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Tradional Holiday Share

Share Holiday Remembrances with Genealogical Community

SBCGS's "Holiday Share" program is always a warm annual tradition. On Saturday, December 20, we invite you to join us, bring a friend or family member and, in the spirit of the season, share holiday remembrances with your fellow Santa Barbara genealogical community.

In addition to the inspiring discoveries and genealogical projects presented by a few of our members, we also encourage you to think of the tune "My Favorite Things" and consider bringing to the meeting one or more of your own family treasures to share with the Society:

- Favorite heritage holiday tradition
- Inspiring or Holiday-themed ancestor story
- Treasured photographs or other family images
- Memorabilia (medal, ornament, quilt, etc.) with the story behind it
- Savory holiday treats
- Essential genealogical "gadget" or website
- Projects – Pedigree charts, scrap books, completed books or "in-progress" memoir – that will inspire your fellow genealogists

Remembering and sharing a "favorite thing" -- bringing a batch of marzipan cookies, telling a story to the family history buff standing next to you, or accompanying a friend who has an interest in genealogy -- is sure to rekindle holiday cheer this December.

Again this year, you are encouraged to provide photo images of your favorite ancestor as part of our pre-meeting slide program. (Scanned photos should be sent to Mary E. Hall at mehall2@cox.net, along with a short description of the subject(s)).

It will be a December Holiday Share program you won't want to miss... and a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend or family member who is curious about your little hobby!

Contact Mary Hall at mehall2@cox.net or call 687-7403 if you'd like to share your story or have any questions about the program.

Join us on December 20 at the First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State Street. Please park in the upper lot off of Constance. The meeting begins at 10:30 AM. Special interest groups start at 9:30 AM and are a great way to begin your morning. Coffee and refreshments will start at 10:00. Come early to enjoy the refreshments and the interesting displays.

Speciality Groups

You are welcome to the open specialty groups that meet at 9:30 AM, prior to the general meeting which starts at 10:30.

9:30 AM Computer Genealogy Interest Group meets before the regular meeting under the leadership of Merna McClenathen.

9:30 AM Beginning Genealogy Group meets before the regular meeting under the leadership of Arlene Doty.

9:30 AM German Ancestry Group meets before the regular meeting. Call Cari Thomas, 965-5523, for further details.

10:00 AM Coffee and Refreshments will be served. Check out the publications, creative gift ideas, and holiday traditions and memories

10:30 AM Meeting and Program at First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance

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)

January Meeting Reminder –

Change of Date:
24 January 2009

(Note: Meeting will be held on 4th Saturday in January)

Half and Half Book Buy Program

Florida's First Families, Vol.1, by Mills.

Four censuses bet. 1786 & 1814, around St. Augustine and St. John's, & the eastern coastal area. Gives names, ages, and relationship to HOH. Tables of abbreviations, names & terms. Indexed. Cost: \$26; 1/2 cost: \$13. Needed: \$13.00.

Abstracts from Alabama Newspapers, Vol.2, by Caver.

Four counties with approximate dates of coverage: Limestone 1859-70; Madison 1833 to 1835; Marshall 1853-1936; Jackson 1839-1937. Cost: \$32; 1/2 cost: \$16. Needed: \$16.00.

Mississippi Territory, War of 1812, by Rowland.

Includes present day states of LA, AL & FL panhandle. History of war in this area from original sources and muster lists of MS soldiers who fought. Cost: \$26; 1/2 cost: \$13. Needed: \$13.00.

Map Guide to German Parish Registers, Bavaria, (V. 17 Oberpfalz) & (V. 18 Schwaben) 2 Vols.

Continuing series. Find church parishes fast. Maps. Cost: \$72; 1/2 cost: \$36. Needed: \$36.00.

WPA Guide to Minnesota.

The Federal Writer's Project produced this book in 1938, capturing a candid snapshot of life now long gone. Includes maps, road trips city tours & drawings. Cost: \$20; 1/2 cost: \$10. Needed: \$10.00.

Annotated Lawrence Co., OH Children's Home Register 1874-1926, by Kounse.

Following the Civil War, Ohio authorized children's homes to be built in each Co for children abandoned & homeless. Hard to read microfilms were the source for this book. Names each child, & info regarding care. Cost: \$26; 1/2 cost: \$13. Needed: \$13.00.

Sprague's Journal of Maine History, CD-from Picton. Between 1913 & 1926

John F. Sprague published his quarterly magazine containing scholarly articles relating to Maine history, genealogy, geography & other subjects. This material covers over 300 families in Piscataquis County, for which few published sources are available. Cost: \$86; 1/2 cost: \$43. Needed: \$43.00.

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!

Joanne Treloar Dinah Mason

Mary Mamalakis Mary Marsh

Sharon Wilson Doris Crawford

Pauper Cemetery Clean Up

Kudos to Rosa Avolio, John Fritsche, Dorothy Oksner, and Michel Nellis for taking the time to clear weeds and tidy up the little pauper cemetery our society adopted several years ago. It now looks very cared for. And if anyone would like to volunteer to put down Round Up and/or a pre-emergent to keep future weeds at bay, let Michel know at mnellis3@verizon.net

Did you know.....

that we have a collection of local school yearbooks in our library?

