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# CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## WEDNESDAY, July 31<sup>st</sup> PROGRAM MEETING

from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

**At Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Auditorium (365 F Street)**

**Karen Yarger on “Women Heroes of the American Revolution”**

Karen has been a member of CVGS since 2010. She is Secretary of the CVGS Board of Directors and was recently Co-Chair for the 2013 Spring Seminar.

Born in Annapolis, MD and the daughter of a career naval officer, she married an Air Force pilot - and so has been fortunate to call home places as varied as Alaska, Japan, the Azores, Hawaii and Laredo, Texas, and has visited many more. Her favorite travel memories include spending Thanksgiving in an English pub, standing on a snowy deserted Great Wall in China, and watching an Alaska night sky fill with dancing northern lights. She is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a degree in elementary education, but has been a teacher, a counselor and director of volunteers for the Red Cross, a published writer and a travel agent.



Aside from tracing her Norwegian, Irish and French Huguenot roots, Karen's interests are many, such as dollhouse miniatures, Hawaiian legends, the Iditarod, old Hollywood films, Britain's royal houses, native Alaskan ivory carvings, Southern fiction. and cookbook collecting. Karen is currently focused on recording her family's stories, traditions and anecdotes for her daughter and 11 year old grandson.

In our war for Independence, we honor heroes such as Nathan Hale, George Washington and Paul Revere. But today we'll learn about the women who supported the patriotic cause in their own ways – sometimes even following their men onto the battlefields.

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## President's Message – by Virginia Taylor



First off I want to thank Gary and Wanda Brock for being such gracious hosts for our annual picnic. They have a beautiful home and a beautiful setting for a picnic. As you know, we did things a little differently this year by having a pot luck. Everyone brought a dish depicting their heritage. And the food was really good. I think this was the largest attendance we have ever had for our picnic. The trivia game Gary put together was fun, but I think the highlight for everyone was meeting Tacoma, the family horse. He loved meeting everyone and he especially enjoyed his apples.

This first week in July is a very significant one in the history of our great nation. 150 years ago the Battle of Gettysburg took place July 1-3, 1863. It was the turning point for the Union victory. One day later, July 4, 1863 the Siege of Vicksburg came to an end with a Union victory making that victory the turning point for the war in the West. It split the Confederate Army which greatly weakened their ability to continue the fight.

Both battles took a great toll on the troops. There were 50,000 casualties at the Battle of Gettysburg. At Vicksburg the Union lost 4,900 killed and wounded and the Confederacy lost 3,200 killed and wounded. I know many of us had great or great-great grandfathers who fought in the Civil War. Some of us even had a grandfather in the war.

As I write this on July 4<sup>th</sup>, I want to thank all of our ancestors, no matter what war they fought in, for all they did to help preserve our great nation and to give us the freedoms that we enjoy today.

## Library Assistance Every Wednesday

CVGS member **John Finch** is providing genealogical research assistance and advice in the Family Research section of the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (on the south side of the library, past the library Help desk and the CD/DVD section, near the collection of genealogy books and periodicals).

John will be there on **Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon** to help members and guests. Wi-fi Internet is usually available in this area, so bring your laptops or mobile devices.

## Stay up-to-date on CVGS Activities

Visit the CVGS Website: <http://www.CVGenealogy.org>

Visit the Chula Vista Genealogy Cafe blog: <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>

## CVGS Board and Program Meeting Minutes

The Board Meeting and Program Meeting minutes are now posted on the CVGS website . Check them out at <http://www.CVGenealogy.org> on the Resources tab

## 2013 CVGS Scholarship Winner Biographies

The CVGS Board of Directors awarded two \$500 scholarships to worthy Sweetwater Union High School District seniors in 2013. This year, the topic was: "**How My Ancestors Affected My Educational Journey.**" Applicants presented an essay of 300 words on this topic, a Five Generation Chart and a Cover Letter introducing themselves and what school they attend. Two Scholarships were presented at the Awards Ceremony at Eastlake High School on Monday, 3 June.

**The two \$500 Scholarship winners receiving the awards were: Alexzander Hurst and Natalie Garcia. Here are the biographies of the two winners:**

### **Natalie Garcia**

My name is Natalie Garcia and I was born in San Diego, California on August 7, 1995. I am the first born/first generation Mexican-American in my family. Both of my parents were born in Mexico and immigrated to the United States when they were toddlers. My mother comes from a family of 8 and my father from a family of 7. I have lived in San Diego all of my life and currently reside in Chula Vista. I recently graduated from Eastlake High School with a 4.14 GPA and earned over 300 hours of community service. As a true believer of helping people in need, most of my community service was spent helping and assisting in the Pediatrics Ward of Kaiser Permanente Hospital. As a volunteer, I enjoyed motivating children who were sick, injured, or who were recovering from surgeries.

