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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

A Year in Review HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025 - 2026

*The Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society helps people,
wherever they come from, discover, document, share,
and preserve their family histories.*

Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society
and the Sahyun Genealogical Library
316 Castillo Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101



2025—2026 SBCGS BUDGET

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Revenue

Donations	24,500.
Membership Dues	24,000.
Rental Property Revenue.	102,360.
Books & Merchandise	2,000.
User Fees & Other Income	<u>2,850.</u>
Total	\$155,710.

Expenses

Accounting, Banking Fees & Insurance	30,400.
Development & Board Expense	6,050.
Publications & Communications	4,300.
Library	18,253
Programs & Education	15,570.
Property.	46,548.
Information Technology	28,334.
Taxes & Fees	<u>4,255.</u>
Total	\$155,710.

*Budget approved by the Board of Directors on June 19, 2025.



President's Message

Kate Lima

Dear Members and Friends,



I am pleased to present our annual Year-In-Review, highlighting the many accomplishments of the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society during 2025-26.

What an exciting year! In the following pages you'll read about some wonderful activities put on by our committees, and some of the goals we have achieved. We are a volunteer-run organization, and our success depends entirely on the dedication and generosity of our members. This year, our volunteers contributed more than 12,000 hours of service — roughly 1,000 hours each month!

What a remarkable achievement. To all who gave their time and talent, thank you so much. If you have not yet volunteered, please consider getting involved in the year ahead. Being with others in the society brings camaraderie and joy, and creates a strong community. Volunteer work is vital to sustaining and growing our Society as well as for our own well-being. Again, thank you!

Membership dues and your generous contributions to the Annual Appeal and other programs are a key component of our revenue stream. We also meet our expenses through income from the rental of the Victorian house and storage units on our property, as well as grants and book sales. Every membership, gift, and volunteer hour has a meaningful impact — thank you for the part you play.

Together, we are building a premier genealogical organization, one that fosters the discovery of ancestral, cultural, and ethnic roots, and preserves the rich histories of families.

With sincere appreciation for your ongoing support,
Kate Lima
President



Ancestors West Quarterly Journal

HIGHLIGHTS of 2025-2026

Ancestors West
Celebrating
51
Years
1974 to 2026

Ancestors West is the Santa Barbara County Genealogy Society's quarterly journal. Since 1974 it has been a genealogical resource, inspiring the discovery of ancestral, cultural, and ethnic roots. We welcome articles about family history or of a historical nature.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Charmien Carrier, Editor
Kristin Ingalls
Mary Jacob
Cathy Jordan
Marsha Martin
Dorothy Oksner
Bonnie Raskin
Helen Rydell
Sharon Summer
Diane Sylvester

Distinguished Editors of Ancestors West 1974 to the Present

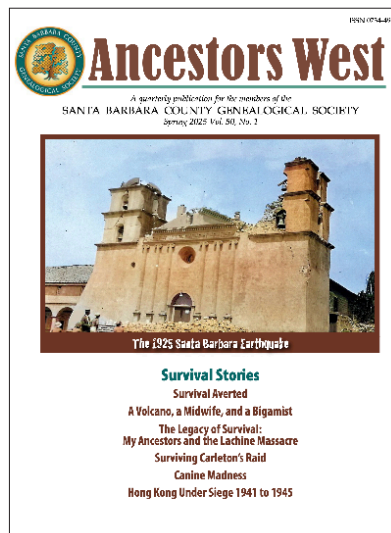
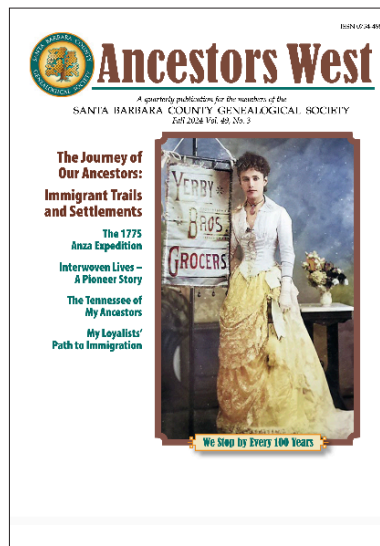
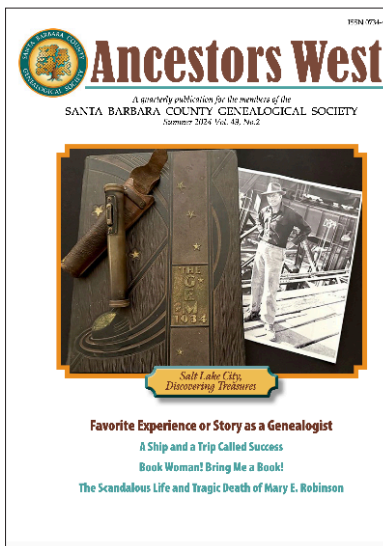
Judith A. Katzmark
Joseph T. Whalen
Virgil V. Cooper
Lilian Mann Fish
Beatrice Mohr McGrath
Virginia McGraw Paddock
Lesley Newhart Fagan
Dorothy Jones Oksner
C.E. Quinn
David Petry
Debbie Kaska
Kristin Ingalls
Charmien Carrer

