



CHULA VISTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY GAZETTE



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CVGS General Meeting (in a Zoom Video Conference) Dr. Penny Walters on "Mixing DNA and the Paper Trail"

Dr Penny Walters will explain in this session how to merge established paper trails with DNA results. The biology and jargon of DNA can be overwhelming and people have had to learn this new branch of genealogy quickly. Through DNA testing, people receive ethnicity estimates, a heritage map, a list of people that DNA ‘matches’ (overlaps) with, and the opportunity to contact them and collaborate if both parties want to.

The advantages and disadvantages of different DNA tests will be explored; a consanguinity chart will be provided; useful information for adopted people will be given; uploading to GEDmatch and utilising the MRCA (most recent common ancestor) information, and triangulation, will be explained. Attendees will be shown how to add ‘useful’ DNA matches to their tree to inform a re-structured paper trail. A variety of ethical dilemmas will be outlined.

Dr. Penny Walters has been a University lecturer for 30 years in Psychology and Business Studies. Penny’s interest in genealogy started after having her first child and then wondering about her biological parents, as she was adopted. DNA testing has revealed 94% Irish heritage; and fascinating insights into her children’s heritage. Penny lectures internationally in-person, presents webinars, and writes articles about a variety of genealogy topics. Penny has authored the books: *Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy* and *The Psychology of Searching*, both available in paperback or Kindle on Amazon. See Penny’s website at www.searchmypast.co.uk.



Register on the CVGS website for this meeting, and look for the email with the Zoom meeting link on about Monday, 26 July.

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President's Message – by Karen Smith



I am returning to a topic that has been in many of my newsletter articles: volunteerism.

We are now beginning to look at elections of officers, which occur in November. We always have a nominating committee, a group of our members who speak with members and look for volunteers. We elect folks to these offices: President, First Vice-President (in charge of monthly programs) Second Vice President (membership), Secretary, and Treasurer. Due to COVID, we extended the length of our officers' terms last year, so this year we will elect officers to a one year term. Our bylaws state that an election will occur in even numbered years and we need to return to that timetable. It is my hope that we can install new officers at

a December get together this year.

Please consider running for office. When I was quite new to our society, I became Second Vice President. It was a great opportunity because I met so many of you. I also learned about our Bylaws, SOPs, and standing rules. It was a perfect way to be introduced to our society members and leaders and to give back a little of the support I received in my research.

None of these positions requires a degree in rocket science. All of those folks currently serving are willing to support new officers. There are binders organized with necessary information for each job. Most positions really only require attendance at one or two monthly meetings. In addition, we have committee chairs. A list of committees can be found on our website and in the monthly newsletter. We do need a Ways and Means chair for when we return to in-person meetings. Many of our committee chairs have been doing their job for years.

The same dozen or so people do most of the work for everyone in our society. We need new volunteers and new ideas and energy. Please, please think about giving back, even if it only for a one year term. You can be part of a revitalization of our society!

Chula Vista Public Library Civic Center Branch Is Open

The Chula Vista Public Library Civic Center Branch is now open on Mondays through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Access to the building may be limited. For more information about the library programs and holdings, please see <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/library>.

The meeting rooms and auditorium are not available for use yet, but when they are available CVGS will try to reserve space for our meetings and programs.

Stay up-to-date on CVGS Activities

Visit the CVGS Website: <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/>

The Board Meeting minutes, General Meeting minutes, Meeting handouts, and Meeting recordings are now posted on the CVGS website. Check them out at the website on the "Members" tab.

June 30th Program Was Cancelled

The June 30th program speaker was supposed to be Thomas MacEntee, but on the morning of June 30th we received an email from Thomas that said he had a critical medical meeting with his physician at the appointed time. So we canceled the meeting and hope to host Thomas at another time.

Newsletter-Only Members Announcement, by Carrie Holleron

After our General Meeting in May, a couple of our newsletter-only members tried to access our “members only” tab on our website to watch the recording and were unable to do so. After investigating, it was determined that when the website was setup that these members were just to receive our newsletter as well as access to the public areas of our website. Due to the COVID pandemic, all of our meetings have been conducted online and we opened them up to our newsletter-only members. We will continue to offer all meetings via “Zoom” but unfortunately these members will not be able to access the “members only” tab on our website to watch the recordings. Of course, you may upgrade your membership in order to view the recordings. Please email me at mncinc@cox.net if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you, Carrie Holleron, Membership Chair.

