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“They Came, They Saw, They Shelled”

Speaker: Neal Graffy
Saturday, June 18, 2022



Join us when we return to meeting in person at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara. After the Society's annual membership meeting to approve next year's budget and elect Board members, the ever-popular Santa Barbara local historian Neal Graffy will give his presentation, *They Came, They Saw, They Shelled*.

On February 23, 1942, at 7:15 pm, a submarine sitting off the coast shelled the Ellwood Oil Field near Goleta. Just two months and sixteen days after the attack at Pearl Harbor – and during one of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's fireside chats – the I-17, a Japanese submarine, surfaced in the Santa Barbara Channel and shelled the oil facilities at Ellwood. It may have fired only 25

shells and caused minimal damage, but it set off widespread panic up and down the California coast.

About Neal Graffy

Since giving his first slide-show talk on local history in 1989, Graffy has given well over 400 presentations on 22 different topics! Further, his expertise has been sought out by local, state, and national radio and TV. He has authored numerous monographs for historical organizations, as well as articles in regional and national publications, three local history books, and co-authored a series of historical fiction novels taking place in the early 1900s. He has also been featured in several documentaries including the Emmy Award winning *Impressions in Time*, appeared on Huell Howser's *California Gold*, KCET TV's *Life and Times* and on *This Old House*. “Delightfully unfettered by convention” pretty much sums up Neal Graffy's approach to history. Whether it be in print, radio, television, documentary or live, his audiences always find his presentations to be entertaining, fun, and still educational.” (www.elbarbareno.com)

HYBRID General Meeting!

Location: First Presbyterian Church, State and Constance, Santa Barbara
In-Person for Entire Meeting; on Zoom for Business Meeting and Program

9:30 - 10:25 am PDT on June 18, 2022

Special Interest Groups will meet ONLY in person at the church.

10:30 - 11:00am PDT

Business Meeting with President Art Sylvester (In person and on Zoom)

~11:00 - 12:00 Noon PDT

Program with Neal Graffy (In person and on Zoom)

You must register if you will be attending via Zoom.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0rfuyrrjwqGdUaj7pTJ0J7xgoTFPFVh9S9>

The library will be OPEN following the meeting from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Ancestors West Special Anniversary Edition Fall 2022



We announced that our Fall issue would continue the theme of homesteading, 1950 census revelations and how you traced your paternal or maternal lines.

CHANGE OF PLANS!!

Instead, we are asking for stories about your experience as a member of Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society.

Stories will be published in the Fall 2022 issue of *Ancestors West* to coincide with the society's 50th Anniversary.

How did you learn about the Society? When did you first visit? Was it a general meeting, visiting the library, or one of our many classes? Why did you join? How has being a member of our society changed your life? Have you recruited members from among your family and friends? Have you done genealogy research for others? Do you volunteer? All stories welcome!

To make room for everyone to share, your stories can be short. We think a few paragraphs, or a page or two will be fine. We hope you will include a photo of yourself and what year you joined the Society.

**The deadline for submissions is
August 1, 2022**

Presidents' Message

Arthur Sylvester



I am delighted and not a little relieved to report that the Society avoided a crisis in its governance just a week ago. An ad hoc search committee consisting mostly of past SBCGS presidents nominated a President Elect who will serve in that capacity in the coming year, 2022-2023. He is Dr. Edward Tazer Myers, but he answers to "Ted." He is an independent scholar-practitioner with

advanced degrees in counseling psychology, public administration, and mythological studies. He has been a genealogist and member of the Society since 1998. Filling that position implies that I will continue as President for one more year, if given your vote at the upcoming monthly meeting.

I am also delighted that this month's general meeting will be a hybrid meeting, meaning that the in-person part will be held at the First Presbyterian Church at State and Constance once again for the first time in a couple YEARS, but it will also be available on Zoom for those who are still leery of gathering in-person or who live outside the area. Please show up one way or the other to hear speaker Neal Graffy talk about why it's called The Timbers Restaurant, and also because we must have a quorum of members to vote for new officers and Board Directors, and to approve the annual budget. As we used to say, "be there or be square!"

I am disappointed to report that the Society's 50th anniversary cookbook committee failed to receive enough recipes by its deadline of June 1 to warrant further efforts in that regard. Thanks to those of you who did submit recipes and stories, and many thanks to the committee, led by Rosa Avolio and Charmian Carrier, for their efforts organizing the project.