Ancestors West By the Numbers

- 43 articles published this past year.
- 37 authors contributed this year.
- 10 members are on our editorial team.

Themes Covered in 2024-25

- Favorite Experiences or Stories as a Genealogist
 - The Journey of Our Ancestors: Immigration Trails and Settlements
 - Celebrations, Festivals, Holidays
 - Survival Stories





Communications Committee HIGHLIGHTS of 2025—2026

Committee Members

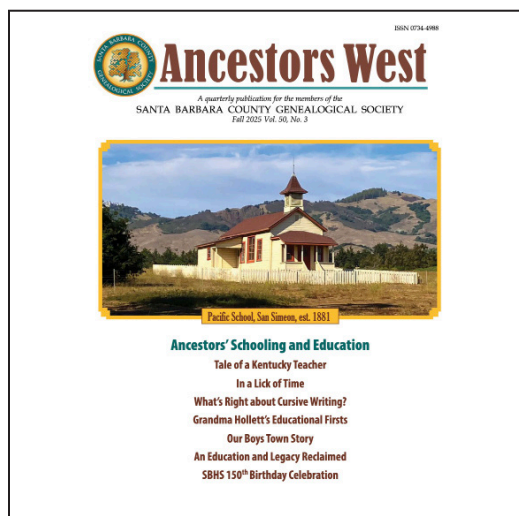
Diane Sylvester, *Chair*
 Charmien Carrier, *Ancestors West*
 Diane Sylvester, *Tree Tips Newsletter and Email Communications*
 Robin McCarthy, *Website Calendar*
 Helen Rydell and Dorothy Oksner, *Local Research and USPS Mailings*
 Liz Smith, *Public Relations Coordinator*
 Caroline McCarty, *Social Media*

Purpose of Tree Tips:

For 50 years, *Tree Tips* has provided readers with news, research, and resources available at the Sahyun Genealogical Library, Santa Barbara city and county, and beyond. It features articles, columns, and updates on Society activities, previews monthly meeting topics and speakers, and includes a calendar of events. Current and past issues are available to all on our website.

Purpose of Email Communications:

Email communication is a fast, efficient, and cost-effective way to connect with members, non-members, and the broader public. Its purpose is to keep recipients informed about all aspects of SBCGS and the wider genealogical community, including news, events, classes, resources, monthly meetings, volunteer opportunities, financial updates, board activities, and more.



Points of Pride

SBCGS publications are available free to all members and to the community.

11 Issues of Tree Tips

Issued monthly except for August
 Free newsletters are emailed to members and available online for non-members.

4 Ancestors West Genealogical Journals

Issued Quarterly
 Free issues are sent to members and available online for non-members.

Communications

Frequent emails are sent to inform recipients about all events, classes, resources, monthly meetings, volunteering, and much more.

Monthly Publicity in Local Newspapers, and Online Event Calendars

Daily Updates to Calendars on SBCGS Website

Database Research Requests

Dozens of requests filled for both members and non-members

Social Media

Postings on FaceBook, Instagram, Reddit

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January 2026 Tree Tips Newsletter Vol. 42, No. 1

"Utilizing Ancestry.com with Tips, Tricks & Tree Tactics"
 Saturday, January 17, 2026, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Location: Sahyun Genealogical Library, 316 Castillo, SB

The Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society invites you to its free monthly meeting on Saturday, January 17, featuring long-time member and volunteer extraordinaire **Chris Klukkert**. Chris has been using Ancestry.com as her main research platform since 2000, and now maintains more than 80 family trees. Along the way, she has developed her own practical — and sometimes unconventional — approaches to organizing research, tracking evidence, and capturing the stories and context that surround the records. In this session, *Utilizing Ancestry.com with Tips, Tricks, & Tree Tactics*, she'll share the methods she uses to keep her research organized, flexible, and meaningful.

