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October 29, Meeting

Our guest speaker will be Peter Watry He was born and raised in the Los Angeles area; came to Chula Vista in 1961 as one of the original teachers at the new Southwestern College. He taught accounting and economics at Southwestern College from 1961 until 1996. Peter has been active in the Chula Vista Heritage Museum for about 10 years.

Peter will be presenting as a topic

"Images of America-Chula Vista"

A pictorial look at Chula Vista

DUES in the amount of \$15.00 for the coming year 2009 are now payable. after December 31, 2008 the amount will be \$20.00

JOIN US!



Our member, Toni Rae Foster Witt died on 3 September. Toni joined us October 2007 and attended several meetings and was one of the Calling Tree volunteers. She will be missed

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DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

Saturday, October 18, 2008, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library
Auditorium
(365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910)

FREE for all interested persons to attend.

GUEST SPEAKER: **Jean Wilcox Hibben, MA, CG.**

* **Clue to Clue: Tracking a Family over Time and Miles** -- Using various clues, you can piece together the life of an ancestral family.

* **John Adam Hollaender: Survivor** -- A Civil War soldier's life story told by his wife, Caroline Maria Trapschuh. In costume and first person.

* **Bringing your Civil War Ancestor Back to Life: Songs & Stories of the War of the Rebellion** -- Using music and stories to understand events on the battlefield and the home-front.

About the Speaker

Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD, CG, obtained her bachelors and masters degrees in Speech Communication and worked as a professor in the field for 13 years before leaving academia to pursue her passions: folklore and family history. She recently received her doctorate in Folklore.

A national speaker, she began giving presentations to the genealogical community in 2003 and has been doing public speaking for over 30 years. She also volunteers at the Corona CA Family History Center and trains Family History consultants.

For information on past and future programs, comments about Jean's work, ordering CDs, listings of her various topics, and more, see her website:

<http://www.circlemending.org/>.

There will be a light lunch available at 12 noon -- "make-your-own sandwiches" veggies, fruit, cookies, water, etc. We ask that people take their food into the nearby park to eat. A donation for food will be greatly appreciated.

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED:

Please contact Virginia

619-425-7922 or irishdoll@cox.net

so that we can plan refreshments and handout requirements.

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS by Randy Seaver

While at the CVGS Computer Group, I decided to check which newspapers are in Library Databases at the Chula Vista Public Library. These newspapers are accessible from home - you do need a library card.

The Chula Vista Public Library has the following newspaper databases in digital format (either images or transcribed) on the Internal Databases list:

1) Newsbank (20 sources) - including:

- * Al Dia (Dallas) - 9/29/2003 to present
- * Arizona Republic (Phoenix) - 1/1/1999 to present
- * Arlington (TX) Morning News (Arlington TX) - 4/1/1996-1/12/2003
- * Boston Globe - 12/12/1979 to present
- * Chicago Tribune - 1/1/1985 to present
- * Chicago Tribune Red Eye - 10/23/2002 to present
- * Dallas Morning News - 8/12/1984 to present
- * Denver Post - 6/1/1989 to present
- * La Opinion (Los Angeles) - 4/1/2000 to present
- * Las Vegas Review-Journal - 9/29/1996 to present
- * New York Post - 11/21/1999 to present
- * New York Times Book Review - 1/2/2000 to present
- * New York Times Magazine - 1/2/2000 to present
- * New York Times - 1/1/2000 to present
- * Orange County Register (Santa Ana CA) - 1/1/1987 to present
- * Quick DFW (Dallas TX) - 11/10/2003 to present
- * San Diego Union-Tribune - 12/5/1983 to present
- * San Francisco Chronicle - 1/1/1985 to present
- * Seattle Times - 1/1/1985 to present
- * Washington Post - 1/1/1977 to present

2) San Diego Union-Tribune

- * San Diego Union - 12/5/1983 to 1/31/1992
- * San Diego Evening Tribune - 12/5/1983 to 1/31/1992
- * San Diego Union-Tribune - 2/1/1992 to present

3) Chula Vista Star-News -- 1938 to 1969, not complete.

Online databases enable you to search for key words, or by dates or type of news that have been indexed.

The Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library has some newspaper records on Microfilm (in file cabinets along the West Wall). You can use the microfilm reader, and printer, near the file cabinets.

