



Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society and the Sahyun Genealogical Library

Researching the World



“Member Share and Special Interest Groups” Speakers: SBCGS Members

Please join us on **Saturday, December 17**, for our Annual Member Share meeting when our very own members share their stories about exciting discoveries, brick wall breakthroughs, new DNA cousins, travels to ancestral homelands, or other interesting genealogical stories.

Also, members can share a favorite holiday goodie. Include a sentence or two about why it is meaningful to you.

We hope to see you for this special presentation either in person or on Zoom.

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 on December 17, 2022

Special Interest Groups will meet in person at the church.

10:30 - 11:00am

Business Meeting will be in person and on Zoom.

~11:00 - 12:00 Noon

Program featuring SBCGS Members

Only Zoom attendees are required to register.

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYrfuqspjgtG9H4_EH DU4SBbxNyHvn8Khyc

Problems with links? Go to Calendar at <https://sbgen.org/>

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



December Zoom and Hybrid Meetings

Find links to all Zoom events here:

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

Beginning Genealogy SIG Meeting - ZOOM ONLY

Presented by Jean Foster
Thursday, December 8, 2022
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Introduction to Family Tree Maker Up- date 24.1 - ZOOM ONLY

Monday, December 12, 2022 @ 1:00pm
Organizer: Robin McCarthy

Irish Genealogy SIG Meeting - ZOOM ONLY

Presented by Sheila Benedict
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
10:00 am - 11:00 am

Lunch and Learn - HYBRID

Location at the Sahyun Library and Zoom
Presented by Rosa Avolio
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
12:00pm - 1:30pm

DNA Lunch & Learn - ZOOM ONLY

Presented by George LaPlante
Friday, December 16, 2022
12:00pm - 1:30pm

Society Monthly Meeting - HYBRID

Saturday, December 17, 2022
10:30am - 12:00pm
First Presbyterian Church and Zoom
December Member Share Program

ANCESTORS WEST NEW THEME

*The deadline for the next issue of Ancestors West is **February 1, 2023**.
For each issue we give you a suggested theme, although all stories are welcomed.*

For this issue we suggest re-examining stories — or again attacking brick walls to see if there is more or new information available that tells you more about your family.



Also, because Valentines Day is in February, we would like to encourage you to remember love stories about your family. Might you have love letters or Valentine cards you inherited? Engagement rings? Wedding photos or memorabilia? Would you, could you, share those with us?

Again, the deadline is February 1st. Make sure your stories are sent in Word format and all visuals sent separately as jpegs. We are unable to open PDF files or files sent with google or other links.

Get in touch if you have questions — antkap@cox.net

We are eagerly awaiting what you have to share!

Kristin Ingalls and the AW gang

Presidents' Message

Arthur Sylvester



We've reached that point in the year 2022 where we wonder where did it go? I'm guessing it went to Omaha; nevertheless, we're about to hang a new calendar on the wall for 2023, so we ought to give thanks for the year's positive aspects, and look forward to the clean slate that 2023 will afford.

I regard our celebration of the Society's 50th anniversary as the highlight of 2022. So many smiling faces among members who have not seen each other in nearly three years. We are a social organization bonded by a common interest in genealogy; we need the in-person contacts now and then.

I was also delighted at how well attended and successful Family History month was in October. It's a lot of work to solicit speakers, organize them, and then keep the program lively and well organized for a month. Many thanks to the organizers and speakers.

Surprising statistics were presented at the last Board meeting showing that attendance has been strong throughout 2022 at our hybrid and fully on-line classes and webinars, proving that the Society was and is alive and well. I have heard that many small genealogical societies lack the technology we possess and had to go dormant during the pandemic. We are so fortunate to have the equipment to hold hybrid meetings for persons who, for any number of reasons, are unable to attend in-person meetings. I think these meetings, such as Lunch and Learn, have played a vital role in holding the Society together during the challenges and uncertainties of the past three years.

The COVID pandemic has finally mitigated sufficiently that we have resumed in-person monthly meetings, and those same 50th anniversary smiles have been in evidence at each meeting.

