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Begin the New Year with Another SBCGS "Twofer"

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society's January meeting features two practical and informative programs presented by Cath Madden Trindle, CG.

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.: Unclutter! Organizing your Digital and Hard Copy Genealogy

Organizing your genealogy can save you hundreds of hours of time and frustration. In our pre-meeting program, Cath will discuss ways to assess your genealogy collection and help you decide the best method for organizing it. Begin the New Year by using your genealogy research to its fullest potential!

11:00 a.m.: But, It's My Family: Copyright Issues for the 21st Century Genealogist

As the internet and powerful search engines (Google, Yahoo Search, etc.) have become staples of our every day lives, easy access to published genealogical information contained in various media – books, CD-ROMs, and websites (including free sites like Rootsweb.com and familysearch.org, and "for fee" sites such as Ancestry.com) -- has exploded. Interest in genealogy, the ease of publishing family histories on the web, and "virally" exchanging surname and family information via social networking sites are also rapidly proliferating. Once it's on the web, the information is available for anyone to use, right? And after all, "It's my family!"

When does the sharing and "copying" of family research information become a violation of intellectual property? What facts can one freely share without attribution? What information should you secure permission or insist others obtain your permission in order to publish or share?

Cath will guide us through the minefield of complex copyright concerns that our grandparents could never have dreamed of when they prepared pedigree charts and wrote family memoirs!

Cath Madden Trindle, CGSM, has been the owner-manager of a bookkeeping consulting practice for over 30 years. She is also the treasurer of the California State Genealogical Alliance and Federation of Genealogical Societies, as well as Publication Chair for the San Mateo County Genealogical Society. Besides writing copyright and society strategy columns, Cath also speaks throughout California on Genealogical Storytelling, Building a House History, and Irish and Scottish Research. Alongside genealogical research certification, Cath earned a Certificate in British Research from BYU, and performs client research in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Join us on **January 24, 2009**, at the First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State Street. Please park in the upper lot off of Constance. The meeting begins at 9:30 AM. Special interest groups which normally start at 9:30 AM will not be held on this day only. Coffee and refreshments will start at 10:15. Come early to get a good seat!

January Meeting Reminder –

Change of Date:
24 January 2009

(Note: Meeting will be held on
Saturday, Jan. 24)

Meeting begins at 9:30 AM

Speciality Groups including Computer Genealogy, Beginning Genealogy, and German Ancestry will be cancelled for this meeting only.

Interest Groups

Illinois Interest Group

The Illinois Interest Group will meet May 4, 2009, at the Sahyun Library, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. For further information, please call Joan Jacobs (682-9524) or e-mail her at rsjacobs3@cox.net.

Civil War Research

For help with Civil War Ancestor research, contact Bob Duncan at 684-5640 or nacnud34@cox.net.

Cornish Interest Group

For information on the California Cornish Cousins, call 687-8257 or 687-5403. New members always welcomed.

American Scandinavian Foundation

Members are invited to contact Evelyne Houdek if they have Scandinavian heritage or are interested in Scandinavia. (Evelyne Houdek, 684-7736, or gghoudek@aol.com)

Half and Half Book Buy Program

Virginia Immigrants & Adventurers 1607-1635, a Biographical Dictionary, by McCartney. Done alphabetically, 5500 persons of all social ranks that could be identified in the early immigrant community are identified with documentation. Maps & glossary. Cost: \$52; 1/2 cost: \$26. Needed: \$26.00.

Jamestowne Ancestors 1607-1699, by Virginia Davis. This is a commemorative book for the 400th Anniversary of "James Towne." Alpha list of documented settlers with dates & service given to settlement, and place of origin or county represented. Cost: \$22; 1/2 cost: \$11. Needed: \$11.00.

Genealogical Notes of Barstable Families, by Otis. These 'Otis Papers' first published in the Barnstable Patriot, in 1888, being detailed accounts, usually 2 or more generations, of 92 early families who settled in Barnstable, MA. Indexed. Cost: \$66; 1/2 cost: \$33. Needed: \$33.00.

Tracing Ancestors in Barbados, by Lane. This is a comprehensive guide to all the usual genealogical records on the island. A British colony from 1637 to 1966 the documents needed are not always easy to locate. Cost: \$20; 1/2 cost: \$10. Needed: \$10.00.

Germans to America & Hamburg Passenger Lists: Coordinated Schedules, by Minert. This index will take the researcher straight from the US passenger arrival list to the corresponding Hamburg Passenger List. Includes FHL film numbers, Germans to America vol. & page; & HPL pages. Cost: \$34; 1/2 cost: \$17. Needed: \$17.00.

Iowa, Kansas & Nebraska Civil War Veterans, by Northcott. This book indexes the death dates of about 36,000 ex-veterans of the IA, KS, & NB Posts, GAR bet. 1883-1948. Gives Co., Reg. or ship & GAR Post name. Appendix of obituaries for 135 Vets. Cost: \$34; 1/2 cost: \$17. Needed: \$17.00.

