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January Program
1:30 PM Tuesday
January 13, 2015
1969 Williams Highway
Grants Pass

Castle Garden
Ellis island
Portals To America

It's estimated that millions of immigrants came through the port of New York from 1830 to 1891 at Castle Gardens (castle Clinton Gardens) or Ellis Island from 1892 to 1954.

Learn about these two locations that had a tremendous impact on generations of present-day Americans.

Presented by Celeste Guillory

NOTE; There will be no Board of Directors Meeting on January 13th

Welcome 2015

We are all so fortunate to be starting another year – imagine this! We are 15 years into a new century having lived in two centuries already. That will be notable when someone writes about us in years to come.

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and you're all rested and ready to start or finish a research project, volunteer to mentor a genealogy friend or work on some indexing project.

Our Christmas Luncheon was well attended. The food was tasty and our guest speaker, Cindy English from the JCHS, made a very informative presentation. The Historical Society is a busy and productive organization and Cindy mentioned many activities they sponsor to keep the Historical Society running and worth joining.

Janis Seaton was editor of the Journal for many years but needed to take a break for a while to be available to help her Dad.

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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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The first Friday in January the GPGS Board of Directors meet at my house for a luncheon buffet where we worked on programs for the coming year, did an audit of our treasury, and thanked outgoing board members for their exceptional service.

1. The board hopes to have a yard sale in August to help attract new members and raise funds for the treasury. These events have been fun and productive the past few years.
2. Support the October FHC Community Seminar
3. Hold another workshop for those interested in learning how to trace their family history
4. Provide a theme and decorate the display windows at Evergreen Bank (at the Caveman Bridge) the entire month of October
5. Present long-time families in Josephine County a Pioneer Certificate to recognize their impact on the history of Josephine County.
6. Enlist our members to make presentations at meetings.
7. Information hand-out at all meetings – Laura Dunwald-Uhlig to handle this

I wish every-one of our members a happy and illuminating new year. See you on January 13th for my presentation entitled **Castle Gardens-Ellis Island / Portals to America.**

Celeste Guillory

President GPGS



Treasurer Pat Heumann V/President Laura Dunwald-Uhlig President Celeste Guillory
And Secretary Joan Edwards are sworn in at the annual Christmas Luncheon at the TapRock
Northwest Grill – December 9th 2014. Past president Janis Seaton did the task of swearing in the
new officers for fiscal 2015.



GPGS members pose for the Christmas Luncheon group photo. There were many new faces this year. Every one enjoyed a tasty lunch, door prizes were awarded and “thank you” certificates presented to the many members who volunteered their talents in 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. (www.gpgs.org)

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.

- Jan 20 Bend Genealogical Society presentation: *Military Research* by Gus Oberg, 10 AM to Noon at Williamson Hall in Bend, Oregon.
- Jan. 27 the last in a series of presentations about quilts of Jackson County – **Post Offices of Jackson County** by Nancy Swan. Space limited call 541 512-2340 to make a reservation
- 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/>

- Feb 28 Redding Family History Center – Family heritage Faire- see poster
- March Roseburg Family History Center Seminar – details in February
- 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.
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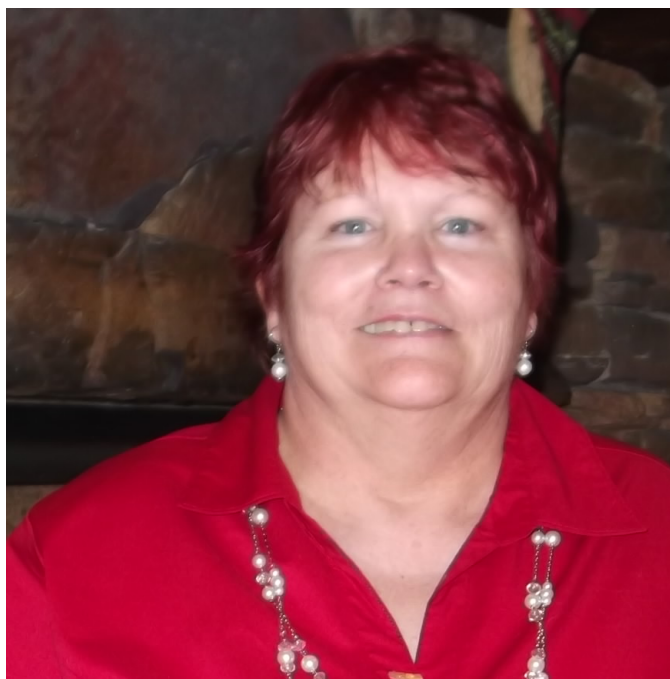
MEMBER INFO

Thank you to C. Mary Williams for volunteering many hours in December to help sort, count and distribute toys at the annual Toys For Tots giveaway in Merlin. Because of Ms. Williams help toys were provided to over 1500 needy children in Josephine County.

