



CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Wednesday, 30 August 2017, 12 noon General Meeting

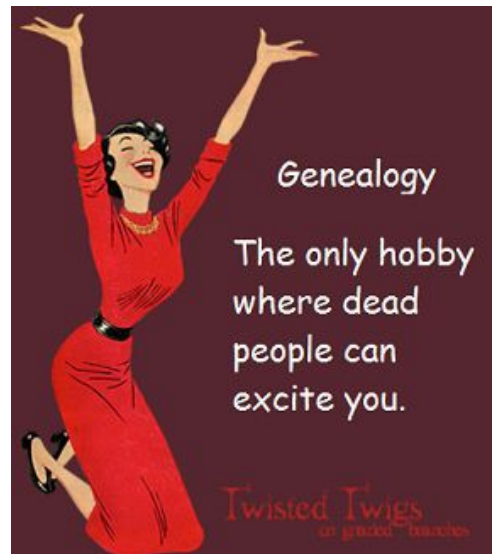
“My Most Exciting Genealogy Research Find” by CVGS Members at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F St.) Auditorium

Instead of our usual annual “Stump The Chumps” program, we are going to do something different. This year we want you to come and share your **“Most Exciting Genealogy Research Find.”**

Maybe it is finding a long lost great grandparent. Maybe you found a sibling you didn’t know you had. Or a probate record that solved a relationship problem.

Keep your story to no more than 5 to 7 minutes. Briefly summarize the research question, the exciting result of your research, and how you found the answer to your research question.

If you need to display something on the screen please send it to Gary Brock (gary@brocksystems.com) as soon as possible so he can get the PowerPoint put together. We have time for 10 people to tell their stories so get your information to Virginia Taylor as soon as possible. Send it to irishdoll@cox.net. Just give me a title for the presentation of your find.

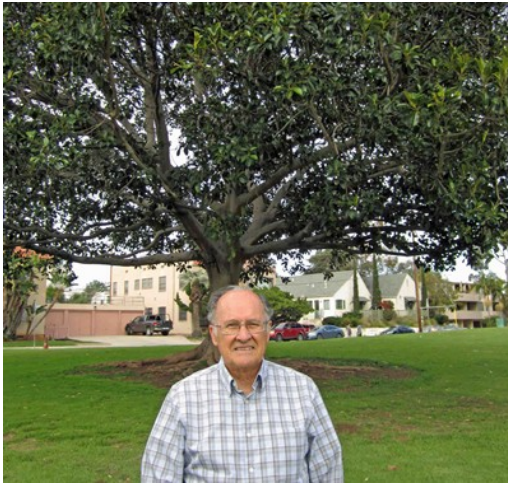


SAVE THE DATE: 30 September, 10 a.m. To 3 p.m. – CVGS/CVPL FAMILY HISTORY DAY

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President's Message – by Ceasar Castro



I hope you attended Saturday's CVGS General meeting on 29 July. If you did not, you missed a great program. Ruth Sax talked about her life in the WWII German concentration camps, a truly amazing story. Just as amazing was the fact that her parents also survived the camps.

Family History Day is a day for the CVGS to reach out to the community in collaboration with the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library. Our intent is to bring the community to the library and interest them in genealogy. This will be the second annual event. Randy Seaver is the Keynote Speaker, and I will be presenting former CVPD Chief Bejarano's genealogy. There will be a variety of activities for all ages.

The chairs (Marcia Mautner and Ana Castro) of CVGS's Family History Day are still looking for volunteers for FHD on 30 September at the Chula Vista Civic Library. If you have the time, please contact Marcia or Ana. Also there is going to be an Honoring Our Veterans display. CVGS members are invited to write a short 250 word essay on a family veteran and to include a photo. Details are posted on the website or you can call Ana at 619-781-8441,

Membership Address Changes

Members, if you move, or change contact information such as your email or phone number, please notify our Membership person, Karen Smith, at freelady72000@me.com. This way we can keep information coming to you!