National Roll of the Great War 1914-18, London. Alpha list of those Londoners who served in WWI besides soldiers, such as nurses, factory workers, etc. Cost: \$48; 1/2 cost: \$24. Needed: \$24.00.

Members pay 1/2 –

Book Fund pays 1/2.

Please send contributions to:



SBCGS, c/o Louise Matz,
P.O. Box 6103, SB 93160

suggestions welcomed!

SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HALF & HALF BOOK BUY PROGRAM!

George Goodall

Patricia Coppejans

Dorothy Northenscold

February 21st Program: Love, Romance, Partners & Companions!

In honor of Valentine's Day this is your chance to share unique interesting love or friendship story in your family tree. If you've uncovered an interesting love story, a particularly lotharios or alluring ancestor, a noteworthy partnership, or even an enduring human-animal relationship consider sharing your story with the Society. Contact Programs Chair, Mary E. Hall at mehall2@cox.net for more information and to arrange to present your story in our February program.

2009 Call for Programs!

Do you have a genealogical or family research & history topic you'd like to see as a program? Have you seen a speaker at another conference or seminar that would provide a stimulating spark for the SBCGS membership? Would you like to informally gather and toss around monthly program topics and ideas? If so, please contact our Programs Chair, Mary E. Hall at mehall2@cox.net to help schedule stimulating and meaningful SBCGS programs for 2009.

A Thank You to All our Society Friends

The evening of November 13, 2008, began as any other for us, finishing a few last minute things in the office and heading to the kitchen to see what we could find for dinner. All that changed in minutes when wild fire, driven by 70 mile per hour winds swept over East Mountain Drive and Coyote Road. With the evacuation notice scrolling along the bottom of the television screen, we grabbed our 'what to take in case of fire' list and began loading our vehicles. With each trip to the carport, the flicker of fire grew until after only twenty minutes we made the decision that it was time to escape. Of course later, after leaving most everything behind, we kept thinking of those last few things we should have saved... the flag from my father's recent funeral and his World War II medal, musical instruments collected over the years, my mother's good silver, pictures, glassware from my grandmother, the rest of our genealogy documents and files, and all our genealogy books. Every day we're reminded of our loss. Every day it's overwhelming, but we have been overwhelmed in other more positive ways. We have had so many offers of help. The 'tea at the library' attended by so many of you and the gifts given to us were so generous. Thank you so very much. We are grateful every day for your kindness and concern.

Cheryl & Gary Jensen

How Are We Doing?

The Society customarily holds a planning meeting each year to review its long-range challenges and opportunities, and to map strategies to address them.

This year's meeting will be held at the Sahyun Library on Saturday morning, February 7, from 9 AM — Noon. The theme will be "How Are We Doing?" The major topics will center around 1) Membership numbers (retention, levels, "we want you back" campaign); 2) Participation (Meeting attendance, library attendance, seminar attendance, volunteerism, web visits); 3) Society management (formalization of some of the committees; how to involve more members).

Please contact Art Sylvester (sylvestag@aol.com) if you would like to join the Board of Directors and other committee chairs in this important meeting.

Arthur Sylvester

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year, Friends,
At least that is the customary thing to be saying this time of year. I truly mean it – I hope it will be a happy one for you, happier than 2008 has been for many people.

Noozhawk characterized 2008 as a "year of fortitude" in light of the effects that the Tea and Gap fires have had on the community, and that the economy has had on individuals, organizations, and governments at all levels nationally and globally.

All of us can say things could have been worse, especially in the case of the local fires, but the Tea fire was bad enough. Is the worst yet to come?

Many pundits foresee 2009 as a year of doom and gloom. Just browse the business pages of the LA Times if you want to ruin your day. Its editorial pages, however, see it as a year of hope and challenge, albeit one that will require considerable sacrifice, hard work, and much patience and understanding at all levels. Here and there in the Times, moreover, are stories of real success, hope, and joy. Yes, in 2008, such things really happened.

2009 promises to be one of the most challenging years the Society has ever faced, yet 2009 offers us the prospect of being one of the Society's banner years. It is truly daunting to contemplate raising \$1.34 million to build and equip an extension to the Sahyun Library, but that is the goal we set in 2008 and have projected to reach in 2009, and we are almost halfway there! The challenge is indeed enormous and so are the rewards!

A successful Campaign will lead to groundbreaking in mid-2009 and occupation of the new wing in 2010. Again, however, much hard work, long hours, and dedicated effort lie ahead before these events will happen. And as usual, the Society has turned to its members for voluntary help to make them happen.

This Society has a long list of incredible accomplishments, thanks to its member

volunteers. To quote Ed Storr once again: "If each of us does a little, then all of us do a lot". That maxim will be strongly tested in 2009 as a cadre of volunteers directs the Campaign and seeks help and continued support of all Society members.

Thus I urge each of you to involve yourself in the Campaign in 2009 to the extent you are able and work with together with us for its success. Attend the social functions, help committees that are soliciting donations, donate generously your time and talents, and think of the Society's future when a volunteer asks you to reach deeply into your pocketbook.