Thanks for your wonderful outpouring of affection and support for Cheryl and Gary Jensen following the loss of their home in the Tea Fire. Both those who sent encouraging notes and aid and those who attended the gorgeous "Tea" in their honor at the library on December 3 to give personal hugs to Cheryl and Gary lifted their spirits and manifested the sense of community we have in our wonderful society.



SB Co. Genealogical Society Web Page:

www.cagenweb.com/santabarbara/sbcgs/

Library e-mail address:

sbcgs@msn.com

A Reminder:

Don't Forget to Mark
Your Calendar

The final date to make your reservation for the Campaign Gala Brunch is December 15, 2008.

Sooooo....

DON'T FORGET
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Membership

The following member renewed membership at the higher level:

Friend: Geraldine Gray Turner

Below is the information on our newest members:

Letty Lauffer
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(Family member with husband,
Randy)

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

It was just a year ago that I used this column to reflect on emergency safety and preparation. Now a year later I wonder how many of you paid heed to my suggestions? Most of our members at risk escaped the terrible consequences of the recent Tea fire, but regrettably, not all. And the losses suffered by them and many others in the community will be felt deeply for many years. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of them. Those few members who lost their home are really hurting and need our help.

The Tea fire revealed a glaring weakness in how we look out for each other in our Society. I saw the fire while out on an errand within 15 minutes after it started. When I returned home, Diane and I called everyone we knew in the foothills above Santa Barbara and Montecito to alert them to the fire and offer help, but ours was a haphazard, hit and miss effort. We, and the others who made calls, should have had a plan to be sure we reached everyone in peril, not just those few people we knew. We need a "telephone tree."

Sure, we can reach almost everyone by e-mail these days, but not everyone looks at his or her e-mail frequently enough for that to be a viable method of contact. No, the telephone is probably the best way, but that presumes everyone has a working telephone even if the power goes out, as it did in the Tea fire. Thus, you ought to make sure you have at least one old, corded phone in the house. Phone lines carry their own power and may still work in a power outage. They are not common, but they can be found.

Those of us who evacuated in the Gap fire or the Tea fire had either plenty or no time to grab things before fleeing. Some had enough time to fill the car several times and put everything into a storage locker. Others barely escaped with just the clothes on their backs. Hopefully every Society member grabbed some or all of their genealogy files. Others grabbed their computer and back up disks. Still others relied on off-site back up while watching the flames consume their home and its computers.

I've already suggested how to take care of your belongings, valuables, and genealogy files (October 2007 Tree Tips), and the local media has chimed in as well. If you want more, contact the American Red Cross for excellent information.

We believe that this won't be the only time we may have to evacuate, so when we moved everything back into the house, we took the time to organize books, papers, trinkets, etc. with priority labels - a sort of triage approach, a first-things-first approach. We intend to inventory each room of the house with big stars alongside the items in that room that go first. We shall be looking at off-site back up of computer files, scanned photographs and important papers. But equally important, the Society must do a better job of looking out for our members in times of peril or need. I shall see to it.

Arthur Gibbs Sylvester, President

"The Santa Barbara News Press reports 'Sahyun Library is a treasure trove for genealogy enthusiasts'"

Did you read the wonderful 29 October Santa Barbara News Press article that Karna Hughes wrote about our Society and our "home" — The Sahyun Library? Also featured were several members' ancestor hunt stories, quotes from our President and fabulous photos by Steve Malone of the News Press. The article profiled all the "treasures" that have been and can be found at our own Sahyun Library. In case you missed the article, look to the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society website: <http://www.cagenweb.com/santabarbara/sbcgs/>

For Information, Call:

President: Arthur Sylvester, 967-1742
Head Librarian: Don Gill, 967-7236
Librarian Scheduling: Jim & Marj Friestad, 964-0227
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Vice President, Membership: Diane Nelson, 964-4181
Ancestors West: Dorothy Oksner, 684-3048
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Library Note

- **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

Calendar

Board Meeting

Friday, December 19, 8:30 AM, at the Sahyun Library

General Meeting

Saturday, December 20, 9:30 AM

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

December 15, 2008

Gala Brunch, Kick off to expand our library

January 25, 2009

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

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. But don't worry—Adult Ed is offering help in several forms.

1. Schedules for Winter Quarter are NOW AVAILABLE at numerous sites around town, often in the area with the free newspapers. Or you can pick up a schedule at the Schott or Wake Centers. Simple illustrated directions for on-line registration are on pages 5-13, followed by Frequently Asked Questions on page 14.
2. 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.
3. Unlike previous terms when registration was done on the first day of class, the goal now is to have students REGISTER online BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN. Online registration began December 1, 2008, at 8:00 a.m.

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.



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