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# CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## WEDNESDAY, June 29<sup>th</sup> GENERAL MEETING

**from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road) in Community Room**

**“New York Revisited” with Shirley Becker**

This program will be an overview of upstate NY areas for research, but not New York City which would require at least another hour or two. I have updated some information, rechecked links, and given suggestions for researchers to follow. For those who have seen prior presentations, it will be again overwhelming with facts, but hopefully not too dry. The strange places records can be found in NY will be talked about and the handout will contain links to many areas that were not online even two years ago. If you've saved the handout from Shirley's previously scheduled talk, please bring it. Your event registration contains a link to our website so you may print the handout.

In depth coverage of research in NY is not possible in one talk, but there are many areas that a genealogist can use to expand their knowledge and hopefully find a missing ancestor or information to add to their knowledge. Each area such as the Erie Canal merits detailed and in depth coverage, especially those of Irish or Italian descent, as many of them lost their lives working on the canal, the same fact is true regarding the railroads. This presentation should provide clues for further research in a state that was a gateway to the rest of the nation.

Shirley Becker is a great grandmother to about 13, of whom 4 live with her. Since 3 are teenagers she does occasionally have to battle for computer time. She has been working on genealogy seriously for about 30 years and before that occasionally as she found time. Most of her research is in upstate New York, but as her lines grow she has found some in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and the New England States. She is presently attempting to correct mistakes and add sources that were neglected when she was a beginner in the lifelong work that is known as Genealogy.

**PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT TIME AND PLACE FOR THIS MONTH**

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## President's Message – by Virginia Taylor



What does the month of June mean to you? Maybe a wedding? Maybe a family member graduating from high school or college? What about Father's Day? All of these things can be a treasure trove of genealogy information.

It is amazing how much family information you can get just from a marriage license application. I didn't realize how much until I got a copy of my own license application. I did not even remember giving all that information but of course that was many years ago.

How much do you know about your ancestors schooling? Did your parents graduate from high school and even college? How about your grandparents or great grandparents? There is much to be learned from school records.

Speaking of schooling – earlier this month, we awarded our annual scholarships to local graduating seniors. This year we made enough money on our seminar that we can award three scholarships at three different schools. Several of us will be making the presentations. For me it is always a highlight of the year. We will announce their names after the awards have been made. They are all being invited to our June meeting. Hopefully they will come and be willing to read their essays.

Now for dear old dad. I hope you will celebrate your father as much as you did your mother last month. If your dad is still living be sure to spend some time with him and not just on Father's Day but every day that you can. You never know when he will no longer be with you. Hopefully when you are with him you can get him to talk about his childhood on up to the present. These are stories you will cherish forever.

By the time you read this I will have returned from Jamboree and will be savoring all of the great memories from the weekend. If you have never attended a genealogy conference you are missing out on a great experience. You not only get to listen to many national and international speakers but it is a great time to make many new friends with a like interest and who knows, you might even find a new cousin or two.

### Please Register for Meetings on the CVGS Website

Please register for the Program Meetings, the Saturday Workshops, the Research Group and the Computer Group on the CVGS website – [www.CVGenealogy.org](http://www.CVGenealogy.org). Log in with your member ID, then click on Events and the Register button for each event, and follow directions. This will help with meeting planning and speaker handouts.

### 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>

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

## Next Computer Group Meeting – 15 June 2016

The next Computer Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 15 June 2016 at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street in downtown Chula Vista, Calif.). There will be a “Beginning Computer Genealogy” class at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room, followed by the regular “Computer Group” meeting in the Computer Lab from 12:30 to 2 p.m., both led by Shirley Becker.

Class will start at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room and go until 11:45 a.m. when we will break for lunch. It is called a “Beginning Computer Genealogy” group. If you have a laptop, you should bring it. Gary Brock will be demonstrating very basic computer tasks such as how to find tutorials and use them. We will move to the computer lab at 12:30 p.m. and stay until 2 p.m. Basic genealogy tasks are planned, such as going to a website, copying an item and placing that item in your database. We will use the lab computers at this point with a kind of fake database set up in Microsoft Word. We will delete those databases when we leave the lab. Hopefully, the attendees will have some basic knowledge at that point to follow on the computers. We want their input on what they would like to learn.

