

CVGS DNA INTEREST GROUP NOTES – 19 April 2023

by Randy Seaver

A) Upcoming CVGS Events

- 1) CVGS General Meeting – Wednesday, 26 April, 12 noon PDT on Zoom. Hosted by Karen Smith. Speaker is Lisa Louise Cooke on **“The Genealogist’s Google Search Methodology.”** Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5236505>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before the event.
- 2) CVGS Special Meeting – Wednesday, 10 May, 12 noon PDT on Zoom. Hosted by Karen Smith. Speaker is Mark Olsen on **“Introduction to Family Tree Maker.”** Please register at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/event-5241745>. Zoom links will be sent to registrants on Sunday and Tuesday before the event.

B) Recent Genetic Genealogy News (since 15 March 2023)

- 1) There should be DNA Day (April 25) autosomal DNA specials by the major providers – AncestryDNA, MyHeritageDNA, FamilyTreeDNA and 23andMe.
- 2) FamilySearch/RootsTech Celebrates DNA Day 2023 with 8 Free Webinars. See [April 25 Is DNA Day!](#)
- 3) Many DNA-Related Presentations are on the [RootsTech 2023 On-Demand Website](#). Search for “DNA” and Year = “2023.” There are 44 presentations free to view online relating to DNA topics. Click on a topic and watch the presentation. Check if there is a syllabus article for the talk below the video; if so, you can download it to your computer and read it. You can also search for a Speaker – e.g., Diahan Southard has 6 presentations in 2023. There are more presentations from 2019 to 2022 also.
- 4) 4th Annual Family Tree Webinar Marathon was on April 13-14. The classes, including some with DNA content, are freely available until 21 April. See <https://familytreewebinars.com/24-marathon/>.
- 5) Kitty Cooper often makes her presentation slides available on her website – see list at <https://blog.kittycooper.com/about-me/presentations/>. She has a presentation on 3rd Party Tools at <https://slides.com/kittycooper/third-party-dna-tools-2023>.
- 6) GEDMatch (<https://app.gedmatch.com/select.php>) – FREE, upload DNA from other providers, input a GEDCOM file of your ancestors, can see your DNA matches, has free analysis tools, and Tier 1 (\$\$) analysis tools.
- 7) DNA Painter (<https://dnainter.com/>) -- FREE (1 tree/painting) or paid (up to 50 trees/painting), Shared cM tool, chromosome painting, What Are the Odds (WATO), more. There is a DNA Painter User Group on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127620554606673>).

C) Randy's DNA Work (since 15 March 2023)

1) AncestryDNA now has 42,966 DNA matches for me (up 378) with 1 new ThruLines (which was wrong!); added Notes to some of them. MyHeritageDNA now has 11,290 DNA matches for me (up 112). Reviewed the new DNA matches on AncestryDNA, MyHeritageDNA, FamilyTreeDNA and 23andMe every week.

D) Discussion Items:

1) What Third-Party Tools Have You Used?

- * DNA analysis tools review (<https://dnainter.com/tools/other> .)
- * GEDMatch (<https://www.gedmatch.com/>)
- * DNA Painter (<https://www.dnainter.com>)
- * Shared cM Tool (<https://dnainter.com/tools/sharedcmv4>)
- * What are the Odds? (WATO) (<https://dnainter.com/tools/probability>)
- * Genetic Affairs (<https://geneticaffairs.com/>)
- * AutoClusters (<https://geneticaffairs.com/features-autocluster.html>)
- * Leeds Method (<https://www.danaleeds.com/the-leeds-method/>)
- * DNAGedCom (<https://dnagedcom.com/>)
- * GDAT (<https://sites.google.com/view/genealogical-dna-analysis-tool>)

Watch [How third-party DNA tools can help with your family history research](#) by Jonny Perl.

2) Randy requested ideas for discussion, demonstration or presentation for future DNA Interest Group meetings. Email him with suggestions at randy.seaver@gmail.com

E) Useful and Interesting DNA Blog Posts (since 15 March 2023)

- [Using Segment Sizes in DNA Relationship Predictions](#) by Kitty Cooper on [Kitty Cooper's Blog](#) .
- [The Relationship Predictor Comparison: A First Peek](#) by Leah Larkin on [The DNA Geek](#) .
- [Autosomal DNA Test Results: Using Ethnicity Estimates to Generate Genealogical Hypotheses](#) by Paul Woodbury on [Legacy Tree Genealogists](#) .
- [DNA: In Search Of...Your Grandparents](#) by Roberta Estes on [DNAExplained - Genetic Genealogy](#) .
- [Keeping track of genetic ancestors: did you know? #2](#) and [New gridlines and enhanced chromosome view in maps](#) by Jonny Perl on [DNA Painter Blog](#) .
- [Ancestry's New Tree Edit History Feature and Tool Icons](#) by Diane Henriks on [Know Who Wears the Genes in Your Family](#) .
- [The Order of AncestryDNA's "Colored Dots"](#) by Dana Leeds on [Dana Leeds](#) .
- [X Chromosome Master Class](#) by Roberta Estes on [DNAExplained - Genetic Genealogy](#) .
- [Create a Custom Group of DNA Matches on Ancestry](#) by Mercedes on [Who Are You Made Of?](#)
- [Use Color-Coding to Solve Mystery DNA Matches](#) by DiAnn Iamarino Ohana on [Fortify Your Family Tree](#) .
- [cM Explainer™ – New MyHeritage Relationship Prediction Tool](#) by Roberta Estes on [DNAExplained - Genetic Genealogy](#) .

F) Useful and Interesting DNA YouTube Videos (since 15 March 2023)

- Family History Fanatics: [Newest MyHeritage DNA Tool is NOT Something to Miss!](#)
- Family Locket: [How do I Determine a Paternal or Maternal Match When Painting Segments on DNA Painter?](#)
- Legacy Family Tree: [DNA Genealogy Basics: Common Mistakes and How To Avoid Them](#)
- Ellen Thompson-Jennings - Family History Hound: [MyHeritage cM Explainer™ Demo](#)
- Family History Fanatics: [Predicting Unknown Close DNA Relationships Just Got Better! - SegcM Tool](#)
- Family Locket: [How do you view and analyze a large Collins-Leeds Cluster Chart?](#)
- Family History Fanatics: [THIS IS CONFUSING! Make Sense of Complicated DNA Matches](#)
- Family Locket: [How do I paint my AncestryDNA Ethnicity Inheritance in DNA Painter?](#)
- Your DNA Guide: [DNA Study Group - A Year with Your DNA Guide](#)
- Family History Fanatics: [DNA Painter Coverage Tool Reveals: Who Else Should Take a DNA Test?](#)
- Family Tree Webinars: [Covering Your Bases: An Introduction to Autosomal DNA Coverage](#), by Paul Woodbury (\$\$)
- Family Tree Webinars: [New Developments of MyHeritage DNA](#) , by Gal Zrihen (Free)