We say goodbye to Nancy Graden, a long-time member, who has ceased her genealogy research. Nancy volunteered to help at the September Genealogy Workshop and has spent countless hours researching her New England kin. She recently found her long-lost relative which meant she found the one person she has tracked for so many years. Satisfied at last, Nancy decided to put her records aside for her family and pursue other hobbies. We wish her well and will miss her.



Janis Seaton swears in new officers for 2015



SUSAN DUNCAN
Brochure Chairman /Membership Committee

Susan Duncan was the lucky winner of a GPGS t-shirt – one of the door prizes given at the Christmas Luncheon. Susan volunteered to be in charge of distributing information brochures and has placed these brochures in many locations in the area. If you know a good location for a brochure be sure to contact Susan at sduncan449@gmail.com

Grants Pass Genealogical Society Board Members recently meet at Celeste Guillory's house for a working board meeting. Lots of business was taken care of (honest) while they feasted on items from the buffet table. Pictured are Jeanette Dickson, Pat Heumann, Shar Fairchild, Joan Edwards & host Celeste Guillory.



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>.

LOSTCOUSINS

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- 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.

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Genealogy Roadshow Heads to New Orleans, St. Louis, and Philadelphia

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Posted by Ancestry Team on January 6, 2015 in Genealogy Road Show
From descendants of the infamous pirate Blackbeard to heroes of the Holocaust,
PBS' GENEALOGY ROADSHOW **uncovers family history**

Below are episode descriptions for each of six episodes:

New Orleans – Cabildo (January 13th at 8:00 p.m.). A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories at the famous Cabildo, home of the Louisiana State Museum. A couple whose ancestors hail from the same small Italian town explore the chance they may be related; a woman is desperate to find out who committed a gruesome murder in her ancestor's past; a home held by one family for more than a century renders a fascinating story; and a woman discovers the difficult journey her ancestor took on the path to freedom from slavery.

St. Louis – Central Library (January 20th at 8:00 p.m.). At Saint Louis' historic central library, a team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories from Missouri's famous gateway city. A mystery writer discovers her mother has hidden a life-changing secret; a woman finds out if she is descended from the infamous pirate Blackbeard; a mother and daughter seek connections to a famous author; and a young man seeks connection to the Mali tribe in Africa.

Philadelphia – Franklin Institute (January 27th at 8:00 p.m.). At Philadelphia's Franklin Institute, a team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family histories. A man learns that the event that drove his family to the City of Brotherly Love changed the course of history; a man may be a Viking descendant; another's family could have part of one of history's biggest scams; a young man hopes to confirm his relation to a signer of the Declaration of Independence; and two sisters learn their ancestors were part of the great Irish migration.

New Orleans – Board of Trade (February 3rd at 8:00 p.m.). A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories at the New Orleans Board of Trade. A local man seeks to recover essential history washed away in Hurricane Katrina; a woman discovers she has links to both sides of the Civil War; another unravels the mystery behind her grandfather's adoption; and one man explores a link to the famous New Orleans Voodoo Queen, Marie Laveau.

St. Louis – Union Station (February 10th at 8:00 p.m.). At St. Louis' historic Union Station, a team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories from Missouri. A musician hopes to find connections to a famous St. Louis jazz composer; two sisters explore links to a survivor of the legendary Donner party; an Italian-American woman finds out if she is related to Italian royalty; and a schoolteacher who has all the answers for her students has very few about her own past.

Philadelphia – Historical Society of Pennsylvania (February 17th at 8:00 p.m.). A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family histories at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. One woman's ancestor may have sparked historic labor laws; a pastor may have an outlaw in her family tree; a woman learns about slave genealogy and, with the help of DNA testing, gets the answer she has waited for; and another woman learns her ancestor may have helped others escape the Holocaust.

Ancestry is happy to be a sponsor and we hope you will tune in on Tuesdays for this next exciting season of GENEALOGY ROADSHOW.

- See more at: <http://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/01/06/genealogy-roadshow-heads-to-new-orleans-st-louis-and-philadelphia/#sthash.1s17fCba.dpuf>

Redding California Family History Center

Class Descriptions for our upcoming Heritage Faire 2015 February 28, 2015

www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org

Beginning Genealogy by Lena Harmon:

The most common question people ask when starting is "Where do I start?" Lena will answer the where and how to start and give the basics on what important information you will need to know such as where to go for resources and how to source your records, as well as options for storing the information you have gathered.

1850-1940 Census Records by Marti Roe:

You Can't Do Genealogy Research Without Them OR Making Sense of Census Records. Have you ever wondered what information you can find on a census that will help you in your genealogy research? In this class you will learn valuable information on how to use the census to further your Family History Research. If you are old enough to be listed on the

1940 census, where were you and who gave the family information to the census taker?

