



# Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

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## SBCGS Virtual General Meeting Saturday, July 18th, 10:30am



Please join us on Saturday, July 18th,  
for our virtual general meeting.

*A unique URL will be mailed to all members  
a few days before this meeting.*

**10:30 - 11:00am**

Business Meeting with President, Connie Burns  
and Committee Reports

**11:00 - 12:00 Noon**

Elizabeth O'Neal, VP, introduction of speaker  
**Daniel Earl**

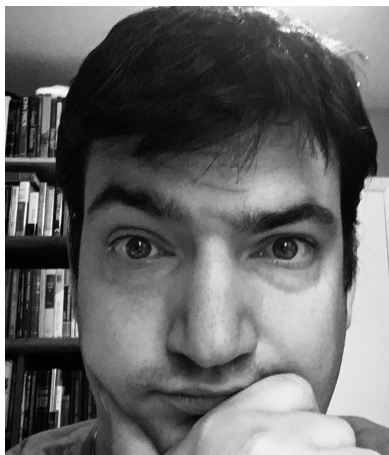
**Presentation:** "AncestArrrghs!: The Life and Records of the Atlantic Pirates"

### About the Program:

Ahoy mateys! Were yer ancestors land lubbers or did they be pirates? Even if your ancestors weren't pirates, their lives would have been affected by Atlantic piracy. This presentation covers the history of piracy in North America and how it affected trade from Halifax to Spanish Main. This presentation also looks at the types of records that exist because of piracy.

### About the Speaker:

I got my start in family history at age 10 when my father took me to the grave of my great-grandfather; that sparked a lifetime of interest in family history. I have spent the last 25 years researching my own family history and helping others make history a part of their story. I am a member of several genealogical societies and speak around the country on a wide range of topics. I live in the Lansing, Michigan, area with my wife and six kids. Website: <https://www.familyhistoryguy.net>



***SBCGS members will receive a unique URL before the General Meeting***

### General Information:

1. You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones.
2. You will receive notice via email for a unique link to SBCGS General Meeting. The notification might also include a Meeting ID or password.
3. At the start time of your meeting, click on the link in your invitation to join. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.
4. You will be sent to our waiting room. Rosa Avolio, our Zoom host, will admit you. This process insures the security of our Zoom meeting.

### Meeting Information Virtual Meeting

- Zoom Meeting Saturday, July 18, 2020
- 10:30 am

### Special Interest Groups on Zoom

**12 Noon, July 17, DNA Lunch and Learn** meets under the leadership of George LaPlante

**12 Noon, July 21 & 28, Genealogy Lunch and Learn** meets under the leadership of Rosa Avolio.

**6:30 pm, Happy Hour, Host Rosa Avolio**

**1:30 pm, Zoom Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29, featuring Robin McCarthy (Topics: Evernote, OneNote, Trello, Cloud Storage - all for genealogists.)**

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***Attachments to this newsletter:  
2020 Student Art Exhibit  
Ad for Volunteers  
July Zoom Classes and Meetings***

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**Stay home.**



**Stay healthy.**

# President's Message

Connie Burns



Dear Members,  
It's the beginning of the Society's 2020-2021 fiscal year, and we continue to face new and strange unexpected challenges! Fortunately your Genealogical Society has an outstanding team working behind the scenes and they have barely missed a beat in keeping us educated, connected, informed, and very busy with our research.

I'm looking forward to seeing what will happen in this crazy world! And we will adjust to it and carry on.

## EDUCATION

Even though the library remains shut down, our fabulous Education/Communication Team continues to get the word out about on-line meetings, classes, and outside resources. Our group leaders and instructors continue leading group special interest programs and meetings as usual, with online face to face camaraderie. I love the creativity! And I love how we are all stretching to learn new technology skills, whether its ZOOM meetings, trying new web-sites, or exploring the internet!

