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Organization and Self-publishing— Great Topics for Genealogists!

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010

Time: 9:30 - 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Cafi Cohen

Where: First Presbyterian Church, State & Constance

Special Interest Groups will NOT meet on the 15th

It's another fully-packed 2-Fer in May. Our meeting includes two outstanding lectures by Cafi Cohen, Education Chairperson of the San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society.

9:30: "Organization: Ten Steps to More Effective Genealogical Research"

This presentation takes a holistic look at organizing your genealogy life including (1) a description of the popular color-coding system for sorting your papers and photos; (2) handling of digital media; and (3) an overview of source citation methods.

11:00: "Using MyCanvas, the Free Publishing Tool at Ancestry.com"

Are you the genealogical equivalent of the quilt maker who collects fabric and never makes the quilt? This presentation demonstrates the transition from database to visually-appealing book, designed to showcase your years of research -- and even interest your grandchildren.

In 1995 Cafi began researching her family to learn about her maternal grandmother. Within a year, she was hooked on growing her family tree. She has followed her ancestral lines from California, the Midwest, the old south, and New England to Scotland, France, Germany, Ireland, and Italy. Researching her husband's Jewish family—immigrants from Poland, Romania, and Russia to New York City and Texas—broadened her experience.

Cafi is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and the National Genealogical Society. Several of her articles have been published in the San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society Bulletin. In 2003, she received the California State Genealogical Alliance Distinguished Service Award. Together with her business partner, Cafi founded *Bridge To Yesterday* to couple professional genealogy research with family history book layout and publishing.

Please join us on May 15th for a fun and informative monthly meeting. We meet at the First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State Street for this program, business meeting, and refreshments. There is ample free parking in the church's lot and the facility is handicapped accessible.

Calendar

Board Meeting

Friday, May 14, 8:30 a.m., at the Sahyun Library

May General Meeting

Saturday, May 15, 2010, 9:30 - Noon

Keep in Touch

SB County Genealogical Society Web Page: www.sbgen.org

SBCGS Blog: <http://sbcgs.blogspot.com/>

Library e-mail address: info@sbgen.org

Outstanding DNA Workshops

4th Friday Lunch & Learn

12:00 Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Friday, May 21st, Sahyun Library

Bring your lunch & DNA test related questions, including new autosomal/Family Finder test

4th Saturday: DNA One-on-One Help

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 22nd

Sahyun Library

New to DNA testing and one-on-one assistance

Must RSVP at: events@sbgen.org for May 22nd One-on-One assistance. Or call Mary E Hall at (805) 687-7403

Half and Half Book Buy Program

History of Athens & Clarke Co. GA., by Rowe. Brief history of the early university town of Athens, and Clarke County. Many bios of the early area pioneers. Indexed. Cost: \$30; 1/2 cost: \$15. Needed: \$15.00.

A Biographical History of Greene Co., PA. By Bates. Only biographies! The sketches are named and organized by townships. Gives BP, occupation, wives (maiden) and children's names. Frequently ethnic descent & earlier generation is named. Cost: \$36; 1/2 cost: \$18. Needed: \$18.00.

Every-Name Index for 2 Vols. (of) History of Frederick Co., MD. By TJC Williams. After 64 years, the two volume history, which is at the Sahyun, is at last easy to use! No excuses! Cost: \$18; 1/2 cost: \$9. Needed: \$9.00.

Translated Abstracts of Death Notices in the Portsmouth Correspondent 1894-1908, by Herbert. This Scioto, Co., Ohio German newspaper will prove invaluable to researchers! Places of interest such as the Insane Asylum, Poorhouse, Soldiers' & Sailors' Home are explained. Illustrations. Indexed. Cost: \$50; 1/2 cost: \$25. Needed: \$25.00.

Pioneers & Pilgrims, The Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde in Manitoba, NE & KS, 1874 to 1882, by Plett. This focuses on the early years of NE & KS settlement. In depth family genealogies for over 10 surnames. Sketches and personal accounts. Cost: \$44; 1/2 cost: \$22. Needed: \$22.00.

"Gold Rush Days" BMD from Early Stockton Newspapers 1861-1866. V. 5. Includes register of deaths from the Co.

