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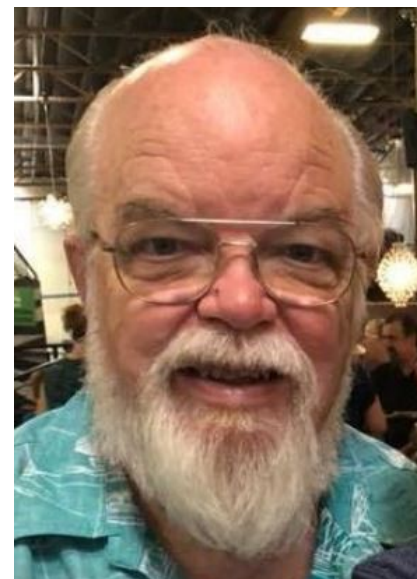
CVGS General Meeting

in a Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Randy Seaver on "Randy's Top 10 Genealogy Search Tips"

Every genealogy record provider has a different set of search fields and formats for their collections, and users must consider their strategy for using them effectively. After a review of the major record providers, Randy provides ten tips for getting the most out of your searches on Ancestry, MyHeritage, FamilySearch, and several other providers.

Randy Seaver has 32 years experience in researching his family history, with a fine New England, English and German ancestry, with a little Dutch and French. He has served CVGS as Treasurer, Program Chair, President, Newsletter Editor, Research Group and DNA Group leader. Randy has given more than 200 genealogy presentations to CVGS and other genealogical societies all over Southern California for the last 27 years. In addition, he has taught the "Genealogy 101" course several times for CVGS and "Beginning Computer Genealogy" at OASIS since 2009. Randy writes the world renowned Genea-Musings blog (www.geneamusings.com), started in 2006 after he retired from Rohr.



This program will be held online using the ZOOM video conferencing platform for meetings and webinars. Please see the article on page 3 in this newsletter for how each CVGS member can watch this presentation on their computer from home on the date and time listed.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



The CVGS Board met 3 June on Zoom. This was our first meeting since March 4, and it was difficult to resolve many items. For example, our scholarship committee has not been able to meet to read the high school senior essays and determine who will be awarded the scholarship. We are working to bring quality programs to you, but the library is not yet open and many folks will not feel comfortable returning to face to face meetings, even with social distancing. Our work on the library file cabinets cannot happen until we can access them. Our agenda was soon whittled down to a very small number of items.

You all must be feeling frustrated, too. Memorial Day was not the same without honoring our war dead, Easter did not resonate with video services, and summer is not the same with all of the pools closed. Family means hugs and sharing, which is not always wise right now. Life has certainly changed. All change is difficult. Sometimes just the smallest change in our routines can be challenging. COVID 19 is a monumental change!

I hope that each of you has found a way to keep meaning in your quarantined lives. I am doing more genealogy. I started researching a new branch of my family tree and found some surprising facts. I got stuck at one point and called another CVGS member, John Finch, to help me sort through the conflicting information. I was excited and proud to find information no one else on Ancestry had documented on a family tree. I hope you are managing to stay engaged with your research. Consider calling or emailing another member if you get stuck on something. We will meet again and we will continue to hone our skills and share information. I miss you all!

Take good care of yourselves.

Member Services – Contact Carrie Holleron

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

Carrie Holleron also 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: <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.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 <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/> on the “Members” tab.

Using Zoom.us For Society Meetings

Zoom and several other computer programs are used around the world to bring people, families and groups together using online video conferencing. The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many people indoors to avoid being sick, and these video platforms have enabled millions of people to share information with others, business managers and employees, and teachers and students to connect with each other on a regular basis. The Zoom Help site is <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>.

You need to Register to use Zoom at <https://zoom.us/signup> with your email address. Participating in a meeting or webinar as an attendee is FREE. Long meetings and all webinars require a subscription plan to act as a Host for a meeting or a webinar. There is a limit of 100 attendees for a free Zoom Meeting.

