

## East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society

The East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society is a chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society. It was founded in 1973.

### Our purpose or mission:

To promote genealogical research and education through:

- Lectures, workshops, seminars, field trips, and the mutual exchange of genealogical material
- Creating and building interest in collecting and preserving historical records
- Locating, cataloging, and preserving genealogical records, and making them available to the public
- Supporting the objectives of the Ohio Genealogical Society.

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month (except for Holidays when we meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) at the Ross DeJohn Community Center  
6306 Marsol Rd. Mayfield Heights, OH 44124.

Dues (Jan.-Dec. 2012) :  
\$20 single,  
\$25 family (same address),  
\$30 sustaining

Check out our website:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohccgs>

For information contact:

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## Directions

Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County  
Harry E. Eastridge Professional Development Center  
5700 W. Canal Road, Building B  
Valley View, OH 44125  
(216) 524-3000

### From the North:

- Take I-77 South to Granger Road (Exit 157)
- Head east on Rt. 17 to Canal Road (Big Boy on corner)
- Turn rt. on Canal Road to Fosdick Road (2nd traffic light)
- Turn right over bridge and right on W. Canal Rd.
- Buildings A & B will be on your left.

### From the South:

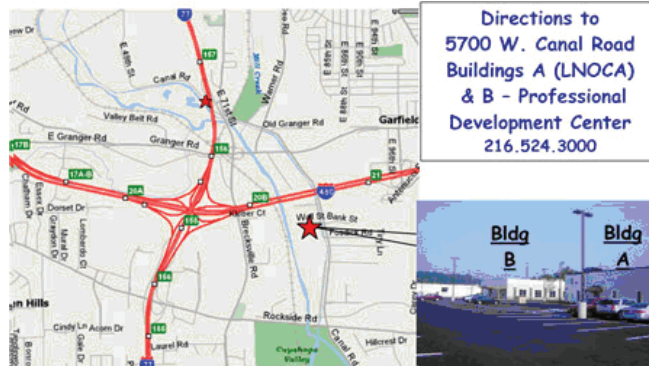
- Take I-77 North to Rockside Road (Exit 155)
- Turn right (east) on Rockside, crossing Brecksville Road
- Continue down the hill to Canal Road
- Turn left on Canal to Fosdick Road (3rd traffic light)
- Turn left over bridge and right on W. Canal Rd.
- Buildings A & B will be on your left

### From the East:

- I-480 West to E. 98th Street (Exit 21) - turn right
- Turn left at the 1st traffic light (Granger Road)
- Continue down the hill to Canal Road (first light)
- Turn left on Canal to Fosdick Road (2nd traffic light)
- Turn right over bridge and right on W. Canal Rd.
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### From West:

- Take I-480 East to E. 98th Street (Exit 21) – turn left
- Turn left at the 1st traffic light (Granger Road)
- Continue down the hill to Canal Road (first light)
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## The East Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society

is pleased to announce an

## All-Day Seminar

with acclaimed genealogist



**Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak**

## Sat. May 19, 2012

to be held at the

Educational Service Center  
of Cuyahoga County

Harry E. Eastridge Professional  
Development Center  
5700 W. Canal Road - Building B  
Valley View, OH 44125 (near Cleveland)

## Schedule

8:30-9:20 am. - Registration and Breakfast

9:20-9:30 am. - Welcome & introduction

9:30-10:30 am. - Trace Your Roots with DNA

Over the past decade, genetic genealogy has graduated from pioneering research to one more tool in our family history arsenal, but just as the number of us taking DNA tests has grown, so have our genetic options. Come hear one of the co-authors of Trace Your Roots with DNA discuss how Y-DNA and mtDNA testing can be used to shed light on the paternal and maternal branches of your family tree, as well as how new (in many respects, revolutionary), autosomal tests can reveal previously unknown facets hidden anywhere in your family's past. (P.S. Talk delivered in plain English!)

10:30-11:00 am. – Break

11:00 am. -12:00 pm. – Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones

Although genealogy is at its heart the study of long-deceased ancestors, connecting with living relatives has become almost as important to many family historians. Some seek living kin in an effort to track down family photos; others do it to find family history playmates or DNA project participants. A few pioneers have begun exercising their skills to save lives - to locate potential donors or warn of possible medical dangers. Whatever the motivation, one of the most addicting aspects of genealogy is the thrill of finding distant cousins, or in some cases, parents, children, or siblings. But this "reverse genealogy" (working from the past to the present) has its own special challenges and requires the researcher to be part genealogist and part private investigator.

12:00-1:15 pm. – Lunch

## Schedule (continued)

1:15-2:15 pm. – Find That Obituary!  
Online Newspaper Research

The last couple of years have given us an amazing array of searchable online newspaper resources - both historical and contemporary (and some of them even digitized!). Come learn how to tap into this treasure trove of information - especially those elusive and detail-filled obituaries.

2:15-2:45 pm. – Break

2:45-3:45 pm. - Cases That Made My Brain Hurt

How could brothers also be uncle and nephew? How did a trashed car in an Albuquerque junkyard lead to a family reunion? How did Facebook help solve an Egyptian genealogy case in just a week? How did a pair of tombstones in Ohio point the way to Barack Obama's Irish roots? And could there be any families with a pair of centenarians who knew each other and lived in four centuries between the two of them? Come and hear!

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak is a recipient of the National Genealogy Society's Award of Merit and a former board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG). Megan has appeared on *Good Morning America*, the *Today Show*, the *Early Show*, CNN, NPR and BBC. In addition to consulting on shows ranging from *Who Do You Think You Are?* to *Top Chef*, she is the author of six books, a *Huffington Post* contributor, a cold case researcher for the Army, NCIS and the FBI, and former Chief Family Historian and spokesperson for Ancestry.com. Her most recent books are *Who Do You Think You Are?: The Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family History*, *companion guide* to the NBC series, and *Hey, America, Your Roots Are Showing*.

Check out her website: <http://www.honoringourancestors.com>

## Registration form

Early Bird Registration – Before April 30

ECCGS member - \$35

Non-member - \$40

After April 30

ECCGS member - \$40

Non-member - \$45

Walk-ins (if space is available) - \$50

\*Fee includes seminar, handouts, continental breakfast and lunch.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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