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CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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BY-LAWS CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON AT GENERAL MEETING

The Chula Vista Genealogical Society is governed according to Bylaws that describe the why, what, when, and how of society activities. The Board of Directors has approved changes to these Bylaws and the membership will vote on them at the May 27 program meeting. The current Bylaws, with the Board-approved changes are on the CVGS web site – please use the link for “proposed new Bylaws” at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/page08.html> to read or download the PDF file.

The Bylaws require that we publish the proposed changes before the membership is asked to approve them. The Board-approved changes are listed on Page 6 of this Newsletter. Please read the changes and attend the meeting to vote on them.

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NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

with Peter Rowe

General Meeting Program

Wednesday, 27 May 2009

12 noon to 2 p.m.

Chula Vista Civic Center Library

In July 1984, Peter Rowe was hired as a writer for the *San Diego Union's* Currents section. He has yet to be fired.



At the *Union*, he wrote feature stories and devoted five misspent years to editing. When the *Union* merged with the *Tribune* in 1992, he ransomed his byline and became a columnist for the *Union-Tribune's* Currents section.

A California native, Rowe attended high school in Encinitas (San Dieguito) and college in La Jolla (UCSD). He graduated from the journalism schools at UC Berkeley and Northwestern University.

Peter is a past president of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists, a former Fulbright scholar (Japan, 2003) and owns a smattering of plaques from journalism competitions. But he'd trade them all for a chance to avenge his disastrous third-place finish during a 1994 appearance on "Jeopardy!"

Peter is married to a wonderful woman who does read the column, but refuses to set foot in it. A character known as The Woman Next Door handles all spouse-of-columnist duties. He has three sons. Not one of them reads his column.

Peter writes a monthly beer column for the *Union-Tribune's* Food section. He is also the Archivist for the newspaper. He does not look like his photograph.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Brock

Our Society was honored this past month by being invited to a luncheon at the Palms at the Chula Vista Golf course. An organization called L.I.F.T. (Living Information For Today) ask us to give a presentation on our Glen Abby Cemetery Project. LIFT is a support network for widows and widowers and is sponsored by the Glen Abby Memorial Park organization. They have been in operation for about 3 years and have about 65 members who meet once each month. Contact: Vanessa Chicca at 619-548-0954 for more information on LIFT.

Our own Bernice Heiter explained to the group how the project was worked on in two phases over a period of 14 years. Bernice did an excellent job, as only she can do because she was involved for almost the entire project. I showed, on screen, some of the features found in the books and on the CD which we published on completion of the project. The presentation was well received, the people were very friendly and the food was wonderful. We presented LIFT with a copy of the Glen Abby CD.

Our Society has also been honored by Fredericka Manor Retirement Community here in Chula Vista. They have asked us to provide a presentation on Beginning Genealogy at their luncheon on May 12 at 10:00 AM. Pam Journey will be the presenter and all CVGS members are invited and you can bring a guest. However, time is short and you must RSVP with Betsy Keller at 619-205-4116.

It's something a little different for this months' general meeting on May 27, 12 noon in the library auditorium. Peter Rowe, staff writer and Archivist at the San Diego Union-Tribune newspaper. It should be interesting to learn how newspapers do their archiving.

Just a reminder, we will be voting on the purposed new amendments to the CVGS Bylaws at the next general meeting. The amended version of the Bylaws can be found on our website, <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/page08.html>. Please review the purposed changes so you can make an informed decision when we vote.

--- Gary Brock

APRIL 29 PROGRAM REVIEW

Digital Documentation
Presented by Shirley Becker

Shirley Becker presented "**Digital Documentation**" to the [Chula Vista Genealogical Society](#) at the April meeting. There were 25 in attendance for this excellent description of a problem that all of us have - how to organize our computer files so that we can find what we want when we want it.