The Zoom Client for Meetings program must be downloaded from <https://zoom.us/download> before it can be used by a Host or Attendee on a desktop or laptop computer, or on a smart phone or tablet. Once downloaded, it must be installed on your computer by clicking on the downloaded file in your computer files. See <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/basic-computer-skills/installing-software-on-your-windows-pc/1/> (for Windows) or <https://www.howtogeek.com/177619/how-to-install-applications-on-a-mac-everything-you-need-to-know/> (for MacOS). You can download the Zoom Cloud Meeting App to your iPhone or iPad from the Apple App Store, or to your Android phone or tablet from the Google Play Store.

The Host sets up a Zoom Meeting, scheduling a day, date, time, and approximate meeting length. Zoom provides an invitation that the Host can send to the attendees via email. The email contains the link to JOIN the meeting, along with a meeting ID and a password (which may be required to be used).

The invited attendees, with the Zoom program installed on their computer, can click on the link to the meeting, and the Zoom screen opens. The user must click on the “Open URL: Zoom Launcher” link, and the Zoom screen will open if the Host has started the meeting. If the Host has not started the meeting, then the attendee must wait for the start of the meeting. You should test your audio and video before opening the Zoom launcher.

The attendee can watch and participate in the Zoom Meeting in full screen (upper right-hand corner) or in partial screen (in View Options). When in Full Screen, the Participants and Chat boxes open in the middle of the screen. In Partial Screen, they appear on the right side of the screen.

The meeting screen will have a number of “controls” at the bottom of the screen. Roll your mouse over the bottom of the screen and the controls will appear. From the left side of the screen, the controls include:

- * **Mute** (ON or OFF) – if ON, you should be able to be heard. If OFF, you will not be able to be heard. If there is significant background noise in your computer room, please Mute yourself when not speaking.
- * **Video** (ON or OFF) – if ON, the host and attendees can see what your web camera is showing. If OFF, you will not be seen, but your name will be shown. If you have to leave for a minute, switch your video to OFF.
- * **Participants** – you can click on the button and see the names of Participants in a list on your screen.
- * **Chat** – you can click on the Chat button and see the messages that the attendees share using the field at the bottom of the Chat box. You can add text in that field and hit Enter and your message will show in the Chat.
- * **Share** – you can click on Share and select which screen you wish to share. This is used for documents, web sites, or presentations. The Host can control how many people can share at one time – usually they choose One.
- * **Record** – the Host can record the video and save it to their computer or to an online video site.

Genealogy Bargains

Thomas MacEntee publishes a list of genealogy-related bargains – subscriptions, books, classes, DNA, etc – free, discounted, etc.) every day on <https://genealogybargains.com/>. There is always something genealogical for sale!

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/2020/06/genealogy-news-bytes-friday-5-june-2020.html>

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

Here are some of the significant May genealogy news items:

- [\[MyHeritage\]: Introducing Cross-Language Record Matches](#)
- [SLIG Announces Academy Courses and Deadline Modifications](#)
- [News From Genetic Affairs: Ancestry Demands They Stop Collecting DNA Match Data](#)
- [MyHeritage offering free access to different record collections every day in June](#)
- [Vivid-Pix Brings Back Family Memories –Relive Past Reunions & Create This Year’s — Virtually](#)

- [Due to Covid-19 the 2020 British Institute Will Be Virtual](#)
- [Family Tree Magazine’s ‘Best genealogy websites of 2020’](#)
- [Virtual Genealogical Association announces November conference program](#)
- [\[SCGS\] Jamboree 2021 Is Going Virtual!](#)
- [Virtual Celtic Connections Conference Registrations are Now Open](#)

- [General Society of Mayflower Descendants has cancelled its 42nd Congress](#)
- [Announcing the 400th Anniversary Edition of “Of Plimoth Plantation”](#)
- [LivingDNA updates Family Networks cousin matching tool](#)

