



# Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

Researching the World



## SBCGS Virtual General Meeting Saturday, November 21, 10:30am



Please join us on Saturday, November 21, for our virtual general meeting.

[You must register for this meeting.](#)

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the class.*

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

Business Meeting with President and Committee Reports

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

Elizabeth O'Neal, VP, Introduction of Speaker

***"Chasing Uncle William Through the Wilds of Cyberspace"***

**Speaker: Annette Burke Lyttle**

### About the Program:

Our ancestors should be more alive to us than names and dates on a chart. Follow the amazing life of William Crout, Civil War veteran, hotel owner, rancher, and local character, and learn how it's possible to reconstruct life stories in surprising detail with resources available online. Along the way, we'll talk about some sound research methods.

### About the Speaker:

Annette Burke Lyttle owns Heritage Detective, LLC, providing professional genealogical services in research, education, and writing. She speaks on a variety of genealogical topics at the national, state, and local levels and loves helping people uncover and share their family stories. She was a faculty member for "Exploring Quaker Records in America" at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh in June 2020 and is course coordinator for "From Sea to Shining Sea: Researching Our Ancestors' Migrations in America" for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy in January 2021.

Annette is a member of the board of directors of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

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**For November, you must register for all meetings and classes including the General Meeting:**

<https://sbgen.org/eventListings.php?nm=216>

General Information:

1. You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones.
2. After you register, you will receive a your link to SBCGS General Meeting.
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. Our Zoom host, will admit you. This process insures the security of our Zoom meeting.

### Meeting Information Virtual Meeting

- Zoom Meeting Saturday, November 21, 2020
- 10:30 am

### Webinar and Groups on Zoom

**12 Noon, Nov. 20, DNA Lunch and Learn** meets under the leadership of George LaPlante

**12 Noon, Nov. 10 & 24, Genealogy Lunch and Learn** meets under the leadership of Rosa Avolio.

**3:00 PM, Nov. 16, Creating a Family Gift from Your Research,** Presenter is Sharon Summer.

**1:00 PM, Nov. 23, Finding the Story of Immigrant Ancestors in 3 Steps,** Webinar, Zoom host Robin McCarthy.

*You must register for these classes. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the class.*

*Other November classes will be found on the flyer in this newsletter.*

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Stay healthy.

## President's Message

Marie Sue Parsons, President



Welcome to cooler weather and an end to this year's daylight savings time!

Let me introduce myself. I first joined the Genealogical Society in 2003 after hearing our very special Jan Cloud present a talk entitled Tip Toeing Through the Tombstones, and I was hooked! It wasn't too long after that that Jan took me to lunch and "invited" me to become the society's Secretary, which post I then held between

2005 and 2008. First VP for Programs was next from 2009-2013, and finally President from 2014-2016. As many of you know, it was impossible to tell Jan "No"!

Thus, it was with a certain amount of ambivalence that I accepted the responsibility of listing Connie Burns' house for sale in September—as she had only recently become our new President and was immediately putting her stamp on our organization through her tireless energy and participation in all committees. However, as a long-time realtor I wasn't going to say "no" to her either. But feeling a bit responsible for her moving away, I have temporarily moved back into the President's role, but only in the interim, while we wait for one of you to step up and finish out Connie's term!

I cannot say enough about this organization! Through the expert guidance of Karen Ramsdell as immediate past president, our society is incredibly well-organized with the perfect people in the committee leadership positions. Things are running more smoothly than ever before. We are weathering COVID-19 with no shortage of meetings, classes, and events. The current and upcoming exhibits are well planned and executed. New members continue to join and to participate. Mentors are involved and busy. And our preservation of local records continues as long as there are records to preserve. Outstanding effort by all! If you are interested in joining our leadership team, there will be something for you to contribute---just let one of us know that you are interested in volunteering. If Jan Cloud were still here you wouldn't be able to stay uninvolved!

### How to Research Your Family History: Level 2

Have you reached a dead end in your genealogy research? Need a new strategy plan for tackling your 'brick wall'? Explore alternative and less known sources including using newspapers, directories, many types of military, land, probate, and other court records. Create an action plan, compile a toolbox of resources, explore creative ways to think outside the box to aid in your research. Class includes hands-on practice in a computer lab as well as some demo/lecture. Due to Covid the class will be meeting via Zoom.

