

RVGS-JCGL eNews February 2019



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CLASSES & EVENTS JCGL Classes & Events

Registering in advance is requested for all events except public programs and Board meetings. To register in advance for classes and events:

- email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com,
- telephone: 541-512-2340,
- or stop by the library Mon-Sat, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Tuesdays until 9 p.m.

Event prices:

- Public Programs are FREE to all
- Interest Groups, FREE to members; \$5-day use fee for non-members
- Classes and seminars are priced as listed with the description

Classes and Events

Tuesday, February 5, 10:30-12:30 p.m., "Ancestry DNA's Picking The Plums"

Donna Rae Hayes will help those who tested their DNA with Ancestry DNA learn what to do with the data that Ancestry provides. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

Monday, February 11, 9:30-12 p.m., Board Meeting

Members are welcome; free to all

Monday, February 11, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Advanced DNA Interest Group

Tuesday, February 12, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Family Tree Maker Interest Group

For PC and MAC users.

Wednesday, February 13, 1:30-3:00 p.m., German Interest Group

Thursday, February 14, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Irish Interest Group

Tuesday, February 19, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Public Program and Member Meeting

“Discovering Family Through Artifacts” Presented by Charlotte Wirfs. You know all those items you have at home that have hidden stories to tell - a necklace that belonged to your great-grandmother, a hand-carved chest that came into the family during the Great Depression, a quilt or pillowcase made by "Great Aunt Suzy." Hear tales such as these, as well as hints on how to pull family history out of these treasured items. Free to All.

Wednesday, February 20, 10:30-12:30 p.m. Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Bring your ideas, questions, and thinking cap as this month we are discussing tips and tricks for identifying your DNA matches.

Monday, February 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Beginning DNA Class Series “Gedmatch”

Lorita Cushman will teach how to use Gedmatch and some of their tools when doing DNA research. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, February 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Quilt and Genealogy Talk

“Mother-Daughter Crazy Quilts” Charlotte Wirfs will tell us about two California made mother-daughter crazy quilts given to a family member from Medford, who researched family history and the lives of the two quilt makers. Free to all.

Thursday, February 28, 10:30-12:30 p.m., “The New Find-A-Grave”

Rich Miles will teach this class about how to use the new version of Find-A-Grave. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Register in advance.

OPEN REGISTRATION BEGAN Jan. 7, 2019

Don't Miss Out! Spring Workshop & Seminar April 19th & 20th

Blaine Bettinger, PhD., J.D. “The Genetic Genealogist”

Why should you attend this workshop and seminar? DNA is the newest genealogical “tool” to discover family, find your ethnic origins and learn what everyone is talking about! Rogue Valley Genealogical Society continues to offer well known and respected lecture speakers and you can read about DNA's best at our website www.rvgslibrary.org. Click the link under his picture for his credentials. Then, complete the registration form, and send with your event fee to RVGS at 3405 So. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR. 97501 to ensure your place. The venue is the Smullin Center at 2825 E. Barnett Rd., Medford, OR. 97501. Jackson County Genealogy Library is open 6 days a week and DNA Interest group times are available on our website calendar www.rvgsociety.org.



Workshop and Seminar location in 2019 is the Smullin Center, 2825 E. Barnett Rd, Medford, Oregon 97501. For more information please contact the library at 541-512-2340 or Seminar Chair, Andrea Patterson 541-779-3759. Hope to see you there.



The Countdown is on for Salt Lake City!

RVGS members are now finalizing their plans to research at the amazing SLC Family History Library this coming March 3 to 10, 2019. There are still a few dedicated rooms available at the conveniently located Plaza Hotel for our attending members. Now is the time to reserve your room, just call the hotel at 1-800-366-3684.

Be sure to ask for your discounted 2019 RV Genealogical Society rate when you call.

Make your reservations directly with the Plaza Hotel before February 1, 2019 to qualify for the special rate. This discount will be honored even if you stay less than the entire week.

Great News! It looks like we have enough people going to Salt Lake to be able to take advantage of the free seminar offered through the Plaza. The list of topic choices will be emailed to all those listed in the trip binder at the library by December 15. All those attending should review and send their top three seminar choices to abaracker@gmail.com before January 1.

