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The September 11th meeting is being held at the



Don Anderson

***Bear Hotel
2101 NE
Spalding
Ave.
Grants Pass
1:30pm***

***Guest speaker - The author of *Paper and Spit*: Family found:
How DNA and Genealogy revealed my first parents' identity***

Don Anderson wanted to know where he came from, but would he be setting himself up for disappointment by searching? Would he discover parents who were not alive—or worse, parents who didn't want to know him? Would he be able to find them at all?

Paper and Spit chronicles Anderson's journey. Follow him every step of the way, from filing his first application in 1995, to obtaining information from the adoption agency that placed him, to knocking on his maternal aunt's door in 2001, to finally confirming the identity of his father in 2015.

Using DNA and genealogy, Anderson finds not only the identity of his birth parents but also his true ethnic heritage. In his relentless pursuit, he attends conferences, classes, and studies—and he never gives up his search. Anderson discovers that his connection to his roots is stronger than he realizes—and once he reconnects, he never lets go.

Paper and Spit is filled with suspense, disappointments, breakthroughs, and climactic moments that make it a great read. Even if adoption is not your story, Anderson's memoir will inspire you to find the roots of your identity and heritage.

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Please RSVP - busybusyjan@gmail.com or cacese36@gmail.com



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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 dues- \$15.00 for one individual, or \$20.00 for two or more individuals living at the same mailing address.

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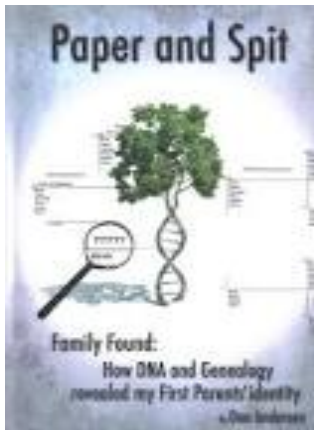
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Presidents Message



The observance of our 50th anniversary will conclude on September 11th at the Bear Hotel when we welcome our guest speaker Don Anderson, the author of *Paper and Spit: Family found - How DNA and Genealogy revealed my first parents' identity*. Don is a very moving speaker whose thoughtful presentation will chronicle his quest to find his birthparents. Don's book will be available for purchase on September 11th.

FYI – there will be many door prizes and a silent auction at the meeting on September 11th & we could always use a few more things for door prizes. Contact me if you have something to donate or if a business you frequent might be a good source as a donor.

Polli Kucharik, Jeri Paradise, Joan Edwards and I took a tour of the Bear Hotel and promise the meeting there will be a fun event. Cake ice cream and beverage will be served. No charge to attend the meeting and program on September 11th. **YOU DO NO WANT TO MISS THIS MEETING AND GUEST SPEAKER.**

Also, this month we will hold the **GPGS Workshop – September 8th at the Family History Center – 12 Noon to 4pm.** The workshop is geared to beginners but anyone of any level of expertise is welcome to attend. The workshop is free. Thank you Garnet Rigby-Wharton for updating the 6th Street information banner for the workshop. RSVP – caces36@gmail.com

The Board of Directors voted in June to give another scholarship through the Josephine Education Fund in 2019. Our award of a \$500 scholarship will be enhanced three-fold if the winner is enrolled in College Dreams growing the award to \$2000. Many of our members have donated to the scholarship fund in memory of Janis Seaton and that is very generous of you. Your donation is tax deductible when filing taxes for 2018.

The following members helped at the yard sale held in July & I thank them for all their help at the only fund raising event we hold each year.....Garnet Rigney-Wharton, Catherine Byers, Lisa Acrea, Shar Fairchild, Elizabeth Holt, Joan Edwards, Norma Spencer, Judy Leipold, June Cogle and Adrienne Pueschel. The treasurer advises we earned \$393.93 from sales, 50/50 raffle \$57.00 and a \$10.00 donation to the scholarship fund. Expenses were \$100 for insurance, and payout to 50-50 winner \$28.50.

Thank Don & LaVona Ness for sponsoring our annual potluck luncheon at Countryside Village last month. We had a good turn out and heard some interesting "show & tell" stories. The food was tasty and there was plenty to choose from.

During September the nominating committee will canvas the membership for those willing to run for elected office. New ideas are needed and are very welcome. This is your chance to improve the Grants Pass Genealogical Society as we enter our 51st. year as an organization.

