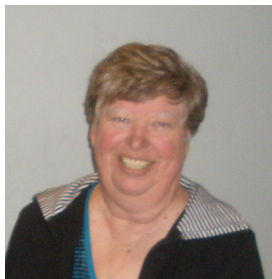




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**Linda Laree Stirling Kent**

age 67, of Cave Junction, died on May 11, 2015, at 7:35 p.m. at Rogue Regional Medical Center in Medford. Linda was born April 28, 1948, in Long Beach, Calif. and married Randy Kent on July 18, 1966.

Linda was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Grants Pass Genealogical Society, and the Daughters of the Pioneers of Utah. She loved genealogy, gardening, traveling, Dale Earnhardt Jr. #88 and the Kansas City Chiefs.

She is survived by her husband, Randy Kent of Cave Junction; her two daughters, Marna Hall of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Laree Hawk of Cave Junction; her four grandchildren, Steven, Jeanett, Jesse, and Tyler; two great-grandchildren; her two brothers, Robert Stirling and Daniel Stirling, and her sister, Frances Stirling. She leaves behind a multitude of friends and her two dogs, Bubbles and Clyde. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children-Portland.

Linda was a long-time and active member of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society serving as Vice President, Secretary and most recently as Research Chairman. Research was her special talent and during the last few months she handled many inquiries directed to the GPGS website. She was also in charge of the annual workshop held during the summer and had done this since 2011.

Last week Barbara Johnson and I went to Linda's house and retrieved DAR and GPGS files as well as some publications to be donated to the Jackson County Genealogical Library. Husband Randy wanted her genealogy books etc. to benefit other researchers and believed that is what Linda wanted done with these items.

Linda will be missed very much by our group and especially by me.

*Celeste Guillory*  
*President GPGS*



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General Meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except July, August, December) at 1:30 PM 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.

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**Join us for a guided tour of the Jackson County Genealogical Society Library – Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

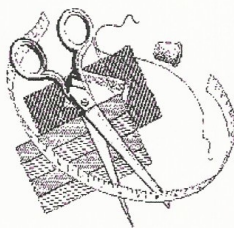
We plan to carpool down to 3405 S. Pacific Hwy in Medford for the tour. Those wishing to carpool please email [cacese36@gmail.com](mailto:cacese36@gmail.com) ASAP to secure a space. Arrive at the LDS Church – Family History Center no later than 11:30 on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**This trip takes the place of the June meeting.**

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**July – Yard Sale at Umpqua Bank – corner of 6<sup>th</sup> & F Streets  
July 25<sup>th</sup> 8-2PM**

Spend the morning with your genealogy friends.  
Bring items for the yard sale, a folding chair & a bag  
lunch - Help sell quilt raffle tickets  
Cold Beverages available for members



Cut the raffle ticket page out of your newsletter and mail the tickets & your check to

GPGS

PO Box 214

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Please do not send cash in the mail – checks only

The Treasurer will provide a receipt

We cannot accept money or give out raffle tickets at the  
LDS Church where we meet

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## Update for June

### 2015

While we remained steady with 70 followers & no one new liking our page this past month, there were 57 posts during May & those posts were seen by 1107 which means each of the posts were seen by an average of nearly 20 people. Our most popular post was "What do coins left on military tombstones mean?" It seems many of us enjoy playing detective, as our post detailing the old photograph that Sue Duncan found generated a lot of interest too. Posts were engaged by liking, commenting or clicking on a link a total of 149 times. These numbers are all up from April.

If you were inspired by our May Guest Speaker Diana Hale's presentation on the DAR, you won't want to miss our link to "Free Colonial & Early American Military Databases." And as you continue to write your family stories, you might want to check out, "Family Historians Share Stories of Their Favorite Civil War Ancestors," to get ideas on how to fine-tune your writing skills as you move on to sharing other family members' stories. Facebook is the place to find up-to-the-minute information, not only on what is happening locally in our Society, but also to alert you to a potential genealogy-related scam & to find info on various free limited-time research opportunities, as well as late-breaking news on the free online streaming opportunity from Southern California Genealogical Society's Jamboree on June 5-7<sup>th</sup>.

Did you see the great article on “How Social Media is Changing Genealogy?” Have you looked into what ethnic facebook pages are out there on the regions you are researching??? I really enjoyed having distant memories revived this month by reading “Lithuanian Superstitions” & “The History of Lithuanian Food.” Links to areas you may be researching included: “Study Claims that Irishmen Descended from Turkish Farmers,” the big news that “Ireland’s Catholic Church Records” are going online this summer for free, “Czech Republic Church Books,” “Germanic Immigration Records 1860-1869,” “German, Pomerania & Illinois” research opportunities, “Digital Library of Living History of Illinois & Chicago Community,” “How Chicago Neighborhoods Got Their Names” & a “Massive Digital Archive for those with Canadian Roots.” And don’t miss the awesome link to “Free Online Course in Boston History” or forget to check out the “New Pictorial Maps on David Rumsey Map Collection” or the “Interactive Maps of Poland/Eastern Europe.”

