



# CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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Wednesday, 25 July 2018, 12 noon

**CVGS Monthly General Meeting**

**Claire Santos-Daigle on "Photo Dating, 1840-1890"**

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

Photo dating by what clothes were worn, is a process of learning to identify photographic processes and recognizing specific clothing terms and hairstyles. We will briefly cover 1840 to 1890, then concentrate on the 1840 compared to 1850 time frame in depth, which should give you the foundation for comparing other decades with the same techniques.

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Claire Santos-Daigle is the sole proprietor of Photos Made Perfect, licensed in the state of California, in Chula Vista. She and her husband Michael became involved with digital photo restoration when Michael started his genealogy in 1992 and they began restoring family photos with a free software. Family and friends kept saying "you should start a business" and in 1999 they did, with her husband's technical skills and support and Claire's art skills, life experiences and marketing background.

Their customer focus group is genealogists and historical societies, which remain loyal clients to this day. Claire is a guest speaker on the topic of "Digital Image Editing" and as a natural byproduct of her years of experience with photos, she also speaks on the topic of "Photo Dating." When she participates in genealogy conferences, she encourages genealogists to bring their photos to be scanned on site at these events and then contacts them in a few days with a free quote. No other restoration service brings their services to you.

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## President's Message – by Ceasar Castro



For the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Ana and I had a backyard BBQ with family. We then dashed off to the San Diego Bay to watch the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks. We were at the west end of the bay by the Hilton Hotel. It was wall to wall people. I was surprised how many people there were. It was a great fireworks display.

The CVGS Annual Picnic was held on June 27 at the home of Gary Brock in Bonita. The Picnic was a celebration of life for the late Wanda Brock. She was a long time member of the CVGS. There were 55 attendees and 17 were members of The Way International Bible Research Ministry, of which Wanda was a member. Members of the Ministry and members of our society shared fond memories of Wanda.

### 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](mailto: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, and the Research 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.

### 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 [freelady72000@me.com](mailto:freelady72000@me.com) so we can get a card to that member.

### Want Up-To-Date Genealogy News?

Randy Seaver publishes Genealogy News Bytes on Tuesday and Friday with links to news articles, new online databases, genealogy education opportunities, bargains, neat stuff, and more. See an example at <https://www.geneamusings.com/2018/07/genealogy-news-bytes-6-july-2018.html>.

### 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 General 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 – 4 August 2018

The August 4<sup>th</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 program will be “More Presentations from the NGS Conference” presented by Susi Pentico.

Susi's notes for the 7 July Saturday Workshop are on her blog <http://ancestorseekersbytherootbound.blogspot.com/2018/07/7-july-bonita-sunnyside-library-1-to-4.html>

## Next Lemon Grove Meeting

The Lemon Grove Research Group will be at the Lemon Grove Public Library.

- Wednesday, 18 July, 6 p.m.: “Research at Allen County Public Library” moderated by Susi Pentico.

Contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, [SusiCP1@gmail.com](mailto:SusiCP1@gmail.com)) for more details.

## We Need You!!

Several of our senior Board members are retiring from their positions as committee chairs, or need assistants. We are in desperate need of volunteers to fill these vacancies. Can you help by lending your expertise? Most only require a modicum of your time. Here are the positions we need to fill:

\*\*\* **WEBMASTER CO-CHAIR** - Aids Gary Brock in maintaining and updating our website [www.cvgenealogy.org](http://www.cvgenealogy.org), working with Wild Apricot. Tech expertise is requested, but training is available. Also, we need an AUDIO-VISUAL ASSISTANT to help set up mikes, equipment, etc. for presentations.

\*\*\* **WAYS & MEANS CO-CHAIR** - Assists Carole Sobke with raffles and other fundraising activities.

\*\*\* **CEMETERY COMMITTEE ASSISTANT** - Works with Historian Susan Zimmer in collecting and organizing data from La Vista Cemetery, Glen Abbey Cemetery, and others as needed to make the information available to genealogists and families.

For more information, please contact President Ceasar Castro ([ceasarcastro@gmail.com](mailto:ceasarcastro@gmail.com))

## Cemetery Help Needed

The Cemetery Committee would like a couple more volunteers to check the La Vista Cemetery data base for errors or omissions. Currently the data base is printed out for ease in reading. Ideally, the group could meet once a week, or more often, at one of the libraries. Contact Susan Zimmer ([alandsuezimmer@cox.net](mailto:alandsuezimmer@cox.net)) if you can help.

## Do You Want a Monthly DNA Class?

Randy Seaver suggested holding a monthly DNA Analysis class on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month in the Library Computer Lab if it is of interest to members. The class would include instruction and review of DNA testing and results, plus questions and answers. It might start in October 2018, moderated by Randy. Please let him know of your interest ([randy.seaver@gmail.com](mailto:randy.seaver@gmail.com)).

