



CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 26 June 2019, 11 a.m.

CVGS Annual Picnic

at Sam and Teri Seat's Home (1639 Oak View Terrace, Bonita CA 91902)

Our Annual Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 26 at 11 a.m. at the home of Sam and Teri Seat (1639 Oak View Terrace Bonita, CA 91902).

DIRECTIONS: From Central Ave. (in Bonita) go south, or from East H Street (in CV) go north, on Corral Canyon Rd, then west on Country Vista Ln, then left on Cherry Hills Ln, and right on Oak View Terrace.



The hamburgers, hot dogs and brats, buns and water will be provided by the society. Please bring a favorite dish to share with everyone. Please plan to pay \$5.00 either before the picnic or the day of the picnic. That will help defray the cost of the meat and water. Please contact Carrie Holleron (email mncinc@cox.net or phone 619-421-8309) to signup for the potluck dish.

The sharing theme this year is "SUMMER MEMORIES." What did you do during the summer as a child? Did you spend your days at the beach? Did you have to help with the farm chores? It will be interesting to hear how each of us spent our summers. I am sure they will be very diverse.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



I hope to see many of you at our annual picnic. It will be held at Sam Seat's house on June 26. It is one of those events when attendance numbers help us be prepared for everyone, so please register online or sign up at a meeting. The \$5 cost covers the meat, condiments, utensils, and other such items. If you have never attended a CVGS picnic, let this be the year you come and enjoy the wonderful dishes, desserts, and sides brought by members. Sam and his wife are very involved in horticulture and so there will also be a feast for your eyes as well.

The theme this year is "Summer Memories from Childhood." This topic made me reflect on my own childhood and the kinds of activities that my family scheduled for the summer. I grew up in Phoenix, so any excursions involved swimming pools, lakes, or air conditioned venues. We did travel (always by car) to California or Texas, where our relatives lived. We played cards, Scrabble, or other board games in the evenings.

By far, my favorite memory was that of the squirt gun marathons. My father was very proper (I never saw him without a collared shirt, tie, and suit pants), but my mother was the slightest bit mischievous. As soon as the weather became warm enough, we would come home from school to find brand new squirt guns on the kitchen table. Then my brothers, my mother, and I would each choose a gun. We filled them in the kitchen and each of us found a hiding place outside. Then we basically stalked each other, trying to soak each other as quickly as possible. We chased, shrieked, and drenched each other for about an hour. We ran through the front and back yard, cut through the house, and had a wonderful time. There was lots of laughter among us and strange looks from the neighbors. The biggest challenge was refilling your squirt gun at an outside or inside faucet without being caught and drowned. We usually continued to have these when my father was at work until the guns broke or were lost. Then we waited until the next year's warm spring day to begin again.

I look forward to hearing your memories at the picnic!

Please Register for Meetings on the CVGS Website

Please register for the General Meetings, the Saturday Workshops, the Research Group and the DNA Interest 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.

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 Saturday Workshop – 6 July 2019

The July 6th 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 “FamilySearch” with Diane Godinez.

Future Saturday Workshop Topics, by Susi Pentico

August 3, potentially Leslie Cordell, on “Indian Research and the use of DNA.”

September 7, probably Susi Pentico on “Lost Ancestors.”

I request that members send their Brick Wall research problems to me for an upcoming activity. Would appreciate name, time period, and place. Contact Susi at susicp1@gmail.com.

We Need a Secretary for the Board of Directors

We lost our erstwhile secretary last month due to a move to Virginia. We need a volunteer to step up and fill out the term of office (through the end of 2020). As Secretary, the duties are to receive and send correspondence, take the minutes at the monthly Board meeting (first Wednesday) and the general meeting (last Wednesday), and other sundry tasks. If you would like to volunteer, please see or email President Karen Smith at freelady72000@me.com.

Help With Social Media

We need a few volunteers who are active on social media and can donate a little time to help us improve our social media image. Please let me know if this sounds like worthwhile fun to you! Contact Karen Smith at freelady72000@me.com or let any Board member know.

Membership Address Changes

Members, if you move, or change contact information such as your email or phone number, please notify our Membership person, Carrie Holleron, at mncinc@cox.net. This way we can keep information coming to you!

Member Services – Contact Carrie Holleron

Carrie Holleron is our Membership Chair and reports on Member Services. If you know of a CVGS member with an illness or hospitalization, please contact Carrie at mncinc@cox.net so we can get a card to that member.