I urge you to take full advantage of this incredible resource! Don’t miss out—check our facebook often! Other great May links were: 4 Tips for Genealogy Research with Historical Newspapers & A Free Research Log Template, 7 Basic Rules for Identifying Sources, 9 Ways Family History Can Change Your Life, 13 Ways to Know You’re a Genealogist, Plan Ahead-Protect Your Genealogy from Disaster, Identity Problems & the FAN Principle (FAN = Friends, Associates, Neighbors), Tips for Tracing Ancestors with a Common Name & ABCs of Commonly Used Nicknames. 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 many happy discoveries to your family tree.

Regards,  
Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator  
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
NOW!!!! SAVE THE DATE!!!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

THE Klamath Basin  
Genealogical Society  
presents September  
Genealogy Week featuring

Cyndi's List creator  
Cyndi Ingel

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## LAURA KNOWS INTERESTING WEBSITES by LAURA DUNWALD-UHLIG

[http://www.ancestryinsider.org/2015/05/ancestrydna-negative-publicity.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+AncestryInsider+%28The+Ancestry+Insider%29](http://www.ancestryinsider.org/2015/05/ancestrydna-negative-publicity.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+AncestryInsider+%28The+Ancestry+Insider%29)

Interesting discussion regarding ancestry DNA.

<http://antivirus.about.com/od/whatisavirus/a/A-Brief-History-Of-Malware-The-First-25-Years.htm?nl=1>

## Happening at the Jackson County Genealogical Library in June 2015

**Fri, June 5 Family Tree Maker Class –Creating Maps and Books, 10:30am-12:30pm** FTM adds locations to a “master list” of places. You can use this master list to view and create maps and satellite images that can be attached to your tree. Finally, using the facts, notes, photos, charts, reports and maps you have included in your tree, you can easily publish books using the desktop book building feature built into the FTM software. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Call 541-512-2340, email [Reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:Reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by to register. **Sat, June 6 Brick Wall Roundtable, 10:30am-12:30pm** Bring your questions and get suggestions and answers to break through your brick walls. Andrea Patterson facilitates this session. Donation gratefully accepted. Call 541-512-2340, email [Reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:Reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by to register. **Tue, June 9 SCGS Jamboree Online Videos #1, 7-9pm**

### J. H. "Jay" Fonkert, CG

- *Five Tips for Successful Research in a New Location, 7 pm* When tackling a new locale, get to know the geography, the local



history, the record-keeping jurisdictions, the range of available records, and the researchers who know their way around town. Gen1, Gen2. J. H. ("Jay") Fonkert, CG(sm) is a director of APG, a trustee of the BCG Education Fund, and a past president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. He has published more than 30 research and teaching articles in *Minnesota Genealogist*, *The Septs*, *Family Chronicle*, *NGS Magazine* and the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and has spoken at society meetings and major conferences in eight states and provinces. Genealogy experience level: Newbie, Beginner, Advanced Beginner

**Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD and Paul Woodbury**

- *Genetic Genealogy and the Next Generation* This session provides and introduction to genetic genealogy for youth and describes the role that DNA will play in the future of family history. Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD, is an intellectual property attorney at Bond, Schoeneck and King in Syracuse, NY. Dr. Bettinger is the author of *The Genetic Genealogist*, a blog that examines the intersections of traditional genealogical techniques and modern genetic research since 2007. Paul Woodbury is a recent graduate of Brigham Young University where he studied Genetics and Family History. He has been involved in family history research for 15 years. Currently he works as a client researcher and private contractor in conjunction with The DNA Detectives. He specializes in French, Spanish, Scandinavian and genetic genealogy. Genealogy experience level: Newbie, Beginner

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**Wed, June 10 Family Tree Maker –Mac User's Group, 10:00-11:30am** Barbara MacMillen is the facilitator of this informal group discussing FTM, Genealogy and Mac computers. Call 541-512-2340, email [Reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:Reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by to register.

**Tue, June 16 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Public Program and Members Meeting, 1:30-3:00pm "Costume Periods of Western Civilization"** Deborah Rosenberg, professor of costume history, costume design, costume construction, and stage makeup at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon, will present an overview of the costume periods of Western Civilization from the beginning of recorded history until the present day. In the time allotted, she will touch on the names, dates and a brief description of each period to provide a sense of the characteristics associated. She will bring a book list and suggestions for further study. Free. Deborah Rosenberg came to SOU from New York where she worked as costume designer and costume

shop supervisor at Ithaca College. She also designed costumes for State University of New York at Brockport and at Niagara University in New York State. Her professional credits include costume designs for the The Alley Theatre in Houston, the Berkshire Theatre Festival in Stockbridge, Mass., and Shakespeare and Company in Lenox, Mass.

