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November Meeting Speaker Chuck Stobing



Family History: Back Up, Back Up, Back Up!

Those who attended the September meeting of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society found the speaker knowledgeable, interesting, and entertaining!

Welcome Chuck Stobing again as our speaker for the November 10 meeting. Chuck has been exploring his family for about 35 years and has a professional background in computers. Chuck will talk about his favorite topic backing up the research for our family histories. His presentation commences at 1:30 following election of Officers for 2016.



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General Meetings held on 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July, August, December) at 1:30 PM at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located 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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November.....how quickly this year has gone by. It seems like just yesterday when we had our January meeting and here we are again gearing up for the holidays. When you read this newsletter we'll be just a few days from our Nov. 10th meeting back at the Church on Williams Hwy. I hope you enjoyed the tour of the Josephine Community Library in October and learned a great deal about the resources there.

The Community Family History Seminar in October was well attended and there were some really interesting classes taught that day. Thank you to Beverly Wellington and all the Family History Center volunteers for their hard work organizing this annual event. Ancestry.com donated many prizes to use as door prizes and I understand that Cindy Suda won a 6-month subscription to ancestry.com. Joan Edwards 4 hour's instruction with Jan Edwards. WOW!

Each month I receive many newsletters from genealogy clubs in Oregon and California and I want to share them with you. There are all pdf documents worth reading and I hope you enjoy receiving them & benefit from the contents. *If you prefer not to receive them please let me know so I can drop your email address from my newspaper contact list.*

The nominating committee comprised of Barbara Johnson and Garnet Rigby-Wharton called members soliciting volunteers interested in running for various officer positions for fiscal year 2016. As a result there is full slate of volunteers willing to serve during 2016. Election of officers for 2016 takes place at our next meeting on Tuesday Nov. 10th at 1:30. To avoid an expensive mailed ballot there must be a quorum (17 members) at the meeting who are eligible to vote.

The November board of directors meeting starts at 12:30 and a number of topics will be discussed including meeting dates for 2016, Webmaster duties, the yearly audit, workshop, yard sale and other projects for 2016. Members are invited to attend the board meeting and help the Board of Directors plan for 2016.

I hope to see a large crowd on Tuesday Nov. 10th @1:30 for the meeting and to hear an excellent speaker.

Regards to all,
Celeste Guillory



Update

I hope you came away from our annual Family History Seminar last month inspired & full of new ideas. I taught the class on “Facebook for Genealogy” & thank you for your positive feedback. Like any tool, social media has a learning curve, but the good news is that it’s user friendly & if something isn’t fitting your individual needs, it can always be changed. I suggest you scroll down a new page to take a look & get a feel for what they post before you like a page, but remember you can always unlike a page, drop out of a group or set your settings to show you more or less of something. I posted the newly revised Genealogy on Facebook list this past month:

<http://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/> . It is now up to 173 pages & includes links to 5,700+ incredible & diverse Facebook pages or groups that relate to genealogy. This can seem overwhelming & I understand that some of you struggle to manage your News Feed already, but by adjusting settings & fine-tuning the pages you like to meet your specific research needs you can "Treasure the Hunt." So take a look at what’s out there, everything from ethnic-specific pages to groups to join that help each other with regional research to surname pages, and be open to using social media in your genealogy search. It is my hope that you look at your News Feed as a place ripe for discoveries & are open to finding that one link that unlocks the treasure.

You never know what you’ll discover on Facebook. There is a bit of serendipity involved—when you least expect it you’ll find YOUR gem!

Our Facebook page really grew this month—we are up to 82 likes with four more followers joining us in October. There were 43 posts last month with a total reach of 905 views. And 143 people engaged by clicking on, liking, commenting or sharing a post. 46 people saw photos from our Family History Seminar, our most popular post last month. In second place, viewed by 42, was the interesting article “Why Do So Many Americans Think They Have Cherokee Blood?” And, seen by 41, our third most popular post was “Who Would Name Their Kid Halloween?” about unusual names listed on the 1940 U.S. Census.

Research-specific posts included: Free Access to New England Ancestors on NEHGS Cemetery Databases through November; You Can Now Read Millions of Wills Online from Colonial Era; Ancestry Mexico Launches With More Than 220 Million Searchable Mexican Historical Records; Germany Emigration and Immigration; Newly Available Online Slew of WWII Documents at the National Archives (U.K.)—some on non-British forces too; Most Common U.S. Surnames; and 26 Maps That Show How Ethnic Groups Are Divided Across America.

