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“The Mystery of The Marie”

Speaker: Teresa Newton-Terres

SBCGS General Meeting

Saturday, May 20, 2023, 9:30 - 12 Noon



Over 60 years ago, on June 7, 1960, the Marie, a converted WWII Landing craft, set out at sunrise from Santa Barbara Harbor with seven men working on a covert underwater communications experiment for a Raytheon-related project... and was never seen again. Eventually, four victims' bodies were recovered, but three disappeared along with the Marie's lifeboat—the captain, a scientist, and an engineer (Diego “Jim” Terres, Jr).

Only 2 years old when her father disappeared, Teresa Newton-Terres decided to investigate the story and try to resolve the mysteries surrounding Marie's disappearance. Unanswered questions led her into a search for information and the rest of Marie's “family,” outlined in her book, *The Mystery of the Marie*. Ms. Newton-Terres first began her search for the truth while living near Pearl Harbor, when she received her grandmother's scrapbook with news articles about the shipwreck. She approached Raytheon, scoured original sources, and heard first-hand accounts, uncovering an aerospace Cold Case, an untold Cold War mystery, and a WWII story, all of which she will discuss in her presentation.

About the Speaker:

TERESA NEWTON-TERRES, PMP® is recognized as a leader who helps frustrated people navigate their projects as an author, speaker, and project life treasure hunter. Holding a Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification since 2000, her service to projects gained global recognition from the Project Management Institute (PMI®) in 2008 and again in 2016.

As an author, she is known for the aerospace cold case and true story, *Mystery of the Marie: My Childhood Tragedy That Surfaced a Cold War Secret*. And her essay, “The Shipwreck,” won inclusion in the anthology *Triumph from Tragedy: Personal Stories of Struggle, Courage, Hope, and Victory*, which was published in December 2021.

Ms. Newton-Terres was raised on the West Coast in Santa Barbara, educated in the Midwest, and after ten years working at the University of California at Santa Barbara, she fell in love with an officer and gentleman. With military life, Ms. Newton-Terres became a project professional consultant and trainer and traveled from the UK to HI and 32 states in between serving initiatives. After retirement, they settled near their seven grandchildren in view of the Arkansas River where she remains, although she lost her soldier to natural causes in 2014. Newton-Terres returns yearly to volunteer for the Santa Barbara Old Spanish Days. She is grateful for family and friends as they create paellas, enjoy reading, and savor sunrises and sunsets.

Learn more at: <http://www.mysteryofthemarie.com/> and <https://mailchi.mp/5dd2ebcadc15/emkmarie>.

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 April 15, 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 will be in person and on Zoom

Only Zoom attendees are required to register.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ1sdu6urzktHdOpenYcPXHt1s4w87OO-uen#/registration>

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

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

Important Reminder:

The Sahyun Genealogical Library will be closed on May 14th for Mother's Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, May 16, 10 AM to 4:00 PM

President's Message

Ted Tazer-Myers



Ted Tazer-Myers

ing the campus safe and secure Property Committee!

Finance

Budget can be a bit like gardening: the revenue growth you want to nurture must be balanced by the excess costs you need to prune. Thanks to our dedicated Finance Committee led by Michel Nellis, the Society's budget is coming together despite some dramatic increases in utilities and other costs. Please thank the budget subcommittee members for their stewardship: Michel, Marilyn Compton, Mary Hall, and Lisa Lunsford, with assistance from Bob Goeller, Fred Marsh, Karen Ramsdell and myself.

Communications

We have so many talented writers in the Society. Under Diane Sylvester's patient and skilled editorship, Tree Tips is an outstanding online newsletter with important new contributions each month from our team leaders. I really appreciate the event promotions, too. How else would I remember to attend the wonderful classes and gatherings that our Society offers?

I just finished reading the spring issue of *Ancestors West* this morning. Besides the cover being graced by Gretchen Murray's fabulous collection of late Victorian valentine cards, I learned how to break through brick walls from Elizabeth Swanay O'Neal, discover bigamy in Mel Sahyun's family tree, understand why little boys wore long hair and dressed like girls in the early twentieth century and, when those same boys became teenagers, sometimes shot their best friend's in the face (thanks Winston Dutton). I also enjoyed the story of the Yamane family's tailoring skills and Hawaiian boutique from Melinda Yamane Crawford, among other great articles. Kudos to Kristin Ingalls and her editorial and publishing team for doing such a fantastic job with our flagship quarterly.

