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Wednesday, 31 July 2019, 12 noon

CVGS General Meeting

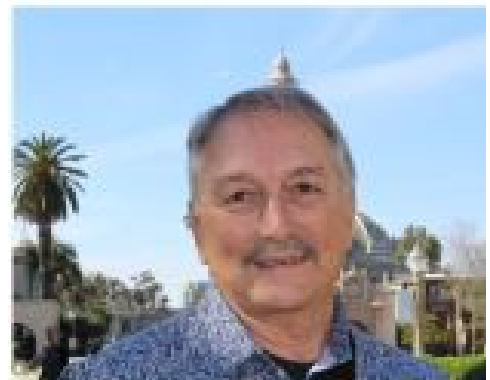
at Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library

(365 F Street, Chula Vista CA 91910) in the Auditorium

Michael W. Allen on “The Founding Fathers ~ Who are They Are and Where Did They Come From?”

Although there are volumes written about the Founding Fathers, rarely do we hear about where they came from and how they came to be in a position to create a foundation for such a unique country; where people are free to design their own destiny. These friends and family influencers of the forefathers will be the topic of Mike's informative and lively discussion.

Mike is a multi-talented, multi-skilled artist and historian with a passion for The Lord, Country and Family. He has lived a colorful past – sailing as crew member on the Star of India, acting with the Maritime Museum education program, Civil War and Old West Re-enacting, doing Extras work for the History Channel and in movies, and he is a former Marine.



His 30+ years as a Locksmith earned him a paycheck as he pursued his passion for American History. He is a mentor and entrepreneur with a passion to help others grow, succeed and reach their goals for the future. Mike is a perfectionist and enjoys diving deep into study and research about our great country and Founding Father's.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



We had a wonderful picnic on June 26. Many thanks go to Sam and Teri Seat, who provided their lovely patio and backyard to accommodate our members and guests. In addition, Sam was our chef, grilling the various meats to perfection. Thanks also go out to all of you who brought the delicious side dishes and desserts.

It was entertaining and interesting to hear member stories about childhood summers. We heard about plucking chickens alongside city activities - what a wide variation in our experiences!

I hope each of you have had a safe and happy Fourth of July. This time of year always makes me think about how fortunate I am to live in America. As I look at the events around the world, it seems we should have few complaints. Many of my ancestors fought in the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and both World Wars. As many have said, freedom isn't free. While we think of this day as the birthday of America, the Declaration of Independence was only the beginning of our fight for freedom. Many brave men and women in the armed services have continued to fight to protect and maintain our freedoms and safety. We should remember and pay homage to them all on July 4.

We are still in need of a secretary for our society. As you know, Karen Yarger, our much beloved secretary, moved to Virginia recently. Please consider helping your society by volunteering your time and talent. It only requires that you attend two meetings each month, take notes, and bring correspondence to our Board. We need you!!!

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.

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.

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 – 3 August 2019

The August 3rd 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 “TBD” with TBD.

Future Saturday Workshop Topics, by Susi Pentico

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 susip1@gmail.com.

We Need a Secretary for the Board of Directors

We lost our erstwhile secretary two months ago 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!

Please Contribute to the CVGS Member Survey

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. This year's survey has been distributed by email and at several June meetings. If you didn't receive one, pick one up at a CVGS meeting, or send a request to Randy Seaver (randy.seaver@gmail.com or 1154 Via Trieste, Chula Vista CA 91911). After filling out the survey, please return the survey paper to Randy Seaver by mail or give it 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.

Recent Genealogy Blog Posts

- [“Did My Ancestor Serve in the American Revolutionary War?” Research Steps to Prove a Family Legend](#) by the writer on Legacy Tree Genealogists.
- [Online Resources for Researching Your Norwegian Ancestors](#) by the writer on Legacy Tree Genealogists.
- [The Family Tree Historical Atlas of Germany](#) by Michael John Neill on the Rootdig blog.