Shirley's talk concentrated on the digital computer files - the ones that we have an image of, whether they are vital records, book pages, census pages, photographs or scanned pages. She did not address the paper files that most of us have in bookcases, file drawers, notebooks, folders or loose papers, except to say that if we want to reduce the paper stacks we should scan the important pages that provide accurate source material and put them in the digital documentation system.

The digital documentation system that Shirley has adopted is Leland Meitzler's system that he described in his talk "**Genealogical Organization in the 21st Century**" at the 2008 SCGS Genealogy Jamboree in Burbank last June. She spoke to him at the Escondido Family History Fair in March and he advised "...people don't have to cross every T in order to use this method. Do what is best for you and the way you do things."

Shirley uses commonly used file types for everything she puts into this system, such as Rich Text Format (RTF) for text files, Portable Document Format (PDF) for scanned or downloaded printed material, and TIFF (for images).

This was an interesting talk in that it provided specific examples of how to organize your digital documents. The file system will be especially useful to researchers just starting out with few digital documents - they can create the system and fill it up knowing that they will be able to find their important digital documents quickly. For researchers with many linear feet of paper documents in their genealogy space, this system will work, but getting all of the paper sorted, scanned and filed will be a major time challenge. For researchers who have many document images obtained by scanning or downloading from the Internet, this system can be made to work by following the folder and file name conventions.

A PDF file of this presentation will be on the CVGS web site soon.

RESEARCH GROUP NEWS

by Randy Seaver

The April meeting of the Research Group had nine in attendance, including three guests. The highlights were:

* **John** received another marriage record from the English Civil Registration for his daughter-in-law's family. He is happy that the cost has come down to about \$11 (7 pounds) for them due to the exchange rates. He ordered a will from the North Carolina State Archives, and found land records for one of his families online at the Archives site after working through books on the library shelves.

* **Dick** is frustrated that the FBI won't send him information about his Uncle Jim, the post-office robber. Jim's been dead over 50 years, but they are withholding documents to protect the privacy of third parties (who are probably deceased). He's planning a trip to Wisconsin to visit graveyards, and wondered how to find places with GPS coordinates without a GPS. We suggested maps from Google Earth to help him find the cemeteries. Or a GPS!

* **Shirley's** trip to the FHC last week was fruitful - she found some Plue (Plug/Plough/Pflug) people in the 1820 census in NY, and later found them in the 1840 to 1880 censuses also - a different spelling every year! She's been corresponding with a man who found Pflug family baptism records in a Schoharie County record book that look like her folks.

* **Joyce (a visitor)** is just starting her search, and wants to trace her father's life in Alabama where he died in 1944. We gave her a quick primer on doing research, and suggested that she find death, marriage, birth, cemetery, obituary, military, census, etc. records to try to define his life, and those of his wife and children, then work back to his siblings and parents. WShe's excited by the hunt, and has lots of questions.

* **Flossie (a visitor)** came with Joyce, and has quite a bit of ancestral family information already. She's been to the LDS FHC in Mesa and received help there. She wants to gather all of the family photos, scan them and distribute them to her family members.

* **Gary** is still working on his second great-grandfather Solomon Roff, but has had little luck finding Roffs living or buried in Cayuga County NY where Solomon was born in 1805. He has looked at records from over 200 cemeteries there.

* **Dearl** says that there were too many Glenns who were illiterate and moved around too much. He's stuck on his second great-grandfather William Glenn, born in 1795 in North Carolina. There are 24 Glenn families in the 1800 census, five of them with sons under age 10.

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COMPUTER GROUP NEWS

By Randy Seaver

Ten hardy Chula Vista genies celebrated completing their income taxes by attending the CVGS Computer Group meeting, including two visitors. Randy asked for research problems from the attendees. Almost everybody had a problem to pursue, but we only solved one out of the 12 or so challenges - a Washington Death record from 1955 found in the Washington State Digital Archives.