Upcoming Events

The Outreach Committee led by Holly Snyder has spent the past few months preparing to host the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage, 1870s-1970s exhibit at the Sahyun Library. Committee members have collaborated with local groups to open our eyes to the vibrant threads of culture and history that these families have contributed to tri-counties coastal and valley areas. Please mark your calendars for May 7th for this special event.

The next General Meeting is set for May 20, 2023. We have a great speaker, Teresa Newton-Terres, who will deliver her talk on The Mystery of the Marie in-person. As such, Kristin Ingalls will be mobilizing the Book Nook for sales at the event with the muscular

support of Bob Goeller. You won't want to miss perusing the latest offerings in genealogy publications in the company of fellow family history buffs!

Ted Tazer-Myers, President

Remember the Dates!

Santa Barbara Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Exhibit Exhibit: **May 7** from 12-pm, Sahyun Library

The Sahyun Library will be closed on Mother's Day, **May 14** and will re-open on **May 16** at 10 AM.

Please go here for a listing of special interest groups and other events: <https://sbgen.org/meetings-classes/calendar/>

In Loving Memory

Carolyn June McQuaid Thomas

Death: 2023



We are saddened to announce the passing of Carolyn June McQuaid Thomas on March 29, 2023, our good friend, teacher, expert German genealogist, and longtime member of SBCGS.

Michael Barry Yee

1955 — 2023



It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the death of Michael Barry Yee, native of Santa Barbara and active member of SBCGS. Michael is survived by his wife of 22 years and SBCGS member, Jo Anne Sciortino,

Michael's obituary is here: <https://www.independent.com/obits/2023/03/20/michael-barry-yee/>.

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."

Membership by Kate Lima

Welcome
New Members

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS IN APRIL:

Linda Harms Okazaki
Bonnie Dee Yonker
Jane Likens
Sandra Stingle
Kim Fults
Pete Healy

A big, happy thank you to our continuing members
who renewed in April!

Need help? Work with a Coach! We have many people you can contact, check out the list of Coaches after you sign in. Click on “Members” at top right, then “Find A Genealogy Coach” in the list to the left (second from top). This kind of research will take off to a whole new level!

***We have our Asian American/Island Pacific Exhibit on May 7!
Here are a few proverbs to get you in the mood.***

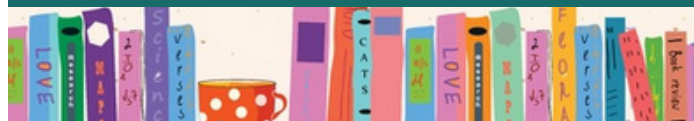
- Originally a Chinese Proverb, Confucius said, “I hear I forget; I see I remember; I do I understand.” Benjamin Franklin attributed it as “Tell me and I forget; teach me and I may remember; involve me and I learn.”
- An inch of time is an inch of gold, but an inch of time cannot be purchased for an inch of gold.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

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All About Our Books at the Sahyun by Chris Klukkert



This month we have gotten quite a few NEW books in. It was a “when it rains, it pours.” kind of situation, and we are not complaining. Thanks to those of you that generously contributed half the book purchase price, as that helps us build our collection that much faster.

Please come in and have a look at our newly purchased books and all the other resources awaiting you at the Sahyun.

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

- *Western Massachusetts Families in 1790*, Vol 5 (part of a wonderful series from New England Gen Society)
- *Family Maps of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama*
- *German Coast Families – European Origins and Settlement in Colonial Louisiana*, Vol 2
- *Connecticut Historical Collections* -John Warner Barber 9 (NEHGS publication)
- *The Psychology of Searching and Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy*. Both books by Dr. Penny Waters (our speaker from April)

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:

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with businesses where we all shop; the businesses get advertising and then gives a portion of the sales to our favorite charity. It’s easy to sign up, simply go to iGive.com and the site will let you know how to proceed.

What's Your Story?

Here are some ideas for the Summer issue of Ancestors West

Naming traditions in your family or culture. In this country, we commonly think a child being given a first name, perhaps a middle name, and the family surname shortly after birth. There once was the tradition of naming the first son after his paternal grandfather; the first girl after her maternal grandmother. However, not all countries or cultures or religions follow these traditions. When researching your family, what naming traditions or patterns have you found? Have names helped or hindered your research?