- * San Diego Union - 1/1/1973 to 1/31/1992
- * San Diego Tribune - 1/1/1990 to 1/31/1992
- * San Diego Union-Tribune - 2/1/1992 to present
- * Otay Press - 1889-1890
- * Chula Vista Star and Star-News -- 1930 to present
- * New York Times - 1977 to 2002

There is an index for the San Diego Union on microfiche for the years 1850-1851, 1868-1902, and 1930 to 1980.

CITY DIRECTORIES

by Randy Seaver

City directories may be one of the most under-utilized resources for genealogy researchers. Why? Because they are usually held only in local repositories. And very few have been digitized or transcribed and are online in a searchable index.

However, some of them are available in online databases or regional repositories.

The web site <http://www.uscitydirectories.com/> provides lists - by state and city, of city directories that are available at major repositories. The repositories listed on the web site include:



- * Alabama Department of History
- * Brigham Young University
- * Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library; TN
- * Colorado State Archives
- * Columbus-Lowndes Public Library; Columbus, MS
- * Excelsior Springs Historical Museum; Missouri
- * Family History Library
- * Flint Public Library; Michigan
- * Grand Rapids Public Library; Michigan
- * Idaho State Historical Society
- * Kansas State Historical Society
- * Kentucky Historical Society
- * Library of Congress
- * Logan Library; Utah
- * Lyon County Historical Archives; Kansas
- * Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society Library, Wichita, KS
- * Minnesota State University; Mankato
- * Monterey Family History Center; Seaside, CA
- * National Archives
- * Tennessee State Library and Archives
- * Texas State Library
- * University of Utah
- * Washington Memorial Library; Macon, GA
- * Wyoming State Archives

www.Ancestry.com has a number of City Directories available online.

In the case of the LDS Family History Library, they have city directories on microfilm listed in the [Family History Library Catalog](#). I could order these films at the local Family History Center (FHC) for about \$6 each and read them when they arrive at the FHC.

The FHLC has the San Diego City Directories on microfilm from 1897 to 1935. Of course, they are also in our local libraries.

Many of the City Directories have an alphabetical listing of the residents and a reverse directory.

City Directories can provide clues to the persons living in a residence, their occupation(s), and their neighbors. Reviewing Directories over many years traces a family as they move. There may be listings or advertisements for the companies where the residents worked.

Minutes of General Society Meeting, September 24, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Randy Seaver at 12:20 PM.

Officer Reports: Minutes as published: motion by Leonard ReVeal, seconded Alice Contreras; Approved. Treasurer's report as published: motion Leonard, seconded Virginia Taylor; approved. Present 30 members and 1 guest Virginia reported no new members; total membership at 92. Randy reported upcoming programs: Sat., Oct 18: CVGS Seminar with guest speaker Dr. Jean Wilcox Hibben; Wed., Oct 29: Peter Watry on the history of Chula Vista;

Committee Reports:

Cemetery/Historian: Susan Zimmer (absent)

Books: Bernice Heiter has received books she ordered, and will be processing those; also book in memory of Bonnie has arrived.

Library Liaison: Dearl Glenn has reserved the library facilities for November and is working on December; direct special requests for library to Dearl.

Newsletter/Computer: Shirley Becker accepts any articles for the newsletter. The computer group meets on third Wednesdays.

Public Relations/ Nominating: Art Roy announced the candidates the next term: President: Gary Brock; 1st VP-programs: open; 2nd VP-membership: Virginia Taylor (incumbent); Treasurer: Bob Page; Secretary: Ann Stevens (now serving by appointment). Nominations welcome, but only with consent of nominee. The list will be presented at the October general meeting, elections at the November meeting, and installation at the December meeting.

Webmaster: Gary Brock asked people for feedback n website. Estate Papers committee meets 2nd & 4th Mondays at noon; group now working on box 3. **Hospitality:** Susi Pentico is planning for the seminar; will send email for volunteer support.

Research: Randy is working on 2 queries. The research group meets 2nd Wednesday at noon; bring your "brick wall" problems.

Old Business: Randy reviewed plans for Oct. 18 seminar: Flyers will be out shortly; Jean Hibben is offering 2 CDs as door prizes. Randy encouraged attendees to place their reservations early.

New Business: None

Drawing: A memory book album was the prize won by Myrna Goodwin.