During the meeting, we visited (often several times!) the following web sites:

- * www.google.com to find information about people or places
- * www.wikipedia.com to find information about people or places
- * www.familysearch.org to find records in the Family History Library Catalog
- * www.usgenweb.org to find information about specific states and counties.
- * www.canadagenweb.org to look for Quebec resources
- * www.usgwarchives.org to search for user-contributed information about specific persons in specific places
- * www.worldcat.org to search for repositories for certain books and periodicals.
- * www.deathindexes.com to lead us to death records in specific states
- * www.ancestry.com for specific databases
- * www.worldvitalrecords.com for specific databases

Unfortunately, the computers in the library Computer Lab are fairly old - probably 2003 hardware and software, and don't have Flash installed. This limits the genealogy web sites we can use during our computer time. The web sites that currently use Flash, and therefore cannot be accessed from the Lab, include www.footnote.com, www.pilot.familysearch.org (Record Search), and the BYU Family History Archive at <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php>. There are probably others.

A good time was had by all and we hope that everybody learned something at the Computer Group meeting.

LIBRARY COMPUTER LAB NEWS

The Chula Vista Library has installed newer computers with increased memory. upgraded software and flat screen monitors in the Computer Lab. Our hope is that we will now be able to access some of the newer online databases that use Flash technology.

CVGS GENERAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Gary Brock at 12:25 PM.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Ann Stevens requested that minutes from the March general meeting be approved as published. Minutes for March approved as published; motion by Virginia Taylor; second Randy Seaver.

Treasurer Paul Price requested that the treasurer's report for March be accepted as published, motion by Bob Page, second Ann Stevens.

Vice-President (Membership) Virginia Taylor reported: 21 members + 4 guests present; membership = 83.

Acting Vice-President (Programs) John Finch talked about upcoming programs: Tues, May 12: Lunch & program (Pam Journey on Beginning Genealogy) at Frederica Manor; Wed, May 27: Peter Rove (San Diego Union Tribune staff writer) on Newspaper Research from an Archivist's View; Wed, June 24: Joan Lowrey on Immigration—"Did they really come on those ships?"

Committee Reports:

Cemetery/Historian: Susan Zimmer reported that the Glen Abbey Cemetery Project has been completed for a while, but it took a lot of time. The La Vista Cemetery Project began in 2005; progress is steady; committee workers are now cross-checking the accuracy of records against the list. Always looking for new volunteers, so please contact Susan.

Library and Books: Bernice Heiter showed the new bound book list indicating all the genealogical references available in the CV Library. Books are indexed by subject (can be listed in multiple areas). The book will be at the reference desk and all the entries are also listed on the website.

Library Liaison: Dearl Glenn has reserved library facilities for May and June; direct special requests for library to Dearl.

Computer Group: Shirley Becker said that the computer group meets on 3rd Wednesdays; group to help solve problems & there is a computer resource person to help with computer problems.

Public Relations: John Finch – no report at this time

Webmaster/Estate Papers: Gary Brock said website is up to date; always looking for old pictures. Estate Papers Committee completed cataloguing Box 4; now verifying information and ready to start on Box 5 (out of 6).

Hospitality: Susi Pentico (absent).

Newsletter/Research/Queries: Randy Seaver would appreciate any newsletter articles people would like to submit. Research group meets 2nd Wed at noon in conference room to discuss research problems and



brainstorm possible avenues to pursue. Randy mentioned the Genealogy Jamboree in Burbank from June 26-28—highly recommended the event. He also reminded members that on May 2, there would be a trip to the San Diego Public Library; library has a lot of San Diego history as well as lots of locality information. No queries at this time.

Old Business:

Still need a 1st Vice-president, Programs

New Business:

Amendments to the CVGS Bylaws: Parliamentary Bob Page discussed the background to the bylaw revision. He offered a motion that the membership approve the amendments to the bylaws as discussed and approved by the CVGS Board; second by Paul Price. President Gary Brock reviewed the proposed changes and indicated that the changes were to make the bylaws consistent with the practices of the society. A motion was made by Virginia Taylor and seconded by Randy Seaver to postpone the adoption of the bylaws until the next general meeting. This needed to be done because, per bylaw direction, any revisions to the bylaws need to be available to membership for 30 days after being posted. Motion carried.