Please Register for Meetings on the CVGS Website

Please register for the General Meetings, the Saturday Workshops, the Research Group and the Computer Group on the CVGS website – 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.

Member Services – Contact Karen Smith

Karen Smith is our Membership Chair and reports on Member Services. If you know of a CVGS member with an illness or hospitalization, please contact Karen at freelady72009@me.com so we can get a card to that member.

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 CVGS Saturday Workshop – 2 September 2017

The September 2nd 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 program will be “Reviewing the URLs We Use or Don’t Use” presented by Susi Pentico. We will go back and review some older web pages and discuss how they can help us. We will also discuss if you used any of the new URLs you were exposed to in June.

Next Computer Group Meeting – 16 August 2017

The next Computer Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 16 August 2017 at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street in downtown Chula Vista, Calif.).

Class will start at 10:15 a.m. in the Auditorium 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. Shirley Becker and 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 use the library computers, and will follow through on what was learned in the morning class, and stay until 2 p.m.

Next Lemon Grove Meeting – 16 August 2017

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, SusiCP1@gmail.com) for more details. All are invited to attend. Beginners are welcome! Upcoming programs include:

- **Wednesday, 16 August, 6 to 8 p.m.:** “Going Back to Basics” by Susi Pentico.

Genealogy News for July 2017

- MyHeritage purchased Legacy Family Tree genealogy software and Family Tree Webinars from Millennia Corporation. See the Legacy News press release at http://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2017/08/legacy-family-tree-has-a-new-home-with-myheritage.html
- RootsMagic updated their family tree software to Version 7.5.2 which incorporates Ancestry TreeShare and Ancestry Web Hints. See www.RootsMagic.com.
- New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) and General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) announced a collaboration. NEHGS will digitize the *Five Generations of Mayflower Descendants* from GSMD “Silver Books” and 50 Years of the *Mayflower Quarterly* periodical. The Mayflower databases will be searchable on AmericanAncestors.org.
- The 2017 International Genetic Genealogy Conference will be held on December 9-10, 2017 at the Sheraton Mission Valley San Diego Hotel, hosted by CeCe Moore and Blaine Bettinger. Information and registration available at <http://i4gg.org/event-information/>.
- The new season of *Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* will start on PBS on October 3, 2017. The 10-part series traces the ancestry of influential people from a variety of backgrounds and careers. The program focuses on the melting pot of cultures that has shaped the history of the United States, especially focusing on the various ethnic groups that live within our country. Most episodes explore the ancestry of three guests. Celebrities who will learn about their ancestors in this season’s episodes include: Ana Navarro, US Senator Bernie Sanders, Larry David, Garrison Keillor, Mary Steenburgen, Scarlett Johansson, Ted Danson, Aziz Ansari, Bryant Gumbel, William H. Macy, and others

Genealogy Books Donated by CVGS to Chula Vista Library, by Ann Stevens

General Genealogy Sources:

- COMBS-BENNETT, Shannon. *Genealogy Basics in 30 Minutes: The Quick Guide to Creating a Family Tree, Building Connections with Relatives, & Discovering the Stories of Your Ancestors* (2016)
- GREENWOOD, Val. *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* (3rd ed) (2013)
- HELM, Matthew L. *Genealogy for Dummies* (8th ed) (July 2017) (2 copies)
- LEVENICK, Denise May. *How to Archive Family Keepsakes: Learn How to Preserve Family Photos, Memorabilia and Genealogy Records* (2012)
- McCULLOUGH, Dana. *Unofficial Guide to FamilySearch.org: How to Find Your Family History on the Largest Free Genealogy Website* (2015)
- MORGAN, George G. *How to Do Everything: Genealogy* (4th ed) (2015)
- QUILLEN, W. Daniel. *Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors* (2014)
- QUILLEN, W. Daniel. *The Troubleshooter's Guide to Do-It-Yourself Genealogy* (4th ed, revised) (2013)
- RISING, Marsha Hoffman. *The Family Tree Problem Solver: Tried and True Tactics for Tracing Elusive Ancestors* (2011)
- SMITH, Drew. *Organize Your Genealogy: Strategies & Solutions for Every Researcher* (2016)