Thanks to the dedicated and talented Education Team:  
Diane Sylvester, Chair; Rosa Avolio, Kathie Morgan, Debbie Kaska, Robin McCarthy, Cari Thomas, Cathy Jordan, Alicia Watt, Michel Nellis, Holly Snyder, Marie Sue Parsons.

And, thanks also to members who contributed time and expertise to present a class or program on Zoom: Larrie Wanberg, George LaPlante, Mary Mamalakakis, Cathy Jordan, Robin McCarthy, Rosa Avolio, Holly Snyder, Elizabeth O'Neal, Karen Ramsdell.

See this Tree Tips edition and future emails for more events to come.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting, although held via ZOOM, was very well attended — we had more than 100 members at the “meeting” plus a few guests, 2 of whom joined us from Essex, England!

We accomplished our usual Annual Meeting goals by approving the 2020-2021 Budget and electing two new members to the Board of Directors: Mary Jacob, Secretary, and Bob Muller, Director at Large. Welcome!

Accolades and tributes were paid to our outgoing President Karen Ramsdell, and to three other retiring Board Members: Theresa Calvin, Secretary, Bob Rothenberg, Director at Large, and Jim Wilson, Director at Large. We appreciate these outstanding Directors who have worked so many years on behalf of the Society.

Unable to stand and give a rousing ovation of appreciation which is the normal for such an occasion, more than 85 members wrote thank you and appreciation notes to these directors in the “Chat” box. Thank you to Karen, Theresa, Bob, and Jim!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

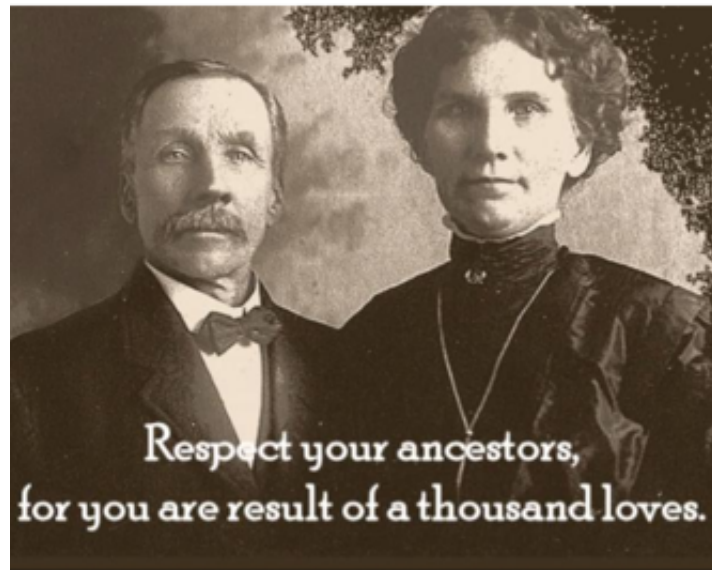
Can you give your time and talents to help out?  
Please see the “ad” for the volunteers needed to help effectively run this Society:

- Development Committee members
- Social Committee Chairman
- Property Committee members
- Investment Committee members
- and a Membership Records Administrator.

We need you!

Please stay safe and healthy, and keep looking for that elusive relative! Go ahead and neglect your housework and chores. Genealogy is more fun!

Connie Burns, President



*Reflecting on what the Sahyun Library might look like when libraries reopen.*





## Recognizing Our Volunteers: Pat Park



This month, SBCGS recognizes and thanks **Pat Park**. Pat is a longtime member, having joined the Society in 1995. In addition to being a Library Volunteer, she is a mentor for England. Thank you, Pat, for sharing your most interesting story.

“I was born in December 1940 during WWII & lived in the tiny village of Iwer, Buckinghamshire,

England. I don’t remember much about the war, as it never bothered us little kids. I clearly remember one night when I was 4. Noises kept me awake so my mother took me outside, and to my astonishment there were all the neighbors! Bedside lamps were all shining outside the windows. Everyone was dancing and singing! Mum & I were pulled into a circle and soon we were dancing and singing “Knees Up Mother Brown.” I danced and sang along with them. Years later I found out that was VE day. The war had ended!!!