The expectation is that the attendees will follow up at home by practicing on things they will learn in class. In two months, if they practice we will try for more advanced things in the lab. If it doesn't work that way, we will answer requests for assistance and we will discontinue the extra class.

## Lemon Grove Research Group News

The Lemon Grove Research Group now meets once a month at the Lemon Grove Branch Library (location is 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, 15 June, 6 to 8 p.m.: Susi Pentico will discuss “More County Library Resources.”
- \* Wednesday, 20 July, 6 to 8 p.m.: Susi Pentico will discuss “Review of Your Genealogy.”

## Next CVGS Saturday Workshop – 11 June 2016

The June 11th Saturday Workshop will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road). The subject will be “More Library News, Places To Go” led by Susi Pentico. Susi will cover the advantages of visiting local and semi-local libraries and what they have to offer researchers.

## CVGS Saturday Workshop – 2 July 2016

The July 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Workshop will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road). The subject will be “Ancestry.com and the Bonita-Sunnyside Library Genealogical Holdings” led by Marisa Lowe, Head Librarian at Bonita-Sunnyside..

## Upcoming Genealogy Classes, by Susi Pentico

CVGS will have a multi-session Beginning Genealogy class at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library in the July-August time period. We are still working on getting dates and times that work best for those who are helping with the presentations. An Intermediate Genealogy class focusing on Internet resources will be held after the Beginning Genealogy class. Please contact Susi Pentico ([susicp@cox.net](mailto:susicp@cox.net)) to sign up and express an opinion for dates and times. More information later.

## May 25<sup>th</sup> Program Review by Karen Yarger

Our members were treated to a lively and informative step back in time as our featured speaker Jim Bregante presented his “San Diego's Waterfront Through the Eyes of a Child”. He recounted his fond memories of a childhood in Little Italy, and shared pictures from historical and family archives of waterfront life from the 1930's to the present.

Jim told the story of his Italian grandfather Agostino Ghio, who was a sailor on the *Euterpe*, later known as the *Star of India*, fishing in Bristol Bay, Alaska. Searching for his sister after the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, they settled in San Diego. Agostino eventually bought his own tuna boat, naming it the *North America*, evidence of his pride in his new country. At dinner, he would tell his children, “Eat well, my children. Your father is an American”.

The Italian waterfront community revolved around the tuna fishing industry, and at one time San Diego was called “The Tuna Fishing Capitol of the World”. Later, in World War II, the Navy pressed many of the tuna boats into service. His Uncle Fortunato served in the Navy and there were stories of his many Navy friends (and some not-even- acquaintances) who came to their door for his family's famous Italian home cooking. Tales of the good food filled us all with waves of nostalgia – and hunger. Jim's favorite Little Italy restaurant is the long-standing Mona Lisa. Guess where we're all headed?

Jim's many stories of simpler times and childhood antics engaged the audience. Some of our native San Diegan members related to his tales that brought back their own memories of an early San Diego. He told how he and his pals would watch the early San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast League play at Lane Field – for only 20 cents. But lacking the funds, they would stand outside the fence to catch foul balls, which they could trade for entrance to the game - unless they could sneak in through a hole in the fence. He told of the men playing bocce ball and the smell of wine presses. Jim remembered jumping from the deck of the *Star of India* to swim in the bay. He shared an interesting map that showed how much of the bay front was filled in from dredging – at one time the shoreline came up to the railroad tracks and Pacific Highway didn't even exist.

Jim is a native San Diegan and has presented almost 300 talks on this fascinating topic. We all agreed it was one of the most engaging and interesting talks we've heard. He is a Docent for the San Diego Maritime Museum, a member of the San Diego History Center, and a member of the Italian Historical Society of San Diego. He has volunteered his skills in helping to build the Spanish replica *San Salvador*, and has written a book, *Generations of Memories- On Never-to-be-Forgotten India Street* (\$10).

## Genealogy Field Trip on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

John Finch has arranged another research field trip for Wednesday, 22 June 2016, to the Family Search Library in Mission Valley.

We will meet that morning at 9:30 a.m. on the second level of the downtown Chula Vista parking structure off F Street and 3rd Avenue, near Marie Callender's, for car pooling.