African-American Sources:

- THACKERY, David T. *Finding Your African-American Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide* (2001)

Census/Military Sources:

- QUILLEN, W. Daniel. *Mastering Census & Military Records* (3rd ed) (2014)

DNA Sources:

- DOWELL, David R. *NextGen Genealogy: The DNA Connection* (2014)

Immigration/Naturalization Sources:

- COLLETTA, John Phillip. *They Came in Ships* (3rd ed, revised, updated) (2002)
- QUILLEN, W. Daniel. *Mastering Immigration & Naturalization Records* (3rd ed) (2015)

Jewish Sources:

- KURZWEIL, Arthur. *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy & Family History* (2011)

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July 30th Program Review, by Randy Seaver

We had 42 attendees at the **Chula Vista Genealogical Society** monthly program meeting on Saturday, 29 July, including 12 guests.

They came to hear the testimony of Ruth Goldschmiedova Sax, now age 89, a Holocaust survivor who was a longtime Chula Vista resident, and now lives at Paradise Village in National City. Ruth's daughter, Sandra (Sax) Scheller, has written a book about Ruth's life story titled *Try to Remember -- Never Forget*.

Ruth's life story includes a happy childhood in Brno, Czechoslovakia with her parents Oskar and Erna Goldschmied; the Nazi occupation starting in 1939; transportation to four different Nazi work and concentration camps; suffering and surviving unspeakable indignities at the camps; liberation and walking over 100 km back to her home town with her mother; finding that her father also survived the camps; rebuilding their lives in Brno; corresponding with a distant cousin, Kurt Sax, who went to America before the war; marrying Kurt and coming to America in about 1950; settling in San Diego and starting a family, and happily living together for over 60 years.

Ruth's testimony mainly concerned her experiences from age 11 when her world of education and culture fell apart in March 1939 when the Germans invaded Czechoslovakia. In 1941, the family was transported to Theresienstadt, a work camp where Ruth was forced to grow up quickly. She was shaved to prevent lice infestation, wrapped her feet in paper to keep them warm in the winter time, and witnessed the death of many other people. Her father Oskar was separated from them, and Ruth and her mother went to the Terezin camp, and then to Auschwitz. She faced Dr. Mengele's "live or die" judgment six times. Near the end of the war, she was in the Oederan camp and made bullets for the Germans. Finally she and her mother were liberated by the Russian Army, and reunited with her father, a miracle in itself.

Sandra showed and described the dress that Erna wore throughout the camps, a shift with a chalk X and a vertical stripe on the back. Every week, she would have to bend over and the X and stripe were painted on it again by the Nazis.

Sandra presented a slide show of Ruth's life - from childhood through reuniting with her father to her life in the San Diego area. Sandra showed several records from the concentration camps, and found her parents' love letters written over several years before their marriage (more than 1,000 of them!), and showed many photographs from the family's life in San Diego. Today, Ruth and Sandra give presentations about Ruth's life, and are working on a second book about her life.

Sharing this story is a reminder to the world that the Holocaust actually happened and that all of us must act diligently to ensure that this type of atrocity never happens again. Ruth's is an incredible and inspirational story of horror, survival, recovery, love, family, and success. Her motto is "Live for Tomorrow."

The book, *Try to Remember - Never Forget*, is available on Amazon in paperback, hardbound and Kindle. Ruth's grandson, Sam, made 22 short videos with her in 2009 talking about her life experiences – search for [Behind Ruth's Eyes](#) on www.YouTube.com.