We lived in England until I was almost 12, then emigrated to Montreal, Canada to the small town of St. Eustache-Sur-Le-Lac. I attended high school there, but being very shy, with an English accent, I was the subject of much teasing. So at age 16, I quit school & got a job at Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada in Montreal. I met my husband, Howard Park there, and we emigrated to the US, Los Angeles, on our wedding day in 1962.

Our children, Christine & Michael were born in Santa Barbara, and Howard & I divorced in 1979. I worked at several insurance companies and agencies in LA and Santa Barbara, finally retiring in 2009. That didn’t last!! I was offered a part time job at Mike Kelly Insurance Agency in SB in 2012, but in 2013 the agency was sold to Alarm Insurance Agency in Charleston, SC. I thought that was the end of my career, but the new agency sent a company computer to me, so I now work from home (from “Charleston”) handling insurance for alarm installation contractors all over the country..... I love it!!

I became interested in genealogy in 1996, when my friend, Muriel Graham was studying her family history chart during a break at work. I was intrigued!! She took me to Jan Cloud’s class at the SB Library. I joined the society, and I’ve been hooked ever since. I’ve made several trips to England, Canada, and Ireland locating new relatives (& filming them talking), finding graves, and going through original documents at record offices. I’ve traced my family back to the mid to late 1700’s in England, but any farther back than that really can’t be proved with any accuracy. I’m now enjoying writing about my life and those of my parent’s & grandparent’s, and editing the films.

I currently live in Santa Maria, and belong to the Insurance Professionals of Santa Barbara, as Secretary, and I volunteer one morning a month at the Sahyun Library. Besides my two children, I have 5 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren, with 2 more expected this summer.” *Pat Park*

## SBCGS Lunch & Learn

**Tuesday Lunch & Learn - Virtual during July**  
**Rosa Avolio**

**Tuesdays, July 21st and 28th**

Virtual Lunch and Learn , 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm - Please watch for Zoom invitation via e-mail.

**DNA Lunch & Learn - Virtual during July**  
**George LaPlante**  
**July 17, 12 Noon**

Members will be contacted via email about the July DNA Lunch & Learn. See SBCGS website for Genetic Genealogy Resources: <http://sbgen.org/cpage.php?pt=91>

**Genealogy Happy Hour - Virtual**  
**Tuesday, July 14, 6:30pm**  
**Hosted by Rosa Avolio**

Please watch for your Zoom invitation via e-mail.

## RootsMagic Software User Group

**RootsMagic User Group Meeting - Virtual during July**

**Friday, July 24**  
**11:00 am**  
**Elizabeth O’Neal**

Please watch for your Zoom invitation via e-mail.

## Ancestors West Kristin Ingalls, Editor



**Ancestors West**  
A quarterly publication for the members of the  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
Spring 2020 Vol. 43, No. 1

Dear Friends:

I am having such a good time reading the stories you submit to Ancestors West. And we need more!

You have until August 1 to decide which story you want to appear in the next issue of Ancestors West. The theme: “What was the biggest surprise you found when doing your genealogy?”

I hope you were able to watch our recent podcast featuring Laura Hedgecock entitled “Telling the Story of Your Life.” What seems daunting is not! Laura outlined easy steps to follow to get those stories finished. If you were not able to attend the meeting, you can watch it by going to our website’s Webinar Archive.

I know many of us have piles of papers, computer files, collections of old letters, newspaper articles, family bibles – all stories waiting to be told. Now that we have lots of time on our hands, this is the perfect time to memorialize our family stories. If we don’t do it, who will?

The final issue of this year will be how you or your ancestors celebrated the winter holidays: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Hanukah, or some other special winter holiday.

## Membership Corner by Molly Gleason



Hello Members,  
I hope you all are doing well, staying safe and enjoying your extra time to do lots of genealogy research! I'm looking forward to hearing your stories and summer discoveries. As a reminder, one of the ways to share with us is to add a blog to our website. Please refer to "Reminders and Tips" below for more information.