Drawing: Randy Seaver won \$9 in the 50/50 drawing.

Program: Shirley Becker's topic was "Computer Documents Organization." She provided many good ideas about how to curb all the massive amounts of paper we collect as we do our research by simply "trusting our computer". She did acknowledge that this task was easier said than done . . . and all it takes is time.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary

CVGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES -- MAY 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Brock at 12:11 PM. Present were Virginia Taylor, Paul Price, Shirley Becker, Dearl Glenn, Susan Zimmer, Bernice Heiter, Ann Stevens, Randy Seaver, Susi Pentico and Bob Page. Absent: John Finch; Guests: Wanda Brock and guest Ruth Himer

President's comments: Gary reminded everyone about the Frederica Manor event on May 12.

Officer Reports:

Secretary (Ann): April meeting minutes approved, motion by Bob, second by Dearl.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Membership (Virginia): 3 new members; membership at 86. 40 people attended the April 25 seminar (11 non-members who will receive a letter inviting them to become members and attend upcoming meetings).

Treasurer (Paul): balance forward \$2506.37; expenses \$369.91; income \$222.00; bank balance \$2358.46; less cemetery project \$137.15; operating capital \$2221.31. Paul will update the budget sheet so as to reflect each month's income and debits. Report accepted, motion by Randy, second by Ann.

Programs (John was absent so Gary reported): Tues, May 12: Lunch & program (Pam Journey on Beginning Genealogy) at Fredericka Manor; Wed, May 27: Peter Rowe (Union Tribune staff writer) on Newspaper Archives; Wed, June 24: Joan Lowrey on Immigration "Did they really come on that ship?" Working on getting the Elks Lodge for the summer picnic.

Committee Reports:

Library Liaison (Dearl): June dates approved; working on July; will depend on library hours of operation.

Library Books (Bernice): Has another box of books to be processed. The CVGS Book List is at the reference desk and on the website.

Cemetery Projects/Historian (Susan Z): Waiting for the La Vista contract to be signed. Re: project progress-currently checking the two drawers of locator cards-halfway through the first drawer. Susan also needs pictures of past speakers.

Webmaster (Gary): Website is current; always looking for new photos; estate papers committee mtg 2nd & 4th Mondays; committee has finished box 4 and will go back to verify the catalog index before starting on box 5.

Opportunity Drawing (Bob): income at last meeting \$19; door prize of \$9.

Parliamentarian Question to Bob: Randy mentioned that the bylaws were presented at the April 29 general meeting; the next meeting is May 27, 2 days less than the required 30 days to the membership. Discussion followed: bylaw changes were on the website, in the newsletter, and reviewed at the meeting; motion at general meeting was to ratify changes at next general meeting (motion carried) so we should be OK to vote on this at the May 27 general meeting.

Hospitality (Susi): brewed coffee was well received. Expenses for seminar food broke even with the donations; enough food left over to cover April's general meeting. Susi needs to buy more plastic ware, and she also needs to get a container to store supplies so as to avoid bugs. The other supplies she purchased for the Christmas luncheon have been enough to carry through April or May meetings.

Computer Group (Shirley): Computer Group meets 3rd Wednesdays; there are 22 new computers so the next few

meetings will probably be spent seeing what they can do. Randy suggested that the research group that meets the week before the computer group could also do some testing of the new computers.

Public Relations (John absent): flyers for upcoming programs have been distributed.

Newsletter/Research/Queries (Randy): will publish newsletter by Sunday; no new queries; research group meeting 2nd Wednesdays; only Randy and one other person went on the research trip to SD Public Library; software review meeting went well.

Old Business:

-- **High School Essay Scholarship Project (Susi):** counselor expects a good response; some entries may be mailed to the PO Box.

-- **Fredericka Manor Project:** John sent directions about where to park and how to find the meeting place.