Member Survey Coming Soon

We occasionally survey our members for information about their genealogy research, their genealogy education needs, and their interest in our monthly programs, groups and workshops. We last did a survey in 2014. We will distribute the survey in June at the group meetings, and at the Annual Picnic (June 26th), via email, and through July also. After filling it out, please return the survey paper to Randy Seaver (1154 Via Trieste, Chula Vista CA 91911), or to Randy or Karen Smith at a meeting. Please fill out the survey when you receive it so CVGS can better serve all of our membership. All members who return the survey will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

Spotlight On A CVGS Member, by Patricia Diane Godinez Stephen R. and Lorraine Riddle – Researchers and Islanders

Stephen Riddle, his biological father, two of his five daughters, and a grandson, were adopted and that is what sparked Steve's interest in genealogy. He became a member of Ancestry in 2002. He enjoys working on family trees and is now learning more as he has delved into DNA testing. Steve was also in attendance at the last Family History Day in 2018 and assisted people as they would "Drop In And Ask."

In 1934, Steve was born in New York City. He attended elementary school until 1947 and was in middle school in New York and later moved to California. In 1952, Steve moved back to New York and went to work as an office boy. Next he was servicing televisions. Steve would go to RCA institutes while learning about electronics. Back again in California, he worked at various aerospace companies. He even served as a substitute teacher while teaching 9th grade algebra. He would find the study of space science, R & D, and military programs to be both challenging and enjoyable.

Steve moved to Colorado in 1969 and then on to Florida. He learned to sail. He loved sailing so much that he moved to the U.S. Virgin Islands in 1979 and started skippering sailboats for people on vacation. In 2006, Steve moved back to Florida after living aboard his own sailboat while cruising the Caribbean Islands. He also enjoyed doing numerous yacht deliveries between Annapolis and the Virgin Islands.

In 2010, Steve met "Sweet Lorraine," online. She was a teacher. They would eventually meet in person in Las Vegas. They continued their friendship via correspondence and phone calls. Steve and Lorraine were married in beautiful Coronado in November of 2017 and just moved to Imperial Beach near the ocean.

Lorraine Smith was born on an island off of Maine. Her parents were from Quebec and New Brunswick. Lorraine's first language was French. Lorraine and two of her sisters became nuns as they were from a very Catholic family. Lorraine served as a teacher but left her home in the convent when she was 38 so that she could better find happiness in the secular life. She met her first husband, Jim McCarthy, and they started corresponding. Later they were joined by other former priests and nuns while working on a book called *We Are The Bridge*. It had a number of anthologies about how men became priests and continued with why they left the priesthood.

Lorraine and Steve are fairly new to the Chula Vista Genealogical Society and have only been to a few meetings together. However, if you have a chance to catch them at the Coronado Library, you will find they are a charming couple. And looking around, you will find among other volumes on the shelf of the Genealogy Section, a great big book with the title of *The Domesday Book, England's Heritage Then & Now* by Editor Thomas Hinde.

SCGS Genealogy Jamboree On Hiatus for a Year

After the 2019 Genealogy Jamboree, the Southern California Genealogical Society announced that the next Genealogy Jamboree will be in June 2021, skipping 2020 in order to reimagine the conference.

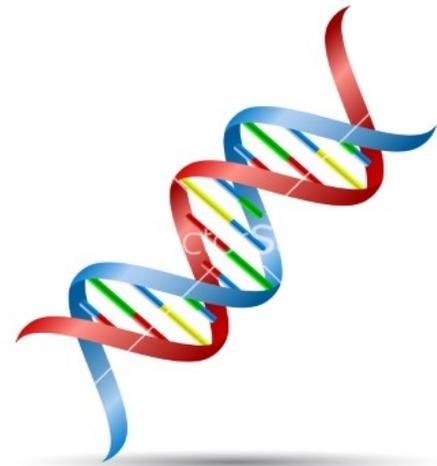


May 15th DNA Interest Group Review

The CVGS DNA Interest Group meeting was on 15 May at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in the Auditorium. 11 members were present.