I am pleased, yea thrilled, to report that planning for the Society's 50th anniversary celebration has commenced. So far it looks like the main event will be a barbeque on **Sunday, November 6. Mark that date on your calendar** and watch Tree Tips announcements for additional information and calls for volunteers to help us celebrate.

And so look forward to an exciting year, COVID-19 permitting, because a lot of exciting plans and events are in the wind.

Art Sylvester, President

Important Reminder: June 18, 2022

Annual Membership Meeting

- to approve next year's budget
- elect Board members
- and hear another outstanding talk from SB Historian Neal Graffy

Land Acknowledgment Statement

"The land on which many of us live and where our library is located is part of the ancient homeland and traditional territory of the Chumash people. We recognize and respect the Chumash Peoples past, present, and future and their continuing presence in their homeland as we join in stewarding this land which we all cherish."

Important Memos

- **Now that we are meeting in person again**, we plan to transition to hybrid meetings conducted simultaneously in person and on Zoom. This will enable people from out of the area to continue participating in our events.

Zoom meetings require two leaders, the host doing the presentation and a co-host to monitor the chat and microphones. In order to continue broadcasting meetings on Zoom we need volunteers willing to assist as co-hosts for Zoom meetings. Meetings can be co-hosted from home provided you have a headset or your computer has a microphone. A camera is not required. If you are interested in helping co-host Zoom events, please contact **Robin McCarthy** at volunteers@sbgen.org to arrange for training.

- **To minimize the likelihood of Society emails** going to your spam folder, please add the following email addresses to your email app or Contacts.

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programs@sbgen.org; remote@sbgen.org
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*BOARD MEMBERS

Membership Spotlight

by Kate Lima, 2nd VP Membership

NEW MEMBERS IN MAY:



**Judy Connor
Linda Locker**

New member packets can be found under the Members Area. Once you sign in, a list appears below the words "Members Area," and the packet is third from the top of that list.

Also, a big and enthusiastic thank you to our continuing members who renewed in May!

*New Member Orientation coming soon.
Thank you for your patience as we navigate
the pandemic's ups and downs.*

Coaches: This wonderful membership benefit is available to all our members. We have people who can assist in many areas of genealogical research - whether it is translation or research assistance or simply another pair of eyes! Please contact Kathy Cremeen if you'd like to meet with a coach OR wish to become a coach.

Did you know...



On June 14, 1777, John Adams introduced a resolution before Congress mandating a United States Flag, stating that "the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be

thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." This anniversary is celebrated each year in the U.S. as Flag Day. Enjoy!



The Garden Committee (**Judy Sahm, Gary Jensen, Cheryl Jensen, Chase Cahoon, Bob Muller**) wants to thank **Doug Zylstra of West Covina Nursery** for his very generous donation of 40 plants for the south garden planting project. This is the area south of the library building.

All plants were planted in May, and we will be spreading mulch over the area. The plantings include many sage plants, and we hope to be seeing the arrival of hummingbirds in the garden.

New Books

by Chris Klukkert



The library has been buzzing with activity and new (and donated) books continue to come in and be cataloged and on our shelves. Be sure to check our library catalog for the area or surnames you are researching in case something new has come in that you might have missed. Remember – not all genealogy is on line.

A reminder that we do accept Santa Barbara County yearbook donations. This month I want to request that you all see if you have any of the following **Santa Barbara High School yearbooks** (Olive & Gold) that you would like to donate to the Sahyun to help complete our collection. We need the following years:

1907, 1919, 1972, 1981, 1985,
1994, 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2020.

How about it? Does anyone have those yearbooks available for us? Please contact me if you have other relevant SB County school yearbooks to ascertain if we need them for the Sahyun.

Here are the books from the "New In The Library" Shelf:

- *Harper's Pictorial History of The Civil War*
- *A Pictorial History of Tacoma (Washington)*
- *Tacoma Headlines (Newspaper extracts from 1873 – 1962)*
- *Oneida County, New York: Excerpts from Historical Collections*
- *Thompson Genealogy: Living Descendants 2019*
- *Index of Notices Appearing in 23 Early Cincinnati Newspapers 1793-1853*
- *The Militiamen of St. Louis & Ste. Genevieve 1779-1783*

Please come in to the library and take a look.
We encourage and welcome suggestions for other genealogy books for our collection.