Spotlight On A CVGS Member, by Patricia Diane Godinez **Virginia Taylor – Family Researcher and An All American Gal**

At 4'9", Virginia is a shortie BUT she is so full of life that you don't notice her lack of height. Virginia was the youngest of 5 children and was 17 years younger than her brother. If her siblings were still alive, they'd all be 100 years old or older! She and her siblings and both parents, Elmer Clinton Bland and Effie Elizabeth Artman, were born in Indiana. Mostly, the family stayed in Indiana and it was only Virginia who moved to California. She came to Chula Vista after living in Florida.

In the first 5 generations of Virginia's pedigree chart, you will see that her ancestors were from North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Ireland. The variety of different home states might explain why Virginia is such a fan of sports. She roots for the San Diego Gulls of the American Hockey League and the Anaheim Ducks in the National Hockey League. She goes for Purdue in football and basketball, as she is a Purdue University alumni. This year, she was rooting for the Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup and they lost, What? Oh well, there is always next year. In regards to the San Diego Padres, Virginia says, "I am not a baseball person. I HATE baseball!"



After graduating from college, Virginia worked for a year before her marriage. In Florida, she was a Social Worker in the Marion County Hospital. Her husband, Don Taylor, was with the Navy ROTC in Pensacola. He could fly. Virginia and Don had two daughters, Pamela and Debra, and two grandsons, Nicolas and Robert. Luckily, the daughters and grandsons live locally. Pam served 27 years as an Army medic and now works for the VA. Debbie is the manager at the South Branch of the Chula Vista Library.

Virginia was a stay at home mom but eventually the children grew up and moved out. Then she went to work for the San Diego Air & Space Museum for 17 years. She was in security first, then worked at restoration, and as an assistant membership person, doing mailings and UPS stuff. Originally she was hired on as a temp for six weeks but says, "I practically lived there when I was working." Eventually things changed and she said, "You know when it is time to retire."

It was in 2002, after she retired, that Virginia became interested in genealogy. Her great grandmother, Elizabeth Artman, had left her a spinning wheel and she wanted to find out Elizabeth's maiden name. The name would turn out to be Dunlap. Virginia has a 17" x 24" charcoal drawing of the lady in her living room. She can also go back 9 generations to Germany for her ancestors.

In the Chula Vista Genealogical Society, Virginia has been the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. She is a powerhouse and very friendly. Everyone loves Virginia.

Want to be a CVGS Member in the Spotlight?

You too can have a short genealogy autobiography published in the CVGS Newsletter for FREE! If so, please send your one-page genea-biography to Diane Godinez (godinezenriootay@yahoo.com). A photograph of you doing genealogy research would be great also!

June 19th DNA Interest Group Review

The CVGS DNA Interest Group meeting was on 19 June at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library in the Conference Room. 12 members were present.

In this meeting, Randy highlighted:

- The Facebook group for [Genetic Genealogy Tips and Techniques](#), with questions, answers and advice.
- Diahn Southard's website and blog, www.YourDNAGuide.com
- The SCGS DNA conference syllabus articles
- Highlights of the Ethnicity Estimates and Family Networks of Living DNA, the 5th commercial autosomal DNA testing service, specializing in British Isles.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Karen S. asked if there is a difference in centiMorgans listed by Ancestry and 23andMe to qualify someone as a third or fourth cousin. Each company has different relationship estimates. However, the cM for a person who has tested at both Ancestry and 23andMe should be nearly the same. The only exception of the top four companies is FamilyTreeDNA which counts segments as small as 3 cM, and FTDNA cM numbers are usually higher than other companies for the same test person.
- Susan M. has been working on her husband's DNA matches. He is 50% South Asian, and a second cousin says he was born out of wedlock.
- Gary has three DNA matches who are most likely related to his biological father back in southern Michigan.
- Carrie has had her mother do an autosomal DNA test.
- Diane shared that she has a DNA match from Nova Scotia in Canada. Using DNA information from one son, and other Canadian cousins, she thought she was in the line of Canadian/ English Houghtons. However using another account from a different son, Diane finds she is related to her ex-sister-in-law Cathy Mudgett (distant cousin also)! That leads her to the mysterious Robert Louis Vernon Sr., broker, ocean traveler, and a possible all English line. A brickwall is starting to tumble down so she needs to get birth record from England.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be Wednesday, 17 July at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conferene Room.