**Welcome to all our new members** and Thank You continuing members for your renewals in June!

Our new members since the last Tree Tips are:

**Sheila Argentine, Tracie Doordan,  
and Launa Droscher**

**The SBCGS New Member Packet is now on our website!**  
Click on **Members Area / New Member Packet**.

**New members:** The packet includes helpful information about the library and instructions for renewing as well as adding or changing information in your individual profiles. In addition, it includes "how to get started in genealogy" tips, forms, and references to several genealogy sources including free websites and Santa Barbara County facilities for local and worldwide family history research. Paper copies of the New Member Packet will also be available at the Sahyun Library and the monthly General Meetings, once we resume normal operations.

**Continuing members:** The digital version of the New Member Packet is similar to the paper version which most of you have. However, I hope you find this is more convenient for you.



**SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! PLEASE REFER TO THE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES PAGE IN THIS ISSUE OF TREE TIPS.**

### REMINDERS AND TIPS

- **To submit a blog**, please email it to our Webmaster, Dorothy Oksner, at [webmaster@sbgen.org](mailto:webmaster@sbgen.org). A link to the blog will appear on the "Blogs by Society Members" page, reached by clicking on "Blogs by Members" in the sidebar of the Home Page.
- **Please continue to monitor the Society website** at [sbgen.org](http://sbgen.org) for status updates regarding the Sahyun Library, meetings and educational classes.
- **Need help renewing?** Please contact the Membership Committee at [membership@sbgen.org](mailto:membership@sbgen.org). We would love to hear from you!

- **Need help with your research? Our mentors are available to help by email, phone or video conferencing.** The Society has over thirty volunteer mentors in our Mentor Program who are ready to share their extensive expertise in several areas of genealogical research with our members. Please contact our Mentor Coordinator, Kathy Cremeen, [kajcremeen@gmail.com](mailto:kajcremeen@gmail.com), if you would like help – or would like to become a Mentor. To view a list of our mentors, click on the **Members Area/Mentors for Members** link in the sidebar of the home page of our website.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at [membership@sbgen.org](mailto:membership@sbgen.org) with your questions, comments, and suggestions.

Have a great 4th of July and I look forward to "seeing" you at our next virtual meeting!

Molly



## Book Angels, by Chris Klukkert

Please check the Book Angel page for all new titles available for adoption. We are also open for suggestions for books to purchase for our collection. Thank you.

<https://sbgen.org/store.php?sid=1>

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Book Buy: Christine Klukkert



## Outreach, by Holly Snyder



Things are ever changing these days. Outreach Committee will now be working on virtual exhibits for the rest of this year and most likely most of next year. In addition to the Committee's exhibits, we will also be inviting special interest groups to create exhibits. Stay tuned for our first virtual exhibit!

### **“Family Matters” Annual Student Art Exhibit **UPDATE****



- Now open to ANY student!
- Virtual Only
- Artwork submission:
  - Scan as jpg- 300 dpi, or take a picture of the artwork
  - Email to [info@sbgen.org](mailto:info@sbgen.org), Subject: Student Art Exhibit- Attn. Holly Snyder
  - Virtual link of exhibit will be available in October to share with family and friends

Please forward the flyer to your grandchildren and/or anyone else who may be interested. The flyer is a jpg file so you can easily share and post on social media as well. \*See more details in the attached flyer.

While the exhibit hall at Rancho La Patera/Stow House remains closed, please check out our short slideshow on the Santa Barbara Italian Pioneer Exhibit: *SB Italian Pioneers Exhibit 2020*

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Interested in helping the Outreach Committee with events and/or exhibits? Do you know of an organization that would like a fun virtual genealogy presentation? Email Holly Snyder at: [hs\\_spartan@yahoo.com](mailto:hs_spartan@yahoo.com)



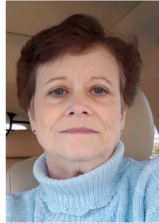
## Zooming Through JULY 2020

### SBCGS Presents Amazing Virtual Webinars, Classes, and Meetings Throughout the Month of July

(Every member will receive a unique URL a few days before each event is scheduled.)