In the coming year we can look forward to the Society's biennial Spring Seminar. Vice President of Programs, Elizabeth O'Neal says hybrid meetings, utilizing Zoom, are here to stay. The Society can also look forward to its octogenarian leadership stepping down and President-Elect Ted Tazer-Meyers stepping up to the presidency. I extend my sincere gratitude to Ted and Mary Hall for taking on some of my tasks and responsibilities already this year.

Now this octogenarian extends best wishes to all SBCGS members for the remainder of 2022 and a happy and prosperous 2023 full of genealogy and broken walls.

Art Sylvester, President

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."

Library Volunteer Training & Refresher

Laurie Hannah, Librarian



Library Volunteer Training and Refresher

Sunday, January 8, 2023

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Sayhun Library

Ann Dwelley and Laurie Hannah will be offering a short training session to new volunteers and those experienced volunteers who feel the need for a refresher. Topics covered will be the new alarm system, routine daily procedures, basics of the computers, printers, and scanners, and what's new in the library.

A separate class on how to use the scanners will be offered at a later time.

Please RSVP by Tuesday January 3 to libraryvolunteers@sbgen.org if you are interested in attending.

Sahyun Library Hours

**The library will be closed
December 18th through January 2nd**

Regular Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 am — 4:00 pm

Sundays: 1:00 — 4:00 pm

New Content on Our Website

Robin McCarthy

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REMINDER: If you want a quick look at new information that you were used to finding on the homepage of our old website, be sure to check the ANNOUNCEMENTS page.

Thanks to **Milt Hess, Dan Segna, and Holly Snyder**, ALL 103,577 obituary entries from the Gledhill Library have been uploaded.

The 10,000+ McDermott-Crocket Mortuary and nearly 8000 Welch-Ryce Mortuary records have been added. More Welch-Ryce Mortuary records are being added frequently, again thanks to Milt and Dan.

The total count of database entries is 121,845.

Recordings, along with accompanying handouts, can be found on the Family History Month 2022 page (which is under Classes in the Webinar Archive) here: <https://sbgen.org/membership-welcome-page/webinar-archive/family-history-month-2022/>

Handouts are also posted on the Meeting and Class Handouts website page here:

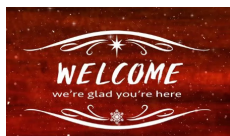
<https://sbgen.org/membership-welcome-page/handouts-from-meetings-classes-series/>

This content is available to Society members only. Members must be signed in to the website to access it.

Membership

by Kate Lima

However you celebrate the holidays, I hope it is happy and full of family stories and memories, and get-togethers whenever safe.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Maura Harding
Michael Lovell
Sarah Matthews

We look forward to seeing you at our library and also our General Meeting! Please check out our Member Packet, found under Membership Resources on the website.

And a bountiful thank you to our continuing members who renewed in November!

THANK YOU



At this time, the end of this very busy year, I would like to thank our members who join or renew above the Individual and Family levels of membership. It is your generosity that allows us to continue our programs, the maintenance of our beautiful facilities, and the ability to provide the tools with which to do family research. And thank you to the many donors who helped us stay afloat through the pandemic and throughout this year as well.

DECEMBER SHARE

Stories. At the December General Meeting on Saturday, December 17, we will hear members' stories about their genealogical journeys or their ancestors. If you have a story you would like to share, please contact Elizabeth O'Neal at Programs@sbgen.org.

Food. At the meeting we hope that members will bring something to share at the goodies table. Do you have a favorite dish, a favorite cookie recipe? Something handed down? We'd love to have you bring something, and it would be extra special if you included a short paragraph or sentence about why it's meaningful to you.

END OF YEAR



As we close another year, I think back on all we have done this year as we navigate a post-pandemic world. We've been busy these past few months. We celebrated Family History Month with a festive Open House; our many volunteers taught a wide array of classes both in-person and on-line.