For Further Information: Add your name & contact info to the Salt Lake City Trip Binder at the Library Front Desk or contact Ann Baracker at 541-261-4874 or abaracker@gmail.com. Remember to make your flight and room reservations directly with the hotel and airline of your choice.

LOCAL HISTORY HAPPENINGS

Is something missing from this section? Let Dorothy Cotton know: dorothy@mind.net

“Secrets and Mystries of the Beekman Bank” with Ben Truwe
February 1st and 2nd and March 1st and 2nd at Beekman Bank, 110 W. California St., Jacksonville
Times: 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m. Admission is \$5,
Reservations are required as tour sizes are limited 541-245-3650

Windows in Time Wilderness Survival, One Hundred Years Ago with Paul Fattig

Wednesday February 6 at 12:00 noon at Medford Library and
Wednesday February 13 at 12:00 noon at Ashland Library

“Victorians in Love” with Northwest Troubadour and Historian, David Gordon

Sunday, February 10 1:30-3:00 p.m., Naverson room at Jacksonville Library. Admission \$5,
Reservations required as seating is limited 541-245-3650

“Abandoned History in Our Backyard” will be presented by Willow McCloud.

Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Evening at the Talent Historical Museum. Free to all

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Volunteer Recognition and Holiday Luncheon Enjoyed by All

Each December's RVGS membership meeting thanks our volunteers, currently 101 people strong, with a thank you holiday luncheon. Thanks to the hard work and imagination of the Holiday Luncheon Committee, chaired by Ann Baracker, and enthusiastically assisted by Mary Robsman, Ruth Wade, and Ron Baracker, a festive setting, educational anecdotes about worldwide holiday customs, and a most entertaining auction of some of Connie Miller's donated collectibles created a memorable and enjoyable interlude during a busy holiday season.



More photos at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/BQTX6Sa4oYZ2AAh6> - Thanks Rich!

New Members

Welcome to newest member, Joyce Wayland and thank you to membership coordinator, Terry Fischer and membership director, Marie Fulbright.

Financial News

A huge THANK YOU to all the 2018 Annual Fund Drive donors! Your contributions keep our library and programs running. We can't do it without you!

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Walker, Bill
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Wobbe, Leona
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Finance Director Needed

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is searching for a Finance Director. This position is responsible for overseeing the financial wellness of the society working in tandem with the treasurer and bookkeeper. The Finance Director reports to the Board of Directors at the monthly board meetings. Attendance at the monthly membership and program meeting is encouraged. Primary responsibilities include the annual fund drive, developing the annual budget with the budget committee, and serving as a resource to the annual Financial Review Team. The current Financial Director will be remaining on the Board in a new position so will be available for training and consultation.

Many thanks to Rich Miles for his work in this position and appreciation as he transitions to Director of Technology and Data Management.

Surplus Books for Sale to Benefit RVGS

The Surplus Book Sale continues as more books are added monthly. Most are donations of books already in the collection. Some are discards. Each book is priced separately at less than the current list price on selected Internet sites. Books priced at \$1.00 are not listed. Check the Book Sale Bookcase for the newest offerings.

Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland: Parishes of County Donegal I and II, 1833-1836 \$30.00

Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland: Parishes of County Antrim VIII, 1831-5, 1837-8 \$51.00

Scottish Migration to Ulster in the Reign of James I by M. Perceval-Maxwell \$18.00

Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestral Research by Margaret Falley, 2 vol in case \$24.00

Parish Maps of the Counties of England and Wales \$11.00

Slow Settles the Dust in Oregon by Norris H. Perkins \$18.00

Growing Up on Bald Hill Creek [Hannaford, North Dakota] by Harvey M. Sletten \$6.00

More Guthrie Odds and Ends [Minnesota] \$5.00
List of Freeman of Massachusetts by Lucius R. Paige \$4.00
Memories and Sketches by S. Borbals \$12.00
Genealogical Register of Plymouth Families by William T. Davis \$8.00
Hawthorn Dictionary of Pseudonyms by Andrew Bauer \$5.00
Bibliography of American County Histories by P. William Filby \$4.50
Tennessee: a History by Wilma Dykeman \$3.50
Handbook of Pseudonyms and Personal Nicknames, 2 vols. By Harold Sharp \$22.00
Rochester Sketchbook [Minnesota] by Val Webb \$6.00
First There Was Twogood [Josephine County, OR] by Larry L. McLane \$30.00
Heritage of Loyalty: The History of the Ashland, Oregon Public Schools by Giles S. Green \$18.00
Gold on Sterling Creek by Haines and Smith \$11.00
Siskiyou Pioneer, v. 6, #1: Little Shasta Valley issue \$5.00
Siskiyou Pioneer, v. 6, #3: Chinese issue \$5.00
Siskiyou Pioneer, v. 6, #4: Gazelle issue \$5.00
Handybook for Genealogists, 8th ed \$12.00

JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

Librarians Needed

JCGL is open 41 hours each week. What does this mean? The Library is used; the hours are convenient and easy to remember: 10 to 4 six days a week, Monday through Saturday, PLUS Tuesday nights until 9 p.m.

How do we do this? Through the efforts, energy, and willingness of librarian volunteers. Right now we have a shortage of librarians, with some specific shifts in need of a regular commitment. We ask for 2 shifts per month, if at all possible. Responsibilities include the Reception Desk (greeting library users, writing receipts for membership dues, fees, and donations) AND helping people use the library effectively: the library collection and its online catalog, the six subscription websites (American Ancestors, Ancestry, FindMyPast, Fold3, HistoryGeo, and MyHeritage), genealogy websites, how to research their genealogy, etc.

Some of the available shifts are:

Monday afternoons, 1-4	1st Thursdays, 10-4
1st Tuesday evenings, 4-9 pm	3rd Saturday, 10-4
1st Wednesdays, 10-4	4th Saturday, 10-1

full day shifts can be split into 2 shifts: 10-1 and 1-4

Why do this? You learn new genealogy research resources; you meet fun people; you have a regular time when you MIGHT get to work on your own genealogy!

Interested? Contact Library Director Anne Billeter: annebilleteroregon@gmail.com or 541-944-3802

Genealogy Library Collection Inventory Report

Annually we inventory the Genealogy Library collection in December, verifying that each item (books, bulletins, CDs, videos, microfilm, microfiche, maps, and quilts) is where it belongs. All of the items are cataloged, although the bulletins are not accessioned (recorded in the accession book and given a unique identifying number.) Each year a few items are reported missing, many of which are subsequently located.

Our December 2018 total is 19,827. That includes: 17,790 books, bulletins, CDs, and videos, 361 microfilm, 1,571 microfiche, 88 maps, and 17 quilts. Our catalogers accessioned exactly 500 items in 2018, discarded 173 (mostly duplicates), and we added a net total of 65 bulletins (we keep some bulletin titles for only 3 years plus the current year, as their contents become dated.)

We couldn't do the inventory each year without the help of many volunteers. This year the volunteers donated a total of 113 hours of their time. They were (in order of hours donated): Anne Billeter, Martin Lenz, Gordon Hull, Bruce McGarvey, Dorothy Cotton, Sheila Kimball, Thelma Goodnough, Vern Weaver, Dave Hodson, Mary Robsman, Ruth Wade, Julie Goodwine, Loretta Barker, Sharon Freeburne, Diane Brenner, Sharon Hull, and Dave Horton.

Magazines Recently Received

The most recent issue is shelved at the end of the 929.2 stacks

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Oregon Historical Quarterly, v.119 (4), winter 2018.

The H. J. Andrews Experimental Forest, Growing up African American in Wallowa County (Pearl Alice Marsh), Voices of the River (Native American interviews), book reviews and index to volume 119.

Oregon Humanities, Fall/Winter 2018

Current humanities issues of interest to genealogists: Volga Germans in Portland.

Southern Oregon Historical Society Quarterly, Winter 2018

Flour mills in early Southern Oregon, Tucker Sno-cat Corp., Gilbert Gable.



NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

[Click here](#) to view the complete list of 75 new books added in January, including lots of family histories (929.2), books about the American Revolution (973.3), New York state (974.9), and San Bernardino County, California (979.495).

Federal Employees on Furlough Welcomed

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society will waive admission fees to use its library for all federal workers for the duration of the federal shutdown. The RVGS recognizes these workers are not getting paid and have unscheduled time available. Federal employees can show their federal employment identification to save the \$5 day use fee while researching their ancestry. RVGS operates the Jackson County Genealogy Library, the largest genealogy library between Portland and Sacramento, with almost 20,000 books and other library materials and access to six subscription websites.