Whether you're feeling confident on Ancestry.com or looking for fresh inspiration, this talk offers practical ideas you can use immediately. Join Chris to discover tips, tricks, and tree tactics that may change the way you think about your research.

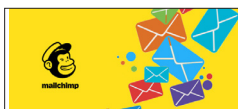
About the Speaker:
 Chris Klukkert is a long-time member of the Society, having joined in the early 1990s. She currently serves as a volunteer librarian, Chair of the Library Book Acquisition Committee, a Board member, and most recently as Education Director.

Chris began seriously researching her family history in 1989, following the death of her father. His lifelong reluctance to share details about his own family background left many unanswered questions — particularly regarding her Klukkert heritage — and sparked her deep dive into genealogy. That journey eventually led her to DNA testing, which revealed an unexpected new biological paternal line and opened the door to genetic genealogy. This work required the intensive building and management of multiple Ancestry.com trees to identify relationships and coordinate research for her newly discovered biological siblings, fostering connection, shared research, and collaboration.

About the Event:
 Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and informal discussions with the Special Interest Groups, covering a variety of topics from getting started in genealogy to writing family histories. A short business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by Chris' presentation at 11:00 a.m. which is in person at the Sahyun Genealogical Library and broadcast on Zoom. The event is free and open to the public.

Registration is required for ALL attendees, both in person and on Zoom.
 Choose how you want to attend:
Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/nYOpMJwZRLqcaW9E28O4qA8/register>
At the Sahyun Genealogical Library — limited to 60 people
<https://sbgen.org/meetings-classes/calendar/#/event/register/2026/1/17/monthly-meeting>

Sep 24	Sahyun Genealogic...
	250th Anniversary ...
	Researching with AL...
Oct 1	Sahyun Genealogic...
	250th Anniversary ...
	First Thursday Lunc...
Oct 8	Sahyun Genealogic...
	Development Com...
	250th Anniversary ...





Development Committee HIGHLIGHTS of 2025-2026

Committee Members

Mary Jacob, Chair
Mary Hancock
Kate Lima
Fred Marsh
Karen Ramsdell
John Woodward

Advisers:

Bob Bason
Lori Call
Denise Lockhart
Jill Rhode

Mission Statement: The mission of the Development Committee is to support the long-term strategic goals and mission of the Society by cultivating philanthropic partnerships and implementing fundraising initiatives.

Points of Pride

• Annual Appeal 2025-2026

We exceeded our twin goals. We raised \$33,238, exceeding our goal of \$20,000. We engaged 116 donors.

• Second Annual Major Donor Lunch Held in October

Santa Barbara Mayor Randy Rowse was the guest speaker at the lunch for major donors (i.e., those who donate \$1,000 or more in the fiscal year).

• Memorial Garden & Patio

The Historic Landmarks Commission approved our design for the project and also gave us their final project approval, conditioned on the approval of the landscape irrigation details and other design features by the city staff.

• Memorial Garden & Patio-Ad Hoc Committee on Memorial Policies

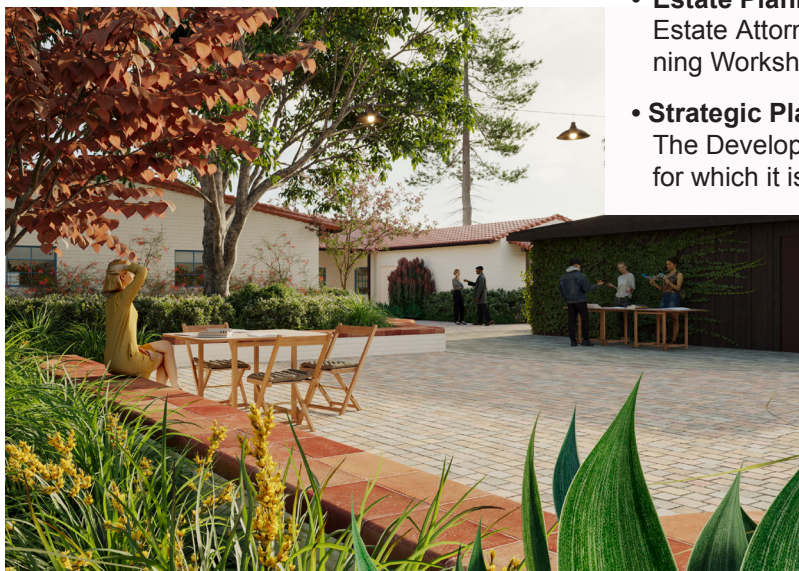
The ad hoc committee drafted proposed policies and nomination forms for board consideration.