Want Up-To-Date Genealogy News?

Dick Eastman publishes genealogy news and technology articles daily on his Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter – check for updates at <https://eogn.com/page-18080>.

Randy Seaver writes a weekly “Best of the Genea-Blogs” post every Sunday, which contains links to genealogy blog posts that he enjoyed and learned from, including several other “pick posts” by geneabloggers in Arizona, Canada and Australia. See an example in <https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/07/best-of-genea-blogs-week-of-27-june-to.html>.

Useful Genealogy Blog Posts

- [The Revised FamilySearch Help Center](#) by James Tanner
- [Genealogists: Do Your Biographies](#) by Louis Kessler
- [Succession Planning](#) by Bill Buchanan
- [Book Review -- The Lost Family](#) by AArthur
- [Summer, Lemonade and Nana](#) by Maureen Taylor

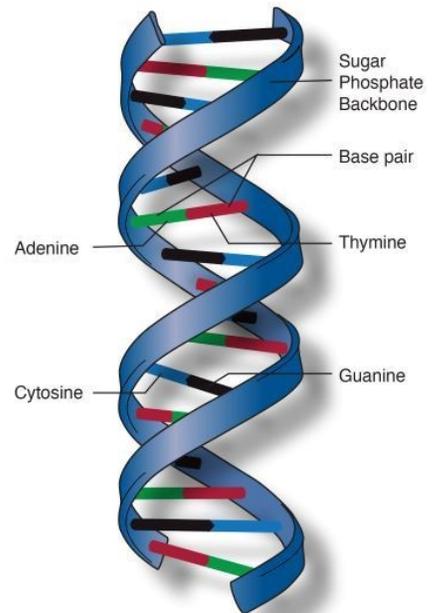
- [Setting the Record Straight: 6 Common Myths About Hiring a Professional Genealogist](#) by Carolyn
- [Connecting Descendants of Enslaved and Enslavers](#) by Sunny Morton
- [Archives of Ontario Creates New Research Guide and Updates Look of Other Guides](#) by Gail Dever
- [Searching for an Ancestor's Maiden Name? Try These Top 7 Resources!](#) by Elizabeth O'Neal
- [GenealogyBank Review -- and How To Maximize Your Trial and 7 Tips for Newspaper Searches on GenealogyBank](#) by Margaret O'Brien

- [The Bright Lights of Genealogy -- Learning To Focus](#) by Gena Philibert-Ortega
- [Are You Using These 3 Genealogy Record Types?](#) by Julie Cahill Tarr
- [FamilySearch Family History Library Reopening 6 July 2021](#) by Randy Seaver

June 16th DNA Interest Group Review

The May 19th DNA Interest Group meeting on Zoom had 18 in attendance, including 2 guests. In the first hour, Randy discussed:

