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Guest Speaker for September is Chuck Stobing

***“Using the computer to assist with
Family History Research”***

Chuck is well known at RASCALS and will share
his tricks and talents at our meeting.

His presentation starts at 1:30PM

September 8th Board Meeting 12:30 – 1:15PM

*Please enter from the east end of the building
There is plenty of parking and easy access to the meeting room.*



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General Meetings held on 2nd 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.

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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Presidents Message

Two activities during the summer were fun. The weather gave us a welcome break on the day we held both the yard sale and picnic. It rained this morning and cooled things even more. Rain, isn't it wonderful?

Thank you Susan Duncan, Garnet Rigby-Wharton, Pat Heumann, Janis Seaton, Joan Edwards, Jan Franz and Norma Spencer for working at the yard sale. If I forgot anyone who worked at the yard sale please accept my apologies.

Susan Duncan did the planning for the potluck luncheon that was held at Reinhart Volunteer Park – Home Valley Bank Pavilion. What a nice place to hold a picnic and I hope we can go there again next year. My daughter was visiting from Nevada and was impressed with how beautiful Reinhart Park was that day.

Grants Pass Genealogical Society applied for tax-exempt status with the IRS in August and our application appears to be accepted as presented. It was relatively easy to apply but cost \$400 (a one-time fee). In January 2016 all that's required is to fill out a 10- question post card unless we earn more than \$25,000. This takes a big load off the treasurer and helps comply with State and Federal Laws. That's one more thing off my "bucket list".

Long time member LaVona Ness had eye surgery recently and is recovering as we speak. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Read on for more details about the 2015 Workshop being held on Saturday September 12th at the Family History Center 1-4 PM.

This year's Grants Pass Family History Seminar is scheduled for Saturday October 24th...two weeks later this year but still expected to be the biggest genealogy event in Grants Pass in 2015.

Celeste Guillory

GPGS President



LAURA KNOWS INTERESTING WEBSITES by LAURA DUNWALD-UHLIG

<http://amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/> a web site with many “how to” videos with many other resources.

www.genealogy.state.or.us/ Type in only the last name for the broadest search of all **records**. Fill in other fields if you would like to narrow the search. Contact us for copies of **records**.

<http://www.orgenweb.org> Facts about Oregon to help when researching kin

www.aolsearch.com get genealogy forms – many for free

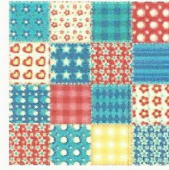
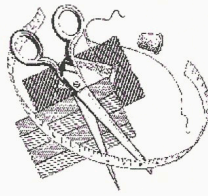
<http://www.familytreenow.com> - quick public records search with links to more detailed public records

www.nara.gov for a portal to military records, census records and “how to” videos

www.fold3.com - not a free site but one with scads of useful information when doing military research. This site is available for free at the Grants Pass Family History Center.

www.rvgsociety.org for a list of the many classes being presented during September

www.fhcgp.weebly.com for information and to sign up for classes at the Grants Pass Community Family History Seminar.



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

GPGS

PO Box 214

Grants Pass, OR 97528.

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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Tickets \$5.00 each or 6 tickets for \$25.00
Send the stubs and your check to PO Box 214
Grants Pass, OR 97528

From: Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group

Things are heating up here, not just because of California's drought and the August weather, but because we're in full gear-up mode getting ready for our October 10 seminar. The topic will be Discovering Our Ancestors' Records. You can pre-register by clicking through the registration link at www.svcgg.org. As always, it will be free and open to the public.

This seminar is part of the RootsTech 2015 Family Discovery Day series, and is co-sponsored by two local Family History Centers. We have a great lineup of classes for anyone from beginner through expert. Our keynote speaker will be Rod DeGiulio, executive vice president for records at FamilySearch. He also will present a session on newspaper and obituary records.

The seminar will be at 875 Quince Ave., on Saturday, October 10, from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Adults and youth ages 12 and older are welcome to attend. Babysitting services will NOT be available for younger children.

Be sure to pre-register through www.svcgg.org so that we will have adequate seating and materials.

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Volunteers needed to serve on the Nominating Committee to provide a slate of members willing to run for elected office for 2016. All members will be contacted between now and the October meeting – election is in November. Everyone is welcome to run for office or serve on the Board of Directors

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Free Genealogy Workshop

Saturday September 12 from 1-4 PM at the Family History Center

Presented by the Grants Pass Genealogical Society

Get started with your family history research and learn from folks who have experience doing this research and want to share their skills with you.

Free basic materials provided, as well as a tour of resources available at the Family History Center

Watch for our information banner

NEEDED:

Volunteers to help at the workshop

To hand out paperwork, answer questions, share your experience

See the GPGS bulletin board at the Josephine Community Library during the month of September

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

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Update

Has seeing all the fresh new school supplies filling the store shelves got you thinking about organizing??? You're not alone! Articles on Organizing Your Genealogy & How to Organize Family Photos have been popular reads on our facebook page this month, along with blogs about Digitalization Options, How to Add Data to Scanned Images & How to Treat Your Old Photos Right. As a matter of fact, our most popular posts in July were about photographs: Information on how to do an image search reached 63 people, while the Top 4 Ways to Find Pictures of Your Ancestors was seen by 49. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer & made some fun finds! Our facebook page has grown to 75 Likes with two more followers joining us this summer. There were 82 posts during July & August with 270 people engaged by liking, commenting or clicking on a link.