Other great links to add to your genealogy knowledge shared last month include: 12 Golden Rules of Genealogy; 10 Quick Tips for Genealogy Every Beginner Should Know; Top 10 Apps for Finding Your Ancestors; 7 Questions to Ask Your Parents Before They Die; 4 Ways to Record Your Life for Future Researchers on Evernote; The Huge Genealogy Mistake We All Need to Stop Making Now; How to Make a Source Citation for the Challenged; Solving A Mystery with Military Records; Ways to Safely & Properly Clean Cemetery Markers; and the wonderful list of New & Updated FamilySearch Record Collections. My top three favorite reads were: What Fingerprints Can Reveal About Ancestry; Pick A Date and Make A Snapshot; and the fun and informative quiz What's Your Genealogy Know-How Score?

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. Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving. May you dig up many gems on social media that add treasure to your family tree!

Regards,
Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator
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Community Seminar Keynote Speaker
Darrell Stafford as Thomas Croxton



GPGS Information Table at the Seminar



Barbara Johnson & Granddaughter Jordyn
Staffed the DAR table

See more photos from the seminar posted on our Facebook page.
Thank you Cindy Suda for posting all those great pictures



LAURA KNOWS INTERESTING WEBSITES

by LAURA DUNWALD-UHLIG

Refer to a complete list of key commands you may have forgotten or never heard of before
http://www.babamail.com/content_15959/50_Keyboard_Shortcuts_to_Make_Your_Life_Easier.aspx

This site provides information about RootsTech 201
<http://www.ancestryinsider.org/>

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TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH ITS NEW SOFTWARE."



Upcoming Events at the Jackson County Genealogical Library

Tue, November 10 German Interest Group, 3:30pm – 5:30pm Mary Robsman is facilitating this group. Come with your questions, ideas, and share what interests you in finding your ancestors from one of the Germanic countries. The meeting is free and open to all, but please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Researching Jackson County People, 6:30pm – 8:30pm Where are the best places to go...in person and on the Internet to research someone from Jackson County, Oregon? For whatever purpose...genealogy, history, or curiosity. JCGL Library Director Anne Billeter will share her knowledge and experience using the JCGL, SOHS, JCLS, and other useful repositories. This program will repeat on Thursday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. – noon. Librarians may attend free of charge; RVGS members \$10; Non-members \$20. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Wed, November 11 Family Tree Maker ~ MAC User Group, 10:00am – 11:30am Family Tree Maker User Group (Mac computers). Barbara MacMillen is the facilitator of this informal group discussing FTM, Genealogy and Mac computers. Please call (541) 512-2340 or email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free workshop.

Thu, November 12 Researching Jackson County People, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Where are the best places to go...in person and on **the** Internet to research someone from Jackson County, Oregon? For whatever purpose...genealogy, history, or curiosity. JCGL Library Director Anne Billeter will share her knowledge and experience using the JCGL, SOHS, JCLS, and other useful repositories. Librarians may attend free of charge; RVGS members \$10; Non-members \$20. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Tue, November 17 Public Program and Members Meeting: Women's Roles during the Civil War, 1:30pm – 3:00pm Census records from the 1800s listed many women's occupation as "keeping house." The Civil War turned lives upside down. Women took on unique roles that contributed significantly to the war effort.

These women earned their place in history; a few will be commemorated in this presentation. Mary Timpe Robsman, author of *Julia's Spirit*, will present.

Irish Interest Group, 6:00pm – 7:30pm The Irish Interest Group will meet to discuss and share ideas and resources in Irish and Scots-Irish research. Come join in with others with the same interests in this heritage. Free, but please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Sat, November 21 Family Tree Maker Software Training, 12:30 – 2:00 PM Charleen Brown will present Introduction to Family Tree Maker software. Come and explore the one of the most widely used software programs available to organize your research. Free, but please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Tue, November 24 Quilts and Genealogy Talk. "The Table Rock Treaty, A Successful Failure," 1:30pm – 2:30pm In spite of fear, suspicion and anger, Joseph Lane and Chiefs Joe, Sam, John and Limpy successfully negotiated the Table Rock Treaty in September 1853. If both sides had honored the treaty, would it have brought peace to the Rogue Valley? Who were these ancestors? Pat Harper will present this talk. Library Closed Nov 26-28 Tue,

SPEAKER CHALLENGE

Spreadsheets: The Wonderful Tool Genealogist Seldom Use

Would a chart help you analyze those chicken-scratch censuses?
Do you have a list of documents from a pension file that you simply can't understand? Would a timeline graph make your family story come to life?