New Business:

-- **Newsletter subscription for non-members & organizations (mailed & Internet).** Genealogical societies sometimes have reciprocal agreements to trade newsletters or make newsletters available to their members; provides good interaction among groups and promotes the exchange of information. Discussion included the advisability of having a password on our website to get to the current newsletter. Bob made a motion to delete the use of a password to access the current newsletter in order to reach out to more people, to be re-evaluated at the end of the fiscal year; Randy seconded. Concern expressed that membership would go down if the newsletter was free to access. An additional concern was the need to more actively market our group, both in the area and with those in other societies. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM. Respectfully submitted, Ann Stevens, Secretary.

CVGS BOOKLIST AVAILABLE

The [Chula Vista Genealogical Society](http://www.chulavistagenealogy.org) devotes a significant portion of its' yearly budget to purchase genealogy books for the [Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library](http://www.chulavistagenealogy.org) (365 F Street in Chula Vista). After purchasing and receiving the books, they are taken to the library office and put into the Family Research collection at the library. The Family Research collection has over 2,000 titles (books and periodicals) in one long bookcase stack on the north wall of the library, near the public computer terminals.

The CVGS librarian is Bernice Heiter, and she maintains the CVGS Book List of the holdings. She recently updated the list to the end of 2008, and it was put on the CVGS web site. You can see it at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/includes/book_list.pdf.

PROPOSED CVGS BYLAWS REVISIONS

The current Bylaws for the Chula Vista Genealogical Society, with the proposed revisions, are online at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/includes/ByLaws_amended_1apr09_comparative.pdf

The paragraphs below show the current section, the proposed changes are in **Red italics** and any words to be struck from the documents are shown in a strikethrough font.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP: 2. Eligibility for Membership: All applicants for regular membership must attend at least one (1) meeting prior to applying for membership. Membership Application Form will be submitted, with an ~~Ancestor Chart~~ ancestor chart as complete as possible *and with the annual membership dues or pro-rated dues, to the Membership Chairman (ref. Dues #3).*

Article IV. OFFICERS: A detailed financial report covering the past fiscal year shall be presented to the Society at the Annual Meeting in February. A copy of this report shall be on file *with the President and* in the Library. ~~and with the President.~~

Article IV. OFFICERS: The Parliamentarian is appointed by the President. The Parliamentarian, due to a position of impartiality, has no voting privilege while acting in that capacity, but has full voting privilege in all other voting instances. *(ref. Article IX).*

Article VI. COMMITTEES: 1. Standing Committees [add to the existing list]:

- i. Public Relations: Shall be responsible for all Society Publicity, including announcements of events and advertising and shall network with the community to promote the interests of Genealogy.*
- j. Webmaster: Shall design and maintain the Society's Internet Web Site.*
- k. Special Projects: (Computer Group, Cemetery, Estate Papers, etc.)*
- l. Ways and Means: Shall oversee Society raffles, promotions and money raising activities in keeping with the Society's non-profit status.*
- m. Education:*

Article VI. COMMITTEES: 2. Ad hoc Committees [add to the existing list]:

- c. By-laws Revision Committee:*

Article VII. MEETINGS: Regular meetings of the Society shall be held ~~on the last Monday of~~ *one day* each month ~~unless otherwise~~ *as* ordered by the Board of Directors, and at any place convenient for the membership.

Article VII: MEETINGS: The Board of Directors meetings shall be held ~~on the first Wednesday of~~ *one day* each month ~~unless otherwise~~ *as* ordered by the Board, and at any place deemed convenient by the Board of Directors.

CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS ARE ONLINE

Until recently, the current [Chula Vista Genealogical Society Newsletter](#) was hidden from public view by a password, although earlier editions were available. The CVGS Board of Directors removed the password restriction recently on the theory that hiding the current edition prevents online browsers from finding out more about the society activities. The newsletters since January 2008 are online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/page04.html>.