While I strive to share lots of valuable general genealogical information on our facebook page, I also like to post the specifics that get researchers excited & ready to dive into their details. Our most popular post this August was the link to FamilySearch's Updated Chicago Birth Records collection that was shared & seen by 197! Make sure you didn't miss any of these offerings: Old German Type & Handwriting; Historical Atlas of USSR, Russia & Europe; Lithuanian Surnames, Church Records & Telephone Books; Polish Marriage Records; 10 Places to Find Your Irish Ancestors; Settling Western Canada; Wisconsin & Delaware Newspapers; Are Your Indiana Ancestors Hiding in Illinois? & Are Pilgrims Part of Your Family Tree?

Links to Historical Newspapers Online were very popular this summer, along with 10 Reasons Why You Can't Find Ancestor Articles in Online Newspapers AND What to Do About It & the link to the Chicago Tribune's Newspaper Archive that is now offering free access during

their Beta testing stage. (Don't forget to search hometown newspapers for the date your ancestors were born—great historical context!) Tips on Reading Old Handwriting, Language Resources & Handwriting Helps were shared as well as how to handle Surname Variations, Why You Can't Find A Death Record & 7 Reasons Why You Can't Find Your Ancestor Online. Did you see the interesting article on Researching Your Family in the 1950s—when many records are not yet available to us & the link to 8 Strategies for Finding Living People? Summer highlights also include the fascinating read There's a 1 in 300 Chance That Every Stranger You See is a Cousin, the insightful How Much DNA Do You Inherit From Your Grandparents? & the newly released list: 101 Best Genealogy Websites of 2015.

Don't miss Why Genealogists Need Social Media & the link to the Updated Genealogy of Facebook List! 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 wonderful fall & many happy discoveries to your family tree. Go get organized!

Regards,
Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator
www.facebook.com/gpgenealogy

WEBSITE UPDATE - The website for Grants Pass
Genealogical Society – www.gpgenealogy.org
There were 64 visits in August and 22% of those
visits were new. Average time during each visit was
about 1 minute.

Classes and Events in Jackson County

JCGL Classes and Meetings are held at Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR. Please register in advance when requested.

Tue, Sep 8

Video Night at JCGL, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Two videos this Tuesday: "Using Tax Records for Genealogical Problem Solving" and "The Great War: Researching Your World War I Ancestors."

Free. **Note earlier starting time.**

Wed, Sep 9

Family Tree Maker "Mac" User Group, 10:00 to 11:30 am.

Barbara MacMillen is the facilitator of this informal group discussing FTM, genealogy, and Mac computers. Please call (541)512-2340, email reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free meeting.

Tue, Sep 15. Third Tuesday Public Program and Brief General Meeting, 1:30 – 3:00 PM. Refreshments will be served; members and non-members are welcome to attend. Free!

The Public Program in September is a Member Fair during which members share their finds. The theme for this year's member fair is "Just like Nancy Drew -- Solving Mysteries Is What We Do." Our program presenters and topics are:

- Charleen Brown, "The Mystery of the Lost Photo Album."
- Barbara Northrop, "The Hunt for World War II Records."
- Chuck Carlson, "Swedish Family Reunion in Austin."
- Terrie McCoy, "What I Found in Salt Lake City."
- Kora Kari, "Genealogy and Spelling Errors."
- Marilyn Ayres, "Piecing Together Henry's Missing Years."

Tue, Sep 15

German Interest Group, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Join us for the initial meeting of the German Interest Group! If you are interested in research on German speaking regions or trying to discover those missing Germanic ancestors, this interest group is for you. Mary Robsman will facilitate the group. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person. Free

Tue, Sep 22

"Deep Roots: The Hooper Doods Raffle Quilt," 1:30-3:00 by Anne Billeter.

Local quilt maker Gladys Hooper Doods brought together through her marriage the Hoopers of many Maine generations and the Doods from the Midwest and Jackson County, Oregon. Raffle tickets for the quilt will be sold beginning September 22. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn on June 28, 2016. Please call (541) 512-2340, email reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free talk. Please click the link, **Hooper Doods Quilt**, to read more about this program.

Tue, Sep 22

Scandinavian Interest Group, 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Andrea Patterson & Betty Miller facilitate this group. Get help finding your Scandinavian ancestors. Please call (541) 512-2340, email reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this free event.

All classes FREE and open to the public! Please call (541) 512-2340, email reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance.

Mon, Sep 28

How to Start Your Genealogy Project, 10:30-11:30. Charleen Brown, RVGS Past President, will cover the basics of ancestor charts, trees, and what to do to get started with your research.