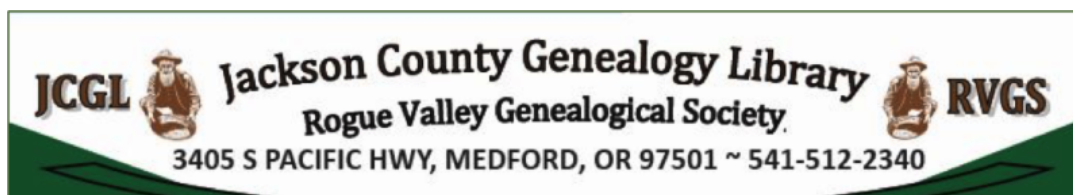
Each year the GPGS co-sponsors the Community Seminar at the LDS Church - 1969 Williams Hwy. A copy of the seminar poster is included with this newsletter for your reference. Sessions are well attended each year and reservations suggested. **Plan to attend the free seminar on October 20th from 8am - 4pm.**

Greetings to all,
Celeste Guillory

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Great Uncle Bertrand didn't have a computer in 1880, so how will you find him on line?



Programs and Events for September

[See website for details](#)

Tuesday, September 18, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Member Meeting and Public Program - "Member Faire Affaire"

Several of our members will be sharing their Genealogy stories and special finds; we might even hear innovative suggestions for our research. Free to all.

Saturday September 22 - Friday September 28

Genealogy Week

This is a week of **free classes** for everyone just starting their research or wanting a little refresher and maybe a few new tips.

Tuesday, September 25, 1:30-2:30 PM

Quilt and Genealogy Talk

"Mary Louisa Black's Oregon Wagon Train Quilt"

Annice Olena Black is Mary Louisa's great-granddaughter.

Board Meeting

Monday, September 10, 9:30-12 Noon

Members are welcome. Free to all.

Special Interest Groups

Free to members and \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

[See website for details](#)

Monday, September 10, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Advanced DNA Interest Group

Tuesday, September 11, 1:30- - 3:00 PM

Family Tree Maker Interest Group

Wednesday, September 12, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

German Interest Group

Thursday, September 13, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Irish Interest Group

Wednesday, September 19, 10:30 -12:30 PM

Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

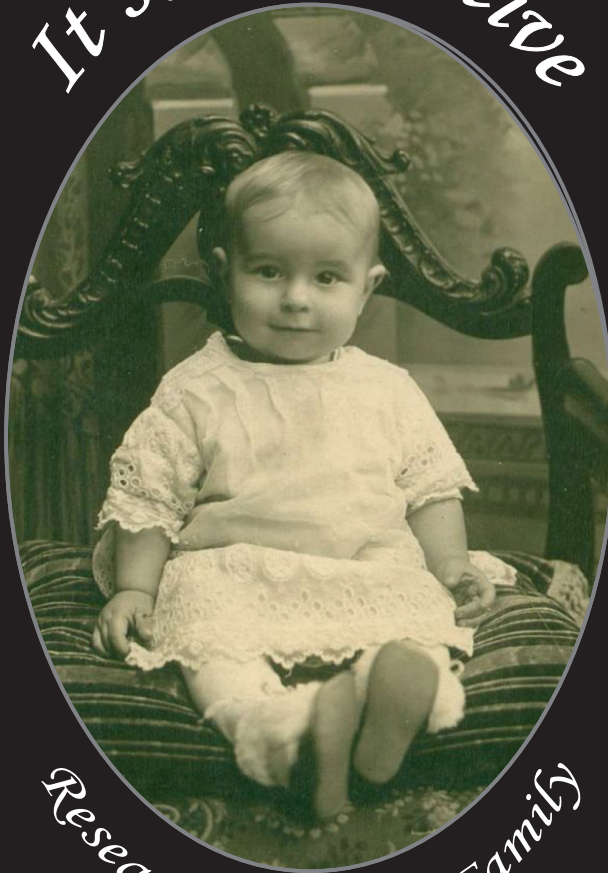
For more information, stop by or call at 541-512-2340

2018

Grants Pass Community Family History Seminar

It's All Relative

Free



Sponsored by:
Grants Pass Family
History Center
and
The Grants Pass
Genealogical Society

Researching Your Family

Saturday, October 20th 8 am - 4 pm

1969 Williams Hwy, Grants Pass, OR 97527 *At the corner of Williams Hwy & W Harbeck Rd.*

Inside The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The seminar brochure will be emailed to all
GPGS members after 9-5-2018