- A new AncestryDNA feature is you can identify your relationship to your DNA matches if you know the relationship through genealogy research or ThruLines.
- Jim Bartlett provides a good review of how to find the common ancestor on Ancestry when your match has a small tree in <https://segmentology.org/2021/06/13/extending-a-matches-ancestry/>.
- Jonny Perl made suggestions for each DNA testing and analysis company in <https://blog.dnapainter.com/blog/how-each-dna-testing-site-could-be-better/>
- Randy's strategy for finding common ancestors of high-value DNA matches (40 cM or more) is:
 - If they don't have a tree on Ancestry, try to identify their parents and/or grandparents by doing genealogy research (e.g., newspapers, BMD records, census records, etc.).
 - If they have grandparents in their tree, search on Ancestry, MyHeritage, FamilySearch Family Tree, WikiTree, and Geni.com to find more ancestors.
 - Build an Ancestry tree for your DNA match from those grandparents (or earlier ancestors) to try to find common ancestors further back in time.
- Demonstrated and reviewed GEDmatch.com FREE features – there is no testing capability, but the user can upload DNA raw data from other test services to use GEDmatch features:
 - Go to www.GEDmatch.com and start a FREE account.
 - Upload your raw DNA file (still in ZIP format) from test service to GEDmatch.
 - Upload a GEDCOM file of your family tree to GEDmatch (I use an “ancestors only” file).
 - GEDmatch provides you a free list of “one-to-many” matches that match some part of your DNA (including X chromosome). Select your DNA Kit number (and note the Kit number!)
 - Not many of your matches will have a GEDCOM file on GEDmatch or on WikiTree. If they do, peruse the tree – perhaps you can identify one of your ancestors in it.
 - “A” kit numbers are AncestryDNA, “M” kits are 23andMe, “T” kits are FamilyTreeDNA, “H” kits are MyHeritageDNA. Matches with “A” kits can be used to find chromosome segments they share with you and you can search their Ancestry Member Tree for common ancestors.
 - You can select one of your matches to see a free “one-to-one” chromosome comparison – which segments on which chromosomes do you match? You can select a table of the segment data to input to DNA Painter.
 - GEDmatch has a number of advanced “Tier 1” features which cost \$10 a month for one month or monthly membership.



In the second hour, the attendees shared some of their DNA-related activities, and suggested topics for future meetings.

The July meeting of the DNA Interest Group meeting is canceled due to Randy's schedule. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 18 August at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. Members can register on the CVGS website and receive an email with the link to JOIN the meeting. Also, an email invitation to all CVGS members will go out on 16 August with the link.

Spotlight on Judy Larson Leiser, CVGS Researcher, Multi-Talented Friend, and Loving Great Granddaughter, by Patricia Diane Godinez

Judy, who lives in Hemiston, Oregon, first heard about our Chula Vista Genealogical Society, last summer, when she was researching for a Cabbage ancestor and had her name listed on FamilySearch.org. I invited her to come to our research and DNA meetings. Judy and I both were looking for Cabbage relatives and she says the original Cabbage/Kabbis, were from Germany. The line then went from Virginia to Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and finally to Kentucky.



Judy has lots of stories. One is of her WW2 Great Grandmother, Anna Belle Cabbage Lamb, and her contribution to Wendover Army Air Force Base. The base was activated on March 26, 1942, and became a heavy bombardment training base of B-17s and B-24s. The first unit, the 306th bombardment group of four squadrons of B-17 aircraft, arrived in April 1942. At one point, over 20,000 servicemen were based in Wendover, Utah. It was Wendover Airfield along the Nevada/ Utah border, where the crew of the Enola Gay B-29 Super-fortress was trained.

The Enola Gay was kept at the base, as the U.S. prepared for the most decisive military action in world history...the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. World War 2 changed Anna Belle's whole working career history when word got out to one of the top brass at the base. It was a colonel's birthday and his family and some close friends decided that a "hay ride" was in order. The colonel asked Anna Belle and her husband William Millen Lamb, if they could provide hayrides for the troops and their families. A new business alliance was formed with the development of "Heavenly Hayrides". Also included was a longtime friend and ranch foreman, plus all his adult family. They were required to obtain special clearances to serve the airman, remembering, "Loose lips sink ship!" Heavenly Hayrides were held on the base so that the servicemen could be close to the aircraft. The Air Force supplied a fire pit and the wood burning cook stove, was now housed in a converted building that was made to look like an old time kitchen-dining area.

Judy says, "I often wondered what the guards at the gate thought, when Anna Belle's teams of horses showed up and everyone was dressed for the western experience?" There were some members of the Air Force who played their guitars and led singalongs, with old western songs in the summer and fall and Christmas carols in December. "Home on the Range" was always sung and a short story of the Utah pioneers was included. Corny jokes, tall tales, and memories from the past were shared. A western gourmet dinner was catered by a local café, with baked beans, biscuits, and coleslaw. The hayride participants were served their choice of barbecued ribs or steak. The children could roast hot dogs and marshmallows over the open fire. Homemade apple pie with ice cream were served for dessert. Soon the hayride and Christmas sleigh-ride business turned into a special gala event, twice a week from April to December, with wheels being added to the sleigh, when there was no snow in December.

