



# Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society and the Sahyun Genealogical Library

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## SBCGS General Meeting

**Saturday, September 17, 2022, 9:30 - 12 Noon**  
**Featuring Stephan R. Frenkel**  
**"Clara's Secret"**



The speaker for the September 17th meeting is SBCGS Stephan R. Frenkel. The title of his presentation is *Clara's Secret*. In 1939, the most perilous year of her life, Clara was forced to emigrate from her city of origin, Berlin, toward a distant and uncertain destiny. As she journeyed alone into the unknown, she searched for understanding in the history of the great metropolis and turned to

her collection of memories from her adolescence at the dawn of the twentieth century. This was the time of La Belle Époque – the Beautiful Era; an extraordinary age of optimism and promise and one of the most dramatic transformations of culture in the progress of mankind. The illuminating celebrities of the era traveled to the Prussian capital to affirm their careers and announce themselves on the world stage. Clara's experiences, and those of the many significant figures she learned of and chanced upon, portray Berlin at a time when the imperial city and a young lady were coming of age.

*Stephan R. Frenkel is an accidental author. The subject of Clara's Secret inspired him to research family genealogy and to write. He is a first-generation American born in New York and currently living with his wife in Santa Barbara. Steve's principal profession is as an architect and land planner with experience in national and international projects. Clara's Secret is an everlasting tribute to his most admired heroes.*

### Details:

#### HYBRID Meeting!

This meeting is in person at the First Presbyterian Church (State and Constance, Santa Barbara), and on Zoom. Special Interest Groups will meet only in person.

**9:30 - 10:25 am PDT on September 17, 2022**

Special Interest Groups will meet in person at the church.

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

Business Meeting will be in person and on Zoom.

**~11:00 - 12:00 Noon PDT**

Program with Stephan Frenkel will be in person and on Zoom.

Only Zoom attendees are required to register to receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the meeting.

[https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUvcOqqqD8iEtA\\_g8JTlp7h-hQxZ76c3Y-B](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUvcOqqqD8iEtA_g8JTlp7h-hQxZ76c3Y-B)

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

## Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society Golden Anniversary



### SAVE THE DATE!

**50th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon**

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**

**Noon to 4 pm**

**Santa Barbara Carriage Museum**

*Celebrating 50 Years of Finding Family & Friends*

**You won't want to miss this unforgettable event!**

## September Classes

Details and all Zoom links will be found on our Website here:

<https://sbgen.org/meetings-classes/calendar/>

- Beginning Genealogy SIG Meeting - ZOOM ONLY  
Thursday, September 8, 2022  
12:00 - 1:30 pm
- Lunch and Learn Tuesdays - HYBRID  
Tuesday, September 13, 2022  
12:00pm - 1:30pm
- Open Mic: Share Genealogy Stories, Tips, Pitfalls, and Ah-ha Moments - ZOOM ONLY  
Thursday, September 15, 2022  
6:30 - 8:00pm
- DNA Lunch & Learn - ZOOM ONLY  
Presented by George LaPlante  
Friday, September 16, 2022  
12:00 - 1:30pm
- Crowdsourced Brick Wall Research Assistance - HYBRID  
Tuesday, September 27, 2022  
12:00pm - 1:30pm

## Presidents' Message

Arthur Sylvester



I thought designating August “a dark month” meant little or nothing happened in August. At least that’s the way it was and has always been. But if you could have seen my August calendar, you would conclude August 2022 was afire, hardly dark.

But Dear Friends, this is the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society’s 50th anniversary, which, by the way, happens only once a lifetime. It calls for a big celebration, and big celebrations require big planning, planning that cannot begin just 6 weeks ahead of time. Many members spent much of August planning for a big 50th celebration on November 13. Put that one on YOUR calendar!

The planners had to find and reserve a suitable venue, decide on the nature and scope of a meal or refreshments, decide on live music - yes/no - and above all, how to pay for everything.

Most Society committee were - and still are - involved in the planning: Finance, Outreach, Membership, Communications, together with some members who aren’t on committees but just thought it would be fun to help.

The results of all this “dark month” planning so far are plans for a “big celebration!” Members and friends will gather for a catered and served, outdoor dinner by Country Caterer at the Carriage Museum on lower Castillo Street. There will be plenty of parking.

