



# Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society and the Sahyun Genealogical Library

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## “Henry Ford and the Model A”

**Speaker: Randy Douglas**  
**SBCGS General Meeting**

Please join us on Saturday, January 21, 2023, for a presentation from the Model A Club of Santa Barbara presented by Randy Douglas on the history of the Model T and Model A cars developed by Henry Ford. The talk will also include interesting highlights of the Ford family genealogy.

A display of Model A cars will be in the parking lot for your enjoyment.



### 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 January 21, 2023**

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.**

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

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

## January 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, January 5, 2023  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

### Irish Genealogy SIG Meeting ZOOM ONLY

Presented by Sheila Benedict  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
10:00 am - 11:00 am

### Lunch and Learn - HYBRID

Location at the Sahyun Library and Zoom  
Presented by Rosa Avolio  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
12:00pm - 1:30pm

### DNA Lunch & Learn ZOOM ONLY

Presented by George LaPlante  
Friday, January 20, 2023  
12:00pm - 1:30pm

### Society Monthly Meeting - HYBRID

Saturday, January 21, 2023  
10:30am - 12:00pm  
First Presbyterian Church and Zoom

## ANCESTORS WEST THEME

**“Attacking those Brick Walls” and “Valentine-themed Stories, Images, Memorabilia”**

*The deadline for the next issue of Ancestors West is  
**February 1, 2023.***

*All stories are welcomed.*

Did you find new information on those impossible brick walls — something new that tells you more about your family? Or, does Valentines Day bring up love stories about your family, or motivate you to re-read love letters or Valentine cards you inherited? Maybe you have wedding photos or memorabilia to write about and share? Make sure your stories are sent in Word format and all visuals sent separately as jpegs. Get in touch if you have questions — [antkap@cox.net](mailto:antkap@cox.net)

## Library Volunteer Training & Refresher

Laurie Hannah, Librarian

**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](mailto:libraryvolunteers@sbgen.org) if you are interested in attending.

## Presidents' Message

Arthur Sylvester



It seems as though it is customary and traditional for someone in an organization to review the events of the past year, and then make some prognostications about the coming year. I guess I'm that person for our organization, so here goes.

I don't remember much of the first half of 2022. Maybe because the Covid pandemic prevented much in-person gathering. My calendar doesn't help. It has a lot of the usual meetings -- Board meetings, committee meetings, the resumption of monthly meetings, almost all by Zoom -- plunked on its pages.

Parenthetically, our Society established its Zoom communication sooner during Covid and maintained it longer than many genealogical societies, thanks to Rosa Avolio and her IT committee and a member's donation of funds to purchase an "owl" that allows meetings to be "hybrid," that is, members at home can see and hear who is speaking at the in-person meetings. Thus "Lunch and Learn" and committee meetings proceeded pretty much as usual and most were well attended. Record scanning continued unabated as did maintenance of financial records and the property.

But still it wasn't the same and some semblance of normalcy returned around about June or July. It was then that planning for Family History month in October with its Open House really got serious. Many planning sessions proceeded that successful event, our first in-person event in many months.

I commented in a previous issue of Tree Tips on the highlight of 2022: the celebration of the Society's Golden Anniversary -- its 50th birthday. By all measures it was so successful not just because of the thorough planning that went into it, but because it brought so many of us together in-person for the first time in nearly three years. One of the central strengths of our Society is the friendships we have developed over the years. Simply put, we missed one another and it was just good to see each other in person again.

Now we have a new year not only with new challenges, but also continuing problems. We have a strong cadre of leaders to guide the Society through those problems this year. I urge you to give those leaders your strongest support. One of the other strengths of our Society is its volunteers. Step forward when called upon or when you see an opportunity where the Society can benefit from your talent and time. If each of us does a little, then we all have the opportunity to make 2023 our finest year.

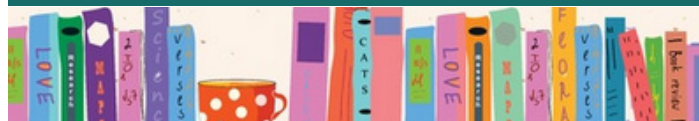
Art Sylvester, President

### 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."*

## All About Our Books at the Sahyun

by Chris Klukkert



We have four new "Silver books" to start our new year research and kick the new year off. Generously donated by the local branch of Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, these four cover the lines of: Alden, Rogers, Brewster and Winslow. As any of you working on your Mayflower relatives already know — these "Silver books" are the gold standard for filling in the pedigree and making the necessary links.

With the library back to full operation, we will continue to catalog and add the many wonderful donated books to our collection. We've also recently made sure to add some local area books to have a full representation of our very own county and its people. Sometimes the books are limited in their production and when they are gone, they only become available in resources such as our Sahyun library. Many a time a local genealogy society collection has had such a book on the county I am researching in that was inaccessible to me in any other way. Remember as I mentioned in the December Tree Tips, *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:

***Mayflower Families (Silver Books)*** — John Alden, Part 6  
***Mayflower Families (Silver Books)*** — Thomas Rogers Part 2  
***Mayflower Families (Silver Books)*** — William Brewster, Part 3  
***Mayflower Families (Silver Books)*** — Edward Winslow, Vol 25  
***Tunbridge Past: A Pictorial History of Tunbridge, Vermont***  
***A Place Called Home. Historical and Nostalgic Memories that will bring you home to the Santa Maria Valley***  
***Pioneers of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana*** (Terrebonne Genealogical Society)  
***The Spirit Of Solvang: A History of the Danish Capital of America***