Wouldn't it be fine at this time next year to reflect on what a satisfying year 2009 turned out to be? Let's make it happen!

Once again, Happy New Year!
Arthur Gibbs Sylvester, President

Membership

Below is the information on our newest members:

Individual:

Susan K. Carty
4891 Frances St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111-2821
805-965-2942

Jennifer M. Jones
1444 Tunnel Rd
Santa Barbara, CA 93105-2139
805-687-9836

Members Gail Embree and Cheryl and Gary Jensen, lost their homes to the Tea Fire. New address information is:

Gail Embree
1528 Santa Rosa Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93109-2067
Phone is still: 805-966-9231
gailembree@verizon.net

Cheryl and Gary Jensen
P.O. Box 5327
Santa Barbara, CA 93150

SB Co. Genealogical Society Web Page:
www.cagenweb.com/santabarbara/sbcgs/
Library e-mail address:
sbcgs@msn.com

Calendar

Board Meeting

Friday, January 16 , 8:30 AM, at the Sahyun Library

January 2009 General Meeting

Changed to 4th Saturday, Jan. 24

Strategic Planning Meeting

Saturday, February 7, 2009

For more information, contact Art Sylvester

RSVP for Gala Brunch, Jan. 25

Call immediately for more information:
Joan Jacobs, 682-9524

Gala Brunch, Kick off to expand our library

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Adult Ed Classes

Genealogy classes begin 20 Jan. Check last page for details.

Mark Your Calendars

The general meeting in January will be held on January 24, 2009

Irish Seminar

March 13, 2009

Annual trip to Salt Lake City

13 May to 20 May, 2009. There are some rooms left. Contact Jim Friestad at ronjim@cox.net or Patsy Brock at pelbe@sbceo.org

For Information, Call:

President: Arthur Sylvester, 967-1742

Head Librarian: Don Gill, 967-7236

Librarian Scheduling: Jim & Marj Friestad, 964-0227

Newsletter Address Corrections: Susan Ramsey, 967-1670

Book Buy: Louise Matz, 967-7353

Vice President, Membership: Diane Nelson, 964-4181

Ancestors West: Dorothy Oksner, 684-3048, ox@silcom.com

Adult Ed Genealogy Classes:

Jan Cloud, 965-7423

Louise Matz, 967-7353

Cari Thomas, 965-5523

Sales Table: Emily Aasted, 687-6097

Vice President, Programs: Mary Hall, 687-7403

Publicity: Gary Shumaker, 687-0065

Tree Tips: fjordhest@cox.net; Deadline: 3rd Sat. of the month

Winter Term Adult Ed Classes

Library Research for Genealogists

Get the most for your research time. Discover the depth and breadth of the rapidly expanding genealogical collection at the Sahyun Library. Learn how to identify the sources you need quickly and how to find those that are more obscure. Explore special research strategies that will help you use any library more efficiently and effectively for family history research. **Janice Cloud**, Jan. 26 (4 Mon.) 9 a.m.-Noon, Sahyun Library, 315 Castillo St. (Limit 22)

Family History Research: Beginning to Intermediate

Solve the mystery of your family history. If you are just starting or returning to your genealogical research, this hands-on class will help you. Explore census, vital record; examine military, naturalization and arrival documents. Sharpen internet searching skill and learn research strategies. **Louise Matz, M.S.**, Jan. 20 (8 Tues.) 5:15-7:15 p.m., Room 26, Wake Center

Family History Research: Intermediate/Advanced

Beyond the basics-the search continue. Learn of additional sources that may provide more details of your ancestors or help unravel those vexing problems that stump us all at some point. Problem-solving methods will be emphasized. **Janice Cloud**, Jan. 21 (10 Wed.) 10 a.m.-Noon, Room 26, Wake Center

New Registration System for Adult Ed Classes

Beginning with Winter Quarter, registration for Adult Ed classes will be via the Internet. If you do not have a computer or have difficulty completing your registration for classes (Genealogy classes are on p. 46), go to either the Schott or Wake Centers and staff there will help you register for classes. It is recommended that you register early—between Monday, December 1, 2008 and Friday, January 16, 2009.

Please register for Winter Term genealogy classes now!! If you show up on the first day of class without pre-registering, you're likely to miss most of the class while you join the throng using the Adult Ed computers to complete their registration.

Library Hours

• **SBCGS Sahyun Library Hours**

316 Castillo Street

Phone: 805-884-9909

Sunday: 1-4 PM

Tuesday: 10 AM-3 PM

Thursday: 10 AM-3 PM

Friday: 10 AM-3 PM

• **LDS Library Hours**

2107 Santa Barbara St.

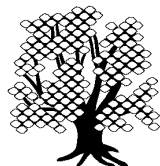
Phone: 805-682-2092

Wednesday: 10 AM-6 PM

Thursday: 10 AM-6 PM

Friday: 9 AM-3 PM

Saturday: 9 AM-12 Noon



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