Useful Genealogy Blog Posts for May

- [How Much DNA Did I Inherit From Grandpa? by Paul Woodbury.](#)
- [Genetic Affairs: AutoPedigree Combines AutoTree with WATO to Identify Your Potential Tree Locations by Roberta Estes](#)
- [The Archive Lady: Vertical Files - What Are They? by Melissa Barker](#)
- [Endogamy and DNA Testing by Diahan Southard](#)
- [How to Make Plans to Protect Your Genealogy for Future Generations by Will MoneyMaker](#)

- [Here's Why I Will No Longer Speak "in-Person" at Genealogy Events ... by Thomas MacEntee](#)
- [The A-Files: A Rich Source Of Information by Marisa Louie Lee](#)
- [When You Can't Find the Record ... by Donna Moughty](#)
- [Your House Has a Family History Too: 4 Ways to Research It by Linda Stufflebean](#)
- [Is This the End of Genealogy Conferences as We Have Known Them? by Dick Eastman](#)

Spotlight on Ana Castro by Patricia Diane Godinez **CVGS Researcher and A Romantic Inspiration**

Ana María Bañuelos was born in the West Texas town of El Paso. She was from a traditional Hispanic Family of seven siblings (all girls) from the same parents. The age span was 15 years, and, Ana was number 6. Her father, Manuel Duran Bañuelos, had his family in Chihuahua, Mexico, right across the border. He was a first generation American. Ana's mother, Bertha Cisneros Montes, had family from Las Cruces, New Mexico and Ysleta, Texas. She was a 7th generation American.

Bertha and Manuel met in Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico. Manuel fell in love with the petite, quiet young girl from El Paso. They were married for 70 years. Manuel worked as a ticket agent for Greyhound Bus and Bertha was a stay at home mom, who had high expectations for her daughters. She taught them many things and each daughter had a list of chores. The family moved to California for the health of the youngest daughter, after Manuel was able to get a transfer in the early 1960's.



Growing up in a Hispanic home, two languages were always spoken—Spanish with the parents, grandparents, aunts, older relatives, and especially when Mom wanted to express mandates. El Paso is a border town and facilitates the development of two languages. Growing up in a bilingual home, helped Ana to be guided to become a bilingual teacher and school principal in both the South Bay Union School District and the National City Elementary School District. Her career in education lasted 34 years.

Genealogy research started for Ana when she spent time caring for her mother after her father's death. Mother carried on Ana's father's tradition of telling family stories and sharing the family history. Ana would then verify events, dates, and people. Their research dated the maternal side to the Guerra family to 1797 in Ysleta, Texas. The families had farmlands with crops and animal keeping which dated back generations. Ana says she has more research to do because of the many stories of Las Cruces, New Mexico and the Cisneros politics. Still needing to be verified as truth or fiction, are the stories of Pancho Villa, a neighbor of the Bañuelos in Chihuahua.

Ana was working summers during her college years as a clerk typist at the Naval Electronics Laboratory Center in Point Loma. She typed reports, travel vouchers, and sorted mail for the division of engineers. She met Ceasar Castro and the two very independent personalities, after taking a bit of time to get to know one another, started to date. They married two years later at the St. Agnes Church, in Point Loma. They celebrated 48 years of marriage on April 15, 2020 and are the parents to two children.

Ana has served on numerous committees with CVGS and is currently the Secretary.

1950 U.S. Census Location Tools

Joel Weintraub and Steve Morse had a research group that worked on tools to enable genealogists to effectively search the 1940 U.S. census, using census location tools, before the indexes were provided (about five months after the 1940 census was released on 2 April 2012). These worked really well, and many researchers greatly benefited by using this "jump start." It was a significant research effort by Joel and Steve and their volunteer team.

The really good news is that they have done the same thing for the 1950 U.S. Census, which will be released on 1 April 2022 (only 22 months from now). Joel has prepared two videos to discuss the 1950 census and the locational tools.