• Estate Planning Workshop

Estate Attorney Teresa Rhyne led an informative Estate Planning Workshop in early June attended by two dozen members.

• Strategic Plan—Year 1

The Development Committee acted upon the twelve objectives for which it is the lead committee during 2025-2026.



Memorial Garden and Patio



Top: Mayor of SB, Randy Rowse



Teresa Rhyne, Estate Attorney



Left: Major Donor Lunch



Education Committee HIGHLIGHTS of 2025—2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christine Klukkert, Chair
Rosa Avolio
Kathryn Field
Camryn Foss
Robin McCarthy
Heather McDaniel McDevitt
Michel Nellis
Karen Ramsdell
Liz Smith
Holly Snyder
Diane Sylvester
Marie Sue Parsons, SBCGS President
Kate Lima, SBCGS Vice President

Mission Statement: *Two important functions of SBCGS are to be a repository for knowledge — be it books on the shelf or digital on the computer — and to provide education on how to find and use this knowledge.*

October Family History Month

*(Classes & Workshops - free and open to the public.
Offered In-Person, on Zoom, and Hybrid)*

Genealogy Do-Over
Genealogy Research with AI
Webinar Watch Party
From Boxes to Bytes: Protect Your Photos, Slides,
and Documents
Mapping Your Family's Past
Genealogy Tech Talk
Writers' Group
Class of Service: Determining the Military Service
of Your Ancestors
DNA Lunch & Learn
Ancestry: Tips, Tricks & Tree Tactics
Santa Barbara Quilt Timeline

Monthly Special Interest Groups

Writers Support Group
Hispanic Genealogy (*photo below*)
Civil War & Early California
New Member Table (including Beginning Genealogy)
Genealogy Tech Talks



POINTS of PRIDE

- Provided engaging, accessible, and high-quality educational opportunities for genealogists of all experience levels.
- Offered a diverse schedule of lectures, workshops, classes, webinars, and Special Interest Groups throughout the year.
- Coordinated with the Outreach Committee to strengthen relationships within the genealogical and Santa Barbara communities.
- Expanded educational offerings through new topics, technology, and collaborative programming.
- Supported membership growth and community engagement through quality educational programming.

Monthly Programs

(The Society offers a rich and engaging lineup of programs, bringing together expert speakers and meaningful topics that support and inspire our membership.)

July 2025, Tommy Dyo presented “Dyo and Fukui Journeys: Immigrant Ancestors’ Stories of Courage, Resilience and of Patriots Imprisoned,” sharing powerful family narratives rooted in perseverance and historical context.

September 2025, Diane Khenriks offered “It’s All in the Clues,” providing insight and strategies for working with limited or challenging genealogical records.

October 2025, Lisa Medina presented “Mexican Genealogy Research: Civil & Church Records and Beyond,” guiding attendees through essential resources and methodologies for Hispanic research.

November 2025, Laura Jean Treat Liebhaber, Curator at UCSB Library, shared “Screening Our Stories: Home Movies from Santa Barbara,” highlighting the importance of preserving and interpreting local visual history.

December 2025, Our Annual Member Share showcased the research, discoveries, and stories of SBCGS members, always a favorite and inspiring close to the year.

January 2026, Christine Klukkert presented “Utilizing Ancestry.com with Tips, Tricks, & Tree Tactics,” sharing practical strategies developed through decades of research to better organize and expand family trees.

February 2026, Renate Yarborough Sanders presented “Exploring Plantation Records for Genealogy Research: They’re Everybody’s Business,” offering important guidance on accessing and interpreting plantation records for broader historical understanding.

March 2026, Jamie Lee McManus Mayhew presented “FamilySearch: What’s New and Different for 2026,” covering emerging tools including AI-assisted research, full-text search capabilities, and recent RootsTech announcements.

April 2026, Lisa Vogle shared her expertise in heritage travel and research, inspiring members to connect more deeply with ancestral places.