The USO (United Service Organizations) was even involved. Some of the western movie stars like Roy Rogers and his wife, Dale Evans, came to the air base and sometimes went along on the hayrides. Others who joined in on the fun were Gene Autry, Hopalong Cassidy, Gary Cooper and "Spade" Cooley, who was a movie stand in for Roy Rogers and also a convicted wife murderer. Judy says she knew of these

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Spotlight on Judy Larson Leiser (concluded)

special guests joining in the music and storytelling because the events were noted and tucked away in the pages of the ledgers that were left to a cousin of hers.

The wording on the back of the picture above says “Great Granddaughter, Judy, December 1948, Wendover.” The Santa Claus was Judy’s great grandfather. William M. Lamb, (1863-1957) who was about 85 years old then, and Judy, (age 6 or 7) who was sitting on his lap. Her memories of this early trip are very, very dim. She remembers however, “We did make at least one trip to Wendover every year and Christmas was always a special family reunion. Of this time period of the 1950s, Judy says, “After collecting children at the base, Heavenly Hayrides wagons, dressed up as sleighs, had the horses and their harnesses fitted out with large jingle bells. The wagons would bring them back to the cook shack, where a holiday dinner was served, and Christmas carols were sung by the musical group and audience. William was always able to turn on his acting abilities and served as Santa. Judy says this is the only picture she has of William.”

When Judy met her great grandmother and great grandfather, Anna Belle was in her 80’s. During one visit, Judy learned to ride their Appaloosa horses, Indian style. Her best memory was the after dinner ritual of walking outside to the pasture fence, where William would whistle and the horses would come to get petted and receive snacks of carrots and apples. As they stood there with the horses, William would put his arm around Anna Belle and give her a kiss on the cheek and whisper in her ear. Anna Belle passed away in January 1956, at the age of 87 years. Anna Belle’s husband, William, passed away a year later, in January 1957, at the age of 93 years. It is said by some in the family, that William died of a broken heart, not the pneumonia, listed on the death certificate. William and Anna Belle were married almost 73 years. He always said his occupation was as a mining engineer and “Jack of all Trades, Master of None”. Anne Belle had on her death certificate, “Housewife”. But with Heavenly Hayrides, we can see that Anne Belle was so much more and William supported her 100% in all of her adventures.

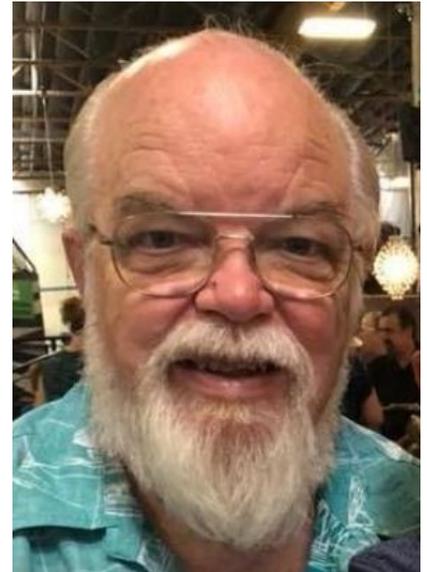
Judith (Judy) Marie nee Larson Leiser was born in Los Angeles, California. Her parents were Robert Vernon Larson and Marie M. McCune. She was an only child and grew up mostly in California. Judy graduated from Boise, Idaho, and spent her working years in the insurance field, usually in the claims department. Judy and her late husband, Vernon D. Leiser, (1928-2010) combined, have 5 sons and two daughters. Grandchildren and great grandchildren numbered about 20, at last count.

Judy comes from Pioneer stock, with a number of her relatives, having traveled across the plains in the 1840’s and 1850’s, to settle in the state of Utah. Each July 24, there is a big celebration in Utah called Pioneer Day. It celebrates the words, “This is the place”, and actions of Brigham Young and his fellow Church Members, as they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. The 24th of July is an official state holiday and residents enjoy parades, picnics, fireworks, rodeos, potlucks, and pioneer related activities. People of all ages wear old fashion pioneer clothes, with the ladies donning wide brimmed bonnets, long skirts, and long sleeved blouses. The men in similar fashion, wear the style of pioneers from long ago. Many free activities are available in Salt Lake City and other areas of the state.