How to Use the Library Effectively, 1:00-2:00 pm. Anne Billeter, JCGL Library Director, will show you what's where at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, hidden treasures & how to use the library's on-line catalog.

Tue, Sep 29

How to Organize Your Genealogy Research, 10:30 –

11:30am. Barbara Northrop, RVGS PR Director, will discuss paper organization. This class will emphasize basic ideas that will give you the ability to choose a system to keep organized.

What's in a Census? 1:00-2:00 pm. Barbara MacMillen, RVGS Grants Coordinator, will show you what information is given in the U.S. Federal Census and how to use that information to further your family search. Topics include what other censuses are available and where to

find them.

How to Use the Library Effectively.7:00-8:00 pm. Anne Billeter, JCGL Library Director, will show you what's where at the Jackson County Genealogy Library. (This evening class is a repeat of Monday's 1 pm class.)

Wed, Sep 30

Using the Website Menu at JCGL, 10:30-11:30 am. Barbara Basden, RVGS ePublications Director, will discuss our subscription sites such as Ancestry.com, Fold3, Findmypast, and others.

DNA and genealogy: Autosomal DNA testing, 1:00-2:00

pm. Mike Witzeman joins us from Redding to present: Autosomal DNA testing is the current "craze" as it is offered by *FamilyTreeDNA*, *Ancestry*, and *23 and Me*, and is the most popular test today. Mike will answer questions about Y-DNA and mtDNA after the initial presentation.



AND HOW TO FIND THEM
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Genealogy Week in Klamath Falls Oregon

**JOIN NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED GENEALOGICAL
SPEAKER, CINDY INGLE, CREATOR, OWNER, and
WEBMASTER of CYNDI'S LIST COMING FOR A
WORKSHOP IN KLAMATH FALLS, SEPT 19th!**

The Klamath Basin Genealogical Society is celebrating Genealogy Week with a Genealogy Seminar on Saturday, September 19th with an all-day workshop featuring nationally (actually internationally) known speaker: Cyndi Ingle.

Cyndi is the creator, owner and "webmaster" of the award-winning web site-- Cyndi's List-- A comprehensive, categorized & cross-referenced list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online. In its first three years, Cyndi's List was three times voted the best genealogy site on the World Wide Web. It helps millions of visitors worldwide each month and has been featured in the media and diverse publications, including ABC News, NBC News, USA Today, Time, Newsweek, Parade Magazine, Wired, Family Tree Magazine, Family Chronicle, and Internet Genealogy magazines. It has been a genealogy starting point for more than 18 years. It features a categorized index to more than 333,000 online resources. If you are not familiar with Cyndi's List check it out right away: www.cyndislist.com

See the brochure about the day and a registration form.

The Seminar will be Saturday, September 19th. Registration 8:45-9:15 am; Program 9:15 am-4:00 pm. The location will be Klamath Community College Campus, Building 6. Registration Costs \$60 including lunch. Preregistration is required.

Topics include:

A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0.

Ten Resources I Use Every Day: Miscellaneous Tips for the Online Researcher

Pin Your Ancestors Down with Google Maps & Google Earth

Evernote for Every Genealogist

We still have room for additional participants, so come join us!

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**Klamath Basin
 Genealogical Society
 Genealogy Seminar
 September 19, 2015
 Klamath Community College
 Building 6
 Klamath Falls, OR**

**Saturday Sept. 19, 2015
 Genealogy Workshop
 Registration 8:45-9:15;
 Program 9:15 a.m.—4 p.m.**

**Professional Presenter:
 Cyndi Ingle founder of
*Cyndi's List***

Cyndi Ingle, a genealogist for more than 35 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.

WORKSHOPS TOPICS:

- A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0
- Ten Resources I Use Everyday
- Pin your Ancestors Down with Google Maps & Google Earth
- Evernote for Every Genealogist

Registration Cost:

Early Registration:
 \$50 Nonmembers
 \$60 Nonmembers with catered lunch
 \$35 KBGS Members
 \$45 Members with catered lunch
Late Registration (After Sept. 10)
 \$55 Nonmembers and Members
Join KBGS:
 Membership dues are \$13 per person
 or \$16 a couple
 August 1, 2015-July 31, 2016

REGISTRATION: Klamath Basin Genealogical Society Genealogy Workshop

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015

Klamath Community College, Klamath Falls

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Early Registration Cost:

_____ \$50 Nonmember no Lunch
 _____ \$60 Nonmember, with Lunch
 _____ \$35 KBGS member, no Lunch
 _____ \$45 KBGS member with Lunch

Cost after Sept. 10, 2015:

_____ \$55 Nonmember/member
 _____ \$65 with Lunch

Make checks payable to: KBGS

Send Registration to: Anita Kerr KBGS Treasurer, %Klamath Co. Library,
 126 S. 3rd St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601

2015/16 Dues: \$13 Single
 Membership or \$16 for couples.

Summer Activity Photos



Some free time – nice weather – good conversation

Potluck Picnic – a great location and good weather¹⁹



A really nice variety of food shared at the picnic