May 2026, Nathan Dylan Goodwin presented “Using Genetic Genealogy in Crime Fiction,” exploring investigative genetic genealogy through real-life cases and his research process for his fictional Venator Cold Case series which uses IGG methodology to catch serial killers.

June 2026, Nancy Loe presented “Researching Ancestral Locations In Prussia: Are your ancestors Prussian, German, or both?” The speaker showed the audience how to locate German-speaking ancestors from Pomerania, Silesia, and East Prussia using gazetteers, maps, and databases to find historic homesteads and their modern place names.



Budget and Finance Committee

HIGHLIGHTS of 2025-2026

Budget and Finance Committee

Rhonda McFarlane, Treasurer, Chairperson
Bob Goeller
Mary Hall
Mary Jacob
George LaPlante
Kate Lima
Fred Marsh
Karen Ramsdell, Vice-President, Assistant Treasurer

Investment Committee

Bob Goeller, Chairperson
Mary Hall
Rhonda McFarlane, Treasurer
Walter Orso
Jackie Treadway

Mission: The Budget and Finance Committee serves as the financial steward of Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society.

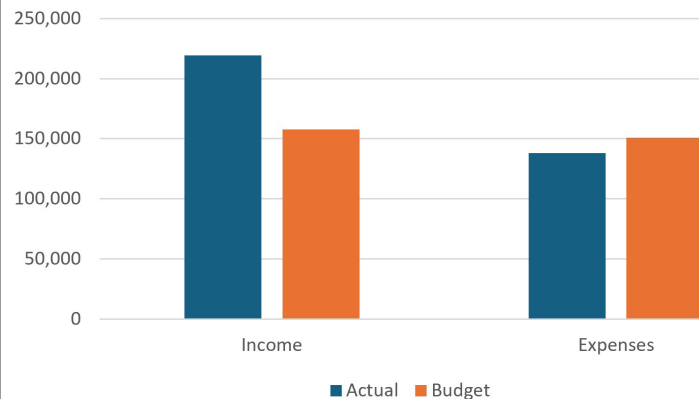
Responsibilities:

- Annual and Mid-Year Budgets
- Monthly Financial Statements
- Insurance Coverage
- Tax Returns
- Banking and Investments
- Tracking Restricted Donations and Grants

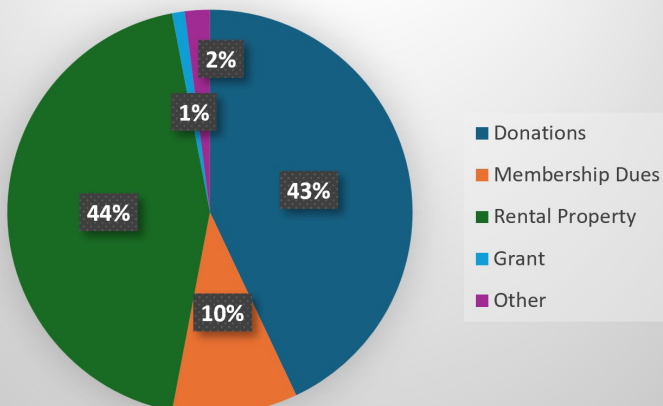
Points of Pride

- The bookkeeper who was engaged last spring has done excellent work.
- Created a system to track restricted funds more effectively.
- Supported grant proposals with pertinent financial data.
- Operating Net Revenue of \$81,540 before depreciation excluding investment income.
- Investment growth with balances now totaling more than \$1.17 million.

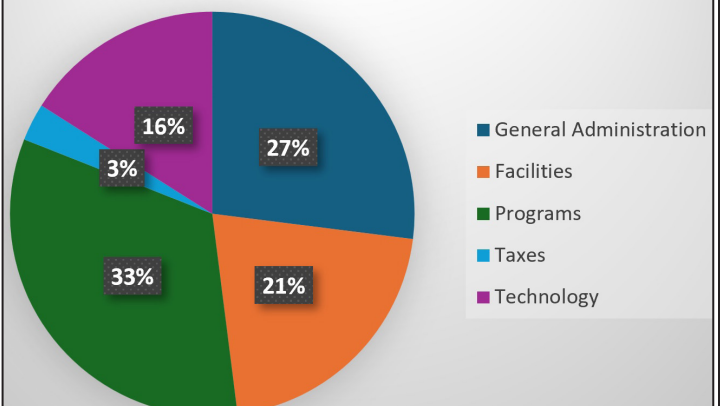
Financial Overview: Actual v Budget



Actual Income (\$219.5K Total)