My immediate plans are to attend the University of California, Riverside (UCR) this fall where I was accepted directly into the Bourns College of Engineering under the major of Bioengineering. My goal is to graduate in 2017 with a Bachelors in Science of Bioengineering and apply to medical school in 2018. My ultimate goal is to one day become a doctor and help discover new cures for cardiovascular diseases that affect millions of people every day.

### **Alexzander Hurst**

My name is Alexzander Hurst, and I was born on August 16, 1995 in Chula Vista, California. I am a graduate of Eastlake High School, Class of 2013. I will be attending UCSD, where I will be studying to become an Electrical Engineer.

During high school, I was an assistant coach for Little League T-ball, a referee for youth wrestling, and a Science Fair judge at Eastlake Middle School. The experiences were truly rewarding and I cherish those moments. I enjoy helping kids achieve their goals and being able to give back to our future generation.

I believe it is important to be educated and have a well-rounded knowledge of life experiences. I hope that my degree will provide me the opportunity to find innovative ways to provide society with what they "need" while protecting the environment we live in. I look forward to being able to give back to the community that has helped me reach my initial goal of attending college.

Natalie and Alexzander will be our guests at the CVGS Program Meeting on Wednesday, 31 July, and will present their winning Essays to the audience, and we will publish them in the August Newsletter.

As you know, our Spring and Fall Seminars raise funds for CVGS to sponsor, promote and award these scholarships to worthy High School seniors. Please support CVGS in this effort.

## CVGS Research Group Review – by Randy Seaver

The June meeting of the CVGS Research Group on 12 June 2013 had 12 attendees. We met in the Auditorium this month.

In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- \* The SCGS Genealogy Jamboree, and he passed the syllabus books around;
- \* The Story View feature on Ancestry Member Trees;
- \* Finding Record Matches on MyHeritage;
- \* Using RootsMagic 6 to add content to the FamilySearch Family Tree;
- \* The modified FamilySearch web pages;
- \* Finding Massachusetts Land Records on FamilySearch;
- \* The *Mastering Genealogical Proof* book by Thomas W. Jones (and passed it around), and the DearMYRTLE MGP Study Group that starts on 16 June.

In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- \* Karen used the free access to Military Records on Ancestry over Memorial Day to find records for her cousin who took the movie of the flag being raised on Iwo Jima in 1944. He died on Iwo Jima, received a Purple Heart and Navy Cross, was discussed in the book *Flags of Our Fathers*, and in an article in *Parade* magazine. She is also checking records in the National Archives.
- \* Diane has been working with John, and has been able to find five generations of ancestry on her mother's side of the family. Her father's side is Italian, and she has three known generations there.
- \* Shirley received a Record Match on MyHeritage, which gave a spouse's name for one of her Dutch ancestors in New York.
- \* Joanna found a Find A Grave memorial for one of her relatives, and wondered how to request a photograph. We found the memorial, and showed her how to request the photograph.
- \* Susi is researching George Alexander (born in Georgia in 1821) for her daughter-in-law. He had two older brothers born in North Carolina. She found their mother's name, Martha, but can't find their father's name. She is looking in land, probate and confederate pension records in Georgia and North Carolina for leads.
- \* Helen received her 23andMe results, and asked how to see them and analyze them. We used Randy's results as the example, going to the website and looking at the "Ancestry Composition" page (under the "My Results" tab) and the Family Inheritance page (under the "Ancestry Tools" item under the "My Results" tab) information.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on **Wednesday, 10 July 2013, from 12 noon until 2 p.m.** in the Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

### Genealogy Funnies

Shhhhh! Be very very Quiet. I'm hunting for Forebears.

When I grow up, I want to be an ancestor.

## June 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic Review

The 2013 CVGS Annual Picnic was on Wednesday, 26 June at the home of Gary and Wanda Brock in Bonita. It was a perfect day, not too hot, with lots of sun, and plenty of shade to sit and talk about genealogy. There were 27 members and 9 guests in attendance.

This was a pot luck lunch with finger foods, salads, hot dishes, and desserts with an "International" theme, and featured hot dogs and brats barbecued by our host, Gary Brock.