In this meeting, Randy highlighted:

- The DNA Central newsletter (www.DNA-Central.com)
- 23andMe ethnicity estimates have changed
- DNA Painter (www.DNAPainter.com) is a website with a shared centiMorgans tool that defines possible relationships. It also has a chromosome mapping tool that accepts chromosome number and segment start and end locations obtained from chromosome segments of DNA matches with a known common ancestor.
- Downloading MyHeritage chromosome segment data to a spreadsheet, and using the spreadsheet to identify matching segments.
- Demonstrating how he uses Ancestry ThruLines to add them to his family tree, including notes.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Virginia told about her daughters' DNA showing Ashkenazi Jewish. Pam's was 4.9% and Debbie's 3.5%. It does not show up in my DNA nor on one of my grandsons so I am positive that they get it from their father's side of the family. Unfortunately, there is no one left on his side of the family that we can have take the test.
- Helen found her fifth great-grandfather Meriweather Lewis in Ancestry ThruLines, which she had previously known, but forgotten.
- Gary has been finding matches on his great-grandmother's line.
- John mentioned the work he has been doing to prepare a DNA topic presentation to the Saturday CVGS meeting in Bonita and the use of DNA matches leading to solving brick wall problems.
- Susan M. noted that because of the DNA group meeting, and also being on several Facebook groups, it finally dawned on her that she had been hunting in the wrong direction for her husband's father. It started with the only match her children had for their South Asian ethnicity, 14 to 28% (and it finally dawned on me that my husband was about 50% South Asian). There is more to tell here!

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be Wednesday, 19 June at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conferene Room.

Useful DNA Research Blog Posts

- [Using AncestryDNA ThruLines to Further Your Genealogy Research](#) by Gretchen on the [Legacy Tree Genealogists](#) blog.
- [Why ThruLines Is An Improvement \(Really!\)](#) by History Chick on the [Genealogical Musings](#) blog.
- [Source, Information and Evidence Analysis For a DNA Research Project](#) by Diana Elder on the [Family Locket](#) blog.
- [Finding John Costello – A DNA Journey: Isidore Fried & Sarah Esther Salzman Data Analysis](#) by Amberly Beck on [The Genealogy Girl](#) blog.

Two CVGS Scholarship Winners Named

Every year, the Society grants scholarships to senior high graduates to further their education. The applicants submit an essay – this year the essay subject was “Honoring a Veteran.” The essays included an interview of a veteran defining rank, rate, length of service, branch, and experiences in the service. The student recounted what they learned from the interview. The applications were judged by a number of CVGS members, with Susi Pentico as the leader.

The two winners were both from Eastlake High School:

- **Sofia Zaragoza** received a \$500 scholarship.
- **Samantha Morgan** received a \$250 scholarship.

The scholarship winners will be invited to present their essays at the July CVGS General Meeting.

Here is a photograph of Sofia Zaragoza receiving her scholarship from Susi Pentico.



Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

- Tuesday, 11 June, 11 a.m.: [MyHeritage Mobile App: New Features](#), by Guy Tspye
- Wednesday, 12 June, 5 p.m.: [Tracking Your Digital Bread Crumbs: Bookmarks, Toolbars, Notes, and Other Applications](#), by Cyndi Ingle
- Tuesday, 18 June, 5 p.m.: [Using Another Library Source: the Government Document Section](#), by Pat Stamm
- Wednesday, 12 June, 11 a.m.: [Researching in New Mexico](#), by Henrietta Martinez Christmas
- Tuesday, 25 June, 11 a.m.: [Hidden content treasures you might have missed at MyHeritage](#), by Mike Mansfield
- Wednesday, 26 June, 11 a.m.: [A Month's Worth of Must-Have Tech Tips To Start Using Today](#), by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- Friday, 28 June, 11 a.m.: [5 Steps to Becoming a Good Ancestor](#), by Matian Pierre-Louis
- Tuesday, 2 July, 7 p.m.: [Remedies for Copy & Paste Genealogy](#), by Cyndi Ingle
- Wednesday, 3 July, 11 a.m.: [Evaluating Shared DNA](#), by Paul Woodbury

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. A membership of \$49.95 per year enables the member to view any of the over 900 webinars at any time.

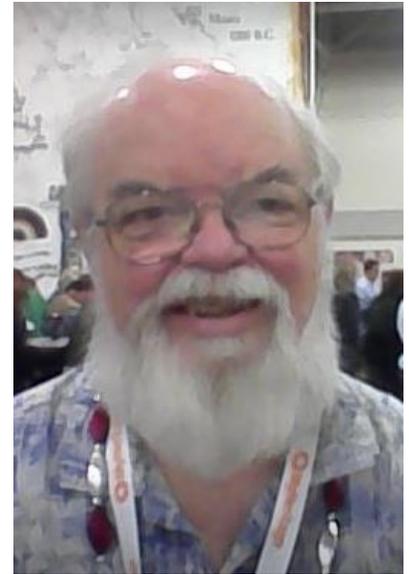
Want Up-To-Date Genealogy News?