We want to thank the following generous donors:

**Fred & Mary Marsh Cheryl Jensen
Cari Thomas Susannah Traywick**

To be an Angel and make a donation, click here:
<https://sbgen.org/store.php?sid=1>

- Choose the book you would like to support and click Add to Cart, you may add more than one book. **SCROLL DOWN. There are many books from which to choose.**
- When you're ready click Checkout and choose payment method, credit card or send a check.
- A bookplate with your name will be placed inside the front cover of the book you support.

Outreach

by Holly Snyder, Chair

Desperately Seeking Speakers!

Speaking engagements are a great way to get out in the community and share our passion for genealogy and our Society. Become an SBCGS Speaker's Bureau speaker!

Benefits of being a speaker:



- You get to share your love of genealogy with others
- Meal is often included
- You can buddy up - two are better than one!
- Help us spread the word on how great our Society is!
- Helps you polish your public speaking skills

We don't want to lose our Speaker's Bureau, so please contact outreach@sbgen.org if you'd like to be one of our special Speaker's Bureau speakers and let us know what topics you would like to speak about. In most cases, the requests are for beginning genealogy topics.

Save the Dates! 50th Anniversary Events and Exhibits

Events:



October 2 - Family History Month Open House

November 6 - 50th Anniversary Members Luncheon

Exhibits:

50th Anniversary theme- Goleta Library display case (October)

Celebrating the past 50 years of our Society- Sahyun (October/November)

Family Matters Art Exhibit- Family member superhero theme- Sahyun (October)

* If you would like to help put together the exhibits, or help at one of the events, please email outreach@sbgen.org.

AmericanAncestors.org Free Webinars

These events are NOT sponsored by the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society.

Honoring Elizabeth Shown Mills: The Coddington Award of Merit Live Broadcast: Monday, June 13, 6:00–7:00 p.m. (ET)

Hosted by: D. Brenton Simons

Moderated by: Nathaniel Lane Taylor, FASG

Cost: FREE

Join New England Historic Genealogical Society as we bestow the Coddington Award of Merit upon Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, for her many valuable accomplishments and contributions to genealogy. Ms. Mills will discuss her work and changes in the field of genealogy. Register By June 13th

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/coddington-award-2022>

Researching Enslaved Ancestors

Live Broadcast: Thursday, June 16, 4:00–5:00 p.m. (ET)

Presented by Meaghan E. H. Siekman

Cost: FREE

This session will dive deep into creating a research strategy and organizing the records uncovered. Genealogist Meaghan E. H. Siekman will also provide tips for making sense of all the information unearthed in the search and constructing a proof argument when records are limited. Best suited for those with intermediate-advanced genealogical skills.

Register by June 16th

<https://www.americanancestors.org/events/researching-enslaved-ancestors>

New Hampshire Resources

Live Broadcast: Friday, June 17, 3:30–4:30 p.m. (ET)

Presented by David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist

Cost: FREE

Delve into the world of family history research in New Hampshire through a live demonstration. In this webinar, Chief Genealogist David Allen Lambert will discuss essential resources and records for the granite state. Register by June 17th

<https://hubs.americanancestors.org/new-hampshire-resources>

Anniversary of the Four Courts Fire in Dublin

Live Broadcast: Thursday, June 23, 3:00–4:00 p.m. (ET)

Presented by Rhonda R. McClure, Senior Genealogist

Cost: FREE

Centuries of Irish history were lost as a result of the Four Courts Fire in Dublin in 1922. Senior Genealogist Rhonda R. McClure will delve into the history leading up to the battle at the Four Courts, discuss the records that were housed in the Public Records Office, and explain why their destruction has made researching in Ireland so difficult. The lecture will also include record alternatives, what survived, records in other repositories, and an initiative to recreate a virtual Public Records Office.

Register by June 23rd <https://hubs.americanancestors.org/four-courts-fire>



jamboree 2022

Friday, August 19 through Saturday, August 27

The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) Jamboree will be virtual again this year so you can listen and learn from nationally known genealogy experts in the comfort of your home.

- Aug 19-20 – Solving Your DNA Puzzles
- Aug 22-24 – JamboFREE
- Aug 26-27 – Preserving Your Family Tales

Registration begins March 7th and closes August 19th.