The attendees sat in the shade (provided by trees, awnings and large umbrellas) and shared their lives, and in many cases, their genealogical research and family stories.

While people were talking and eating, Karen had prepared a large board so that attendees could add their own name, the surnames they were researching, and the geographical areas where their ancestors lived. The attendee then picked a numbered stick pin from the chart and put it on one of the three large maps on easels - one for the World, another for Europe, and a third for the United States.

After everyone had added their names and ancestral locations to the list, Gary, as master of ceremonies, asked each person to stand and tell something about the surnames and places they had listed. It was interesting to see how many attendees had ancestry in the British Isles.

Gary then hosted a locality trivia game for door prizes. Finally, Gary's granddaughter brought Tacoma, a former racehorse, over to the area. People fed apples to Tacoma, and petted him.

All in all, it was a fun day, with good food, good friends, lots of conversation, and even some genealogy connections. Meetings like this are great to promote friendship, camaraderie and get family members interested in the society and genealogy.

We all agreed to have the Annual Picnic at Gary and Wanda's house next year, too!

## Who Do You Think You Are? TV Show Returns

The "**Who Do You Think You Are?**" television series on NBC was canceled after three seasons. Producers Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky have since negotiated a deal with **TLC Network** and now have announced the premiere date for a new season: **July 23 at 9 PM Pacific**. Ancestry.com will remain as the sponsor.

TLC will air eight one-hour episodes in the new season. The celebrities featured this year include: Christina Applegate, Kelly Clarkson, Cindy Crawford, Chris O'Donnell, Zoey Deschanel, Jim Parsons, Trisha Yearwood and Chelsea Handler.



## Lemon Grove Research Group News – by Susi Pentico

The **Lemon Grove Research Group** meets twice a month at the **Lemon Grove Branch Library** (note NEW location at 3001 School Lane in Lemon Grove) from 6 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. Contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, [SusiCP@cox.net](mailto:SusiCP@cox.net)) for more details. All are invited to attend. Beginners are welcome! Upcoming programs include:

- Wednesday, July 17, 6 to 8 p.m.: “Basic Shortcuts for the Computer,” by Shirley Becker. Shortcuts for use on the Computer, key strokes, etc.
- Wednesday, August 7, 6 to 8 p.m.: “Scots-Irish Research,” perhaps with a guest speaker via the Internet.
- Wednesday, August 21, 6 to 8 p.m.: “Poland Research Area,” by Susi Pentico

### Next CVGS Workshop is on Saturday, 3 August 2013

The next **CVGS Workshop** will be on **Saturday, 3 August** from 12 noon until 3 p.m. at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road) in the Community Room.

Randy Seaver will lead a “**RootsMagic 6 Revisited**” discussion and demonstration. Topics will include creating Research Logs, To-Do Lists, creating quality source citations, and interfacing with the new FamilySearch Family Tree. There will be a question-and-answer time also.

Bring your laptops with RootsMagic installed. If you want to work in FamilySearch Family Tree, be sure that you are a registered user of FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/register/>) - it's FREE and easy (but you will need to know your login and password information).

### Next Computer Group Meeting on Wednesday, 17 July 2013

The Computer Group is expanding their time. The next meeting of the CVGS Computer Group will be on Wednesday, 17 July 2013, from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library.

At 10:30 a.m., there will be a one-hour class in the Library Conference Room on “Basic Windows Computer Usage” with Gary Brock. This is a continuation of the class attended by CVGS members during May.

After a 30-minute break for lunch (bring your own, or go out), the group will reconvene at about 12:15 p.m. in the Computer Lab for Internet work, led by Shirley Becker. This meeting features hands-on use of Windows computers. In July, we will be working with the Internet Archive learning how to access census images for different states. We will then use the methods learned earlier to save any information found for use and practice at home.

For more information, please contact Shirley ([clanroots@cox.net](mailto:clanroots@cox.net)) or Gary ([gary@brocksystems.net](mailto:gary@brocksystems.net)).

### Dating Tips for Genealogists

Resist the temptation to wear a shirt that says “I love dead folks” or “I'm feel happy in graveyards”

Making the observation that your date's surname Soundex code is S564 is unlikely to impress them.

## **How Do You Research Online? by Dick Eastman**

**(published on 4 July 2013, reprinted by permission of the author)**

Employees at all the major online genealogy database providers spend a lot of time and effort watching how users perform searches on the site and analyzing the results. The purpose is to learn and to make future adjustments to the site to improve search capabilities. Those who monitor and analyze users say they have noticed that genealogy newcomers typically perform searches in a very different manner than do the "old pros." I suspect the experienced users typically end up with more productive results, although no statistics are available to prove that assumption.