Actual Expenses (\$132.9K Total)





Information and Technology HIGHLIGHTS of 2025 — 2026

The Information & Technology Committee

Molly Gleason, IT Director
Rosa Avolio, Webmaster
Laurie Hannah
Robin McCarthy
Scott Missman
Holly Snyder
Lorraine West

MISSION STATEMENT

Support the information technology operations and infrastructure for the Society. Assist the Board of Directors in formulating policy and developing a strategic plan for introducing new technology as it relates to library science and genealogy.

TECHNICAL OVERSIGHT

Technical oversight includes the Society website, the computer lab consisting of nineteen workstations and peripheral equipment located in the Sahyun library, and audio-visual equipment for educational events.

SBCGS Database

Over 200,000 local names within local records that have been digitized, indexed, and preserved by the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society.

How to Search

Categories

- > Birth Records 778
- > Cemeteries 16,923
- > Death Records 172,613
- > Land Records 21
- > Marriage Records 1,267
- > Miscellaneous Records 5,751
- > Naturalization Records 6,702

Collection Location

- > United States 204,055

Search

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

First & Middle Name(s)

Surname

Place your ancestor might have lived

Birth year

Any place

Birth year

Add event details:

BIRTH MARRIAGE DEATH LIVED IN ANY EVENT

Add family member:

FATHER MOTHER SPOUSE OTHER

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Maintained our online calendar, moderated Zoom sessions and posted recordings to our website and supported our database of local records.
- Adapted the smart board for use at the general meetings held at the Sahyun Library.
- Used the "Hotspot" at Stow House on July 4 to look up ancestors for the general public on internet databases.
- Procured a new projector to use for general meetings at Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Maintained a variety of scanning devices that proved popular with library patrons who scanned photos and documents to preserve their family histories.

Online Calendar

All Society events are open to the public and free unless noted otherwise.

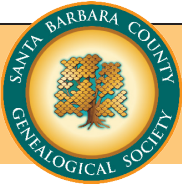
Oct 4 Family History Mon... Sahyun Genealogi... 250th Anniversary ...	Oct 5	Oct 6 Sahyun Genealogi... 250th Anniversary ...	Oct 7 The Genealogy De... Over Workshop (CLOSED)	Oct 8 Sahyun Genealogi... Development Com...	Oct 9	Oct 10
Oct 11 Sahyun Genealogi... 250th Anniversary	Oct 12 Executive Committee Meeting	Oct 13 Sahyun Genealogi... 250th Anniversary	Oct 14 Property Committee Meeting	Oct 15 Sahyun Genealogi... 250th Anniversary	Oct 16 Operations Team L... Board Meeting	Oct 17 Monthly Meeting - ... Sahyun Genealogi... Get DNA Results? N... 250th Anniversary ...
Oct 18 Sahyun Genealogi... 250th Anniversary	Oct 19 Finding Your Civil War Soldier	Oct 20 Sahyun Genealogi... 250th Anniversary	Oct 21 Writers' Group Meet... Scanning Workshop The Genealogy Do...	Oct 22 Sahyun Genealogi... 250th Anniversary	Oct 23 Essential Skills for New Genealogists - Part 5	Oct 24 Picnic in the Cemetery & Live Historical Event

Scanning Work Stations



Sahyun Genealogical Library Computer Lab





Library Report

HIGHLIGHTS of 2025—2026

The Sahyun Genealogical Library

The shining jewel in the crown of the Santa Barbara Genealogical Society, the Sahyun Library contains a robust collection of books, periodicals, a computer lab with access to genealogical databases, and a variety of scanning equipment to help researchers of all levels and experience conduct family history.

By the Numbers as of June 30, 2026

- Over 2,480 visitors came to the library since July 1, 2025
- 38 library volunteers on duty; we recruited and trained six new librarians
- 17,121 books and periodical titles in online catalog
- 80% of the backlogged donated books in storage either added to our collection or offered up to other libraries and members.