Birthing customs and birth stories. My mom was born at home with a midwife present. All her children were born in hospital. It was not unusual for moms and babies to stay in the hospital for up to two weeks. My grandniece chose to have her children at home using a midwife. What stories have been passed down in your family?

Farming and ranching stories. In 1800, farmers made up 90 percent of the American population.



Colonial farmers were typically able to produce everything they needed for their survival including food, clothing, house furnishings, and farm implements. Today, it is less than 2 percent. Most of us have had farming in our family history. Probably not if your family lived in Greenland or Iceland, however. Were your ancestors farmers when they emigrated, continuing that way of life here? Or like some of mine: factory workers who never became successful farmers. Women's roles on farms can be unusual. Many

worked alongside the men in the fields, assisting harvest or calving and lambing seasons. I am sure we ALL have stories of farming and ranching. Please share them!



**Deadline ~ August 1, 2023 Guidelines are printed on the inside back cover of all issues.
Do remember: All stories are welcome!**

Outreach
Holly Snyder, Chair

Santa Barbara Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage, 1870s-1970s Exhibit

Exhibit Opening Event: May 7 from 12-4pm, Sahyun Library



Learn about the incredible stories of Santa Barbara's Asian American and Pacific Islander families, industries, churches, and military. We will also have booths from partner organizations, live Japanese tone chime songs, bonsai demonstrations, Chinese tea service, appetizers, and more!

Share our included flyer with family and friends!

Volunteers Needed! We have many opportunities for volunteers plus we are also in need of some equipment for the event. **See our volunteer flyer or sign up here:** <https://tinyurl.com/4wedtd3j>.

Come visit our booth at Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation's Community History Day!



April 30, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

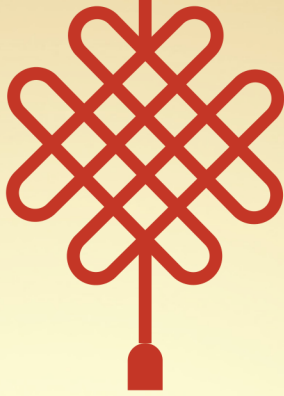
El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP
123 E. Canon Perdido

Come celebrate Santa Barbara's diverse cultures and history at this free, family-friendly event. There will be educational, hands-on learning stations, vendors from the Youth Makers Market, booths from local organizations, live music and dance performances, and history tours and exhibits that focus on the layered histories and communities of Santa Barbara's Presidio Neighborhood over time.

Speaking Engagements in the Community



Are you part of a group who has a speaker series or know of a great place to give a talk? Please contact Outreach@sbgen.org. Our speakers can go to your group's meeting location, or your group is welcome to come to Sahyun Library for the presentation. We can also arrange group tours of Sahyun Library if interested!



*Santa Barbara
Asian American &
Pacific Islander Heritage,
1870s-1970s*

**Exhibit Opening
May 7, 12-4pm**

**Free to the public
Sahyun Library
316 Castillo Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

**Enjoy historical accounts of local families, plus
booths from community organizations, genealogy
research assistance, appetizers & more!**



**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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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.



*Santa Barbara Asian American and
Pacific Islander Heritage, 1870s-1970s*
Exhibit Opening

May 7, 12-4pm, Sahyun Library

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Set up before event-**
Take down current exhibit Saturday, 4/29 @1pm
Put up new exhibit Saturday, 5/6 @10am
- **Set up day of event- 9am-**
Decorations, signs, tables, remaining exhibit display, set up Asian genealogy books at a table, food tables
- Exhibit room monitors
- Photographers
- Research assistants
- Create labels for exhibit objects display
- Check-in table
- Tech helper(s)- make sure slideshow keeps running, take down mic set
- Parking Monitors
- Greeters
- Clean up- 5/7 4pm
- Food- Asian theme

Equipment Loans: (Please make sure you label your loan item. Drop off May 7 at 9am and pick up at 4pm)

- 8'-10' plastic folding tables
- Card tables
- Red tablecloths
- Canopies
- Standing torso mannequins or nice coat rack



Contact Holly Snyder at Outreach @sbgen.org