#### A Series of Five Classes

**Instructor for the Series: Robin McCarthy**



##### **Online Trees and Genealogy Software Programs**

Wednesday, July 1, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
This class will discuss the pros and cons of online family trees and genealogy software computer programs for both Windows and Mac. It will highlight and compare popular programs such as Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic, Legacy

Family Tree, Reunion and MyHeritage Family Tree Builder, among others.

##### **Using Evernote for Genealogy**

Wednesday, July 8

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Learn how the Evernote digital note-taking app can help you while doing your genealogy research. It is a free digital notebook to capture information while browsing the internet and more.

##### **Using Microsoft OneNote for Genealogy**

Wednesday, July 15

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Learn how the Microsoft OneNote digital note-taking app can help you while doing your genealogy research. Learn how the Microsoft OneNote digital note-taking app can help you while doing your genealogy research. It is a free digital notebook to capture information while browsing the internet and more. This session will also compare Evernote with OneNote.

##### **Using Trello for Genealogy**

Wednesday, July 22

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Learn how the Trello digital project board can help you while doing your genealogy research. It can be used to collaborate with family members on your family tree, manage to-do lists and more.

##### **Cloud Storage and Backups for Genealogy**

Wednesday, July 29

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Learn the difference between cloud storage apps and cloud backup programs. This session will compare Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, Dropbox, iCloud, Box.com, Amazon Cloud, Carbonite, Backblaze, IDrive, CrashPlan and Mozy

#### **The General Meeting - Virtual**

**President:** Connie Burns

**Schedule:** Saturday, July 18, 10:30-12 Noon

**Special Guest Speaker:** Dan Earl

**AncestArrrgs!:** The Life and Records of the Atlantic Pirates  
(More information in July 2020 Tree Tips.)

#### Two More Classes

**Title:** Genealogy Travel: Finding Your Family

**Instructor:** Karen Ramsdell and Holly Snyder

**Description:** Join Karen and Holly as they travel to Germany and Switzerland to discover family roots and cousins.

**Schedule:** Thursday, July 30, 10-11am

**Title:** RootsMagic Users Group

**Instructor:** Elizabeth O'Neal

**Description:** RootsMagic Software is called by Smart Computing Magazine "the best genealogy program we've seen."

**Schedule:** Friday, July 24, 11am - 12 Noon

#### Special Interest Group

**Title:** Scandinavian Special Interest Group

**Leader:** Larrie Wanberg

**Schedule:** TBD

#### Lunch and Learn Events

##### **Tuesday Lunch and Learn**

**Leader:** Rosa Avolio

**Schedule:** Tuesday, July 21, Blogs or Podcasts;  
and Tuesday, July 28, General Genealogy  
12 Noon - 1:30pm

##### **DNA Lunch and Learn**

**Leader:** George LaPlante

**Schedule:** Friday, July 17, 12 Noon - 1:30pm

#### Genealogy Happy Hour!

**Host:** Rosa Avolio

**Schedule:** Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Join Rosa for a fun, happy hour genealogy chat!

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For information: Diane Sylvester, [sbcgs\\_education@sbgen.org](mailto:sbcgs_education@sbgen.org)

#### Several Free Webinars

**Topic:** Tracing Ancestral Lines in the 1700s Using DNA;

Jul 2, 2020 04:00 PM in Pacific Time

<https://ogs.on.ca/zoom-meetings/webinar-2020-July/>

**Topic:** Women in 19th Century American Bookbindings;

Tuesday, 7 Jul, 4-5pm EDT (NEHGS)

<https://www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes>

**Topic:** The Adam Family: The Scottish Architects Who Changed the World

Fri, Jul 10, 2020 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM PDT

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/497538214993474063?source=website>



# CALLING ALL STUDENT ARTISTS!

## “FAMILY MATTERS”

### VIRTUAL ART EXHIBIT



In recognition of Family History Month, the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society (SBCGS) invites **students of all ages** to submit artwork reflecting the theme *Family Matters*.

