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“Historical Overview of Santa Barbara from Prehistoric to Historic Times: Introduction to a Series of Presentations About the Defined Periods of the City’s History”

Speaker: Heather McDaniel McDevitt, Archaeologist
Saturday, July 16, 2022



The City of Santa Barbara’s history is a microcosm of California’s past and has been broadly delineated into periods defined by events and cultural transitions, each of which have left their mark not only on the physical characteristics of the City but on the worldview of its inhabitants. This series of presentations will explore each historical period: Prehistoric, Spanish Colonial and Mexican Periods (1782-1849), Hispanic to American Transition Period (1848-1870) American Period (1870-1900) and Early Twentieth Century (1900-1925) as well as the Mission Complex and Waterworks Circa (1786-1835). The aim of these presentations will be threefold: 1) to illuminate the unique contributions the City of Santa Barbara has made to the history of California; 2) to explore the various populations that have influenced the City’s diverse culture; and 3) to provide insight into how researchers collect and analyze information in order to make determinations on how buildings and archaeological resources contribute to the historical record. The first presentation on July 16 will provide an overview of the City’s history, explain how and why the periods were delineated in the manner they are, and will describe the general research process that cultural resource professionals conduct and how these methods may assist in genealogical research.

Photo: Heather McDaniel McDevitt, Archaeologist and New SBCGS Board Member

Heather McDaniel McDevitt is an archaeologist who works in the cultural resource management sector and serves as the cultural resources lead for the Santa Barbara office of the environmental firm Dudek. She conducted her graduate research on the Chumash village of Syujtun located in present-day Santa Barbara. As a bioarchaeologist, Ms. McDevitt combines physical anthropology and archaeology to reveal ancient lifeways by employing her technical expertise of vertebrate and invertebrate analysis, human osteology, geographic information system (GIS), and ground penetrating radar (GPR). Heather grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago and moved to California in her mid-20s, first living and working in the Los Angeles area and then moving to Santa Barbara in 2014 with her husband Mike and children Connor and Chloe. 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.

HYBRID General Meeting!

**Locations: In-Person at First Presbyterian Church, State and Constance, Santa Barbara
and on Zoom for Business Meeting and Program**

9:30 - 10:25 am PDT on July 16, 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 Heather McDaniel McDevitt (In person and on Zoom)

You must register if you will be attending via Zoom.

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkceGypz4iGdVrs6I_WsLFBT9ROZ5RP0kr

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

Presidents' Message

Arthur Sylvester



We did it finally after two years of COVID-19 mandates that have kept us apart – we had a successful in-person meeting at the First Presbyterian Church at State Constance on June 18. It was so good to greet and chat with old friends, to enjoy the amazing array of goodies prepared by Marilyn Compton, and to hear a splendid lecture by Neal Graffy about WWII events

leading up to the construction of the Timbers Restaurant. About 70 members attended in person and about 25 via Zoom. On behalf of the all the attendees, I extend particular thanks to Rosa Avolio and Bob Goeller for their technological expertise.

By the time you read this letter, the Society will be led by several new officers and Board Directors that we elected at the June meeting. As I said in the May Tree Tips, I am pleased and relieved to announce that Dr. Edward (Ted) Tazer-Myers has agreed to be President elect for 2022-2023. Laurie Hannah is the new Sahyun Library Director succeeding the incomparable Kathie Morgan. Unbounded thanks to her for 10 years of service. Past-president Mary Hall is the new chair of the Development Committee; Elizabeth O'Neal is the new chair of the Education Committee; and the new Directors at Large are Berri Bottomely, Heather McDaniel McDevitt, and Liz Smith. All of them will provide strong leadership in the coming year and a few more years after that. Please extend a warm welcome to them at your first opportunity. The Society's leadership is in good hands.

Members attending both in-person and on Zoom approved a balanced budget proposed by the Budget and Finance Committee for 2022-2023. It will be a challenge to make it work, given the economic uncertainties of these times. Its greatest uncertainty depends on membership renewals and attraction of new members to boost the membership back to the 550 or so that the Society had two years ago before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Remark your calendars for the celebration of the Society's 50th Anniversary on November 13. Planning is in progress now for a bang-up affair, and you will want to be part of it. Watch Tree Tips for more information, and look for opportunities to volunteer and help us make it a successful affair.

We had a grand time at the annual Stow House Old Fashioned 4th of July celebration, and the crowd was the largest I've ever seen there. Our booth was very festive with red, white, and blue bunting; it was located in front of Stow House this year between the goat enclosure and the face painting booth. Holly Snyder arranged an experienced bunch of volunteers who were stymied for a while by the lack of WIFI connection, but we were still able to galvanize interest among several booth visitors to follow up with a visit to the Sahyun Library. All of us volunteers had a good time and figured the endeavor was a success.

Art Sylvester, President (for another year)

Important for All Members

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.**

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Southern California Genealogical Society

Three Online Virtual Conferences!

- Solving Your DNA Puzzles August 19-20
- Jamboree/NEC August 22-24
- Preserving Your Family Tales August 26-27

www.genealogyjamboree.com

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Membership Spotlight

by Kate Lima, 2nd VP Membership

New Members in June:



Lee Jaffurs
Judy Connors
William Boyd
Sandra Eacret
William Theerineger
Aimee Cross

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 June!

*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.

Ancestors West Special Anniversary Edition

Fall 2022



We announced that our Fall issue would continue the theme of home-steading, 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. Contact Kristin Ingalls at antkap@cox.net if you have questions.