Please contact John Finch at [jan27@cox.net](mailto:jan27@cox.net) for further information and to confirm your attendance. This trip will be devoted to researching at the FamilySearch Library from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Attendees may stay later if they wish. Those interested are invited to have lunch at Marie Callender's after returning from the trip.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Discovery Day Review, by Karen Yarger

The third annual Family Discovery Day sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was held at the Chula Vista Stake Center on East H Street on Saturday, May 21. Despite the competition of former President Bill Clinton speaking across the street, there was a good turnout, including nearly twenty of our CVGS members.

The morning began with a free continental breakfast of muffins, yogurt, fresh fruits and juice. Attendees strolled through the gym to visit the exhibitors' table displays. Represented were Sons of the Union Veterans, the Italian Genealogy Society, the DAR, the Family Search Library, the African-American Genealogy Research Group, the Hispanic Heritage Project, the San Diego Genealogical Society, and of course, CVGS. It was a great networking and information-gathering opportunity.



Our own Randy Seaver gave a well-received keynote address, “Be a Family History Detective.” A variety of classes both in English and Spanish was offered, along with some RootsTech videos on topics such as using Google for genealogy, identifying family photos, and finding elusive records on FamilySearch.org. Our John Finch not only represented the Sons of the Union Veterans, but also gave an entertaining and informative presentation on the Civil War. Randy also spoke on the FamilySearch Family Tree. Hardworking Diane Godinez organized, directed traffic, acted as information officer, and took LOTS of pictures. No one escaped her ready lens!

Familiar genie names Marti Lewis - who spoke on exploring DNA results, Carlos Yturralde – who taught classes in Hispanic research, and Kathleen Winchester – who discussed lineage societies, completed the day’s learning opportunities.

Each year this becomes a bigger and better event. Our hosts, all welcoming and smiling, made this event a ‘must-attend’ for both the beginner and expert genealogist. We look forward to next year’s event!

### The Wall of Faces, by Karen Yarger

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, which founded the iconic Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C., is asking for your help. The Wall has 58,300 names of those killed or missing in the Vietnam war, and the VVMF wants to put a face to each of those names, to display next to The Wall. They are asking for volunteers from genealogical and historical societies in each state to find old photos of these individuals. More than 46,100 photos have been found, but approximately 12,000 are still missing. Nevada recently became the 11th state to collect all the photos of their fallen. The SDGS has helped find photos of some from San Diego. Would you like to help?

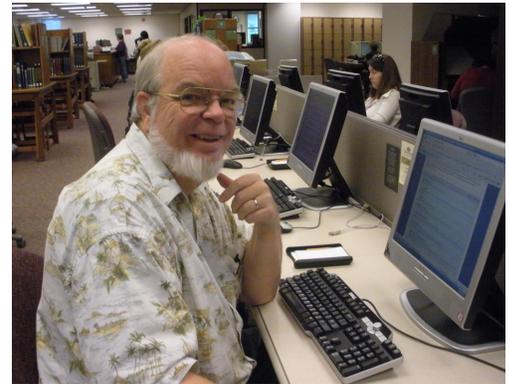
See <http://www.vvmf.org/wall-of-faces/> for information. The interactive website shows the photographs and names they have collected so far. This is a worthy opportunity to put your research skills to use.

## Research Group Meeting Review – 11 May 2016

The May 11th meeting of the CVGS Research Group had 17 enthusiastic attendees.

In the first hour, Randy discussed genealogy news and his own research, including:

- \* RootsMagic software has added WebHints to Findmypast collections, in addition to FamilySearch and MyHeritage WebHints.
- \* AncestryDNA updated their match algorithms - most people gained new matches and lost old matches.
- \* Genealogy Roadshow starts on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on PBS starting 17 May.
- \* While Ancestry.com has indexes for their Wills and Probate Records collections for all 50 states, the indexes are incomplete. You should browse through County digitized volumes to find all potential probate records.
- \* MyHeritage has over 447,000 published books in their "Compilation of Published Sources" collection - any researcher can search this collection for FREE. See <http://www.geneamusings.com/2016/05/tuesdays-tip-myheritage-book-collection.html> for more details.
- \* He found an 1893 will for Elizabeth Auble (1814-1899), his second great-grandaunt, in Philadelphia PA via an Ancestry Hint. The will named 23 persons, including several siblings, nieces and nephews, and other relatives. Three of the named siblings were new to his research and he has been researching their descendants. The point made was that the heirs-at-law of spinster aunts, bachelor uncles, and folks with deceased spouses and no children will be their siblings and their descendants, which may lead to more knowledge of the family.