Genealogy newcomers typically search everything at once. For instance, when looking for records on a particular ancestor, newbies typically enter the person's name into the search field and then search through everything at once. If the person has a rather unusual name, that might work. However, most of the time, the newcomer receives hundreds or even thousands of "hits," can't filter out the ones of interest, loses interest, and then goes elsewhere.

In contrast, the experienced genealogists usually FIRST search for the smallest piece of the many databases as possible.

For instance, the more experienced user will generally enter the name of interest, then perhaps specify only one database (such as the census records for one year), specify only one county, and any other parameters available to narrow the search as much as possible. If the search is unsuccessful and doesn't produce the information needed, the experienced user then expands the search just a little bit and tries again. For instance, he or she might add in the previous census or the following census, then search a second time. If unsuccessful this time, the experienced genealogist might start a third search by adding in the adjacent counties. And so on and so on.

Bit by bit, the experienced genealogist typically expands the search by a small amount each time. All of the search parameters are based upon what the genealogist already knows about the person of interest. Did he likely live in Monroe County? If so, there is no need to search the entire USA at once. Did he serve in the Civil War? If so, there is no need to search for records prior to 1820 and probably not prior to 1830 (on the first search) as he probably wasn't born yet. (Most Civil War soldiers were under the age of 30 although there were numerous exceptions. Very few were 40 years old or older.)

By focusing the first searches on as narrow a geographic area as possible and as narrow a time range as possible, you greatly increase the odds of finding the one person you seek. If unsuccessful in your search, broaden the search area a bit and the years of interest and try again.

I suspect the experienced genealogists have far better results with their online searches than do the newcomers who jump in and search everything, everywhere, at once. Which would you prefer: finding one or two people with your ancestor's name, located in the area where he or she lived, in the years he or she lived there? Or will you find 100 men or women across the country with the same name.

### **Genealogy Blog Posts of Note**

- [Ancestry.com to Change "Old Search"](#) by Dick Eastman
- [A Comment About all the Comments Concerning Ancestry.com's Old Search versus New Search](#) by Dick Eastman
- [Comparing "Old Search" and "New Search" Results on Ancestry.com](#) by Randy Seaver
- [How I Search on Ancestry.com "New Search" - Post 1: Name and Locality Filters](#) by Randy Seaver

## Genealogy News for June

- **Ancestry.com** announced their decision to “retire” the “Old Search” capability on their website. They said that only 2% of the searches on Ancestry.com use “Old Search.” They are interested in knowing the “best features” of “Old Search” so that they can integrate them into the “New Search” capabilities. You can take an [online survey here](#) to tell them your opinion.
- **Do you have Boston, Massachusetts ancestors?** The [FamilySearch Research Wiki](#) has created Free guides to finding ancestors in [Boston](#) and [Suffolk County, Massachusetts](#) are now available online at [FamilySearch.org](#). This continues a series of free, detailed guides to genealogical research in Massachusetts counties and towns (see also [Plymouth County](#)).
- **FamilySearch** announced the “retirement” of the long-available Personal Ancestral File (PAF) Windows-based genealogy computer program, and it is now no longer available to download and use.
- **Family Search** has also “retired” the New.FamilySearch online tree program, effective 30 June 2013. The information in New.FamilySearch is included in the more recent FamilySearch Family Tree program, which is a combined tree that any registered user can access, add content to, and supports Photos, Stories, Sources and more.
- **RootsMagic 6**, a genealogy software program for Windows computers, was certified to access the FamilySearch Family Tree, and can add persons, Facts, Discussions, and Sources to the Family Tree interactively. Other software programs will achieve this certification in the near future.
- **Ancestry.com** (\$) made a major addition to their Massachusetts collection, with some 9.6 million vital records added in June. The records consist of about 3.8 million birth records, 2.7 million death records and 3.1 million marriage records. The records span the years from 1840 to 1915. In total (with the new additions), Ancestry.com now has some 23.1 million town and vital records from Massachusetts covering the period from 1620 to 1988.