**The art exhibit “opening” will be held in October** during the SBCGS Family History Month. Art exhibit will be shown virtually to share with family and friends worldwide.



This is not a juried competition and prizes will not be awarded. All entries reflecting the theme will be displayed.

**Theme: “Family Matters”**

**Media:** Pen and ink, charcoal, paint, markers, color pencils, pastels, mixed media, collage

**Scan: 300dpi, jpg file**

**Submit:** Email scanned image of artwork to [info@sbgen.org](mailto:info@sbgen.org)

**Email Subject:** “Student Art Exhibit- Attn. Holly Snyder”

**Email Body of Message:**

- Student’s first name and last name initial, age, city, state.
- The title of the work and/or a sentence or two about the subject of the artwork (optional)
- The medium of the work (i.e. pen & ink, paint, collage, etc.)

**Due: On or before September 21, 2020**



#### Who we are:

SBCGS formed in 1972 to foster an interest in the study of family history through education, operation of a genealogy research library, and preservation of local genealogical records to enhance understanding of ourselves and our heritage. SBCGS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. To learn more about SBCGS visit [SBGen.org](http://SBGen.org).

## JOIN OUR TEAM!

Looking for ways to do more for SBCGS? As a member there are ways to become involved in our organization and lend a hand as a volunteer.

**Why volunteer?** Join the corps of extremely talented volunteers (and all-round wonderful people) that run every aspect of our organization. Have fun, meet other members, and share your experience, skill, and expertise.

**YOU** can make a difference in many ways. Below are the current volunteer opportunities.



	<p>Development Committee – new committee. Oversees and coordinates the Society’s fundraising programs and activities such as the Annual Appeal, planned giving, and other creative fundraising methods.</p> <p>Experience: interest or background in fundraising</p> <p>Contact: Connie Burns, <a href="mailto:connieburns12@hotmail.com">connieburns12@hotmail.com</a></p>
	<p>Property Committee – Oversees the maintenance of the Society’s 1.5 acres of property including our library, four other major buildings, parking areas, and unused land. We are strengthening our maintenance of the buildings that provide much needed rental income.</p> <p>Experience *property management *real estate development *building maintenance *project management *construction</p> <p>Contact: Fred Marsh, <a href="mailto:fmarsh2@cox.net">fmarsh2@cox.net</a></p>
	<p>Investment Committee -Oversees the SBCGS investment portfolio(s) to ensure that SBCGS funds, held for long term needs, are managed through sound policy &amp; strategy.</p> <p>Experience - knowledge of financial investment instruments, including performance assessment, or trust management are desired.</p> <p>Time commitment – receive &amp; review monthly investment reports; attend quarterly Committee meetings.</p> <p>Contact: Mary Hall, <a href="mailto:info@sbgen.org">info@sbgen.org</a>. Please note “Investment Committee” in the subject line.</p>
	<p>Membership Committee — Membership Records Administrator</p> <p>Records new membership information in the Membership Database, including dues payments and contact information.</p> <p>Experience - familiar with using desktop software applications including email, word processing, and spreadsheets and be comfortable with data entry.</p> <p>Time commitment – about 15 hours per month</p> <p>Contact: Molly Gleason, <a href="mailto:membership@sbgen.org">membership@sbgen.org</a></p>
	<p>Social Committee Chair – this is a fun committee that plans social events for Society members and volunteers as well as the biannual Honors Luncheon.</p> <p>Skills - organized, leadership skills, and enjoy planning social events.</p> <p>Time commitment - the time required for this job varies with the number of events planned by the committee each year.</p> <p>Contact: Karen Ramsdell, <a href="mailto:ksramsdell1107@gmail.com">ksramsdell1107@gmail.com</a></p>