## SCGS Genealogy Jamboree Report

Six CVGS members attended all or part of the SCGS Genealogy Jamboree on 31 May to 2 June 2018 in Burbank, California. Several of them submitted short reports about their experiences, including:

**1) Karen Smith:** As a first timer to Jamboree, I was impressed with all it had to offer and with the renewal of my own enthusiasm. Aside from all of the folks there to display their genealogical wares, the speakers were great. As much as I enjoy CVGS and learn from the group, it was great to hear new voices.

I saw an excellent talk about citations by David McDonald. He included information about actual artifacts (photos, memorabilia, letters, etc.) and how to analyze them for their genealogical worth, as well as how to cite them. Pam Vestal gave a great presentation of the trials and tribulations of those who immigrated to America, actually breaking it down into time periods and varying conditions.

My favorite speaker was Lisa Louise Cooke, who addressed how to stay on track in research and using Google to flesh out your ancestors in the two sessions I attended. She is so enthusiastic that it is contagious, plus she gave great tips and showed us fun resources in Google.

My favorite exhibitors were Family Tree DNA and Ancestry. They were personable, knowledgeable and so available. I finally got the YDNA kit I need to force on my nephew!

I don't want to forget how much fun it was to see CVGS members in Burbank and get to know my traveling companions better (Karen Polk and Virginia Taylor). I would especially recommend Jamboree next year when the banquet "headliners" will be Cece Moore, D. Joshua Taylor, and Judy Russell.

**2) Virginia Taylor:** This was my sixth Jamboree but I saw it differently by attending with two newbies. It was so much fun watching their enthusiasm. I attended only three classes spending most of the rest of my time in the exhibit hall looking for possible programs for next year. I have three people who have said they really want to come give a program for our society sometime in the near future. (One of them will be Claire Santos-Daigle).

The best class I attended was by Jean Wilcox Hibben. She gave a talk on the diseases our ancestors feared the most and also the treatment for the diseases. Not only was she informative she was also funny, as usual. Some of the treatments were very bizarre.

Lisa Louise Cooke also showed us how to, hopefully, avoid falling down the rabbit hole doing our research. It is so easy to get off track but she told us how to get back on track.

It was a very enjoyable week-end and I am already looking forward to next year when Jamboree celebrates it's 50th anniversary.

## June 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic Review, by Karen Yarger

The CVGS Annual Picnic was held in lieu of our monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 27, at the home of Gary Brock in Bonita. Members and guests brought a delicious assortment of salads, side dishes and desserts to accompany the hamburgers, hot dogs and brats (provided by our Society) served up by "Master Griller" Gary.

The day was planned to remember and honor our good friend, Wanda Brock, and was attended by 35 of our members and more than 17 guests from The Way International Bible Research Ministry, of which Wanda was a member (see <http://www.theway.org/>). Michael DeQuattro started with a brief introduction of The Ministry, and a prayer, and shared some thoughts on knowing Wanda. Other members of the ministry shared fond memories of Wanda's warmth and good soul, and her ready smile and recognizable laugh. Joining in with their own loving memories were members of our Society, including Karen Smith, Susan Zimmer, Shirley Becker, Karen Yarger, Susi Pentico, Ann Stevens, Diane Godinez, Karen Polk, and others. Gary told of meeting Wanda and of their 56 wonderful years together. He also provided a printed obituary and lovely biography of his "Wandering Wanda" as keepsakes.



Our heartiest thanks to our Hospitality Chairs Ana Castro and Karen Polk for their organization and hard work in turning out a perfect afternoon. Thanks too, to our busy photographer Diane Godinez, and to Karen Smith and Virginia Taylor and others for all they did to make the day a huge success. A special Thank You to Gary and his family for their splendid hospitality (and cart shuttle service).

## San Diego FamilySearch Library Remodel

The San Diego FamilySearch Library in Mission Valley (4195 Camino del Rio South) will close for construction on July 28th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. We will staff a smaller Family History Center with reduced hours in the Allied Gardens area. This temporary center will open in September. We will post the temporary address later.

If you would like information updates regarding the opening date and address of the temporary center, the progress of our remodel, and/or the announcement of our grand reopening, please do one of the following: Follow our page on FaceBook: San Diego FamilySearch Library (<https://www.facebook.com/sandiegofamilysearchlibrary/>).

Check our status on our webpage: [www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/sdfhc](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/sdfhc) .

Or send us an email at [ca\\_sandiego@ldsmail.net](mailto:ca_sandiego@ldsmail.net) and we will add you to our SD FHC update list.