You need a spreadsheet!

**Looking for a member who is familiar with
Excel Spreadsheets and willing to teach a
workshop class after the first of the year.**

Nominations of GPGS Officers for 2016

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| President | Celeste Guillory (incumbent) |
| Vice President | Garnet Rigby-Wharton & Jan Franz (running as a team) |
| Secretary | Joan Edwards (incumbent) |
| Treasurer | Polli Kucharik |

Celeste Guillory I've been a member of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society since 1999 and have been Newsletter Editor, Secretary, Treasurer and now President. I look forward to 2018 when we celebrate our 50th anniversary and hope in the next 2 years we can become a larger organization with many members who share their skills for the benefit of all who want to conduct family history research.

Garnet Rigby-Wharton – is running for Vice President **with** Jan Franz and will share duties of this position for the year. Garnet served on the bylaws committee twice and is a problem solver. She recently had a big break-through as the result of DNA testing. Garnet has been a GPGS member for many years and has good ideas to share with the Board of Directors to benefit our club.

Jan Franz – is presently Vice President of Computer Bugs and is running for Vice President of GPGS **with** Garnet Rigby-Wharton. Jan is curious about things and asks many good questions. Her membership in Computer Bugs will benefit GPGS by providing access to new topics and classes suited to our club. Jan has been a member of GPGS for about 3 years and attends almost every meeting.

Joan Edwards – Joan is currently our Society Secretary. She is a bubbly, happy person who works well with others and takes excellent notes. Joan is a retired schoolteacher who “subs” at Grants Pass High School as needed and also helps in the JOCO Clerks Office before and during elections.

Polli Kucharik – is a native of Grants Pass and has lived here entirely, except for the four years she attended school in Ashland, then known as Southern Oregon College. She has a degree in Sociology and taught in Special Ed. classrooms. She is married to Chris and they own Northwest Construction Est. Inc. Since 1980 she has been CFO of the company and understand how to do the treasurer's job. Polli and her husband have two grown children and two grandchildren. For 43 years Polli has sung in church choirs and she recently retired from Boy Scouts of America. She was involved at the Pack and District level for 25 years. Polli is a new member of this organization but as you can see she is a “joiner”.

VOLUNTEERS FROM THE AUDIENCE MAY SUBMIT THEIR NAMES FOR ANY ELECTED POSITION ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

**Mark your calendars now for December 8th ...the day of the annual
Christmas Luncheon & Officer Installation at the
TapRock Northwest Grill – attached is the menu.**



**GP Genealogical Society
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
11:30-3pm**

Half Sandwich

Choose one of the following Artisan sandwiches and one sandwich side option.
Turkey, Bacon and Cranberry Cream Cheese / Smokehouse Bacon & Avocado /
Grilled Vegetable / Columbia Clubhouse / Dave's Reuben / Prime Rib Dip with
Cheese & Onion. **\$10.99** Served with your choice of endless Idaho fries, red potato
salad, Northwest slaw, house-made chips or cottage cheese. Substitute sweet onion
rings, fresh fruit, a cup of soup or house salad for **\$1.00** Gluten free bun available for
\$1.00

Smokehouse Bacon and Avocado

Daily's® bacon, fresh tomatoes and chopped romaine served on grilled focaccia
bread with fresh sliced avocado and house made aioli. **\$11.49** Served with your
choice of endless Idaho fries, red potato salad, Northwest slaw, house-made chips or
cottage cheese. Substitute sweet onion rings, fresh fruit, a cup of soup or house salad
for **\$1.00** Gluten free bun available for **\$1.00**

Dungeness Crab BLT Chopped Salad

A mound of tasty Dungeness crab sits atop fresh chopped romaine with Daily's®
bacon, tomatoes, avocado, olives, hard-boiled egg and housemade seafood dressing.
\$15.99 / Lighter size **\$14.99**

Rosemary Chicken Breast

Boneless chicken breast lightly dusted with seasoned flour, rosemary and garlic then
grilled and sprinkled with fresh chives. Accompanied by a Taprock signature side,
Farmstand seasonal vegetable and your choice of house salad or cup of soup. **\$13.99**

Beverages

Freshly Brewed Iced Tea - Hot Herbal Tea - Brewed Coffee - Endless Soft Drinks
\$2.59 ea.