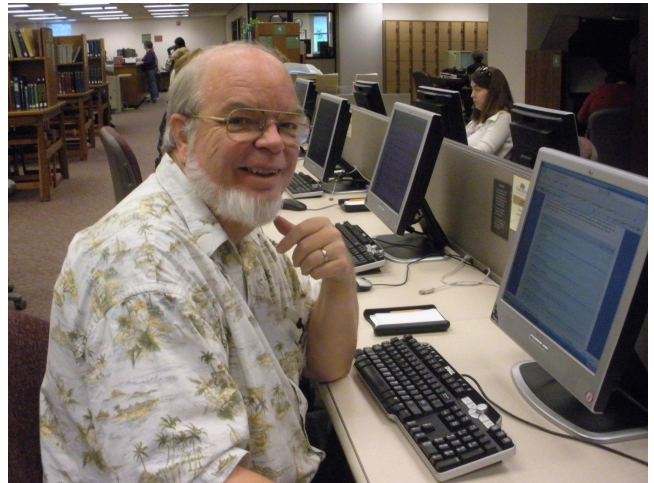


July 12th Research Group Review

There were 14 attendees at the CVGS Research Group meeting on Wednesday, 12 July, including two guests.

In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- * **Family History Library microfilm distribution to local centers and libraries will be discontinued on 1 September 2017.** Over 50% of the microfilms have been digitized to date, and the remainder should be digitized by 2020. The digitized microfilm records are on the FamilySearch.org website.
- **RootsMagic** unveiled their TreeShare (sync with an Ancestry Member Trees) and Ancestry WebHints (the user can add content directly from Ancestry Hints) on 28 June. Users must have an Ancestry subscription to use the WebHints.
- **Family Tree Maker 2017** rollout to all customers is imminent - the target date is 15 July 2017. FTM 2017 will have TreeSync (a full sync with an Ancestry Member Tree) and several more new features. Sync to an Ancestry Member Tree will work only with FTM 2017.
- **Randy has transcribed five Suffolk County, Mass. deeds** that describe the property inherited by the children of Shubael Seaver (1640-1730) in Roxbury. Using the land descriptions, he thinks he has found the site of the homestead on present-day maps.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed these questions, problems and successes:

- **Linda R (a guest)** has her husband's step-father's family files because no one else in the family wanted them. The step-father did a lot of genealogy work decades ago and there are file cabinets full of paper. How can she deal with this problem (note that it's not her family, or her husband's family)? The group suggested sorting it into three sections - keep family records and artifacts, donate research materials to a local genealogical society, and throw out correspondence and photocopies of book and periodical articles. Another suggestion was to put the genealogy in a family tree program and interface it with an Ancestry Member Tree and the FamilySearch Family Tree.
- **Helen** found some Cleveland, Ohio genealogical society books. Also, her brother tested on 23andMe and had a cousin contact who thought it was a 75% match, but it was only a 0.75% match.
- **Gary** wondered if the Knowlton information about the 1600s sea captain has been expanded or updated. Randy has this family, and didn't think so.
- **Virginia** received her MyHeritage DNA ethnicity results and is 100% European, 56% northern Europe and 28% Southern Europe.
- **Bobbie** received her FamilyTreeDNA autosomal matches, and has an 82 cM match who lives in England. She has found another known cousin from the matches.
- **Karen S.** was researching a couple who were born in the 1950s and divorced in 1978. They have unusual surnames. Where can she find records? The group suggested online and repository searches for birth records, marriage records, divorce records, newspaper articles, city directories, etc. She could research the unusual surnames in the 1940 census and in city directories and try to find obituaries for those persons that might name the children.