**Course:** 001413LE/23770 **Cost:** \$63+ **Materials:** \$5

7 classes Jan. 20 – Mar 3, 2021

Wednesdays 9 :30 am - 11:15 am

**To register go to:** <http://sbcc.augusoft.net/>

Questions or need help registering, contact Norma Eggli, instructor, at [egglin@sbcc.edu](mailto:egglin@sbcc.edu)

## SBCGS's Search for President

**What do these SBCGS members have in common?** Carol Roth, Harry Glen, Selma West, Carlton Smith, Mary Ellen Galbraith, Harry Titus, Bette Kot, Emily Thies, Norman Scofield, Doreen Dullea, Jan Cloud, Ken Mathewson, Bea McGrath, Carol Kosai, Cheryl Jensen, Emily Aasted, Jim Friestad, Sheila Block, Michol Colgan, Art Sylvester, Mary Hall, Bob Bason, Marie Sue Parsons, Karen Ramsdell, Connie Burns. All had the honor and privilege of serving as President of our wonderful organization over the past 48 years.

*The Nominating Committee is conducting a search for the next SBCGS President. As you know, President Connie Burns recently resigned and relocated to southern California to be closer to family. The Board appointed Marie Sue Parsons Interim President through January 2021.*

**What does the President do?** The President serves as the Society's chief executive officer and spokesperson, presides over the monthly board and general membership meetings, serves as an ex-officio member of all committees, and, with the board, establishes committees and appoints committee chairs. The current term ends June 30, 2023.

### What are the qualifications for President?

- ✓ SBCGS member for at least 1 year
- ✓ Familiar with the field of genealogy and family history (being an expert, not required)
- ✓ Strong interpersonal, managerial, and leadership skills
- ✓ A good working knowledge of the Society is desired

**What is the time commitment?** On average, about 20 hours per month.

If you are interested in serving as President or know a Society member who you believe has the needed skills, knowledge, experience, and leadership qualities, **please contact Karen Ramsdell at [governance@sbgen.org](mailto:governance@sbgen.org).**



The Finance Committee is hoping to find a member volunteer who is familiar with using QuickBooks Online.

If you can spare a couple of hours at the end of each month and would like to help, please contact Marilyn Compton at [finance@sbgen.org](mailto:finance@sbgen.org).

## Recognizing Our Volunteers: Kristin Lewis



This month, SBCGS recognizes and thanks **Kristin Lewis**. Kristin is a long time member who joined the society in 1986 and recently joined the Membership Team as the Membership Assistant, in charge of member nametags, badges and printed membership material. Thank you, Kristin! And thank you for sharing a little about yourself.

I have been interested in genealogy for over 40 years, and actually started researching my family history before the age of computers. After retiring in 2011 from a career in nursing, I began to look at my family history again, and became quite overwhelmed by the amazing amount of information available online. I have been a member of our society on and off over the years, and have taken classes at Adult-Ed that were sponsored by the society. With the current pandemic issues, I have attended some of the wonderful Zoom classes and meetings that we have had this year, and have found my interest in family research re-kindled. Hearing the request for volunteers, I decided to help the membership committee.

In my retirement, I have also volunteered at Lotusland, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and became a Master Gardener. I look forward to volunteering for our genealogy organization!

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## Tech Tips, November 2020 Milt Hess, Technology Chair



The Society's website is based on software called EasyNetSites, which over 200 genealogical, historical, and related societies use to create their own unique websites. Dorothy Oksner, a member of the Tech Team, is our webmaster. In addition, several committees have the ability to post their own updates – including Education, Programs, and Book Nook. If you haven't visited the

website in a while, I encourage you to take a look at all that's there for you.

For example, under Research you'll find over 200,000 local records – including birth, marriage, death, naturalization, and even sheriff arrest records – that have been digitized and indexed by Society members. You can search the database and request hardcopies of documents that you discover. The Research team continues to scan and index new records and is always happy to welcome new volunteers to the effort.

If you have suggestions to make the website more useful to you, please send them to Dorothy at [webmaster@sbgen.org](mailto:webmaster@sbgen.org).

Milt Hess  
[ITchair@sbgen.org](mailto:ITchair@sbgen.org)

*Do you have a background in IT, either as a professional or as a knowledgeable user? If you do and would like to join the team, I'd love to talk to you.*

## SBCGS Lunch & Learn

### **Tuesday Lunch & Learn -**

#### **Rosa Avolio**

Tuesdays, Nov. 10 and 24, 12 Noon

Registration Required:

<https://sbgen.org/eventListings.php?nm=216>

### **DNA Lunch & Learn**

#### **George LaPlante**

Friday, November 20th, 12 Noon

Registration Required:

<https://sbgen.org/eventListings.php?nm=216>

### **Tech Tips & Tools for Mac Users**

#### **Rosa Avolio**

Tuesday, November 17, 12 Noon

Registration Requires:

<https://sbgen.org/eventListings.php?nm=216>

### **Need help with your DNA test results for solving your brick walls?**

20 minute DNA One-on-One Virtual consultations with  
Mary E Hall. Free to SBCGS members.