Program: Tom Underhill provided an interesting presentation on "Internet Safety". He also made available some of his published books on this and genealogy-related topics.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Stevens, Secretary.



Minutes of the CVGS Board Meeting, October 1, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Randy Seaver at 12:10 PM. Present: Ann Stevens, Susan Zimmer, Virginia Taylor, Wanda & Gary Brock, Shirley Becker, Dearl Glenn, Bernice Heiter, Connie Ottinger, Susi Pentico, and Bob Page. Excused absence - John Finch

Officer Reports: Secretary: Sept 3 minutes approved, motion by Virginia, second by Dearl. Membership: Virginia: membership is at 91. Virginia reminded people that dues can be paid now: \$15 before Jan 1. Treasurer: Wanda: balance forward \$2734.38; expenses \$663.86; income \$66.50; balance \$2137.02; less cemetery project fund \$137.15; operating capital \$1999.87. Approved, motion by Bernice, seconded Susie P. Programs: Sat, Oct 18: CVGS Seminar from 10 AM-3 PM, (see page 1) Wed, Oct 29: Peter Watry on "Images of America-Chula Vista"; Wed, Nov 26: CVGS elections and Georgie Stillman on "Heirloom Discovery"; Wed, Dec ? : Holiday Luncheon & Installation of Officers at the South Chula Vista Library; Wed, Jan 28: Ken Kramer on San Diego & South Bay History.

Committee Reports:

Library Liaison: Dearl-November dates approved, working on December. Library Books: Bernice-the book in Bonnie Rundle's memory has arrived; will get a book in memory of Toni Foster; Bernice announced the inventory is complete (all 88 pages with 35 books/page); currently working on making sure all books on list have green dots indicating they belong in the genealogy section. Dearl made a motion that CVGS purchase a book from Shirley Becker, seconded by Gary; discussion followed re: that this motion represents a policy previously approved by CVGS; motion carried. A reminder was given that approval from Bernice should be obtained prior to books being purchased for CVGS; the policy will be reviewed. Cemetery Projects/Historian: Susan Z. distributed a draft of agreement w/La Vista Cemetery; Gary will take draft for legal review, after which Susan will talk with La Vista. As historian, she would like to get copies of the pictures from the picnic Webmaster: Gary asked for old pictures to decorate website. Estate Papers committee: group well into box 3. Opportunity Drawing: 2 CDs from Jean Hibben prizes for seminar; Bob will get prizes for Oct meeting. Hospitality: Susi needs a phone tree volunteer. She and Shirley will get food for the seminar; Susi requests that members provide fruit and desserts. Newsletter: Shirley: on schedule. Public Relations/ Nominating Committee: John (absent)/ Randy is getting info out on Oct seminar. Vice-president/program chair for new term still open. Research: Randy received \$15 for 1 query and is following on another.

Old Business:

October seminar: Randy said that everything is set. Susi will plan for 50 people. Essay contest: Susi presented application and topic. Discussion followed;

New Business:

Shirley suggested that a "Sunshine Chairperson" is needed to send out cards to members (illness, sympathy, etc.) Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Stevens, secretary.

RESEARCH GROUP MEETING

by Randy Seaver

The September meeting of the [Chula Vista Genealogical Society](#) Research Group had 14 attendees, and they all had something to share. We went around the table and each person shared their research efforts over the past month or so:

* John Finch found some interesting books on New Hampshire genealogy at Carlsbad Library. He ordered two birth records through the FreeBMD service.

* Angie Liera is working on the German and English ancestry of one great-grandmother, and the Spanish ancestry of her other great-grandparents. She found a census record for her grandfather.

* Joan Largey has been searching for newspaper articles from the 1915-1920 period for her mother-in-law Ann Darling (her stage name).

* Dearl Glenn has his new computer running, and has been reorganizing his paper files.

* Dave McCracken has been working in FTM 2008. He is trying to download a GEDCOM of his database on Ancestry so that he can use it in FTM 2008 without re-entry of data.

* Terry Stewart enjoyed the Carlsbad Library trip, where he got a library card. He made an Inter-Library Loan request to Oklahoma for a newspaper article about his grandfather's accidental death.

* Bobbie Lane has been trying to find immigration dates for her father's German Titus line. She went to a recent GRA meeting and asked for help. He named a researcher in Germany, whose wife is Bobbie's distant cousin.