This 3-generation family spent the afternoon with three library volunteers researching the family's history. Below, our cheerful library volunteers confer about materials donated to the Sahyun Library.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS PAST YEAR

Much of the work of the Library Committee this year concerned the goals of the **SBCGS 2025-2030 Strategic Plan**. The Committee made progress on several objectives of **Goal 1: Enhance Sahyun Library Collections, services, and access, so that it becomes a treasured regional resource with many active, satisfied users.**

- Under Objective 1.1, to “ensure up-to-date technology and volunteer support” the Society purchased three new Windows 11 PCs to replace outdated ones.
- The committee created a written protocol for assessing and troubleshooting computer issues that was used to train library volunteers.
- We updated the documentation for the scanning equipment so that it is easier for beginners to use on their own and created a list of coaches for each type of scanner.
- Under Objective 1.2 to “build inclusive and representative collections” the committee continued its ongoing review of foundational resources for our primary service group, Santa Barbara County.
- We began analyzing existing library resources on countries and ethnic groups beyond North America and identified new projects for the coming years, such as targeted articles in Tree Tips, creating “pathfinders” or research guides for the library and website, and with the Outreach Committee, offering field trips to regional libraries and archives to learn about their collections.

Services of the Library Provided by Our All-Volunteer Staff

- Research assistance in-person at the library or by phone, email, and online requests
- Training library volunteers in customer service and reference work
- Library tours and instruction to new members
- Computer workstations, quiet zones for research, scanning stations, meeting spaces
- Exhibit space to showcase diverse history of Santa Barbara County
- Hosting open house during Family History Month
- Hosting classes, workshops, and group tours
- Resource-rich monthly articles in the SBCGS newsletter Tree Tips
- Fundraising through book sales in the library and online
- Providing community meeting space



Membership Committee HIGHLIGHTS of 2025 – 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kathryn Field, Chair
Charmien Carrier
Rick Closson
Kathy Cremeen
Kristin Lewis
Kate Lima
Gretchen Murray

Purpose: *The mission of this committee is to keep a record of our membership and work toward improving retention. We strive to boost the motivation of volunteers and to show our appreciation for each person's contributions. We partner with others to help all committees reach their goals.*

BY THE NUMBERS:

- New Members: 90 new members, including 10 sponsored
- Raised membership level: 16 people raised their membership level and two people became Lifetime members
- Renewals: 257 renewals



POINTS of PRIDE:

- Welcomed 7 new members at Orientation in February.
- Coordinated Salt Lake City library trip for 14 members



- Honored 34 at a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



- Surveyed members twice about meeting locations
- Adapted to 3 changes in General Meeting locations, and worked with other committees to choose Trinity Lutheran Church for the long term



- Added a Gift Membership category
- Initiated a New Member group meeting before General Meetings



Outreach Committee HIGHLIGHTS of 2025 – 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Holly Snyder (Chair)
Larry Basham
(Speakers Bureau Coordinator)
Cherie Bonazzola
Mary Hancock
Kate Lima
Patti Ottoboni
Yolanda Pérez

THE MISSION STATEMENT of the Outreach Committee is to inform and engage the community about the study of family history and the Society's rich genealogical education and research resources through a variety of methods.



Speakers Bureau Talks and Tours at Sahyun Library

- **Speaking Engagements:** The Society conducted six educational outreach presentations for local organizations, reaching a total of 60 community attendees.
- **Library Tours:** The Outreach team hosted three community groups for guided tours of the Sahyun Library, welcoming 10 attendees. This year, we had a couple of local archive organizations request a tour of Sahyun library and learn more about the Society.

Community Partnerships

Our outreach success this fiscal year was greatly amplified by collaborations with our dedicated local partners:

- Carpinteria Valley Museum of History
- Santa Barbara Historical Museum / Gledhill Library
- Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library
- Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation
- Santa Ynez Historical Museum
- UCSB Library, Special Research Collections

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

- Asian American Neighborhood Festival at El Presidio de Santa Barbara (October 12, 2025)
- Santa Barbara Senior Expo (October 15, 2025)
- Carpinteria Valley Family Day (November 9, 2025)
- Goleta Senior Expo (April 23, 2026)
- Community History Day (May 10, 2026)
- Stow House Old-Fashioned 4th of July Event (2026)

MEMBER TOURS AT LOCAL ARCHIVES

- Society members were invited to a private tour of the Santa Barbara Mission Archive-Library on April 23, 2026. Highlights included the archive's art collection, manuscripts, and genealogical records.

SOCIETY-HOSTED OUTREACH EVENTS

• Family History Open House (October 5, 2025)

The Society hosted its annual Family History Month Open House, which featured the grand opening reception for the Santa Barbara Hispanic Family Histories exhibit. The event was a major success, drawing approximately 100 attendees.