Courthouse. Marriages by groom but includes a Bride index. Births include parents' places of birth! Cost: \$12; 1/2 cost: \$6. Needed: \$6.00.

The History of Enfield, CT, 3 Vols. Contains all essential public records from the town's beginning to 1850. Enfield was once in MA, so records are hard to come by! (This was a member request. We try!) Cost: \$236; 1/2 cost: \$118. Needed: \$118.00.

Map Guide to German Parish Registers, Province of Sachsen II, by Hansen. You'll need to find the parishes for any denomination in order to locate births, marriages, deaths & burials. Maps, town and parish "keys". Cost: \$34; 1/2 cost: \$17. Needed: \$17.00.

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 1/2 & 1/2 BOOK BUY PROGRAM!

Cari T., Dorothy O. and Tori B

Dinah Mason

From the President's Desk

Rain was forecast for the afternoon of the Society's ground breaking for the extension to the Sahyun Library, but it held off until we were finished, until everything had been cleaned up and put away. Only when people walked to their cars afterward did the rain fall. It would be tempting to look for some sort of a sign in that, but I'd rather concentrate on the real rather than the abstract, and so I shall.

We turned over some shovelfuls of dirt and were delighted to do so, but you ought to ask, when do we see bulldozers, and cement trucks, and carpenters? And even farther out, when can we expect to see the result of several years of dreams – a larger and more functional library?

In what follows pay very close attention to where I say "if", "could", "possibly", and "maybe," because quite candidly we don't have a fixed date to commence construction, but on the other hand, we could be very close.

As I write this, we are waiting for the City Building Department to give its final approval to our plans, and that could happen while you read this edition of Tree Tips. Our contractor could take as little as a week to obtain those final plans, revise his bid accordingly, and then submit a contract. Then the Board of Directors must approve the bid and contract. If all this goes swimmingly, construction could occur as early as the beginning of June.

Some big "coulds" and one big "if" – still, that is exciting news after dreaming for so long!

The contractor, who, by the way, is Tony Suhrer of Madera Construction, plans to build the extension and renovate the existing library in two phases, allowing the library to remain open most of the time during construction. The first phase involves demolition for the new wing, removal of the roof over the present office, Fireside Room, Family History Room, and demolition of the solarium, and then construction of the new wing that ties into the existing building. That phase is scheduled to take eight months.

Before the second phase can begin, we must move everything from the existing stack side of the library into the new wing, and then the contractor will renovate the old wing, including upgrading electricity, air conditioning, and windows. We have to build a second lavatory, but we'll keep the present kitchen and lavatory. The second phase will take 2-4 months.

We have a lot to do, however, before the contractor can come in with bulldozers to start preparation for the new foundation. You'll see notices on the walls listing things to move, to store, or to trash. Fund raising continues; planning meetings are happening; and conversations are in swing between contractor and architect. The pace of activity is quickening; the level of excitement is increasing.

If everything proceeds apace, then we could have a grand opening party in June 2011. So much work to do before then, but won't that be a day to look forward to?!

Arthur Gibbs Sylvester

Membership

Below are our newest members:

Individuals:

Lesley Torgeson Farmer
Goleta, CA

Erin Graffy de Garcia
Santa Barbara, CA

Lori Gutzmann
Santa Barbara, CA

Gwen Patterson
Santa Barbara, CA

Jamie Smith
Santa Barbara, CA

Anna Lee Smith
Santa Barbara, CA

Donor:

Jan Smith Olivas Santa Bar-
bara, CA

Library Construction

Construction may be upon us before we know it, and we have a lot to do to be ready when it starts. Immediately prior to the start of construction the following tasks must be accomplished. Do you have an hour or two to help?

1. Prepare Room B4 for storage of books
2. Prepare Lath House for storage of furniture
3. Remove & store all furniture and books from the Fireplace Room
4. Remove & store all furniture and books from the Family History (Board) Room
5. Remove & store all furniture and books from the Solarium
6. Remove & store all furniture and books from the Librarian's Office
7. Remove periodicals & center shelves from Periodical Room

We need members (and friends) to sign up and be on call to support these activities. Items 1 and 2 will start in the next week and items 3 - 7 shortly thereafter.