**SCGS Jamboree Online Videos #2, 7-9pm Dr. Michael D. Lacopo**

- *Finding and Utilizing German Church Records* Many of us have German-speaking European ancestors but are afraid to tackle the next steps across the Atlantic. Your lecturer will show examples of German church records, how to decipher them and how to overcome the fear of German script. Dr. Michael D. Lacopo is a retired small-animal veterinarian born and raised in Northern Indiana. He takes a scientific approach to his research as he does to his profession. Researching since 1980, he has lectured internationally and written for numerous periodicals and journals. A self-described "all-American mutt," his research skills cover a broad range. Michael is author of the popular HoosierDaddy Blog at <http://roots4u.blogspot.com>.  
Genealogy experience level: Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

**Lisa Louise Cooke**

- *Google Tools and Procedures for Solving Family History Mysteries* In this session we will put Google to the test. Discover Google tools and the process for using them to solve the genealogical challenges you face. You'll walk away with exciting new techniques you can use right away. Louise Cooke is the founder of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is the producer of the Genealogy Gems Podcast, the popular online genealogy audio show, downloaded over 1.5 million times, available at [GenealogyGems.com](http://GenealogyGems.com) & iTunes. She produces The Family Tree Magazine Podcast, writes for the magazine and is the author of four popular books. Genealogy experience level: Intermediate

**Wed, June 17 Scandinavian Interest Group Meeting, 10:00-11:30am** Betty Miller, facilitator. Meet with others interested in researching their Scandinavian Ancestry. Free. Call 541-512-2340,

email [Reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:Reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by to register.

**Sat, June 20 How to Start Your Genealogy Project, 10:30am-12:00pm** Charleen Brown teaches the paper and pencil basics of gathering information to start your family tree. What you should know and do before you begin researching on the computer. You will learn: • How to fill out and use an ancestor chart • How to find information at home • The types of documentation and why it is important • The uses of the family group sheet • Simple ways to organize information • How to continue your project. Free. Call 541-512-2340, email [Reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:Reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by to register.

**Tue, June 23 Quilts and Genealogy Talks: "The McKee Family", 1-2 pm** "The McKee Family" by Evelyn Byrne Williams - The story of the McKee Bridge, told in a quilt designed by a descendant of the McKee family and expanded with genealogical research. It enhances our understanding of Rogue Valley days and brings us lasting memories. This is a one hour talk, come and learn about how quilts can be connected to genealogy. Free. **SCGS Jamboree Online Videos #3, 7-9pm Lisa A. Alzo, MFA**

- *No Easy Button: Using Immersion Genealogy to Understand Your Ancestors* Learn how to take your research a step further to understand your ancestors' lives through "immersion genealogy"--the process of discovering where they lived, worked, and worshipped, and much more. Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A., is a freelance writer, instructor, and internationally recognized lecturer, specializing in Slovak/Eastern European genealogical research, writing your family history, and using the internet to trace female and immigrant ancestors. She is the author of nine books and hundreds of magazine articles. Genealogy experience level: Newbie, Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Professional, Communicator

## **Cyndi Ingle**

- *Plotting, Scheming and Mapping Online* The Internet is a source for a variety of maps and geographical tools that will help you in your research. From new maps and atlases with online driving directions to old gazetteers with county lines and ancient place names, the Internet has them all. We'll explore those resources, ideas for using them and integrating them into your research routine. Cyndi Ingle, a genealogist for more than 34 years, is the

creator of Cyndi's List; author of three books for genealogical research on the Internet; a past-member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society and active member in several other Genealogical groups. Genealogy experience level: Newbie, Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate

**Tue, June 30 Irish Interest Group, 1 - 2:30 p.m.** The new Irish Interest Group will meet to discuss Irish heritage, migration, research and other topics of interest to the group. Cathy Murphy will facilitate this meeting. All who are interested in becoming part of this Irish Interest group are encouraged to attend. Free. Call 541-512-2340, email [Reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:Reception.JCGL@gmail.com), or stop by to register.

**SCGS Jamboree Online Videos #4, 7-9pm Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA**

- *Midwestern and Plains States Level Census Records* Learn about the indexes, varied extensive personal details included, locating the censuses and alternate sources. Provides an overview for IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, OH, SD, and WI. Some are drool-worthy! Paula Stuart Warren, CG, FUGA, FMGS works full-time in genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, & writing. She is a Course Coordinator for SLIG & GRIP, is on the board of FGS, former officer of APG & former board member of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. Her articles & lectures focus on unusual resources, manuscripts, methodology, analysis, repositories, & Native Americans. Genealogy experience level: Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Advanced

**Anita Paul**

- *Who, What, When, Where? Using Journalism Techniques to Write Your Story* Journalists get to the point with their writing. Learn proven techniques to do the same when writing your family's genealogy story. Anita R. Paul, the Author's Midwife, helps researchers, professionals, and entrepreneurs enhance their expertise, position their platform and build their brand by becoming a published author. Through her Write Your Life program, authors overcome the struggles of writing, publishing, and marketing a book, so they can leverage the book for success. Genealogy experience level: Intermediate, Advanced, Professional, Communicator

## LAST BUT NOT LEAST

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August, in 2015, will have 5 Fridays, Saturdays and 5 Sundays. **This happens only once every 823 years.** The Chinese call it ' Silver pockets full'.