CVGS still prints the first eight pages of the newsletter and sends it by US postal mail to members who wish to have a printed copy and to societies and/or libraries that will display it and save it in their libraries. However, additional pages concerning computer-oriented genealogy information (software, web sites, databases, etc.) are added to the online version of the newsletter.

RESEARCH GROUP NEWS

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* **Ruth (a visitor)** is not new to genealogy research, but wants to get better organized. She has family tree data on Ancestry, MyHeritage and MyFamily, and wants to get it all in one place. We suggested a free software program like Family Tree Builder or Personal Ancestral File, and getting GEDCOMs of her data from the web sites, create one database with all of the information, and then replacing the databases at the online sites.

* **Randy** briefly mentioned buying and working in RootsMagic 4 and trying to find the parents of Devier J. Lamphere before his talk on 25 April.

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Page 1 – Marcia Mautner – 619-227-2733

Page 2 – May Stone – 619-585-3395

Page 3 – Betty Hampton – 619-423-2415

Alternate: Barbara Ibaibarriaga – 619-477-4140

Refreshment Hosts

May 27: Shirley Becker, Susi Pentico

June 24: Sunny Van Cleave

CVGS Society Officers

President:	Gary Brock
First Vice-President, Programs (acting)	John Finch
Sec. Vice-President, Membership	Virginia Taylor
Treasurer	Paul Price
Secretary	Ann Stevens

Standing Committees

Cemetery Steering Committee	Susan Zimmer
Computer Group	Shirley Becker
Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Susi Pentico
Librarian – Books	Bernice Heiter
Library Liaison	Dearl Glenn
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Parliamentarian	Bob Page
Ways and Means	Bob Page
Public Relations	John Finch
Webmaster	Gary Brock
Estate Papers	Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, May 9 – 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

12 noon: Program: “The Lost Colony of Virginia” by Susi Pentico.

Location: St. Andrews Lutheran Church
8350 Lake Murray Blvd, corner Jackson Dr.

(<http://www.rootsweb.com/~casdgs/>)

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Tuesday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY -- COGG**

9:30 – Social Hour

10:00 – Program: “Using Google for your Genealogy” by Gena Philibert Ortega

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

(<http://www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/>)

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Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

**COMPUTER GENEALOGY SOCIETY
OF SAN DIEGO**

9:00 – User groups – Legacy, RootsMagic.

SIG: Digital Imaging and Scanning

10:15: Announcements,

Program: [Ancestry.com 101](http://www.ancestry.com) by Randy Seaver

Location: Robinson Auditorium complex at
UCSD San Diego (see map at www.cgssd.org)

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Tuesday, May 26, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

9:30 – Social Hour

10:00 – Program: “The ABCs of School Records”
by Marge Kealey

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

(<http://www.cagenweb.com/nsdcgs/>)

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Friday-Sunday, June 26-28

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GEN. SOCIETY
JAMBOREE 2009**

Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel & Convention
Center. 100 lectures. Exhibit Hall.

(<http://www.genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com>.)

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See all upcoming San Diego genealogy programs
online at <http://www.cgssd.org/events.php>

EXTRA! COMPUTER-RELATED GENEALOGY NEWS

Chula Vista Genealogy Café Blog Posts in April 2009

- [Genealogy Days in Chula Vista - April 2009](#)
- [CVGS Research Group Meeting Summary](#)
- [CVGS Seminar on Saturday, 25 April - "Finding Your Elusive Ancestors"](#)
- [Genealogy Class at Chula Vista Adult School](#)
- [CVGS Computer Group Summary - 4/15/09](#)
- [Genealogy Software Review on Wednesday, 22 April](#)
- [Genealogy Software Review Summary](#)
- [CVGS Spring Saturday Seminar Review - Part 1: "Doing a Reasonably Exhaustive Search"](#)
- [CVGS Spring Saturday Seminar Review - Part 2: "Solving Your Brickwall Problems" Panel](#)
- [CVGS Program on 29 April - Shirley Becker on "Computer Document Organization"](#)
- ["Digital Documentation" by Shirley Becker - CVGS Program Summary](#)

New Web Sites Coming Soon!