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Family Tree Maker 2017 Is Finally Available

Software MacKiev finally released Family Tree Maker 2017 to those that pre-ordered it on 16 July, and is offering it for sale (\$79.95 retail for a download) on the website: www.familytreemaker.com. This is the only version that will synchronize with an Ancestry Member Tree now.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars (www.familytreewebinars.com)

- Wednesday, 9 August, 5 p.m.: Judy G. Russell on “A Taxing Matter: Using Tax Lists in Genealogy”
- Friday, 11 August, 11 a.m.: Geoff Rasmussen on “Using Pictures With Legacy Family Tree”
- Tuesday, 15 August, 5 p.m.: LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson on “Analyzing Probate Records of Slaveholders to Identify Enslaved Persons”
- Wednesday, 16 August, 11 a.m.: Ursula C. Krause on “Finding Your Ancestors in German Directories”
- Wednesday, 23 August, 11 a.m.: Jonathan Walker on “How to Do Mexican Research and Be Successful”
- Wednesday, 30 August, 11 a.m.: Edward A. Thompson on “Getting Started With Evidentia”

These webinars are sponsored by Legacy Family Tree, and are FREE to watch live and for a week after the live event. You must register to view them live at www.familytreewebinars.com.

Research Group Review (Concluded)

- **Susi** had a cousin contact who helped fill in her great-grandfather's line with family information.
- **Shirley** is still working on a Brown line from a published book, adding information to a database that might help connect to her Brown line. She's finding name spelling errors and mistakes in marriage dates.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be Wednesday, 9 August 2017 at 12 noon, in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street, Chula Vista, Calif.).

Genealogy Books Donated by CVGS to Chula Vista Library (concluded)

Mexican-American Sources:

RYSKAMP, George & Peggy. *Finding Your Mexican Ancestors: A Beginners Guide* (2007)

RYSKAMP, George. *Finding Your Hispanic Roots* (2009)

GARZA, Moises. *Mexican Genealogy Research Online: A Guide to Help You Discover Your Ancestry* (2014)

SCHMAL, John. *Mexican-American Genealogy Research: Following the Paper Trail to Mexico* (2002)

Adoptee Sources:

CARANGELO, Lori. *The Ultimate Search Book: U.S. Adoption, Genealogy & Other Search Secrets* (2015)

The new genealogy books will be on display at Family History Day, and then join the Library's circulating collection for checkout by patrons.

Save the date * SATURDAY, September 30, 2017 *** Save the Date**

The Chula Vista Genealogical Society and the Chula Vista Civic Center Library present

Family History Day

"Ancestors Matter – Let's Find Yours!"

Plan now to attend the Big Event! And not just attend, but help by volunteering to help make our second annual Family History Day a huge success. This fun, **free** community-wide event will encourage our friends and neighbors to explore their genealogies and family histories. And maybe your family needs a little push too?

WHEN: Saturday, September 30, 2017, 10am to 3pm

WHERE: Chula Vista Library - Civic Center Branch
365 F Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910

We'll have a day filled with a variety of activities for all ages... Art projects and story hours for the children ... Basic genealogy techniques & tips for teens and adults ... Volunteer experts to help with computer research of family ancestors and to help build family trees ... and more! Our own Randy Seaver will be the keynote speaker.

The day's highlight will feature Ceasar Castro exploring the family tree of the retired Chula Vista Police Chief David Bejarano and his ancestors, similar to the genealogy TV program "Who Do You Think You Are?"

For more info see www.cvgenealogy.org, or call toll free 1-844-268-2847

WE NEED YOU!

Can you volunteer an hour or two to help make Family History Day a success? Please contact Ana Castro (crcastro@cox.net) or Marcia Mautner (marcia.mautner@gmail.com) to sign up. Thank you!

Honoring Our Veterans Display, by Ana Castro

On Saturday, 30th of September, CVGS and the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library will sponsor the second annual Family History Day. We will be inviting the community to join us to learn more about genealogy. The day is planned with activities for all ages, and opportunities to receive support on your personal research.

In addition we will have a special "Honoring Our Veterans" display for our CVGS members. Here is what to do for honoring your family veteran.