* Bob Torok asked about records from Czech Republic and Hungary before 1910. He knows his grandfather's birth date and possible location. The group suggested message boards, FEEFHS organization, and the LDS FHLC for his localities.

* Olive has just started doing research. She wanted to know how to effectively do genealogy research.

* Virginia Taylor took a trip to Indiana to visit the Allen County Public Library genealogy holdings (it's a big place, she said!) and found three books she was looking for.

* Dick McNulty has done a bit more on his aunt's military records, and is attending Judy Helton's weekly genealogy classes at Chula Vista Adult School.

* Charlotte Clark had a long road trip across the USA. In Kentucky, she met a second cousin with a wealth of family photographs.

* Bob Page had a response to a message board post from 2001, and is working with his correspondent. He signed up for the \$89 Y-DNA test on Ancestry DNA.

* Randy Seaver discussed Carlsbad Library finds, and passed several copies around. He discussed his success finding an obituary on Google News Archive Search.

We had only one problem solving question: Bobbie Lane has been looking for male Titus cousins to take part in a Y-DNA study. She has 1930 census data, and identified cousins, and their male children, in California, Arizona, Michigan and New Jersey. She has made two calls to cousins, provided family information to them, but they have not yet agreed to do the test. She's going to work on living male cousins in the other states.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Randy Seaver



Your Board of Directors has been working hard to improve our meetings and programs. We recently bought a new microphone system that is compatible with the library speaker system. We have a cordless handheld and a lavalier microphone so we can have two persons talk at once. Thank you to Gary Brock for finding, ordering, testing and making the system work.

Gary recently improved the look and feel of the society web page at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cacvgs2/>. I encourage you to visit the web page frequently - especially if you receive your newsletter through email notification.

Susan Zimmer, Shirley Becker and Wanda Brock have been working with La Vista Cemetery in National City to generate a list of the "guests" buried there. There is still considerable work to be done - if you would like to help, please contact Susan Zimmer.

Bernice Heiter has completed the inventory of the Genealogy and Family History section of the library, with the help of two high school students and several CVGS members. We will have an updated list available in coming months.

I will not be at the 29 October Program Meeting - I will be on a genealogy cruise in the Caribbean. Gary Brock will be Master of Ceremonies for this meeting. John Finch's Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominations for society officers for the 2009-2010 calendar years at this meeting.

Our computer group had 9 people attending. We looked at Footnote Pages (at www.footnote.com), where they have made a page for each person in the Social Security Death Index, and invite anybody to upload facts, stories and pictures about the individuals. To add information, you have to register for a free account.

Randy uploaded several photos and some information about his family members - look for Frederick Seaver (1911-1983) on Footnote Pages.

We have many other sites we can investigate including more on freepages at rootsweb. It can be rather tricky navigating those pages so come to the meeting and see what can be done.

Research Group continued

The group suggested www.veromi.net as the best people-finder site for living

Look at that list of 14 people and the variety of experiences, localities and research topics we talked about this month. The time went by extremely fast!

The CVGS Research Group meets every second Wednesday at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. The group shares their experiences, passes around interesting and helpful documents for show-and-tell, and tries to help attendees solve their research problems.

How often have you run into a brick wall in your family history research? Silly question, I bet. Which brings me to one of my absolutely favorite uses for online genealogy - the backdoor approach. [Cluster genealogy](#) on steroids is the way I like to think of it, although many of you probably use this backdoor technique on a regular basis. Basically, you utilize the power of searchable online databases to investigate *all* possible family connections for your ancestor, including relatives that you may not already know about. The ability to search across the records of an entire state (or even country) at once, plus search on fields such as occupation or parents' names not present in a traditional index, offers unique research options that just aren't practical in the world of genealogy archives, libraries and microfilm.

What do you do, for example, when every surname variation that you can come up with doesn't turn up your ancestor in the census? A common [census search technique](#) used by many online genealogists is to search by first name only, in combination with the approximate date and place of birth (or other search fields as necessary to bring the results down to a reasonable number to wade through). For more recent census records where household members are indexed, I often search by the first name of one of the children, along with the first name of a parent (first the mother, and then the father). This technique can be especially helpful when the family is not living in the area where you expect them, or in cases where a woman may have lost her husband and then remarried (and possibly even lost the second husband) all within the 10 year gap between census enumerations (especially when the children of the first husband took the name of the second upon their mother's remarriage).