## Upcoming Family Tree Webinars ([www.familytreewebinars.com](http://www.familytreewebinars.com))

- Friday, 13 July, 11 a.m. PDT: [“Freedmen's Bureau Records - Valuable to ALL Southern Research,”](#) by Diane L. Richard
- Tuesday, 17 July, 11 a.m. PDT: [“Special Tools that can Take Your Research to the Next Level,”](#) by MyHeritage
- Tuesday, 17 July, 6 p.m. PDT: ["It's a Numbers Game! Understanding Recognized Genealogical Formats,"](#) by Alice Hoyt Veen, CG
- Wednesday, 18 July, 11 a.m.: ["Trails of Daniel Boone and other Western Travelers,"](#) by J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA
- Wednesday, 25 July, 11 a.m.: ["Photoshop: What You Need to Know as a Photographer,"](#) by Jared Hodges
- Tuesday, 31 July, 11 a.m.: ["An Overview of Important Historical Record Collections,"](#) by MyHeritage
- Wednesday, 1 August, 11 a.m. PDT: ["Jewish Genealogy for the Non-Jew: History, Migration, DNA,"](#) by Schelly Talalay Dardashti
- Friday, 3 August, 11 a.m.: ["Legacy 9 Unlocked \(part 5\): Adding an Obituary,"](#) by Geoff Rasmussen

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](http://www.familytreewebinars.com). Membership of \$49.95 per year enables the member to view any of the over 700 webinars at any time.

## Upcoming Regional and National Conferences

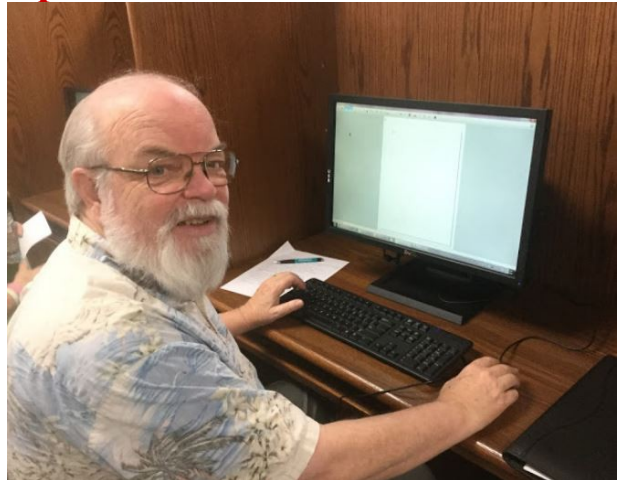
- **Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference** – August 22-25, 2018 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Information at <https://www.fgsconference.org/registration/>
- **i4GG Genetic Genealogy (DNA) Conference** – December 8-9, 2018 in San Diego, California at the Sheraton Mission Valley Hotel. Information at <http://i4gg.org/event-information/>
- **National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference** – May 8-11, 2019 in St. Charles, Missouri. Information at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>
- **The International German Genealogy Conference**, "Strike It Rich! with Connections To Discoveries" on 15-17 June 2019 at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento, California. Information at Conference site: <https://www.iggpartner.org>.

## June 13<sup>th</sup> Research Group Review

There were 13 CVGS members in attendance at the June 13<sup>th</sup> Research Group meeting.

In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- The SCGS Genealogy Jamboree, including classes, the Expo Hall, and photographs.
- Nathan Dylan Goodwin's latest Morton Farrier forensic genealogy book, *The Wicked Trade* – excellent!
- Ancestry.com Search problems continue.
- MyHeritageDNA tour of ethnicity and matches, including the chromosome browser.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Karen P. attended Jamboree, and bought Lisa Cooke's book on Google for Genealogy.
- Gonzalo found a picture of his Father and Godfather, circa 1961, at the farm they used to work on Otay Valley Rd. Included in the photo are what appears to be two Japanese temporary workers that were here for two or three years. They attended English language classes in the evening and along the way learned Spanish. I have made copies of the photo to give to my Godfather's daughter.
- Sam is cleaning up the media items in Family Tree Maker, and linking DNA data from 23andMe and AncestryDNA to profiles in the program.
- Karen S. attended Jamboree and enjoyed several Lisa Cooke talks. She had fun hearing new speakers and thinking about things in a new way.
- Arlene is cleaning up her research information, and has encountered rude persons.
- Virginia attended Jamboree, attended several classes, and found potential CVGS speakers.
- Helen checked out other researchers who have copied her Ancestry tree. She is still working on Lisa's birth mother mystery.
- Karen Y. hasn't had time for much research, but reminded everyone to mark their calendars for our Family History Day on Saturday, September 29, from 10 a.m. To 3 p.m. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.**
- Shirley answered several letters from DNA matches.
- Susan M. has been using the ScotlandsPeople website and MyHeritage to find ancestral information and using the matches. She is still in the process of updating her family tree and awaiting for her DNA results to come in.

The next CVGS Research Group will be on Wednesday, 11 July 2018 at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library.