## Membership Corner by Molly Gleason



Hello all,  
I hope you had a rewarding and fruitful “Virtual” Family History Month. Please give a round of applause for Diane Sylvester, our Director of Education, and her team (Marilyn, Rosa, Robin, Elizabeth, Marie Sue, Connie) for putting together the amazing webinars and classes! And kudos

are also in order for Marie Sue Parsons and her team for the day-long seminar with Tom Jones and for Elizabeth O’Neal who brought us Joel Weintraub, our speaker for the General Meeting.

Welcome new member, **Bobette Mauck**! Thank you continuing members for your renewals in October! Since this is the time of year when we traditionally set aside time to recognize our good fortunes and give thanks, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members who have given so generously to the society by increasing their membership levels. A list of these members follows this article on the next page.

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

### MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

The Virtual New Member Orientation and Library Tour was held Saturday, October 10th. Thank you, new members, for attending! I hope you enjoyed the presentations and we were able to give you a good start in making use of all the resources the Society has to offer - virtual and, later, in person.

### REMINDERS AND TIPS

- **New procedure for virtual events.** Members and non-members will need to register for all events shown on the website Events Calendar – including the Monthly Meeting – unless otherwise noted.
- **Need help? Work with a Mentor.** 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 on our website, click on **Members Area** then **Mentors for Members**.

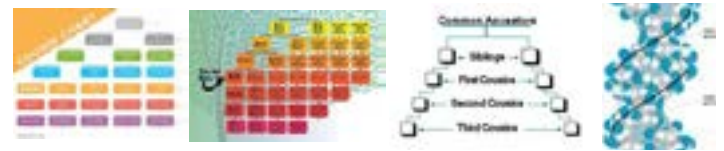
Please don’t hesitate to contact me at [membership@sbgen.org](mailto:membership@sbgen.org) with your questions, comments, and suggestions.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!**

Molly



## Ancestors West Kristin Ingalls, Editor



Thanksgiving Greetings to you all. In spite of really challenging times, I know we all have so much to be thankful for.

Your Ancestors West Committee has just finished the last issue of 2020 and you should receive it shortly. Our first issue of 2021 will be about research help we have gotten from what Kate Lima called “newly-found cousins.” I wonder how many of us knew about cousins more than one generation removed? With the help of DNA sites and ancestral trees posted online, a whole new world has opened up to genealogists and researchers.

In 2020, we had a number of articles submitted by members who, through these online sources, found second, third, fourth cousins who unlocked secrets to the past. Brick walls are tumbling down all the time now. With the help of today’s technology, we may find previously unknown relatives who know stories about our ancestors we would never have known about. They are no longer just names on a chart – they had lives!

How about YOU ? Have you been lucky enough to connect with relatives you did not know? People who helped you bring new life to your family’s story? I know we would all love to hear about it.

We also think it would be fun to have an ongoing list of members who have found other members they are related to. If you have, list them and tell your common ancestral surname. For instance, Art Sylvester and I are related through our BREWSTER lines. And if you have NOT, well, then remember ~ we love all good stories about your family, your ancestors, about history. No great story should go unpublished!!

**THE DEADLINE FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE OF ANCESTORS WEST IS FEBRUARY 1, 2021.** Check the back cover of your latest Ancestors West for submission guidelines.

Kristin Ingalls

## Outreach, by Holly Snyder

Don't miss these virtual exhibits! Go to <https://sbgen.org/cpage.php?pt=329> or click on the links or pictures. Please share!



### Our Jewish Heritage Exhibit

Presented by JewishGen Special Interest Group members **Charlene Daly, Jane Honikman, and Milt Hess.**

There are 10 presentations showcasing Society members' Jewish Heritage.



### "Family Matters" Virtual Student Art Exhibit

Our student artists, 6 to 16 years old, share how their family matters locally and all around the world. You will be able to click on each artwork to view a larger view of the artworks and details from the artists.

### In the works for 2021:

- Virtual exhibit: Santa Barbara African American Life, Culture, and Contributions, 1890-1990 (bulk of exhibit will focus prior to 1950)- March/April
- Picnic at the Cemetery- Oct. 23, 2021

We would love your feedback on the exhibits and suggestions for future genealogical exhibits! We are also accepting virtual exhibit proposals from members and SBCGS's special interest groups. Contact Holly Snyder at [Outreach@Sbgen.org](mailto:Outreach@Sbgen.org).

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