Alternatively, consider a situation where you're trying to track down the married name of your ancestor's sister. Often you'll find she married in the area where her family lived, or discover her in an online marriage index. But when that doesn't work, one of the many online death indexes may come to the rescue. Search databases such as Georgia Deaths, 1914-1927 (free at [pilot.familysearch.org](#)) by parents' names, or the California Death Index (available by subscription at [Ancestry.com](#)) with the combination of the sister's first name and mother's maiden name, and you just may locate these errant married female siblings. This is also a good way to locate family members you may not have previously known about, such as siblings who were born and then either died or moved out of the household between census years.

Using [batch numbers](#) (See next column) and parents' names to search for family baptisms in the International Genealogical Index (IGI) at [FamilySearch.org](#) is yet another type of backdoor technique commonly employed by genealogists. Because a "batch" often includes the records from a particular parish (or at least a portion of them), searching for the mother's name, father's name, or both may turn up several baptisms of the couple's children.

To locate the appropriate batch number(s) for your parish of interest you can use a Web site such as Hugh Wallis' [IGI Batch Numbers - British Isles and North America](#). Alternatively, if you locate a baptism for your ancestor in the IGI, click on the batch number on the results page to search that batch for additional family members.

What great examples of using online databases for "backdoor genealogy" do you have to share? Please post them in the comments below, or post them on your blog and share the link in the comments so we can all benefit from each other's creative searching

How Cluster Genealogy Works

The cluster genealogy technique involves expanding your genealogy search beyond your direct line ancestors to include their brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors and friends. Check for as many of these individuals as time and finances will allow in major records, including birth, marriage and death records; census records; land deeds; published family histories, etc. Collect information on them just as you do for your direct ancestors and record it all in your notes or genealogy software program.

Don't neglect the spouses of these "cluster" individuals. Even if your family tree appears to be sadly lacking in genealogists, perhaps theirs were not. Published family histories for spouses of siblings can often provide an unexpected gold mine of information.

Census records and estate records are especially useful for identifying additional family members, including brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Land deeds, newspapers, and church membership rosters can often prove useful for pinpointing neighbors and friends.

By increasing the pool of individuals whom you are researching, cluster genealogy improves your chances of locating records and details on your ancestors. In the process, you'll also learn more about the place and time in which your family lived.

So, what is a *batch number*? Entries in the IGI come from two major sources of information: 1) individual submissions submitted by members of the LDS church and 2) information extracted by volunteers from parish records and other vital records of birth, marriage and death from around the world. Each group of records submitted is assigned a specific batch number. Records from a specific parish will generally be grouped into anywhere from one to several batches. If a batch number begins with an M (marriage) or C (christening), then it usually means the information was extracted from original parish records.



**"Internet Safety" by Tom Underhill
by Randy Seaver
As presented to the Chula Vista Society**

Tom Underhill, the founder of **Creative Continuum**, and writer of eight books, presented *Internet Safety for Genealogists and Everyone Else* to the Chula Vista Genealogical Society today at the program meeting held at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library.

Tom's presentation was based on ideas and concepts found in his recent book (co-authored with Andy Pomeroy), *Lock the Boogie Man Out of Your Computer*. The talk was more than about genealogy research and personal computer use - it also focused on risk avoidance and Internet safety for all family members, including children. The talk included segments on understanding the danger, keeping your computer system up-to-date, computer location in the home, social networks and online dating guidelines, user passwords, understanding your browser, email security, and dealing with Instant Messaging (IM), texting, peer-to-peer (P2P) and cell phone images.

For me, the most useful segment was setting secure passwords - Tom recommended avoiding using names, birthdays, dates or easy words, and he recommended using letters, numbers and non-standard characters in one word that you can remember. His example was **b0xc@r** (where the "o" is a "zero" and the "a" is an ampersand). Then have a unique password for every web site based on your "secret word" by combining it with the web site. For instance a password for <http://www.dell.com/> might be **b0xc@rdell** and for <http://www.blogger.com/> might be **b0xc@rblogger**. That sounded pretty easy to me. Now for a secret word to remember...

His warnings about Internet browsing was to understand how popups work, and to not click on them. For email, he advised that you not open attachments, and be very wary of email from banks and web sites that might be scams or hoaxes. You should keep your operating system, browser, and email software up-to-date. He pointed out that most anti-virus software is reactive, not proactive.