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

New Books

by Chris Klukkert



Like many of you, I belong to several other genealogical societies that are helpful for my continued research or who have unique collections that assist me. I have just returned from Santa Cruz, California, where I am a member of their wonderful society. They have all of their books and special collections in the downtown public library. However, there is a plan to rebuild the current public library at a new location, but that is under contention by the community and is therefore on the ballot later this Fall. If the voters decide the library should be remodeled where it is currently located, the staff there says there will no longer be enough room for the genealogy society to have their books there. **Yowza! It just reminds me how very lucky we are to have our very own building and library that is up to we members to decide about. And, again, thank you to the Sahyun family for their generosity. We do not take it for granted.**

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

Historic Perry (Wisconsin) Norwegian Settlement
Trigg County, Kentucky Historical Articles
Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators
Land Patents of Cecil County, Maryland
Heart of the Valley: History of Knoxville, Tennessee
The French Broad-Holston Country (Knox County, TN)
Pivoting during the Pandemic (Ideas for Serving Your Community Anytime, Anywhere)

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

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.

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."

Save the Dates!

50th Anniversary Events and Exhibits:



October 2- Family History Month Open House
November 13- 50th Anniversary Members Luncheon

Exhibits: (October-November)

50th Anniversary-themed Goleta Library display
Celebrating 50 years of our Society
Family Matters Annual Art Exhibit

***If you would like to help at one of these
events and/or exhibits, please email
outreach@sbgen.org.**


**Thank you
to our
volunteers
and visitors!**

**4th of July
at
Stow House
2022**





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July 2022

SBCGS Presents Classes and Meetings Throughout the Month of July

All events unless otherwise noted are free and open to the public. SBCGS is working hard to address the needs of all our members during the next phase of CDC Covid guidelines. We are planning in-person meetings and activities, some hybrid presentations, and some Zoom events for those who are unable to attend in person. Your continued patience is appreciated.

If the hyperlinks do not work, please go here: <https://www.sbgen.org/eventListings.php?nm=216>

Sunday, July 10

Family Tree User Group

Meeting (Software User Groups)

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

In-Person ONLY!

Sahyun Genealogical Library, 316 Castillo St., Santa Barbara, CA

Host: Dick Humphrey - Southern California Genealogical Society

Moderator: Robin McCarthy

The Southern California Genealogical Society has invited us to join their virtual Family Tree Maker User group meeting. Dick will cover *How to Use Color Coding Safely and Effectively*. This will be a general overview of color coding in the Family Tree Maker program. Robin will be sharing their presentation live at the Sahyun Library.

Seating and parking are limited!

No registration is required.

Tuesday, July 12

Lunch and Learn Tuesdays

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

HYBRID Meeting

Zoom & Sahyun Genealogical Library

Zoom Host & Moderator: Rosa Avolio

Come join us for our Tuesday Lunch & Learn. All levels from beginner to advanced are welcome. Bring your lunch and let's talk genealogy! Rosa Avolio will be broadcasting live over Zoom at the Sahyun Library. Join her in person at the library or on Zoom. Only Zoom attendees are required to [register here](#).

<<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMKcu-rrjgJGdxmPRN8TZv4bP8ra1orkeDt>>

Thursday, July 14

Open Mic: Share Genealogy Stories, Tips, Pitfalls, and Ah-ha Moments

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Zoom Only

Zoom Host & Moderator: Rosa Avolio

Join us for "open mic" where you can share your genealogical surprises, hints for

research, and awesome websites. You might want to share some dreaded genealogical bloopers, recommend must-visit genealogical libraries, describe a genealogical trip across the pond, or tell us about your special "I found them" moments. All levels from beginner to advanced are welcome. [Register Here](#).

<<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUscO-grDMoGdVNiVse6-Ze5G46c5ANkGNH>>

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General Monthly Meeting

9:30 am to 12:00 pm PDT

**Zoom and 1st Presbyterian Church
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Speaker: Heather McDaniel McDevitt

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This is a hybrid meeting. The meeting will be in-person and also available through Zoom.

• Special Interest Groups at 9:30 a.m.

meet in-person only.

• Business Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

• Speaker at ~11:00 a.m.

<https://tinyurl.com/4zndvvs7> Only Zoom attendees must [register here](#)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYkceGvpz4iGdVrs6l_WsLFBT9RQZ5RP0kr>

Thursday, July 21

Beginning Genealogy Meeting

(Special Interest Groups)

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Zoom Only

Moderator: Jean Foster

Zoom Host: Diane Sylvester

Jean Foster leads this discussion group to assist people with learning where and how to research their ancestors. Bring your questions! You can also email your questions in advance to [Diane Sylvester](#). New members are encouraged to attend.

[Register Here](#).

<<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUscO-grDMoGdVNiVse6-Ze5G46c5ANkGNH>>

Tuesday, July 26

Crowdsourced Research Assistance for Brick Walls

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm PDT

Zoom Host & Moderator: Rosa Avolio

HYBRID Meeting

Zoom & Sahyun Genealogical Library, 316 Castillo St., Santa Barbara, CA
Rosa Avolio and attendees will offer research suggestions for pre-submitted brick wall research questions. Download, complete, and email the attached form (below) to [Rosa](#) if you have a research question you'd like to have crowdsourced at an upcoming session. *Rosa will be broadcasting live over Zoom at the Sahyun Library. Join her in person at the library or on Zoom. Registration is only required for Zoom attendees.* **Zoom link here:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUscO-grDMoGdVNiVse6-Ze5G46c5ANkGNH>

Friday, August 19 through August 27

SCGS Jamboree 2022 Virtual

The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS) Jamboree will be virtual again this year. **Details here:**

<https://genealogyjamboree.com/>

This event is NOT sponsored by the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society.