so you can exchange information, photos, and family stories
- It's an opportunity to **solve** those puzzling family mysteries, and discover new branches of your family tree *without* publishing any information online
- Make **connections** all over the world - a third of the matches involve cousins on different continents
- Best of all, **it needn't cost you a penny!**

It's FREE to join LostCousins, FREE to enter information about your relatives from the census and FREE to search for 'lost cousins'. And there are several periods each year when the site is completely FREE for all members.

As a LostCousins member you'll receive one of the best family history newsletters there is - many say the best. And it's also FREE.

www.LostCousins.com



You Are Invited



To the

Grants Pass

Genealogical Society

Christmas Luncheon

December 9th 11:30am – 3:30pm

TapRock Northwest Grill

Evergreen Banquet Room

Make your choice from the menu and email to

cacese36@gmail.com or call 541 471-1944

(Need a count by 12-6-2014)





Cascade Cheese Burger

Tillamook Sharp Cheddar or Swiss. Served with chopped romaine, fresh tomato and Taprock burger Sauce **\$14.14**

Northwest Garden Bruschetta

Delicious garlic-grilled baguette slices spread generously with basil pesto and topped with our house- made mix of basil, tomatoes, olives, Parmesan cheese and garlic. **\$12.97**

Columbia Clubhouse

Daily's smokehouse bacon, slow roasted turkey, honey cured ham, Tillamook Sharp Cheddar cheese, fresh tomato and chopped romaine served on a garlic-grilled French roll with house made aioli. **\$15.32**

Soup and Salad

Your choice of a hearty bowl of seasonal soup or Ivar's famous Clam Chowder accompanied by a Caesar Salad, Wedge Salad, or Organic Field Greens **\$15.31**




Half Sandwich and Soup

Your choice of a half Grilled vegetable, Columbia Clubhouse, Turkey Bacon Cranberry Cream Cheese or Smokehouse Bacon Avocado Sandwich accompanied by a bowl of hearty seasonal soup or Ivar's Clam Chowder **\$15.32**

All prices reflect 18% gratuity and a \$1 beverage cost

QUILTS AND GENEALOGY TALKS

Most people would not think to connect genealogy and quilting. The quilts in the Jackson County Genealogy Library's collection and other local quilts on temporary loan, depict an event or group of people from early Jackson County history. Please join us at 1:30 pm for a one-hour presentation and learn how these quilts are connected to genealogy.

<p><u>2014</u> September 23</p>	 Sutton-Turner	<p><i>"Pioneer Families"</i> by Anne Billeter – An Oregon Trail diary, an elopement, a newspaper family, a sheriff, and "the best musician in southern Oregon." Learn about the families woven into the fabric of the Sutton-Turner Double Wedding Ring quilt.</p>
<p>October 28</p>	 Table Rock	<p><i>"Table Rock Wildflowers. A Legacy of Beauty and Diversity"</i> by Molly Morison and Marcia Wineteer – Over 200 species of wildflowers grow at the Table Rocks making these iconic landmarks one of the best spots for viewing spring blossoms in the valley. Molly and Marcia will stitch together wildflower stories and relate how the amazing botanical fabric inspires.</p>
<p>November 25</p>	 Living with The Land	<p><i>"Growing Up, Takelma"</i> by Pat Harper – The Takelma people were hunter-gatherers who lived along the banks of the Rogue River and its tributaries for many generations before Europeans came to Jackson County. Can research tell us about the life of a Takelma child, and the child's expectations for life as an adult? Do we know enough to speculate about food, clothing, games and ceremonies?</p>
<p><u>2015</u> January 27</p>	 Postal Friendship	<p><i>"Post Offices in Jackson County"</i> by Nancy Swan – A gift from the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, the quilt shares local postal history. Learn about Jackson County Post Offices, the ones you have never heard of and those named for local families or leaders – their postmark on the land! A reminder of the significance of postal history to your family research.</p>
<p>Mark your calendar for the 4th Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Jackson County Genealogy Library Seating Limited, make your reservation early February through June 2015 <i>Quilts and Genealogy Talks</i> announced soon</p>		

2015 WEBINAR SERIES

Online Educational Opportunities for the Genealogist!

SCHEDULE

Using Google Earth for Genealogy

January 13, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Lisa Louise Cooke*

Basic Scandinavian Research

February 3, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Diana Crisman Smith*

Finding Your Femme Fatales: Exploring the Dark Side of Female Ancestors

March 10, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Lisa Alzo*

Using Evernote as Your Primary Tool for Capturing Notes and Ideas

April 14, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Drew Smith*

Need Direction? Try City Directories!

May 12, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Jean Wilcox Hibben*

Understanding Our Families, Understanding Ourselves

June 9, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Ron Arons*

Dissect Obituaries for New Clues

July 14, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *George G. Morgan*

School Daze – Finding and Using School Records to Trace Our Ancestors

August 11, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Peggy Clemens Lauritzen*

Using Tax Records for Genealogical Problem Solving

September 8, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Michael Lacopo*

Polish Genealogy – Four Steps to successful research

October 13, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Steve Szabados*

In-laws and Outlaws: The Bylaws of Talking About The Family Skeletons

November 10, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Janet Hovorka*

The US Federal Census: Good, Bad and Ugly for Genealogists

December 8, 2015 at 8pm (Central) with *Gary Smith*

FAQs

What is a webinar? A webinar is a live lecture/presentation that you can attend via a computer with an internet connection.

Is there a cost to attend an ISGS webinar?

No, ISGS offers the live broadcast of its webinars to the public for free.

How do I sign up to attend a webinar?

Visit the *Webinars* page at <http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars> and click the "register" link for each session you want to attend. Fill out the short form to complete your registration.

How do I attend the webinar?

After you sign up for a session, you will receive an email that provides instructions to join the live broadcast online at the scheduled date and time. A reminder email will be sent a few days prior to the scheduled webinar with the same instructions.

What if I cannot attend the live broadcast?

We understand that the live broadcasts may not fit into your schedule. If you are an ISGS member you will have to access the recorded version of past webinars through the *Members Section* of the ISGS website, to watch at your convenience. Not a member? Join ISGS at <http://bit.ly/joinisgs>.

Learn More & Register

For a description of each webinar, or to register, visit
<http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars>.

2015 Webinar Sponsor



<http://familysearch.org>

TOP ARCHIVED RECORDINGS

Recordings of **all** past webinars are available to ISGS members through the *Members Section* of the ISGS website. Some of our top webinars from 2012, 2013, and 2014 include:

Treasures and Hidden Secrets of the Illinois Regional Archives *Luana Darby*

Going Nuclear: DNA Discoveries to Trace All Lines of Descent *Debbie Parker Wayne*

7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists *Thomas MacEntee*

Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan *J. Mark Lowe*

Timelines: Placing Your Heritage in Historical Perspective *Laura Prescott*

Digging Through Documents Word by Word *Debra Mieszala*

Going Digital: Organizing Your Research Files Electronically *D. Joshua Taylor*

For a complete list of archived webinars, visit <http://bit.ly/ISGSWebinars>.

REGISTRATION FORM

Spring Seminar at JCGL

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Enclose a check for \$45 if you are member or for \$55 if you are a non-member.

IF YOUR REGISTRATION IS MAILED AFTER MARCH 10TH, enclose a check for \$55 if you are a member or for \$65 if you are a non-member.

Mail you check and this form to:

Jackson County Genealogy Library

3405 S. Pacific Highway

Medford, OR 97501