He warned of the dangers of websites such as facebook and myspace as predators are able to use the information that is so freely placed on these sites to stalk teens or younger, after all no one knows who is on the other end of a message or in a chat room.

Tom recommended that parents reserve the right to check all emails and messages to and from their children (and do it), and that the family computer be placed in an open area where everybody can see who is using it and what they are seeing online.

All in all, this was an excellent program for everyone with a computer and children (or grandchildren). Tom has five children, so he has lots of experience in dealing with these issues. His book expands on the issues, and many more, that he discussed here.

HOW TO FORWARD E-MAIL APPROPRIATELY!

A friend who is a computer expert received the following directly from a system administrator for a corporate system. It is an excellent message that ABSOLUTELY applies to ALL of us who send e-mails.

Please share it with your e-mail buddies!

Every time you forward an e-mail, there is information left over from the people who got the message before you -- namely their e-mail addresses & names.

(1) When you forward an e-mail, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top).

(2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the 'To:' or 'Cc:' fields. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) field for listing the e-mail addresses.

(3) Remove any 'FW:' in the subject line.

This one is very important - please read and heed!

(4) ALWAYS hit your Forward button from the actual e-mail page you are reading. This is really important!

Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By Forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view, you stop them from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent. These are the ones that often end up having picked up a virus from somebody. This is really important!

(5) Have you ever gotten an e-mail that is a petition? It states a position and asks you to add your name and address and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. FACT: The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names and e-mail addresses contained therein.

(6) One of the main ones I hate is the ones that say that something like, 'Send this e-mail to 10 people and you'll see something great run across your screen.' Or, sometimes they'll just tease you by saying something really cute will happen.

IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN! (Trust me, I'm still seeing some of the same ones that I waited on 10 years ago!) I don't let the bad luck ones scare me either, they get trashed. (Could this be why I haven't won the lottery?)

(7) Before you forward an Amber Alert, or a Virus Alert, or some of the other ones floating around nowadays, check them out before you forward them. Most of them are junk mail that's been circling the net for Years!

Just about everything you receive in an e-mail that is in question can be checked out at Snopes. Just go to <http://www.snopes.com/> It's really easy to find out if it's real or not. If it's not, please don't pass it on. So please, in the future, let's stop the junk mail and the viruses.

COMING EVENTS

Wed., October 29, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

Images of America - Chula Vista

presented by Peter Watry

Auditorium, Chula Vista Civic Center Library,
365 F St., Chula Vista

Contact: Randy Seaver, 619-422-3397,
rjseaver@cox.net@#@@@#

Sat., October 11, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Genealogical Treasures in Attics, Yard Sales, Swap Meets, and Internet Auctions.

Join Michael Kratz as he retells how he has discovered what he considers are hidden Genealogical Treasures waiting to be found in the most unexpected places.

Location: St. Andrew's Lutheran Church,
8350 Lake Murray Blvd, corner Jackson Dr.,
San Carlos area. Park in south lot, enter south door.
Contact: Gloria Osborn, 619-298-2447, globob22 at yahoo.com

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Sun., October 12, 1:00 p.m.

SAN DIEGO JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

Preservation and Restoration of Documents and Photos.

Chuck Temple will share the secrets of his business.

\$3 fee for nonmembers.

Location: Lawrence Family JCC,
4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla,
between Regents Rd. & Genesee Ave.
Contact: Adelle Bernstein, 858-453-1431
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Sat., November 1, 10:30 a.m. - 1 30 p.m.

GERMAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION:

Workshop

"Practice Writing German Script and Learn Basic German Genealogical Vocabulary, Part 2" with Dona Ritchie.

Location: San Diego Family History Center, 4195 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley

Contact: membership@gragen.org
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Sat., November 1, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CORONADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART:

Class

"Introduction to Genealogy" class.

Instructor: Pam Journey. To sign up for this class, call the Museum number.

Coronado Historical Society Museum of History and Art,
1100 Orange Ave,
Coronado

Contact: Museum, 619-437-8788
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Many good wishes to all those who have birthdays this month

TELEPHONE TREE VOLUNTEERS

Page 1 Tony Foster 981-1581
Page 2 May Stone 585-3395
Page 3 Betty Hampton 423-2415

Each one will call one page of the roster to remind us of meetings and special events, if any. If you do not wish to be called please notify your caller.