Locally, in Old Town San Diego, is the Mormon Battalion Historic Site. Tours are free and tell of the route of Brigham Young’s followers, who came west as army soldiers. They started in Missouri and their numerous tales are retold on the tour. The men enlisted to fight in the Mexican American War of 1846-1848 but never fired a single shot at any soldiers. The women came along as laundresses and even a few children joined in the march. There are fun actives after the tour has ended, with panning for gold, washing clothes, making adobe bricks, etc. You can get a free souvenir photo after viewing some of the items from the 2,000 mile trek.

May 12th Research Group Review

The June 9th Research Group meeting on Zoom had 28 in attendance, including 8 guests. In the first hour, Randy discussed:



- **Family History Library in Salt Lake City will open on 6 July.** See <https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/06/familysearch-family-history-library.html>. There are several new services:
 - One-on-one virtual consultation – see <https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/family-history-library-research-consultations>
 - Library look-up service – see <https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/family-history-library-records-look-up-service>
 - FamilySearch Community – a free message board – see <https://community.familysearch.org/en>
 - Family History Library classes and webinars – ongoing, – see https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars
- **San Diego FamilySearch Center (4195 Camino Del Rio South, in Mission Valley) is now OPEN with limited hours (Thursday to Saturday, 12 noon to 6 p.m.) and limited staff.** No books or microfilms. Lots of computer terminals. You can access digitized images (that have access limited to FHL/FSC and LDS members) there, and copy them to a flash drive for use at home.
- **GEDCOM 7.0 was released in early June!** See <https://www.geneamusings.com/2021/06/the-long-awaited-gedcom-70-is-here.html> and <https://www.familysearch.org/gedcom/>
 - Last official version was GEDCOM 5.5 in 2001
 - Software companies have added non-standard features over the past 20 years to accommodate Unicode or UTF characters (rather than ASCII characters), links to websites, photo and data files, source citation formats, and much more.
 - New and improved features include:
 - * Zip packaging capabilities for photos and files have been added.
 - * Notes have been expanded for more versatile use and styling of text.
 - * Tools, sample files, sample code, and self-testing guides are included.
 - * The GEDCOM specification and any code available from FamilySearch based on the specification is subject to the terms and conditions of the Apache License, Version 2.0.
 - * Ambiguities in the GEDCOM Version 5.5.1 specification have been removed.
 - * A public GitHub repository generates maintenance requests and on-going discussions about future features.
 - See **GEDCOM 7.0 specification at** <https://gedcom.io/specifications/FamilySearchGEDCOMv7.pdf>
- **MyHeritage Introduced Photo Repair for scratched and damaged photos – see** <https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/05/introducing-photo-repair-new-feature-to-automatically-fix-scratched-and-damaged-photos/>

The July meeting of the DNA Interest Group meeting is canceled due to Randy's schedule. The next Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 11 August at 12 noon in a Zoom online video conference hosted by Randy Seaver. Members can register on the CVGS website and receive an email with the link to JOIN the meeting. Also, an email invitation to all CVGS members will go out on 9 August with the link. What topics would you like to learn about in the Research Group meetings, the DNA Interest Group, or the General Meetings? Please email Randy (randy.seaver@gmail.com) with your suggestions.

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 1,500 webinars at any time.

- Wednesday, 14 July, 5 p.m.: [Comparing Jewish Resources on the Giant Genealogy Websites](#), by Sunny Morton
- Friday, 16 July, 11 a.m.: [Using Irish newspapers and other printed material](#), by Natalie Bodle
- Tuesday, 20 July, 5 p.m.: [The Time of Cholera: A Case Study about Historical Context](#), by Alison Hare,
- Wednesday, 21 July, 11 a.m.: [That Scoundrel George](#), by Judy G. Russell
- Wednesday, 28 July, 11 a.m.: [Specialized Lineage Societies - more than just DAR, Dames and Mayflower](#), by Kimberly Ormsby Nagy
- Tuesday, 3 August, 7 p.m.: [Burying the Body in England](#), by Helen V. Smith
- Wednesday, 4 August, 11 a.m.: [10 Ways to Find Your Native American Ancestor Using Y, Mitochondrial and Autosomal DNA](#), by Roberta Estes
- Friday, 6 August, 11 a.m.: [Freedmen's Bureau Labor Contracts](#), by Bernice Bennett