You can view the videos on Joel's YouTube Channel:

- [The 1950 U.S. Census for Genealogists](#)
- [1950 Census Location Search Tools](#)

There is a handout for these talks and the link is <https://tinyurl.com/yddoek75>

If you want to know more about the 1950 U.S. Census, and the locational tools we will be able to use before the census is indexed, then please watch these YouTube videos.

The genealogy community will be very pleased, and are very fortunate, to have these locational tools for the 1950 U.S. Census. Researchers should start planning now to determine where their ancestral families resided in 1950, using telephone books, city directories, or family records.

Upcoming Family Tree Webinars

These webinars are sponsored by Legacy Family Tree, and are FREE to watch live, and are FREE 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 1,200 webinars at any time.

- Tuesday, 9 June, 11 a.m.: [The FamilySearch/MyHeritage partnership and its tools for members of the LDS church](#), by James Tanner
- Wednesday, 10 June, 5 p.m.: [Using DNA to Answer Real Research Questions: Three Case Studies](#), by Gail Blankenau
- Friday, 12 June, 11 a.m.: [Your DNA questions answered live with Diahna Southard](#)
- Tuesday, 16 June, 5 p.m.: [Genealogical Treasures in Irish Archives](#), by David Ouimette
- Wednesday, 17 June, 11 a.m.: [Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States between 1780 and 1840](#), by D. Joshua Taylor

- Tuesday, 23 June, 11 a.m.: [Working with SuperSearch™ to Find the Correct Historical Record](#), by Daniel Horowitz
- Wednesday, 24 June, 11 a.m.: [Utilizing the HathiTrust Digital Library for Family History Research](#), by Colleen Robledo Greene
- Tuesday, 30 June, 7 p.m.: [The 1939 Register for Family Historians](#), by Fiona Brooker
- Wednesday, 1 July, 11 a.m.: [Finding a Father for Molly - Using DNA](#), by Jill Morelli
- Wednesday, 8 July, 5 p.m.: [Turning dry facts into exciting narrative](#), by Carol Baxter

Please Note: All CVGS Events at Chula Vista Library Are Canceled Until Further Notice!

The Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library and the other branches of the library are closed until the embargo on meetings of groups of people and distancing from others are lifted.

Consequently, all CVGS in-person meetings are canceled. We will try to have Zoom online video conferencing meetings for the Board of Directors, the Research Group, the DNA Interest Group, and the General Meetings with a speaker. See page 3 for Zoom program details.

Unfortunately, the pandemic precautions mean that this Newsletter will only be sent by email to CVGS members. If you have a CVGS member friend that receives the newsletter by postal mail, please call them and let them know about upcoming events and society news. If they can receive it by email, have them email randy.seaver@gmail.com to get on the email distribution list.

Hospitality Committee Needs YOU!!

Do you enjoy the treats we have after the CVGS General Meeting? We need a member to volunteer to be the Hospitality Chair. The task entails signing up two volunteers to bring refreshments at each general meeting, organize the Annual Picnic and Holiday Luncheon food, and attend the Board meeting each month. Contact President Karen Smith (619-656-0996 or email at freelady72000@me.com). Thanks for your help with this!!

May 27th Program Review

On 27 May 2020, Randy Seaver presented “Using Collaborative 'BIG' Family Trees” in a Zoom meeting with 16 in attendance. A collaborative tree is one that everybody can work on – add information, edit information, even delete information – and it is not “my tree” or “your tree” but “our tree.” You don't “own” your ancestors. In a collaborative tree, each historical person has one profile, and the goal is to create best possible profile for that person. The person profile should include vital records, other life events, have notes, include photographs, documents and audio/video, and source citations that support each statement of fact. A collaborative tree is a way to share your research with the genealogy community, collaborating with other researchers improves person profiles, and the tree is online so you don't need desktop/laptop genealogy software, and it may last for decades or longer.