In the second hour, the group discussed their research questions, challenges and successes, including:

- \* Karen S. asked about Y-DNA projects for surnames on FamilyTreeDNA and YSearch. She found that several with her surname provided lines of descent.
- \* Sylvia asked about the process to add a photograph to her Ancestry Member Tree. Randy demonstrated this using one of his photos on his Ancestry tree.
- \* Karen Y. asked about the process to add a photograph to a Find A Grave memorial. The group said she had to be a registered user, and to contact the memorial "owner."
- \* Linda noted that on some FamilySearch collections the year range does not include some record dates. She also received a family chart from a cousin.
- \* Diane learned that Sarah Lindquist's (1840-1921) mother, Flora McDonald, was born in 1814 in Glasgow, Scotland. She received information from Sarah's descendant.
- \* Shirley found conflicting information about Ann Almy, who died in 1709, and had married Job Greene (born 1620) in Rhode Island. The group suggested the MyHeritage book collection may provide more information.
- \* Pam has a family that had three children but the parents died and they were never together in the census records. The group recommended looking for guardianship records in probate records.

**The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be Wednesday, 8 June 2016 at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street, Chula Vista, CA). Please register at the CVGS website ([www.cvgenealogy.org](http://www.cvgenealogy.org)) so we can plan for the attendance.**

## **Genealogy Roadshow on PBS Until June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**The third season of *Genealogy Roadshow* will run through June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. On PBS. *Genealogy Roadshow's* professional genealogists - Kenyatta D. Berry, Joshua Taylor and Mary Tedesco - are matched with everyday people whose unique family claims are explored in each episode.**

Among this season's mysteries: A man seeks to find out if he is descended from Boston's key founders; a woman explores connections to an ancestor's participation in the Manhattan Project; a couple hopes to recover the true story of their family pharmacy during Hollywood's Golden Age; and a woman learns of her family's involvement in the Trail of Tears.

Over the course of the series and from coast-to-coast, Berry, Taylor and Tedesco work with participants' anecdotal clues, documents and family heirlooms to reveal surprising turns and incredible personal histories, filling in lost family details and in some cases, introducing them to relatives and other important people they never knew existed.

## **Watch Legacy Family Tree Webinars for More Genealogy Education**

Family Tree Webinars site continues to provide interesting and informative genealogy webinar presentations by notable speakers on a near weekly basis. The complete list of upcoming webinars can be found at <http://familytreewebinars.com/>. For April and early May, the scheduled webinars are:

- Wednesday, 8 June, 11 a.m.: Mary Kircher Roddy on "Researching Your Washington State Ancestors"
- Friday, 10 June, 11 a.m.: Angela Walton-Raji on "Introduction to the Freedmen's Bureau"
- Wednesday, 15 June, 11 a.m.: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen on "Ticked Off! Those Pesky Pre-1850 Census Tic Marks"
- Wednesday, 22 June, 11 a.m.: Gail Blankenau on "Digging Deeper in German Parish Records"
- Wednesday, 29 June, 11 a.m.: Diahn Southard on "Circles or Triangles? What Shape is Your DNA?"
- Wednesday, 6 July, 11 a.m.: Lisa Alzo on "Navigating Naturalization Records"
- Wednesday, 13 July, 11 a.m.: Shannon Combs-Bennett on "A Genealogist's Guide to Heraldry"

**These 90-minute webinars are FREE to watch live at 11 a.m. Pacific time and for seven days after the live presentation on the website.** After seven days, they are added to the Webinar Archive behind the Family Tree Webinars pay wall (\$49.95 for a one year subscription). There are over 340 webinars available in the Archive now. Most of them have an accompanying handout available only to subscribers. This is one of the best genealogy education bargains around.

## **New CVGS Nametags Available for Sale**

Jane Strawn has organized new nametags for the members: they have a pine green background with a white tree logo, Society name and member's name, and a magnetized back. If a minimum of 17 are ordered, the cost will be \$10 each, with \$2 of that going to the CVGS Scholarship Fund.