Useful Genetic Genealogy Blog Posts

- [A Nice New Feature at DNA Painter](#) by Kitty Cooper
- [Heads Up -- Great Changes Coming at FamilyTreeDNA](#) by Roberta Estes
- [Updates to FamilyFinder, Featuring Improved Matching and a Soon To Be Released Chromosome Painter](#)
- [Generate a Tree From the Shared Match Tool](#) by Jonny Perl
- [Extending a Match's Ancestry](#) by Jim Bartlett
- [Finding Birth Parents in the UK | DNA, Adoption and Unknown Parentage](#) by Michelle Leonard
- [New Genetic Groups Filter at MyHeritage](#) by Roberta Estes
- [Part 6: Tracing Your 19th Century German Ancestors: Using DNA](#) by Heidi Mathis

Do You Have a Research or Family Story to Share?

Do you have a research or family story about an ancestor or your genealogy research, please send it to the editor as a PDF file and we will be happy to publish it. If you have a photograph or document image, that can be published too!

As George H.W. Bush said: “You are our living link to the past. Tell your grandchildren the story of the struggles waged, at home and abroad; Of sacrifices made for freedom’s sake. And tell them your own story as well— because everybody has a story to tell.”

In Virginia Taylor’s Memory, by Susi Pentico

Virginia’s wish was for those who want to contribute in her memory to support her favorite charities – Chula Vista Genealogical Society and the Friends of the Chula Vista Library. She was very active with both. The CVGS Board will dedicate funds donated in her memory to support general meeting program speaker honorariums since she was the current Vice-President – Programs.

A Recent Event Brought This Up, by Susi Pentico

Covid 19 may be backing off but we still need to support each other as much as we can by communicating with each other.

Recently, I picked up periodical quarterlies from another member who was searching the same area as I was. This spring, I gave many periodical quarterlies to another member who asked to read them. When we held in-person activities, we talked about these things and I think shared more. If we are Covid vaccinated, there is no reason we can not continue to share periodicals, books, and magazines. This was one of the things that made us a great society – working and sharing with each other. Sharing with nonmembers has brought us members and more genealogists to share with.

Another thing we forget is to wear our society shirts so people know we exist. Learn to use our web site better and do some promoting of our society for others to see. Wear your society pin. Do not forget to mention your hobby or passion to people you share time with.

Tell them why it is so important to you. Is it fun, or needed due to medical problems (which was part of mine once submerged in the topic)? Having been a huge history buff, this fell right into genealogy. Do you write about your research highlights for your siblings, children, grandchildren and cousins to know about?

Sadly, some only have 2nd or 3rd cousins if they can be found. There is nothing wrong with getting to know your 5th or 6th cousins. You may learn some of your traits go back many generations.

So let's open up and share more. We live in a world of smart phones, emails, Zoom meetings, and personal communications. Let's go back to telling each other Happy Birthday and Blessed Anniversary and Have a Great Day.

I'm hoping that we can share places and names and maybe even faces. I would wager there are things that even your children do not know!

Here are some websites that may be helpful to our members:

- [Naugatuck Valley Genealogy Club](#) in Connecticut – they have some online resources.
- [Pennsylvania Genealogy - American Ancestors](#) – part of the New England Historical Genealogical Society website.
- [Silas Bronson Library - Genealogy & Local History](#) – another Connecticut website with resources.
- [yesterday.substack.com](#) - the “Yesterday” newsletter by Jeannette Holland Austin with resources for many southern states.