<https://genealogyjamboree.com>

Election - Board of Directors

The following slate is nominated for President, President-Elect and Director-At-Large. At the June 18, 2022 Annual Meeting, members will vote on the slate of board nominees. Nominations may be made from the floor prior to the vote but please obtain the permission of the nominee beforehand.

Art Sylvester, President

1-Year Term (July 2022 - June 2023)



Art currently serves as SBCGS President. He served as Society President from 2006 -2010 during the Sahyun Library capital campaign and served as project manager during the 2011 construction of the library expansion and remodel. Art has been an SBCGS member since 1993 and is a Life Member. In 2015, the Society recognized Art as a Volunteer Honoree.

Art was on the UCSB Geological Sciences faculty for 35 years, retiring in 2003. He is a FAA certified small drone pilot, a model railroader, and author of three books about southern California geology. Art and Diane have lived in Goleta for 54 years. They have two grown daughters and three grandchildren.

Edward “Ted” Tazer-Myers, President-Elect

1-Year Term (July 2022 – June 2023)

3-Year Term - President (2023-2025)



Ted currently is a Library volunteer and has been a member since 2016. He is a former county public social welfare executive, social worker, school counselor and administrator. He has served on twenty-three boards, commissions, and councils, chairing six of them. Ted is a perennial student, holding a doctorate and three masters degrees. Ted has lived in five states and one province, including four cities along El Camino Real. He and Nancy moved to Santa Barbara in 2012. They have three grown daughters and five grandchildren. Ted’s father lived in Santa Barbara from 1932-1936.

Marilyn Compton, Director-At-Large

3-Year Term (July 2022 - June 2025)

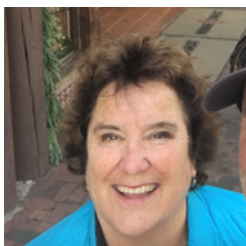


Marilyn currently serves on the Board as a Director-At-Large. She also serves as Society Treasurer, is a member of the Finance Committee and Property Team and served as the General Meeting Refreshments Chair. Marilyn has been a member since 2014.

Marilyn worked for more than 45 years with The Getz Corporation, an international marketing company based in San Francisco as the IT advisor and senior accountant. She lived in Marin County until her retirement in 2014 when she moved to Goleta to be near family.

Chris Klukkert, Director-At-Large

3-Year Term (July 2022 - June 2025)



Chris currently serves on the Board of Directors as a Director-At-Large. She previously served on the Board from 2012-2018. Chris has served as Book Committee Chair since 2012. Chris joined the Society in 1992.

Chris has a BA from the University of New Mexico and an MA in Education from UCSB. Her multifaceted careers have included: research assistant, pharmacy technician, corporate trainer, student advisor, and decades-long equestrian and exhibitor in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. She and her Swedish born husband, Keith Nilsson, live in Buellton.

William Noack, Director-At-Large

3-Year Term (July 2022 - June 2025)



William currently serves on the Board as a Director-At-Large. He is a member of the Property Team and Library Team, serving as Library Facilities Manager. He is the leader for the German Special Interest Group and is a library volunteer. William has been a member since 2013.

William earned his BA in ancient history at Ambassador in Pasadena. A book collector, he has a collection of over 45,000 books. William previously he owned an Ojai bookstore and worked as a realtor. An avid contra dancer for the past 30 years, he is President of the Santa Barbara Group. He is President of Channel Islands Mensa, the tri-counties chapter.

Berri Bottomley, Director-At-Large

2-Year Term (July 2022 - June 2024)



Berri chaired the Society's Audit Committee and performed the Review of Accounts for the year ending June 30, 2014. She has also served on the Finance Committee and as a Library Volunteer. Berri has been a member since 2011. Berri's family moved to Santa Barbara in 1959, when she was a young girl. Berri loved playing in the rocky creek beds and exploring meadows and beaches. She graduated from Dos Pueblos High School as a member of the second graduating class. She has worked in City, County, and Corporate Accounting. Berri holds a Certificate in Accounting from UCSB and AA Degrees in History and English from SBCC.