### Genealogy News Briefs

- [Ancestry.com Family History Wiki Lands on RootsWeb.com](#)
- [Ancestry.com Suggests "Potential Ancestors" For your Ancestry Member Tree](#)
- [Book Review: "The Wicked Trade, A Genealogical Crime Mystery" by Nathan Dylan Goodwin](#)
- [Reclaim The Records Challenges the New York Department of Health Over Ancestry.com Priority](#)
- [Family History Fanatics eConference: "A Summer of DNA" on 4 August 2018](#)

## Save the Date: 29 September 2018 for CVGS/CVPL Family History Day

CVGS is inviting the public to join us on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library to learn more about genealogy, meet the CVGS membership, and receive assistance on researching their genealogy. The event is free. **This year's theme will be "DNA Research."**

The FamilySearch Library will have personnel and computers to assist in one on one research.

**Family History Day will be in lieu of our regular monthly meeting, and CVGS members are encouraged to attend.** Randy Seaver will talk about **"Using DNA Results in Your Genealogy Research"** at 10:30 a.m., followed by a special presentation at 12 noon on **"Who Is Greg Cox, County Supervisor"** with the genealogy and family history of the former Chula Vista mayor.

**Join us, we need volunteers to assist at different activities, or just come and enjoy the day.**

**What: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family History Day**

**When: Saturday, September 29, 2018,  
10:30 a.m. To 3 p.m.**

**Where: Chula Vista Civic Center Branch  
Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista**

**Who: CVGS Members and the Public**



## Ancestors Matter- Tell A Story

Genealogy is not only about birth dates and death dates, there is so much more to know about who the person was; the struggles they faced and what life was like when they lived. Share your ancestor with us (CVGS) and write an essay to describe a person, place or event. Use an old photograph (circa 1850-1920) from your collection of family photographs and tell us the interesting story. This is a story you tell from your point of view of learned facts from your genealogical research of your ancestor's life, the place where they lived, or an event they experienced. The essays will be on display along with a copy of the photograph on Family History Day. The Guidelines for Essays are:

Find an old photograph, the oldest you have (from 1850 to 1920) and write an essay to honor the life of one of your ancestors. Tell us about their life, an interesting event, or how they came to the United States.

1. At the top of the essay, write the name of your ancestor (with birth and death dates.)
2. At the bottom of the essay page, print your name and relationship to the ancestor
3. Write no more than 450 words, size 14 font, single spaced, narrow margins
4. One page for the essay (8 ½ by 11 inch)
5. One page for photograph copy. At the bottom of page, print the year of photograph (if known) or the year the event took place. Write your name on the back.

The written essays and photographs will be posted on a display board at the CVPL for visitors to read and enjoy. The work submitted will not be returned, so please submit copies. Join us in sharing the history of our ancestors.

**DUE DATE: NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 29.** Submit work via email to Ana Castro ([arcastro@cox.net](mailto:arcastro@cox.net)) OR Jane Strawn ([jstrawn2@cox.net](mailto:jstrawn2@cox.net)). You can also give your work to Ana Castro at the CVGS General Meeting on or before August 29.



**Welcome New Members**

Current Membership (as of 7/1): 89

**Karyn's Caring Corner**

Cards were sent to:

Cynthia Teysko, Patti Scott

**Meeting Host Volunteers**

July 25<sup>th</sup>: Karen Smith

August 29:

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	Ana Castro
Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Jo Ann Bonner/Karen Polk
Librarian	Ann Stevens
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
Webmaster	Gary Brock

**San Diego Genealogy Events**

**Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.**  
**SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL**  
**SOCIETY**

**Speaker: Randy Seaver on**  
**“Descendancy Research” and**  
**“Discovering George W. Seaver's**  
**Life Story”**

at St. Andrews Lutheran Church  
(8350 Lake Murray Blvd, San Diego)  
Contact: Cynthia Ehrlich  
[cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.ehrlich13@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**  
**NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY**  
**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Speaker: Mike McMahon on**  
**“Google Photos”**

Carlsbad City Council Chambers  
(1250 Carlsbad Village Drive)  
Contact: Jim Jacobson ([lj2001@cox.net](mailto:lj2001@cox.net))

**Upcoming Conferences**

**Federation of Genealogical Societies**  
**(FGS) Conference**  
**22 – 25 August 2018**  
**Fort Wayne, Indiana**  
**Register at:**  
<http://www.fgs.org>

**GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA**

- **Wednesday, July 11, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, July 25, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Claire Santos-Daigle: “Photo Dating by Fashion”** at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Saturday, August 4, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “More Presentations from the NGS Conference”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library.
- **Wednesday, August 8, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, August 29, 12 noon – Program Meeting: Annette Hubble: “Women Warriors”** at CVCCB Auditorium.
- **Saturday, September 1, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Susi Pentico: “More Presentations from the NGS Conference”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library.

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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](mailto:irishdoll@cox.net)) for program details.  
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