Creating Family Stories from Research by Marian Kile:

If we don't have the details of our ancestor's life, we still can develop meaningful stories to capture what they might have seen or did during different times in their lives. Marian will show us where to begin, where to research and how to bring it all together.

DNA – Roundtable Discussion of DNA Testing and Experiences by Mike Witesman

Anyone who has had their DNA tested or is considering being tested can benefit from the experiences of others. This is your chance to find answers or places you may find those answers. Bring your questions (and test results if you have them).

FamilySearch FamilyTree Memories by Lena Harmon:

Lena will show you how to use the Memories portion of FamilySearch.org FamilyTree. She will show you how to add pictures, stories, documents, audio, people and the find option in FamilyTree Memories as well as tag people in each of the Memories portions of FamilyTree.

FamilySearch FamilyTree Partnerships by Lena Harmon:

This class is for LDS members only. This class will show you how to create your partner accounts for Ancestry, Find My Past, and My Heritage. We will go through the process of connecting your individuals in Ancestry.com to FamilyTree and how to use the functions of the partnership to further your research capabilities.

Organizing Your Family History by Vicky Anderson:

For years, genealogists have created paper trails of all their searching in order to document and to keep everything straight. Although the current trend is to try and put everything online or on the computer, many still feel the need to have/save their hard copies. If you are floundering in stacks of documents or you know you have documents, but you just can't put your finger on them, this 2 hour class will teach you how to organize all your information and documentation into an easy to manage, working, expandable organizing system. Be sure to bring a flash drive to class if possible.

Start Writing Personal Family Stories by Marian Kile:

Do you find it daunting to try to write a long family history? Do you already have a written family history but want to add stories about special memories? This class will help both the non-writer and the experienced writer in developing short stories that capture the essence of special family members or events. The focus will be on stories that are about 500 words long but the process can be applied to longer stories.

Survey Your Family Members in 2015 by Marian Kile:

There is no census information collected until 2020 but we can set up our own survey for 2015. Marian will show us how to set up our questions, contact our family members, and record the information for future generations.

Understanding Autosomal (at) DNA – (or Do I Have That Many Sixth Cousins?) by Mike Witesman

If you have an Autosomal DNA test or are considering being tested this class will target the questions you should ask. This class will explain how atDNA test can help, identify testing labs and explain the costs and benefits of testing. Will atDNA testing help me find a distant relative? DNA testing has helped many and frustrated others. This class is appropriate for those considering Autosomal DNA testing and those who have tested.

Using Maps and Genealogy by Melinda Kashuba:

Maps are your best friends in genealogical research. With a map you can identify locations, measure distances between places, visualize an ancestor's environment, study possible migration routes, assist in records analysis, and, most important of all: locate records. Events take place at a particular location, records are created at a certain location, and those records are housed at another location. This session introduces you to the variety of maps available for family history research and how to locate them.

USGenweb.org, Worldgenweb.org, & Rootsweb.com by Marti Roe

If you are new to family history, you may not be aware of these three free and older genealogy websites. These websites often have genealogy resources that are not available on more popular genealogy websites.

USGenweb includes free online genealogy help and information for every state and county including county and state histories, maps, research tips, some transcribed online records and links to state historical or archive databases. This site is well worth searching.

Worldgenweb is made up of worldwide volunteers that help researchers learn more about a specific region or area of the world. This site is small but there might be something of interest for you including maps and history of your country of interest.

There is a lot to cover in Rootsweb from learning how to post queries on mailing lists and message boards to online indexes, including the California death index. Learn how to search for your ancestors on 'family tree' and how to add 'post-em' notes. Submitted family trees on this site are not necessarily found on other genealogy websites and you can learn how to submit your own.

If there is time, we may even take a look at a few other genealogy websites not covered during this Heritage Faire including Native American Research and Cyndislist.com.

Included in the class handout will be a listing of other useful genealogy websites.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEB POLL ON PREVIOUS PAGE AND TELL US WHAT CLASSES YOU WILL BE ATTENDING SO WE CAN ASSIGN CLASSROOMS BASED ON CLASS ATTENDANCE! THANK YOU!

COMING IN MARCH 2015

Roseburg Family History Seminar

Saturday March 7th 0900 – 4PM

Many great classes and speakers

**Watch this newsletter in February for
a list of classes and presenters**

Southern California Genealogical Society Webinars

The Southern California Genealogical Society conducts free, one-hour webinars on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. These are live-broadcast presentations featuring professional genealogical speakers and expert lecturers.

You must register in advance, and the webinars are limited to the first 1,000 registrants. The webinars are free if you watch them when they are first shown; however, to see archived webinars, you must be a member of the Southern California Genealogical Society. Dues are \$35 per year, and the archived webinars are available for one year after they are first shown.

A free webinar is currently available to try out—It's NOT About Zombies: Doing Cemetery Research presented by Jean Wilcox Hibben, Ph.D, CG.

**The webinar list for 2015 will appear soon at
<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com>.**