1. Write a brief overview 200-250 words. Use a font of 14, single spaced on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper.
2. Tell us about their experiences or an event while in service.
3. Use their name, branch of service, rank, date of event and family connection.
4. On a separate page (8 ½-11) copy a photograph of veteran (no originals please).
5. Type or write your Name at the bottom right hand side of both papers.

Your photo and written overview will be posted on a display board at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library on September 30 for visitors to read and enjoy. Join us in honoring our family veterans.

The due date for submittal of the work is August 30, Wednesday at the CVGS General Meeting. Please give your work to Ana Castro. All work will be glued to display boards. The essays and photos submitted will not be returned. Please submit only copies.

Welcome New Members

Cindy Holleron
 Current Membership (as of 8/1): 94

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:
 Paula-Jo Cahoon

Meeting Host Volunteers

August 30th: Diane Godinez, Marcia Mautner,
 Heather Goebel

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

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Ana Castro – 619-781-8441
 Karen Smith – 619-656-0996
 Carole Sobke – 619-465-5286

CVGS Society Officers

President:	Cesar Castro
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Second Vice-President, Membership	Karen Smith
Treasurer	Sam Seat
Secretary	Karen Yarger

Committee Chairs

Computer Group	Shirley Becker
Education	Susi Pentico
Family History Day	Marcia Mautner/Ana Castro
Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Jo Ann Bonner/Ana Castro
Librarian	Wanda Brock
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
Webmaster	Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, August 12th, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PROGRAM MEETING

Speaker: Stephen Morse on
 "Genealogy Learning Opportunities" and
 "Crafting Great Source Citations"
 at St. Andrews Lutheran Church
 8350 Lake Murray Blvd, San Diego
 Contact: www.casdgs.org

Tuesday, August 8th, 9:30 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN.
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Speaker: Kitty Munson Cooper on
 "One World"
 at Carlsbad City Council Chambers
 (1200 Carlsbad Village Dr,
 Carlsbad CA 92009)
 contact: Pauline Ballentine
 (paulineb@cox.net)

Tuesday, August 22nd, 9:30 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN. SOC.

Speaker: Mary Van Orsdol on
 "So, Who is this Rathbun Fellow?"
 at Carlsbad City Council Chambers,
 (1200 Carlsbad Village Dr.,
 Carlsbad CA 92009)
 contact: Jean Tempke
 (jtempke@roadrunner.com)

Sunday, August 13th, 1 p.m.
SAN DIEGO JEWISH GEN. SOCIETY

Speaker: Stephen Morse on
 "Jewish Calendar Demystified"
 at Lawrence Family Jewish Comm. Center
 (Executive Drive and Genesee Avenue, 2nd
 floor, La Jolla)
 Contact Jean Moss
 (<http://www.sdjgs.org>)

Saturday, September 9, 9 a.m. To 3 p.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

FALL SEMINAR
 with Judy G. Russell
 at Marina Village on Mission Bay
 Register at <https://casdgs.org/event-2582496>

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Saturday, August 5, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Randy Seaver: “RootsMagic Review”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, August 9, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting,** at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, August 16, 10:15 a.m. – Beginning Computer Genealogy** class, at CVCCB Conf. Rm
- **Wednesday, August 16, 12:30 p.m. – Computer Group Meeting,** at CVCCB Library Comp. Lab
- **Wednesday, August 30, 12 noon.– Program Meeting: CVGS Members: “My Most Exciting Genealogy Research Find”**at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Saturday, September 2, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “Reviewing the URLs We Use or Don't Use”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, Sept. 13, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting,** at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 20, 10:15 a.m. – Beginning Computer Genealogy** class, at CVCCB Conf. Room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 20, 12:30 p.m. – Computer Group Meeting,** at CVCCB Library Comp. Lab
- **Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m. To 3 p.m. – Family History Day** at CVCCB Auditorium.

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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 Virginia Taylor (irishdoll@cox.net) for program details.
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