Randy Seaver publishes “Genealogy News Bytes” every Tuesday and Friday with links to genealogy news articles, new or updated online record collections, genealogy education opportunities (webinars, podcasts, video), genealogy bargains, DNA success stories, and more. See an example at <https://www.geneamusings.com/2019/06/genealogy-news-bytes-7-june-2019.html>.

CVGS May 8th Research Group Review

The May 8th Research Group meeting had 12 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- He sent 23 home movies to FOREVER by FedEx after buying a FOREVER box in 2018. The company digitized the movies, put them on DVDs and a flash drive, and returned them, for about \$350 total. He reviewed the movies and saw memorable family events (his parent's wedding, his own wedding, his early birthday parties, his children's early birthday parties, etc.). He uploaded two of them to his YouTube channel and shared the links with his family and friends.
- The *Who Do You Think You Are?* TV program will be on NBC this year, probably in the fall.
- MyHeritage added more Finland and Denmark record collections.
- YouTube has many genealogy-oriented channels for companies, groups, and individuals (including Randy!).



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Rob found a biography of his great-grandmother in the *History of Fredericka Manor* book, but it had no sources.
- John spoke to the risk of losing valuable digital photo/document collections due to the termination of program support and differences in formats. Also, he asked for more material to be contributed from members solving their DNA mysteries. He noted that he had success researching the Carpenter family of Providence, Rhode Island by identifying DNA matches.
- Karen P. mentioned receiving DNA reports from Ancestry for her oldest son, Erick and herself. They are waiting for results from their Living DNA tests.
- Helen S. contacted a DNA cousin on MyHeritage. She invited DNA matches to her MyHeritage and Ancestry trees.
- Aneita is a new member, and has been working on her family tree for about 12 years. She has some DNA matches, and thinks a grandfather may not be her biological grandfather.
- JoAnn noted that DNA matches with her children indicate that her husband was their father.
- Gary discussed his work on his upcoming presentation and his wife's genealogical connection to the history of some of the areas he visited during his recent visit and tour of western Europe. Wanda's incredible lineage back to some of the most powerful people in middle ages Europe were partly responsible for the dawn of what we now know as modern western Europe.

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

Randy's Tip of the Month

There are 12 livestreamed presentations from the Southern California Genealogical Society Genealogy Jamboree 2019 – listed in [SCGS Genealogy Jamboree FREE LiveStreaming Classes](#). You do have to register to see the free classes until 31 July at <https://webcastandbeyond.com/streaming/jamboree/> They will send you an email with login links.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 6/1): 81

Linda Cross

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Carolyn Forbes
Jean Moss

Meeting Host Volunteers

June 26: Annual Picnic potluck.

July 31:

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

Telephone Tree Volunteers

Ana Castro – 619-781-8441
Carrie Holleron – 619-421-8309
Carole Sobke – 619-465-5286

CVGS Society Officers

President:	Karen Smith
First Vice-President, Programs	Virginia Taylor
Second Vice-President, Membership	Carrie Holleron
Treasurer	Karen Polk
Secretary	TBD

Committee Chairs

Education	Susi Pentico
Historian	Susan Zimmer
Hospitality	Jo Ann Bonner
Librarian	Ann Stevens
Newsletter Editor	Randy Seaver
Research Group/DNA Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Ways and Means	Carole Sobke
Webmaster	Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

Saturday, July 13th, 10 a.m.
SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

Speaker: Randy Seaver on
“Randy's Top Ten Genealogy Research Tips”
and
“Using Collaborative 'Big' Trees”

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

Tuesday, June 25th, 9:30 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
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Speaker: Carlos Yturralde on
“Searching Spanish Colonial Records From
Your Home”

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers
(1200 Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad)
Contact: Jim Jacobson (lj2001@cox.net)

Upcoming Conferences

Federation of Genealogical Societies
Conference

21 – 24 August 2019
Washington, D.C.

Register at: www.fgs.org

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, June 12, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, June 19, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, June 26, 11 a.m. – Annual Picnic at Sam Seat's house (see front page).**
- **Saturday, July 6, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: Diane Godinez: “FamilySearch”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Community Room.
- **Wednesday, July 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, July 17, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, July 31, 12 noon – General Meeting: Mike Allen: “The Declaration of Independence and Our Founding Fathers”** at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in Auditorium.
- **Saturday, August 3, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: : Susi Pentico: “Lost Ancestors”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library in Community Room.

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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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