## New or Updated FamilySearch Record Collections

**FamilySearch.org** now has over 1,610 record collections – for **FREE** - on their website. You can see the list at <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list>. Put a place name in the Search Field to see records available for a specific state or country. Some collections are indexed and searchable, and some collections have to be browsed (meaning you go page by page, although many records collections have indexes to help you find specific records). Notable collections from the past month that were added or updated include:

- Quebec Notarial Records, 1800-1900 (browse images only)
- Philippines, Civil Registration (Local), 1888-1982 (browse images only)
- Ireland, Calendar of Wills and Administrations, 1858-1920 (indexed records and images)
- Vermont, Vital Records, 1760-2003 (indexed records and images)
- Florida, Probate Records, 1784-1980 (browse images only)
- Missouri, County Marriage Records, 1819-1969 (indexed records and images)
- Wisconsin, State Census, 1865 (indexed records and images)
- Austria, Seigneurial Records, 1537-1888 (browse images only)
- Delaware, Orphan Court Records, 1720-1975 (browse images only)
- Spain, Municipal Records (many provinces) (browse images only)
- Czech Republic, Church Books, 1552-1948 (indexed records and images)
- Czech Republic, Censuses, 1843-1921 (browse images only)
- New Hampshire, Naturalization and Probate Records, 1643-1948 (browse images only)
- Belgium, Civil Registration, ~1600~1910 (many provinces) (browse images only)

## Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 7/1): 97

## Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Barbara Ibaibarraiga (her hand and wrist)

## Meeting Host Volunteers

July 31: Ann Stevens, a friend  
August 28:

## Telephone Tree Volunteers

Page 1 – Dorothy Alvord – 619-469-3483  
Page 2 – Jacquie Goodman – 619-482-0350  
Page 3 – Pam Buchan – [pbuchan@cox.net](mailto:pbuchan@cox.net)  
Page 4 – Joanna Ward – 619-691-8608

## CVGS Society Officers

President:	Virginia Taylor
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## Committee Chairs

Computer Group	Shirley Becker
Education	Susi Pentico
Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Dorothy Alvord/Jo Ann Bonner
Librarian	Wanda Brock
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Seminars	Susi Pentico
Webmaster	Gary Brock

## San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. To 12:30 p.m.  
**SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Speaker: Randy Seaver

“Growing Your Ancestry Member Tree”

“Searching Ancestry.com Effectively”

at St. Andrews Lutheran Church  
8350 Lake Murray Blvd., San Diego  
Info: Del Ritchhart ([dritchh1@san.rr.com](mailto:dritchh1@san.rr.com))

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 9:30 a.m.

**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
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Speaker: Gena Philibert Ortega

“Using the Library of Congress 'American  
Memory” Web Pages”

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers,  
1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad.  
Info: Pam Boyle ([boylepam@gmail.com](mailto:boylepam@gmail.com))

Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.

**COMPUTER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF  
SAN DIEGO (CGSSD)**

Speaker: Blythe Stokes

“Using BLM Land Office Records and  
Google Earth to Find Ancestor Owned Property”

at UCSD Robinson Auditorium  
Info: [cgssd-board@ucsd.edu](mailto:cgssd-board@ucsd.edu)

Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Speaker: Annette Hubbel

“Witness to Gettysburg”

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers,  
1250 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad.  
Info: Tom Gordinier ([tgordinier@san.rr.com](mailto:tgordinier@san.rr.com))

## 2013 Regional and National Events

August 21-24, 2013

**FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETIES (FGS) CONFERENCE**  
Fort Wayne, Ind. (<http://www.fgs.org>)

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

## GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, July 3, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conference Room
- **Wednesday, July 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conference Room
- **Wednesday, July 17, 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conference Room (10:30 a.m.) and Computer Lab (12 noon)
- **Wednesday, July 31, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Karen Yarger: “Woman Heroes of the American Revolution”** at CVCCB Library Auditorium
- **Saturday, August 3, 12 noon – CVGS Workshop: Randy Seaver: “RootsMagic 6 Revisited”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, August 7, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conference Room
- **Wednesday, August 14, 1 p.m. – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, August 21, 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conference Room (10:30 a.m.) and Computer Lab (12 noon)
- **Wednesday, August 28, 11 a.m. – Program Meeting: Terrance Conner, County Land Surveyor: “Surveying and Land Records”** at CVCCB Library Auditorium
- **Saturday, September 7, 9:30 a.m. – CVGS Seminar: “TBD”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)

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All CVGS Program Meetings are held, unless otherwise noted, at the  
**Chula Vista Civic Center Branch (CVCCB) Library**, 365 F Street, Chula Vista  
 Contact Ralph Munoz ([munoz1951@cox.net](mailto:munoz1951@cox.net)) for program details.

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