Useful DNA Research Blog Posts

- [Identifying Unknown Parents and Individuals Using DNA Matching](#) by Roberta Estes on the [DNAeXplained – Genetic Genealogy](#) blog.
- [10 Ways to Group Your DNA Matches Into Genetic Networks](#) by Robin Wirthlin on the [Family Locket](#) blog.
- [DNA Ethnicity Estimation: Reference Panels](#) by Diahn Southard on the [Your DNA Guide](#) blog.
- [A DNA Match with No Tree? No Problem-Case Study](#) by Lacie P. on the [Making and Sharing Stories](#) blog.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

- Tuesday, 9 July, 11 a.m.: [How to Better Manage Your MyHeritage Family Site](#), by Daniel Horowitz
- Wednesday, 10 July, 5 p.m.: [Prince Edward Island Repositories and Records](#), by Melanie McComb
- Friday, 12 July, 11 a.m.: [DNA, Genealogy, and Privacy: Handling the Double-Edged Sword](#), by Thomas MacEntee
- Tuesday, 16 July, 11 a.m.: [Lesser Used Records for Research in the Netherlands](#), by Yvette Hoitink
- Wednesday, 17 July, 11 a.m.: [Research Your Newfoundland Ancestors](#), by Tessa Keough
- Tuesday, 23 July, 11 a.m.: [Introducing the MyHeritage DNA Health+Ancestry Test](#), by MyHeritage
- Wednesday, 24 July, 11 a.m.: [Should You Take the Hint? Automatic Record Hinting on the Giant Genealogy](#), by Sunny Morton
- Friday, 26 July, 11 a.m.: [Census Hurdles: How to Jump Over or Go Around](#), by Cari Taplin
- Wednesday, 31 July, 11 a.m.: [Google Photos: one photo app to rule them all](#), by Devin Ashby
- Wednesday, 7 August, 11 a.m.: [Case Studies in Gray: Identifying Shared Ancestries Through DNA and Genealogy](#) by Nicka Smith

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 960 webinars at any time.

What's New in the Genealogy World

- [FREE ACCESS at Fold3 to Revolutionary War Records](#) (until 15 July)
- [Family History Fanatics: "2019 Summer of DNA eConference" on 9 August 2019](#)
- [Beware of the Websites Selling Fake DNA Kits](#)
- [Multiple Relationship Paths on Geni.com](#)
- [This Long-Ignored Document, Written by George Washington, Lays Bare the Legal Power of Genealogy](#)
- [MyHeritage Announces the Speaker Schedule for MyHeritage LIVE 2019 in Amsterdam](#)
- [Ancestry® Unveils Over 225 New Communities for Members Who Have Ties to France, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand](#)
- [Ancient DNA Reveals Complex Story of Human Migration Between Siberia and North America](#)
- [Randy Majors Adds Still More Functionality to his Genealogy Mapping Web Site that Works with Google Maps: Township, Range, and Section](#)
- [Ancestry.com ThruLines, MyTreeTags and New & Improved DNA Matches Out of Beta](#)

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/2019/07/genealogy-news-bytes-5-july-2019.html> .

Dick Eastman publishes genealogy news and technology articles daily on his Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter – check daily at <http://www.eogn.com>.

CVGS June Annual Picnic Review

The CVGS Annual Picnic was held at the home of Sam and Teri Seat in Bonita. They have a fabulous back yard with many plants, trees, a koi pond, a terraced hillside, and a great barbecue and picnic area. We had 20 in attendance, and we enjoyed the brats, hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by Sam, and the side dishes brought by the attendees.



After the meal, many members shared about their childhood summer memories. Several grew up in San Diego, and several lived in farming areas that required doing daily chores. Games, horses, vacations, beach, sleepouts, swimming pools, bicycles, fishing, seeing family, 4H club, sold corn, reading books and more were described.