Keep an eye out for three new web sites coming soon:

- www.GenSeek.com – links to the Family History Library Catalog, online databases, and more.
- www.WorldHistory.com – provides maps, events, people – link your folks to world history.
- www.MyGenShare.com – a collection of knowledge-based articles, videos, and podcasts to help educate researchers.

The American Genealogist to be Digitized and Indexed

Good news for New England researchers – The American Genealogist (TAG) quarterly journal, one of the premier scholarly genealogy journals in the USA, will be digitized and indexed and will be available online at the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) website www.NewEnglandAncestors.org.

Volumes 1 to 8 are already available as “Families of Ancient New Haven” by Donald Lines Jacobus, the first TAG editor. Volumes 9 to 13 are on the NEHGS site, and more volumes will be added in coming years.

New or Updated Databases at Ancestry.com (\$\$)

- Border Crossings from US to Canada, 1908-1935 (World)
- Norway Births and Christenings, 1600s-1800s (World)
- Norway Marriages, 1600s-1800s (World)
- South Dakota 1885 and 1895 Census (Updated, US)
- US School Yearbooks (Updated, US)
- US County Land Ownership Atlas, 1864-1918 (Updated, US)
- 1891 Census of Canada (Updated, World)
- Returns from US Military Posts, 1800-1916 (US)

New or Updated LDS FamilySearch.org Indexing Projects (Free)

These databases are available for FREE at <http://pilot.familysearch.org/> - the LDS site for volunteer-indexed and browsable databases -- recently added or completed projects:

- Alabama Statewide Deaths, 1908-1974 (index only)
- Arizona Deaths, 1870-1951
- California, San Francisco Area Funeral Home Records, 1835-1931
- Florida State Census, 1885, 1935, 1945 (images only)
- Illinois, Cook County Birth Registers, 1871-1915
- Michigan Marriages, 1868-1925
- New York State Census, 1892 (images only)
- Ohio Tax Records, 1816-1838
- South Dakota State Census, 1905, 1915, 1925
- Utah, Salt Lake county Death Records, 1908-1949 (index only)
- Wisconsin State Census, 1855, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905 (images only)

New or Updated Databases at Footnote.com (\$\$)

- New York Eastern District Naturalizations, 1865-1935 (49% complete)
- Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940 (84% complete)
- Union Civil War Soldiers – Missouri (100%)
- Texas Death Certificates, 1890-1976 (50% complete)

EXTRA! EXTRA! COMPUTER-RELATED GENEALOGY NEWS

Interesting Articles from Genealogy Blogs

- [Organizing Your Physical Genealogy Files](#) by Jessica Hall Grayless
- [Converting My Personal Library to Digital](#) by Dick Eastman
- [The Importance of Genealogical Societies to Successful Research](#) by Leland Meitzler
- [Internet Social Networking](#) by Kathleen Schaible
- [Where is That Place? Using the USGS Web Site](#) by Carolyn L. Barkley
- [Alien Registration Records](#) by Kimberly Powell
- [How to Use PERSI for Genealogy](#) by Diane Haddad
- [Unindexed Databases at Ancestry.com Redux](#) by Randy Seaver
- [Finding 1861–1869 Names of Residents & Civil War Soldiers – Part Three - Florida Through Illinois](#) by William Dollarhide
- [Finding 1861–1869 Names of Residents & Civil War Soldiers – Part Two - Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware & the District of Columbia](#) by Leland Meitzler
- [NARA Laguna Niguel to Close](#) by Randy Seaver
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Book Review: *Social Networking for Genealogists*, by Drew Smith

When I read that Drew Smith had written a book titled *Social Networking for Genealogists*, I immediately wanted one to see what I was missing out on, so I bought it online from the publisher, [Genealogical, Inc.](#)

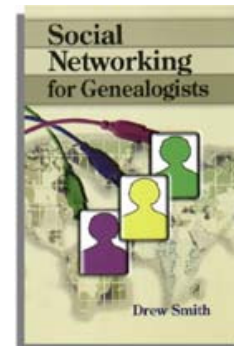
Drew Smith, MLS, is well-known in the genealogy community as a Director of the [Federation of Genealogical Societies](#), a genealogy magazine author and columnist, and as a co-host, with George G. Morgan, of the weekly [Genealogy Guys Podcast](#) (and blog). Drew is an academic librarian at the University of South Florida in Tampa, and is an expert in digital technology.