RootsTech Connect 2022 Aims to Repeat Success

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—FamilySearch today announced that [RootsTech Connect 2022](#) will take place on March 3–5, 2022, as a fully virtual family history event. After welcoming over one million visitors from over 240 countries to its 2021 online event, RootsTech Connect 2021 was the largest in the history of RootsTech, and spectacular proof of humanity’s interest globally in discovering our roots and connecting to each other. Building on its success, RootsTech Connect 2022 will remain completely virtual and free. Registration will open in September 2021.

“We were humbled with the response to an all-virtual RootsTech, and so grateful to all of our sponsors, exhibitors, speakers and attendees who participated,” said Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch International CEO. “We heard from thousands of people from all over the globe that the 2021 online experience allowed them to participate for the first time and enjoy the power of learning and connecting virtually. And it created an expansive online archive for learning that is now available for free all year long. It’s an incredible resource, and we are excited about what we’re planning for 2022.”

The in-person events anticipated for London this fall and Salt Lake City in 2022 will not take place. For future events (2023 and beyond), RootsTech plans on offering a hybrid online and in-person model with content that is expanded and accessed throughout the year. Rockwood said the in-person events are part of the RootsTech experience and will be reevaluated each year as RootsTech continues to seek the best opportunities to expand connections with audiences worldwide.

“After RootsTech Connect 2021, we realized that we could bring the joy of family history to millions of people, no matter where they are, through an online, virtual RootsTech experience. As we continue to chart new territory with RootsTech, we plan to make the virtual event a regular part of the experience and look forward to all the new opportunities that will open to people everywhere,” said Rockwood.

Continuing with the virtual model for RootsTech Connect 2022 will allow people across the globe to participate for free. Classes will have a mix of on-demand, livestream, and interactive sessions where people can socialize, ask questions, and learn from experts and enthusiasts. There will be engaging demonstrations and experiences for all ages and multicultural celebrations that will connect attendees to their family story and to each other.

As anticipation builds for RootsTech 2022, many are still taking advantage of all that RootsTech 2021 has to offer. With over 1,500 free, on-demand sessions available at [RootsTech.org](#), the website offers a tremendous amount of family history learning and inspiration.

Registration for RootsTech 2022 will open in September 2021. Visit [RootsTech](#), and click on Subscribe for Updates to receive the RootsTech newsletter and to follow RootsTech on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

NOTE: You can still watch all of the RootsTech 2021 classes and keynote addresses at www.rootstech.org. Selected classes and keynotes from previous RootsTech conferences are available at <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive2?lang=eng>.

Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 7/1): 76

New Members:

- Sue Tolbert – Muscogee OK
- Mary Williams – Palm Springs CA
- Jan Burns – Newport Beach CA

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Randy and Linda Seaver

Meeting Host Volunteers

TBD

We Need a Hospitality Chair! Please volunteer!

Telephone Tree Volunteers

- Ana Castro
- Carrie Holleron
- Carole Sobke

CVGS Society Officers

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| President: | Karen Smith |
| First Vice-President, Programs | Open |
| Second Vice-President, Membership | Carrie Holleron |
| Treasurer | Karen Polk |
| Secretary | Ana Castro |

Committee Chairs

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

San Diego Genealogy Events

San Diego Genealogical Society

(www.casdgs.org)

All Meetings on Zoom

Monthly Program

Saturday, 14 August, 10 a.m.

Speaker: **Joy Neighbors** on
 “The Silent Language of the Stones:
 How to Read Gravestone Symbols“
 and
 “Cluster Research in the Cemetery”

North San Diego County Genealogical Society (www.nsdscgs.org)

All Meetings on GoToWebinar

Monthly Program

Tuesday, 2227 July, 10 a.m.

Speaker: **Christine Cohen** on
 “Cousin Baiting and Cousin Stalking”

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GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, July 14, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting (CANCELED)
- **Wednesday, July 21, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting (CANCELED)
- **Wednesday, July 28, 12 noon – General Meeting: Penny Walters** on “**Mixing DNA With a Paper Trail**” in a Zoom video meeting

- **Wednesday, August 11, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, August 18, 12 noon – DNA Interest Group Meeting**, in a Zoom video meeting
- **Wednesday, August 25, 12 noon – General Meeting: Rick Hanson** on “**How to Publish a Family History**” in a Zoom video meeting

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