But that’s not all. At the November monthly meeting on November 19, Mel Sahyun, John Woodward, and Heather McDevitt will review the early history of how the Society acquired the Sahyun property and pharmaceutical research laboratory. Considerable thought, planning, and practice have gone into this singular, not-to-be missed, in person event.

Meanwhile, Membership was busy bringing previous members back into the fold. Outreach worked on a splendid 50th Anniversary exhibition for display at the Goleta Public Library in October, and on an even larger, more splendid one that will be on display at the Sahyun Library in October and November. Finance continued through August to see that the Society coffers stayed out of the red, not an inconsequential task.

And finally, and at long last after a couple years of dedicated work, the Society’s new webpage made its welcome debut. Have a look at how it will keep you up to date on all 50th Anniversary events and so much more.

August turned out to be much less “dark” than usual; more like, “normal,” more like the Sun never set on us during the month. In fact, I for one, am beginning to feel “normal” again. So as President Emerita, Michol Colgan, used to say, “See you in the stacks.”

Art Sylvester, President

## Ancestors West

Kristin Ingalls, Editor

### Ancestors West

The theme for our next issue:  
**THREADS**



*Threads?? What kind of a theme is that?  
What image, idea, memory does the word  
“threads” evoke? Any of these?*

Following a thread; tying up loose threads; hanging on by a thread; threading your way through; images of clothing, of occupations using thread; “it was like threading a needle;” weaving; the tapestry of life; the common threads that bind us together; the continuous thread of past and present; threads on screws or machinery, parts coming together to form something new; conversation threads; DNA threads; sewing bees; cotton plantations; threadbare furniture, carpets and possessions.

And lots more! Keep thinking – and then write your thoughts, stories, research, ideas and send them to Kristin Ingalls antkap@cox.net I think this is going to be a fun issue!

**The deadline is October 15**

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## Library News

Laurie Hannah, Librarian



Exciting things are happening at the Sahyun Library! Through generous donations of a group of our members, we have been able to purchase a new iMac computer for the library. This will replace a ten-year-old computer on the south wall that could no longer be updated. In addition, we will be upgrading our firewall system for computer security.

Coming this month, you will now have access to ArkivDigital, the database of Swedish genealogical records. Thanks again to a donation by one of our members, we can offer this service for the next year.

Many of you have been involved in the periodicals scanning project for the last couple of years. That project is coming to a close, and volunteers have worked very hard to prepare searchable pdfs of thousands of periodical issues to make searching through multiple issues at one time a cinch! These are located on our in-house library network. Have a relative in Illinois? There are 480 issues for that state alone! Ask a librarian to help you find your ancestors in this vast resource.

The library is open every Tuesday and Thursday, and most Sundays. We have had some trouble finding enough volunteers for Sunday coverage, so if that day is important for your research, we want to hear from you.

Happy Hunting!

Laurie Hannah, Library Director

### Book Angels

Please be an angel and help us make these important acquisitions. These books have been approved and/or purchased by the SBCGS Book Acquisition Committee. The price listed here is half of what it cost SBCGS to purchase it.

**To be an Angel and make a donation, click here:**

<https://sbgen.org/get-involved/book-angels>

- 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."*

## New Books

by Chris Klukkert



The cataloging of our many wonderful donated books continues, and just the other day, member and society garden design person extraordinaire, Cheryl Fitzsimmons Jensen brought in her second published family book for our collection. Wow – be sure to take a look at it on our new in the library shelf. Then we all need to ask ourselves, “When am I going to publish MY family history book?” The library will be awaiting your book to catalog and put on our shelves for all to enjoy and future generations to reference. (Remember – we have a Writing Special Interest Group to help focus and assist you with your project!)

The fabulous new website is up and the Book Angel donation page is there and await donations. Over the next few weeks, more and more of the new books will be added and be available for you to donate to and be labeled with you as its Book Angel. Please acquaint yourself with the new website and be sure to check into our Book Angel page. Meanwhile, stop into the Sahyun and acquaint yourself with our wonderful collection.