We got to spend a magical afternoon at the Carriage and Western Art Museum. Not only were we all mesmerized by the museum itself, we were also entertained by Gary Jensen's wonderful bluegrass band. We enjoyed a delicious meal by Country Meat Market, listened to some stories and history of the Society, and spent unforgettable hours with friends old and new.

All About Our Books at the Sahyun

by Chris Klukkert



We have had more wonderful donations come in last month including a fabulous collection of Acadian and Louisiana books. For those researchers working on those lines and in those areas, you are going to be delighted with our new additions. Chris Gallery is working her way through them and getting them into our collection for all to enjoy. There were also several publications covering those areas that Marj is busy processing and adding to our shelves.

The last few weeks we have been having more visitors to the library and I am happy to see that many of them are drawn to the books and doing research in the stacks. It has been said over and over, but the Truth is, not everything is on the internet and nothing can compare in assisting a genealogist than doing book research. The Sahyun is an ideal place to do that and we welcome your visit.

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

The Acadians of Nova Scotia- Past and Present
A History of Schenectady During the Revolution
Laclede County {Missouri} History
Colonial Records of Rhode Island – TEN Volumes
Acadia of the Maritimes
History of Ulster County New York (2 volumes)
100 French Canadian Family Histories

We look forward to your library visit and we encourage and welcome suggestions for other genealogy books for our collection.

We want to thank the following generous donors:

Bernie & Jerry Martin Elizabeth Badart
Ann Buzaitis Fred & Mary Marsh

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>

The Outreach committee put together two informative and creative exhibits that highlighted our 50 years as a Society; one was displayed at the Goleta Library and another was up in our library for viewing. This will remain on the walls of our Education Room, please take some time to enjoy the memories.

Please contact me, Kate, at membership@sbgen.org with your questions, comments, and suggestions.

A very happy holiday season to you all.

Outreach

by Holly Snyder

50th Anniversary Exhibit



Our 50th Anniversary exhibit is still up for viewing at the Sahyun Research Library!

Come anytime the library is open!

City of Santa Barbara Proclamation

Honoring our 50th Anniversary and National Family Stories Month on November 15 at City Hall. Watch our President, Art Sylvester, accept the proclamation here: <https://youtu.be/DWcwIWP406M?t=201>



Mayor Rouse and Art Sylvester

From left: Holly Snyder, Karen Ramsdell, Art Sylvester, Marie Sue Parsons, and Mary Hall

****Come support us at the County Board of Supervisors on December 13 while we accept their proclamation for our 50th Anniversary. Specific time will be announced once the agenda comes out.**

Speaking Engagements in the Community



Are you part of a group who has a speaker series? If your group would be interested in having one or two of our speakers give a talk on genealogy, our Society and genealogical library, please contact Dr. Larry Basham at Outreach@sbgen.org. Our speakers can go to your group's meeting location, or your group is welcome to hear the talk at Sahyun Library.

We can also arrange group tours of Sahyun Library if interested!

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Development

by Mary Hall

Should you feel inclined to show your gratitude for SBCGS, as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary this month, please take a look at our new website and the "50th Anniversary Appeal" gold button, at the top of the page.

Our annual appeal this year will Celebrate SBCGS' 50 years and the many endeavors, activities, projects and accomplishments we've achieved since 1972...all done by many SBCGS volunteers.

50th Anniversary Appeal

Clicking on the 50th Anniversary Appeal button gives you options of donating in recognition of a special SBCGS volunteer or individual that you especially appreciate, honoring a SBCGS family member or ancestor; supporting the Library, or donating towards our annual (50th Year) appeal early and electronically, via secure credit card.



The SBCGS Sahyun Library depends on donations in order to do what we do each year at our beautiful property and compound at 316 Castillo Street. We, in turn, are grateful for the generosity of those who help us sustain our mission of serving the genealogical needs of the Central Coast community for over 50 years.

The Society is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable California corporation. All gifts are deductible for personal or corporate tax purposes to the fullest extent of the law. Our federal tax identification number is 95-3080681.