• Exhibit: Santa Barbara Hispanic Family Histories, 1850 - 1970

Physical Exhibit: On display from October 2025 through June 2026 in the Jackson Community Room at the Sahyun Library. This community-driven project was guided by a steering committee of local community members, historians, exhibit participants, and Society volunteers. The featured family narratives were co-written by descendants and Society volunteers. The physical exhibit was designed by local graphic designer Ebers Garcia of Somos Advertising.

Virtual Exhibit: To expand public access, a digital version of the exhibit was launched. It features every narrative from the physical display, plus exclusive additional stories that could not be included in the original library installation. The virtual exhibit was designed by Ellie Boynton of Garnet Solutions.

Una Tardeada (event): The Outreach team hosted this special community celebration dedicated exclusively to the participants, contributors, and descendants who made the Santa Barbara Hispanic Family Histories exhibit possible. Empanadas, sweet bread, and hot chocolate were served while guests learned about the process of making the exhibit and what future opportunities may hold for the exhibit, as well as sharing their thoughts and hopes on the future of the exhibit and how it can grow.

Project Support: This project was made possible with generous support from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities (visit www.calhum.org) and the Santa Barbara Foundation.



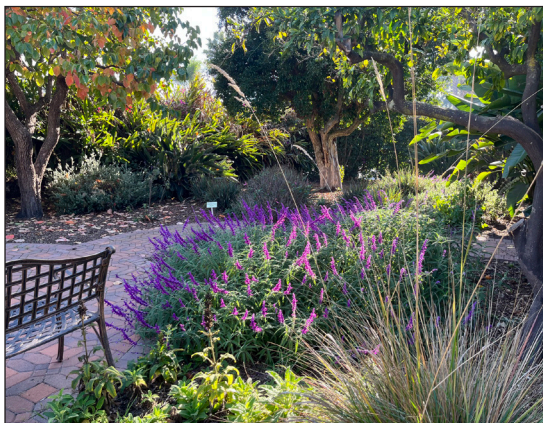
Property Committee HIGHLIGHTS of 2025-2026

Mission Statement: *The mission of the Property Committee is to ensure that the property, buildings, and landscaping of the society is safe, well maintained, and attractive. The Property Committee also manages the rental of society property for storage, parking, and residential use by others to provide income to support society operations and property maintenance.*

By the Numbers

(during fiscal year 25/26)

- Gross rental income: \$102,360
- Property taxes paid: \$3,835
- Landscape maintenance expense (incl. water): \$20,583
- Insurance expense: \$12,496
- Yearend Property Maintenance Reserve Fund balance: \$103,278
- Demolition costs to remove glass house- and storage room: \$23,083
- Memorial Garden & Patio expenses for design services: \$19,140



Memorial Patio and Garden

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Demolition of the glass house and storage building was completed including asbestos abatement and securing a city demolition permit. Reconstruction of the south wall of the redwood building was accomplished by volunteers.
- Detailed landscape, drainage and lighting design was completed for the Memorial Patio and Garden project. Approval by the city Historic Landmarks Commission was received. Submittals for a building permit are in process. Additional funding will be required for construction.
- Roof replacements were completed on the blockhouse and the E-building, and the resulting new exposed wood was painted by volunteers.
- The irrigation system for the redwood grove was rebuilt.
- The exterior of the library building was cleaned and windows washed.
- The Reserve Study that estimates future major maintenance costs was updated.
- A new three year lease agreement was signed for the redwood building.
- As a result of wind damage, one large tree was removed, and several trees were trimmed in the NW portion of the property.



Committee volunteers Tom Chard and Fred Marsh painting the doors to our storage sheds.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tom Chard Rick Closson Bob Goeller
Alex Gryzwacky Cheryl Jensen Fred Marsh
Bob Muller William Noack

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

The Society thanks those who have given generously in 2025-2026

\$10,000 or more

Aasted Living Trust

\$5,000 — 9,000

Robert A. Goeller III

Helen Montgomery

\$2,500 – 4,999

Judy Thompson

\$1,000 – 2,499

Diane & John Flynn -
Family Charitable Fund

Laurie Hannah

Betty Helton

Mary Jacob

Anne Jackson Family Foundation

Cheryl & Gary Jensen

Christine Klukkert

Fred & Mary Marsh

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