Order forms will be available at the June meetings, and the first order will be sent in after June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jane ([jstrawn2@cox.net](mailto:jstrawn2@cox.net)) for more information.

## Three CVGS Scholarships Awarded, by Susi Pentico

Three scholarships were awarded this year to deserving high school seniors who submitted an essay on “Honoring a Veteran.” The three recipients were:

- Gabriella Garcia of Eastlake High School received a \$500 scholarship, awarded on Thursday, 26 May, by Virginia Taylor and Ana Castro.
- Amy Eppert of Hilltop High School received a \$250 scholarship, awarded on 26 May, by Susi Pentico and Diane Godinez.
- Delvasia Ravenel of San Ysidro High School received a \$200 scholarship, awarded on 31 May by Susi Pentico and Diane Godinez.



**Gabriella Garcia (right) with Virginia Taylor and Ana Castro**



**Amy Eppert of Hilltop High**



**Delvasia Ravenel of San Ysidro High with Susi Pentico**

The essays brought tears to the eyes of the judges - they were very poignant stories. Thank you to everyone who participated, and congratulations to the winners.

Invitations were sent to the three scholarship recipients to come and present their essays at our 29 June program meeting at Bonita-Sunnyside Library.

## Save the Date: September 28<sup>th</sup> for “Stump the Chumps”

The September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will be our annual “Stump the Chumps” panel program. The “Chumps” this year will be Ceasar Castro, Randy Seaver, Shirley Becker, and Ken Robison. Please start sending me your questions so the “Chumps” can start their research. Please make your questions specific to you but general enough for the entire audience. If you have questions on “Stump the Chumps” please email me. Thanks, Jane Strawn [jstrawn2@cox.net](mailto:jstrawn2@cox.net).

**Welcome New Members**

Cynthia Teysko

Current Membership (as of 6/1): 96

**Karen's Caring Corner**

Cards were sent to:  
Karen Smith  
John and Tomi Finch

**Meeting Host Volunteers**

June 29<sup>th</sup>: Jane Strawn and JoAnn Bonner  
July 27<sup>th</sup>: Annual Picnic!

Contact Jo Ann Bonner to sign up!  
(619) 421-3628

**Telephone Tree Volunteers**

Ana Castro – 619-781-8441  
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Webmaster	Gary Brock

**San Diego Genealogy Events**

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.**  
**SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

Speaker: Linda Serna on  
"The War of 1812" and  
"Solving Mysteries: Step by Step"  
at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church  
8350 Lake Murray Blvd., San Diego  
contact: [lbrady014@gmail.com](mailto:lbrady014@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**  
**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN.**  
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Speaker: TBD  
"TBD"  
at Carlsbad City Council Chambers  
contact: Pam Boyle ( [boylepam@gmail.com](mailto:boylepam@gmail.com) )

**Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**  
**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN. SOC.**

Speaker: Jeanette Shiel on  
"The Man Who Lived as Marcus Folderman"  
at Carlsbad City Council Chambers  
contact: Jean Tempke  
( [jtempke@roadrunner.com](mailto:jtempke@roadrunner.com) )

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**CONFERENCES**

**FGS 2016 GENEALOGY CONFERENCE**

August 31 – September 3, 2016  
Springfield, Illinois  
<https://www.fgsconference.org/registration/>

**GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA**

- **Wednesday, June 1, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conf. Room
- **Wednesday, June 8, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conf. Room
- **Saturday, June 11, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “More Library News, Places To Go”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, June 15, 10:15 a.m. – Beginning Computer Genealogy class**, CVCCB Conf. Room
- **Wednesday, June 15, 12:30 p.m. – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Comp. Lab
- **Wednesday, June 29, 1:30 p.m. – Program Meeting: Shirley Becker: “New York Revisited”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road) in Community Room
- **Saturday, July 2, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Ancestry.com”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, July 6, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conf. Room
- **Wednesday, July 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conf. Room
- **Wednesday, July 20, 10:15 a.m. – Beginning Computer Genealogy class**, CVCCB Conf. Room
- **Wednesday, July 20, 12:30 p.m. – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Comp. Lab
- **Wednesday, July 27, 11 a.m. – Annual CVGS Picnic** at home of Gary and Wanda Brock

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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 Jane Strawn ([jstrawn2@cox.net](mailto:jstrawn2@cox.net)) for program details.

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