Four online collaborative family trees were discussed in some detail (all have privacy protections, editing, matching and merging tools, a learning curve, etc.):

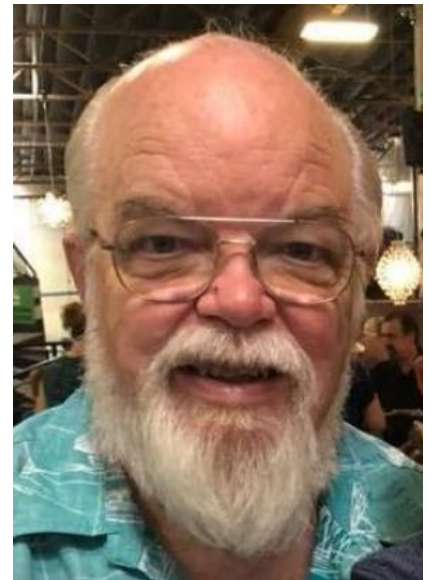
- www.WikiTree.com – has about 23 million profiles, is FREE, has an honor code, profile managers and curators, GEDCOM upload, relationship calculator and many other features.
- www.Geni.com – has about 297 million profiles, free or \$120 a year (for advanced features), has GEDCOM upload, profile managers, relationship calculator, and other features.
- www.Ancestry.com – has a big tree with 831 million profiles, put together from Ancestry Member Trees, used only for “Potential Ancestor” and DNA ThruLines suggestions. Subscription.
- <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/> – FamilySearch Family Tree is FREE, 932 million profiles, no GEDCOM upload, provides record Hints, has relationship calculator, and many other features.

The handout has more information – email Randy at randy.seaver@gmail.com for a copy.

May 13th Research Group Review

The May 13th Research Group meeting on Zoom had 13 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- MyHeritage colorized photographs has the ability to download both black/white and color photos.
- “InstaSlider” lets you compare two photographs – e.g., old and new photos of yourself, or a home, or a scene.
- His “Where I’m From” poem – see <https://www.geneamusings.com/2020/05/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-your-where.html>
- Ancestry has indexed English church parish registers from 1538.
- Many genealogists and companies have Facebook Live videos on their pages on a regular basis.
- A review of MyHeritage trees, collections, searches, matches, etc.
- A review of historical newspaper websites.



In the second hour, the attendees shared some of their genealogy research activities over the past month. Randy didn't make good notes, and forgot to ask attendees to provide a summary.

The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 10 June at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. See Page 3 for Zoom information.

May 20th DNA Interest Group Review

The May 20th DNA interest Group meeting on Zoom had 12 in attendance. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- Ancestry added a Tree icon to your tree if they are a DNA match.
- MyHeritage updated their Theory of Family Relativity with lines to common ancestors for some DNA matches.
- CeCe Moore's program “The Genetic Detective” starts Tuesday, 26 May on ABC at 10 p.m. for a series.
- Ethnicity estimates on each site are based on reference groups of persons who are thought to be representative of the ethnicity. For example, hundreds of DNA tests of people in Ireland represent Ireland. Each company has a different reference group. The estimates are approximate, not exact.



In the second hour, the attendees shared some of their DNA-related activities. Unfortunately, Randy didn't make good notes and forgot to ask attendees to provide a summary.

The next DNA Interest Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 17 June at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. See Page 3 for Zoom information.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 6/1): 70

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Meeting Host Volunteers

TBD

**We Need a Hospitality Chair!
Please volunteer!**

Telephone Tree Volunteers

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Carrie Holleron – 619-421-8309
Carole Sobke – 619-465-5286**

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San Diego Genealogy Events

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Upcoming Conferences

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**Federation of Genealogical Societies
2020 Family History Conference**

**September 2-5, 2020
Kansas City, Mo.**

Registration:

<https://fgs.org/conferences/registration/>

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, June 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, June 17, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, June 24, 12 noon – General Meeting: Randy Seaver on “Randy's Top 10 Genealogy Search Tips”** at Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, July 8, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting (?)
- **Wednesday, July 15, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, at Zoom video meeting (?)
- **Wednesday, July 29, 12 noon – General Meeting: TBD on “TBD”** at Zoom video meeting (?)

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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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