Social Networking for Genealogists covers many of the new digital technologies that are being used by tech-savvy people and businesses throughout the academic, business and hobby worlds. The book covers the following topics with an emphasis on why and how genealogists should use these technologies to aid them in their genealogy research:

- * RSS (Real Simple Syndication)
- * Tags
- * Message boards and mailing lists
- * Blogs
- * Wikis
- * Collaborative editing
- * Photo and video sharing
- * Social bookmarking
- * Sharing personal libraries
- * Podcasts
- * Social networking for its own sake
- * Virtual worlds
- * Genealogy-specific social networking

In each chapter, Drew defines useful terms, described what the technology is and how it works, provides several examples, and suggests ways for the reader to get involved with the technology.

Drew Smith, Social Networking for Genealogists
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Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211-1953.
<http://www.genealogical.com/>, 2009. 129 pages.
Cover price: \$18.95



GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, May 13, 12 noon - Research Group Meeting, Library Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, May 20, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting, Library Computer Lab**
- **Wednesday, May 27, 12 noon: General Society Meeting, Library Auditorium**
Topic: *Newspaper Archives – Peter Rowe, San Diego Union-Tribune*

- **Wednesday, June 3, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting, Library Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, June 10, 12 noon - Research Group Meeting, Library Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, June 17, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting, Library Computer Lab**
- **Wednesday, June 24, 12 noon – General Society Meeting, Library Auditorium**
Topic: *Did They Really Come on That Ship? – Joan Lowrey*

All CVGS Program Meetings are held in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista. Contact John Finch, jan27@cox.net, 619-426-4906 for details.

Visit our Web Site – <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cacvgs2/> and our Chula Vista Genealogy Café blog – <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>.

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GENEALOGY SOFTWARE REVIEW (WINDOWS)

Randy Seaver presented a two-hour Genealogy Software Review (Windows programs) on Wednesday, 22 April at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library with 11 in attendance. The Review consisted of:

* A brief PowerPoint presentation of the features, costs, mapping capability and Web Search capability of Family Tree Maker 2009, Legacy Family Tree 7, and RootsMagic 4. The mapping and web search features were included here because there is no Internet access from the library Conference Room.

* A 30 minute review of screen views, navigation, editing data, menus, indexes, sources, reports, charts and media for Family Tree Maker 2009, Legacy Family Tree 7 and RootsMagic 4.

Most of the attendees already have Family Tree Maker (either 2009 or earlier versions before 2006) and wondered if they should migrate to one or the other programs. Randy told the attendees that unless there were specific features in one of these programs that they absolutely had to have, they should stay with the program they have if it suits their needs. One major reason to stick with Family Tree Maker, whether an earlier version or to upgrade to 2009, is if the user has many media files already linked to their FTM software database. In many cases, these media files will not migrate to the other programs automatically. For instance, Legacy Family Tree 7 will not import Family Tree Maker family files or media files. RootsMagic 4 will import FTM 16 and earlier family and media files but not from FTM 2009.

Randy likes Legacy and RootsMagic better than Family Tree Maker 2009 at this time because they load much faster, the navigation seems easier and more intuitive, and the reports and charts seem to be more easily generated and formatted. For what it's worth, he has kept Family Tree Maker 16 as his primary program until he can rectify most of the place names and source errors in his databases.

He said that any one of these three programs, and the expected upgrades to them over the years, will satisfy almost any genealogy researcher, whether novice, experienced or professional.