Please email Jim Friestad
<RONJIM@COX.NET>
and let him know the days and times you are available. If each of us does a little, we all do a lot.

Nominations for 2010 - 2012

In a special meeting on 29 April 2010, the Board of Directors accepted the Nominations Committee slate of officers for officer vacancies for 2010-2012. According to the Society's by-laws, that slate shall be published in *Tree Tips* one month before the vote is to be taken. Thus here, for Vice President, Membership: Sue Ramsay; for Finance Officer: Jim Wilson.

Have & Needs – Research Help!

We are fortunate to have so much talent in our society. We have over 15 members who indicated they have some expertise in a research area who are willing to help others with their research questions. Some of topics include:

- Santa Barbara Families & Santa Barbara Mission Registers
- US – New England and New York
- England, Swedish, Ukranian, Polish records
- Germanic (incl Thuringen)
- Norwegian Genealogy & translations
- Family Tree Maker and Reunion software
- Ancestry.com "Quaking Leaves"
- 19th C. costume & fashion and Printing History
- Beginning DNA

We also members who need help in these areas: can you help?

- Photo identification
- American Indian History & genealogy
- Midwestern German
- Netherlands
- Jewish German & Polish genealogy
- Quaker

We're updating the society's "Research Assistance" directory with the names, contact information and specialty of volunteers. This directory is maintained at the library and will be online, soon. We're also compiling the needs and where there are many we'll try to find expertise and offer a class, workshop or program. You can also send an e-mail to events@sb-gen.org with "Research Have (or Need)" in the subject line and we'll help you make the connections.

Bruce Rickborn 1935 - 2010

The members and board of SBCGS are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Bruce Rickborn. Bruce served on the Board for an all too short two years, helping us greatly with revision of the Society's by laws and with planning aspects of the Campaign.

We extend our sympathy to his wife, Ida Rickborn, also a member of SBCGS, and to their son, Steven, and to all of Bruce's family and friends. We will miss his dedication to our society, his keen sense of humor, and his strong sense of ethics and honesty.

For Information, Call:

President: Arthur Sylvester, 967-1742

President-Elect: Mary Hall, 687-7403

Head Librarian: Kathie Morgan, 682-4456

Librarian Scheduling: Marsha Martin,
967-1146

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Ramsey, 967-1670

Book Buy: Louise Matz, 967-7353

Vice President, Membership: Diane Nelson, 964-4181

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Jan Cloud, 965-7423

Louise Matz, 967-7353

Cari Thomas, 964-5523

Sales Table: Emily Aasted, 687-6097

Vice President, Programs: Marie Sue
Parsons, 964-9176

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

Congratulations to Our Newly "Installed" Librarians

Classes were held at the Sahyun Library in March and April for new volunteer Librarians. We would like to welcome the participants as new Librarians. They have already signed up for shifts at the Library, so come in and see them and let them show off their new found library skills!! Participants were: **Mary Jochum, Susanne Mori, Patsy Brock, Carolyn Pappas, Jean Pettit, Mary Forsell, Chris Klukkert, Dick McLaren, Anna Rae Zaletel, Joan Jacobs and Michel Nellis. Also attending to "refresh their skills" were Art Sylvester and Mary Hall.**

The classes provided an introduction to the Library Collection and the electronic catalog, a detailed tour of the Library facility, basic use of the computers, copier, scanner, and microfilm reader. The Librarians responsibilities and shift routines were also reviewed. Each participant received a set of printed procedures to use as reference when working at the library. The instructors for these sessions were: Rosa Avolio, Marj Friestad, Marsha Martin and Kathie Morgan.

The Library can always use new Librarians. It really is a very fun experience to work with the patrons who use our facility in their research. If you would like to participate in the next classes which will be scheduled at a future date, contact Marsha Martin, mmartin629@cox.net or Kathie Morgan kmorgan226@cox.net, and we will let you know when the next class is scheduled.

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

Special Interest Groups

The Santa Barbara Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution Contact George Franks (964-6688) for information.

Civil War Research

Contact Bob Duncan at 684-5640 or nacnud34@cox.net.

American Scandinavian Foundation

Contact Evelyne Houdek for more information (Evelyne Houdek, 684-7736, or gghoudek@aol.com)



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