As an example, Randy discussed going to state bowling tournaments in the 1950s with his family, staying in motels with pools; he went to Canada in a small plane in 1956 with his best friend's family; he rode his bike and flexie all over San Diego; he spent days at the Morley Field swimming pool and the Little League field; he and his buddies played baseball, roamed the canyons and stole golf balls from the golf course in Balboa Park; and he hitchhiked to Mission Beach from the top of Texas Street with his buddies.

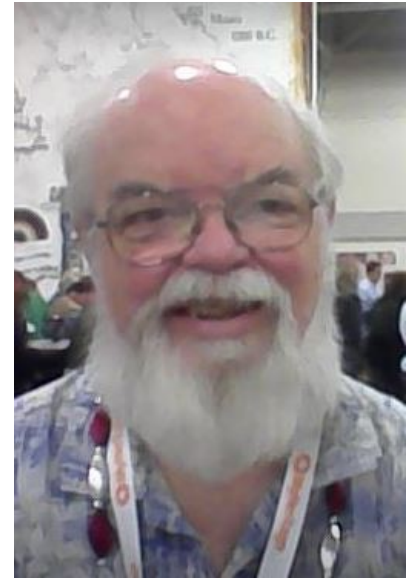
My thanks to Karen Smith for all of the photographs!



CVGS June 12th Research Group Review

The June 12th Research Group meeting had 11 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- The CVGS Newsletter and the Survey. Several attendees filled out the survey during the meeting.
- The highlights from the SCGS Genealogy Jamboree in Burbank held May 30 to June 2. 10 CVGS members attended the conference with three days of presentations and an exhibit hall, plus other activities. There will be no Jamboree in 2020 as they will revamp the conference to meet perceived attendee and society needs.
- An email contact asked about making a Descendant Chart for a family reunion in August. After some discussion, the recommendation was to send a GEDCOM file to a chart-making company and work with them to make a custom chart.



In the second hour, the attendees discussed:

- Diane discussed getting in touch with Hailee S. because of a 23andMe DNA test. She wrote to her and she wrote back to Diane and said she was the granddaughter of Charlene F. That Charlene is Diane's first husband's sister and when she looked at her family tree on FamilySearch.org, she saw that she had already added Hailee! But now she has her haplogroup on the maternal line for Diane's oldest son and that leads back to a connection with Dr. Samuel Fuller of the Mayflower. She also reported that by looking at names for her grandson Nathan, in regards to his maternal grandfather, again on FamilySearch.org, Diane found that he is related to George Soule of the Mayflower and also to Randy, among many others.
- Karen S. shared that she found a book, *Founders of Early American Families*, that has valuable information about some of her ancestors. It gives the year and place they first lived in the colonies and cites source books with more information. Randy noted that he extensively used this book when he first started doing his research.
- Lynn (a new member) talked about a book her uncle published in the late 1960's that is full of names and stories from her Tennessee relatives.
- Jo Ann discussed finding her daughter-in-law's 4 x great-grandfather, Joseph Taitano, born in Guam, Mariana Islands in about 1750.
- Rob has been researching the information in the biography of his great-grandmother, Emma Saylor.
- Paula Jo is downsizing and organizing her family history material. She found a book about the National Society of American Farmers with information from 1776 to 1900.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 10 July at 12 noon in the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library Conference Room.

Randy's Tip of the Month

Want more free traditional genealogy or genetic genealogy education? Check out videos on YouTube (www.youtube.com). There are many genealogy and genetic genealogy channels that you can subscribe to and watch at your leisure. Put "genealogy" or "family history" or "dna" or "genetic genealogy" in the search box at the top of the page. I subscribe to over 80 channels and have my own channel.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 7/1): 82

Linda Cross
Lynn Wright

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Meeting Host Volunteers

July 31: Sunny Van Cleave, TBD
August 28: TBD

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, July 23rd 9:30 a.m.
NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Toni Perrone on
“Researching Your German Ancestors”

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, 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.
- **Wednesday, August 14, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, August 21, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Conference Room
- **Wednesday, August 28, 12 noon – General Meeting** at CVCCB Auditorium
- **Saturday, Sept. 7, 1 p.m. – Saturday Workshop: : “”** 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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