REMINDER

October Hosts

Ana Stevens
Phyllis Learned

November

Helen Thompson



MEETINGS

Our next **General Meeting** will be held on **Oct 29, 2008** at 12:00 noon.. It will be in the auditorium of the Main Chula Vista Library at 365 F Street.

Board meetings are held the **first Wednesday** of the month at 12 noon in Room C1 in the library. Members welcome.

The **Research Group** will meet on **Oct 9** at 12:00 noon in room C2, the conference room.

The **Computer Genealogical Group** will meet on **Oct 15** at 12:00 noon in C1, the computer room.

Estate Committee meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at noon

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sat., October 25, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

Come and explore the collection at the SDGS Library. Members will be on hand to help you with your genealogy questions. From the SDGS website: "The SDGS Library's genealogical research collection consists of more than 8,700 titles. Many are multi-volume sets (or example, the 130-volume War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records Union and Confederate Armies). The library holds more than 1,000 periodical titles. There are significant holdings of many major genealogical periodicals (for example, The New England Historical and Genealogical Register in bound volumes from 1923 to the present, as well as Volumes 1 (1847) through 148 (1994) on CD with a complete index). The collection also contains quite a number of 'how to' books and periodicals (Family Chronicle, Ancestry, Genealogical Helper and Family Tree Magazine, for example) to help expand and improve your research skills and results. Access the SDGS Library catalog online.

Location: SDGS Library,
1050 Pioneer Way, Suite E,
El Cajon.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~casdgs/library.shtml>

Tue., October 28, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Mary Van Orsdol,

Special Collections at the Genealogy Division of the Cole Library in Carlsbad.

The Cole Library Genealogy collection houses many very important, but relatively unknown works, collections anthologies, etc. important to the genealogist. Mary will tell you about them and how to find them.

Mary Van Orsdol received a BA in history at UCSD, an MA in history at the University of Minnesota, and a MLS at UCLA. She has worked as a librarian for more than 20 years.

She is currently head of the Genealogy Division at the Carlsbad City Library and is an experienced genealogist.

Location: City Council Chambers,
1250 Carlsbad Village Dr.,
Carlsbad.

Contact: Barbara Rainville, barain@roadrunner.com

There will be a Memorial Ceremony on Veteran's Day at La Vista Cemetery in National City for veterans of the Civil War that are buried there. It is being held by

**Nancy Hanks Lincoln Tent #5
Daughters of Union Veterans
of the Civil War 1861-1865
San Diego, California**

More details next month

Saturday, November 1, 2008

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

A SDGS Bus Trip to Los Angeles City Library

Join us to explore the resources of the LA Library for family history research!

The bus will depart from the Veteran's Administration Building (Mission Valley, 8810 Rio San Diego Dr.) at 7:30 am sharp. North County stop at Carlsbad's Georgina Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive) at 8:00 am. Arrive Los Angeles Public Library by 10:00 am. We will leave the LA Library at 4:30 pm and arrive back in Carlsbad at 6:30 pm, San Diego at 7:00 pm.

The cost is \$40.00.

Reservations must be received by 25 October.

There will be no refunds after 28 October.

For more information, contact Phyllis at 619-443-5718, [<phyllb@cox.net>](mailto:phyllb@cox.net).

Orphan Photos and Photo Sharing

Posted by Maureen

Last week on the **Today Show** I mentioned **DeadFred.com**. It's a fun site for folks trying to reconnect with lost family photos or to post pictures if you want photos to lead the way to a reunion with lost family. It's a win-win either way.

There are a couple of other sites I'd like to mention though. If you've ever lost a camera and thought those pictures (and the camera) are gone forever, think again. There is a blog that tries to link up individuals with their equipment and precious pics. **Found Cameras and Orphan Photos** has a Facebook group, a link to success stories and updates every Thursday. What a fun idea! You'll see wedding images, vacation shots and candid pictures all waiting to be claimed by their rightful owner. I'll definitely be adding this to my Facebook page.

Photos aren't the only focus of a site called **Ancient Faces**. If you want to share and collaborate on family history you can set up a family space. Share stories, pictures and even a recipe or two. Sign up for their e-newsletter to keep up with any new developments.