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

*From the old country to the new: The Abbott family, Worcester, England to Gloversville, New York: The Bicknell Family, Somerset England, The Wilks family, Gloucestershire, England, The Link family, Herefordshire, England* {Cheryl Jensen}

*Eminent Welshmen: A Short Biographical Dictionary of Welshmen*

*Index of Notices Appearing in 23 Early Cincinnati Newspapers 1793 – 1853*

*Tennessee – Grainger County- Marriage Bonds and Licenses 1796-1866 (2 volumes)*

*An Illustrated Historical Atlas of Clay County, Missouri*

*Rowan County, North Carolina – 4 Volumes*

Abstracts of Wills & Estates & Tax Lists

Vol 1: 1753-1805 Vol 2: 1759 and 1778

and Will Abstracts 1805-1850

Minutes of the Court of Pleas & Quarter session

Vol 1: 1753 – 1762. Vol 2: 1763 – 1774

*Genealogy of Hadley Families- Embracing The Early Settlers of the Towns of Hatfield, South Hadley, Amherst and Granby*

*Nuggets from Rice County, Southern Minnesota History*

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:**

**Shirley Kunze  
Norma Johnson**

**Melody Schloss  
Cheryl Jensen**



## Outreach

Holly Snyder

### Upcoming Exhibits



- **50th Anniversary theme- Goleta Library display case** (October)
- **Celebrating 50 years of our Society- Sahyun** (October/November)

Goleta Library exhibit is going up October 1st and the Sahyun exhibit will be going up the last week of September and the morning of October 2nd. If you would like to help put together or put up the exhibits, please email [outreach@sbgen.org](mailto:outreach@sbgen.org).

### Family History Month Open House October 2



**Join us at our 50th Anniversary Family History Month Open House on Sunday, October 2 from 1-4pm!** Get research help, see the Society's 50th anniversary exhibit, eat yummy desserts, chat with new and longtime friends, and more! See flyer for more details.

Would you like to volunteer? Please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3CHTGHv>.

### Desperately Seeking Speakers!



We have many organizations asking us for speakers and we need speakers to fulfill these requests. 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 is better than one!
- Help us spread the word on how great our Society is!
- Helps you polish your public speaking skills
- We can help you with talking points

We don't want to lose our Speaker's Bureau, so please contact [outreach@sbgen.org](mailto:outreach@sbgen.org) if you'd like to be one of our special Speaker's Bureau speakers and what topics you would like to speak about. In most cases, the requests are for beginning genealogy topics. We also have a script you can follow.

## Membership

Kate Lima

Hello and Happy September to all!

A Warm Welcome to new members as of the last Tree Tips Newsletter:

**Elizabeth Day**  
**Mary Hancock**  
**Robert Shaw**  
**Nick Welsh**

How exciting, we hope to see you in person very soon.

*Stay tuned for an announcement for a New Membership Orientation soon.*



**For now, please check out the New Member Packet online.**

- Go to our new website and click "Members" button to log (Some of you may need to create a new password.)
- Click on the "Members" again and look for "Member Resources;"
- In the center of the page you'll find a link to the New Member Packet. Click!

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.

*A big Thank You to all returning members!  
Thank you for your continued support.*

**Need help? Work with a Coach.** The Society has over thirty volunteer coaches who are ready to share their extensive expertise in several areas of genealogical research with our members. Are you ready for some aliteration? Contact our Coach Coordinator, Kathy Cremeen, [kajcremeen@gmail.com](mailto:kajcremeen@gmail.com), if you would like help.

To view a list of our coaches and contact information on our website:

- Go to our new website and click "Members" button to log in. (Some of you may need to create a new password.)
- Click on the "Members" again and look for "Find a Genealogy Coach."

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



# FAMILY HISTORY MONTH OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 2, 1-4pm

**Free Admission!**

**THE SAHYUN GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY  
316 CASTILLO STREET, SANTA BARBARA**

- Exhibits celebrating SBCGS's past 50 years
- Tours of the Sahyun Genealogical Library
- Use of computers and subscription sites
- FamilySearch 11x17 Fanchart
- Help to get started on your family history
- Guest table: Santa Barbara Trust for Historical Preservation
- Special interest groups
- Enjoy refreshments- including cake!



**SBCGS turns 50!**  
**Celebrate**  
**Family History Month**  
**and our 50th anniversary**  
**with us!**

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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. The Society offers genealogy education programs, and its genealogical research library collection includes over 19,000 volumes and a computer lab with access to 9 subscription websites. SBCGS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