Heather McDaniel McDevitt, Director-At-Large

2-Year Term (July 2022 - June 2024)



Heather has been an enthusiastic member of the Society since 2021. Heather is an archaeologist who works in the cultural resource management sector. She conducted her graduate research on the Chumash village of Syujtun located in present-day Santa Barbara and is the cultural resources lead for the Santa Barbara office of an environmental firm. Heather grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago and moved to California in her mid-twenties. She has two children: Connor, a UCSB physics major and ROTC cadet and Chloe, a high school senior at DPHS. Heather has always had an interest in genealogy but has recently become more involved as she and her father have enjoyed collecting evidence of family history together. Heather has also served on various other BODs for non-profits and leads the local US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Airpac Squadron, a local JROTC youth organization.

Liz Smith, Director-At-Large

2-Year Term (July 2022 - June 2024)



Liz has served as the Society's Publicity Coordinator since 2020 and has been a member of the Society since 2018.

Liz grew up in Stockton, Sacramento, and Marysville/Yuba City, and moved to Santa Barbara in 1997 to attend UCSB. She has worked for the City of Santa Barbara Creeks Division since 2007. She and her husband Casey live in San Roque with their children, Griffin and Isla. Liz has served as the Society's Publicity Coordinator for the past two years.

2022-2023 SBCGS Society Operating Budgets

5/23/22

Property Operating Budget

Society Operating Budget

2022-23 Budget

2022-23 Budget

Property Revenue

Rental Income - Buildings	48,660
Rental Income - Parking	21,600

***Property Revenue* \$ 70,260**

Operating Revenue

Restricted Donations	1,500
Annual Appeal & General Donations	29,895
Membership Dues	22,000
Booknook and Bi-Annual Seminar	6,750
Life Membership Earnings	2,400

***Operating Revenue* \$ 62,545**

Property Expenses

Gardening, Grounds Maintenance & Repairs	22,000
Property Mgmt. Fee	2,920
Property Taxes	10,000
Rental Repairs and Maint.	1,000
Water & Trash	7,000

***Property Expenses* \$ 42,920**

Operating Expenditures

Administration & Liab. Insurance	12,510
Development	1,474
Education & Programs	13,370
Library Operations & Information Technology	51,061
Membership	2,100
Communications & Publications	7,120
Library Book Purchases	2,250

***Operating Expenses* \$ 89,885**

***Property Net Operating Income* \$ 27,340**

***Society Net Operating Loss* \$ (27,340)**

***Transfer to Operating Income* \$ (27,340)**



***Transferred From Property Operating Income* \$ 27,340**

***Net Balanced Budget* \$ -**

***Net Balanced Budget* \$ -**

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Video Conference Meeting via “Zoom”
June 19, 2021

Call to Order

Karen Ramsdell, interim president, called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 10:35 am. The total membership is currently 561 and over 60 members were present at the video conference meeting. Thus, a quorum was present.

1. Approval of the Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Nancy Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Annual Membership Meeting held on June 20, 2020 as written and was seconded by Bob Goeller. Unanimous approval.

2. Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Budget

Financial Officer Bob Goeller presented the proposed FY2021-2022 budget that was provided to the membership in the May 2021 Tree Tips-Newsletter.

Robin McCarthy made a motion to approve the FY2021-2022 budget and was seconded by Rosa Avolio. Unanimous approval.

3. Election of Officers

Karen Ramsdell identified the Nominating Committee Members:

- Karen Ramsdell, Nominating Committee Chair
- Rosa Avolio
- Theresa Calvin
- Molly Gleason
- Kathy Morgan

The committee was tasked to select nominations for the offices of President, President-Elect, two Director positions and one Director-At-Large position. The nominees are:

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- Arthur Sylvester, President
- Bob Bason, President-Elect

3 Year Term (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

- Bob Goeller, Finance Director
- Kate Lima, Membership Director
- Karen Ramsdell, Director-At-Large

Members were asked if there were nominations from the floor. There being none, **Sheila Benedict made a motion to approve the slate of nominations recommended by the Nominating Committee and was seconded by Marge Friestad. Unanimous approval.**

Karen Ramsdell announced the Board appointment of Nancy Loe as the Development Director. She also thanked outgoing Board members Molly Gleason (Membership Chair), Milt Hess (Director-at-Large and Technology Chair) and Neal Graffy (Director-at-Large) for their service on the Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jacob
SBCGS Secretary