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:

Michel Nellis      Jane Honikman  
Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California

## Sahyun Library Hours



**The library is now open after the holiday break.**

### Regular Hours:

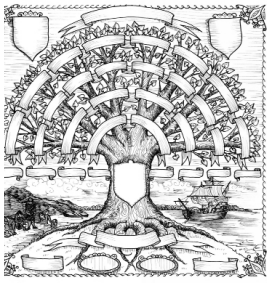
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:00 am — 4:00 pm

Sundays: 1:00 — 4:00 pm

3rd Saturday following General Meeting: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

## Membership by Kate Lima

### A TOAST TO THE NEW YEAR, 2023



Have you made a list of New Year resolutions? Did you include any ancestry research? Maybe this year will find you traveling for research... now that's something to look forward to! Or perhaps you will choose one person or family to focus on and do a deep dive. No matter what you've decided upon for this coming year, I hope it's exciting!

No New Members to Welcome from December; I look forward to seeing new faces in the new year!

Thank you to all members who renewed this past year... your membership dues help keep the library up and running and the society thriving.

### NEW MEMBERSHIP Management System

The Technology and Membership teams have been hard at work to implement a new Membership management system. It will be launched very soon and we look forward to it being a better experience for both our members and administrators. We'll keep you updated as this unfolds.

**Let's fill the New Year with ideas to move forward on your genealogy research.**

- 1) Get help from a coach! Check out the extensive list of volunteers and their areas of expertise on our website: <https://sbgen.org/membership-welcome-page/find-a-genealogy-coach/>. This site is behind our member wall so you might be prompted to sign in first!
- 2) Come to the library and get started with the free websites available and the vast collection of books. Tuesday and Thursday, 10am-4pm, Sunday 1pm-4pm, and every third Saturday after the General Meeting. Hope to see you there!
- 3) Subscribe to Genealogy Tip of the Day: <http://genealogytipoftheday.com/>
- 4) Commit to one ancestor at a time. Either research for new information or start an organization strategy to keep all the information at your fingertips. From the website "*The Genealogy Guide*," I give you a few thoughts:

#### Reasons to organize your work:

- More efficient use of your time and money to research your family history.
- Have a clear research plan to know what you want to find next.
- Find a particular ancestor immediately, so that you can continue to research them.
- Discover areas of information that are missing from your research.
- You may have received a family archive that you want to sort out and store.
- Can keep a list of resources so you know where to go for more information.
- Keep a record of your correspondence so you know who to ask for help.

Now finally, in honor of January, here is a sampling of what's happened this month in history.

**1559:** Jan 15. Elizabeth 1 is crowned Queen of England

**1622:** Jan 1. The Catholic church adopted January 1 as the beginning of the year, rather than March 25.

**1776:** Jan 1. George Washington raises the Grand Union flag, the first national flag in America. (The Betsy Ross flag did not fly until 1777.)

**1892:** Jan 1. Ellis Island opens in the New York Harbor.

**1924:** Jan 3. English explorer Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's tomb in Egypt's Valley of the Kings.

**2007:** Jan 4. Nancy Pelosi becomes the first female Speaker of the House.

*Have a joyful New Year, filled with peace, love, and genealogy!*



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## Outreach

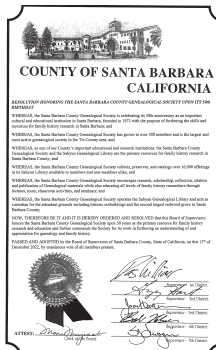
by Holly Snyder

*Happy New Year! The Outreach Committee is excited for new partnerships in the community this year, a new cultural exhibit (Santa Barbara Asian Americans), and possibly another Picnic in the Cemetery (fingers crossed for the fall!).*

### County of Santa Barbara Proclamation

Honoring our 50th Anniversary, President Art Sylvester accepted our proclamation resolution from the County Board of Supervisors in Santa Barbara. Once the proclamations are framed, they will be hung up in the classroom at Sahyun Library.

(Photo: Kate Lima, Holly Snyder, Art Sylvester, Ted Tazer-Myers, Karen Ransdell)



### Speaking Engagements in the Community



**January: Model A Club of Santa Barbara, Kiwanis Club, and Braille Institute**

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 Sahyun Research Library, please contact Dr. Larry Basham at [Outreach@sbgen.org](mailto: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!

### Montecito and Santa Barbara Neighbors Magazines

Look for our article in the next issue of **Montecito Neighbors** and **Santa Barbara Neighbors Magazines** this month. We

will be given a couple copies to view at Sahyun Library soon!



### Santa Barbara Asian American Exhibit



Neighborhood Groceries  
of Santa Barbara—revisited

a black and white calendar for 1980

Are you from Santa Barbara or have been a long time resident and know of a local Asian family who has lived in Santa Barbara County prior to 1960 and should be included in our exhibit?

Please contact Holly at [Outreach@sbgen.org](mailto:Outreach@sbgen.org) if you can help us connect with an individual or family who should be recognized.

Save the Date! We will be having our exhibit opening party on May 7 at Sahyun Library.