

**CHULA VISTA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
FAMILY HISTORY GAZETTE**

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**June 2022**

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**President's Message from Karen Smith**



We are moving forward with society business, but for June, Research and DNA groups are cancelled. You may still get invites because they are automatically generated, so please disregard them. We will, however, have our annual picnic on June 29<sup>th</sup>, so look further in this newsletter for more information. **Please register on our website** so we can be prepared to feed you well. It will be our first picnic in two years. I hope we have a good turnout from our local members. It will be amazing to see one another in person!!

Randy continues to improve and I try to send weekly email updates. Either he or his family posts updates on Facebook, so you may want to check there for the latest. While this was a huge surgery, it should give him a better quality of life and a longer life, too! Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

In July, we will have guest hosts for both DNA and Research. The hosts are members with experience hosting these groups, so stay tuned!

One of Randy Seaver's jobs is our newsletter. My poor attempt will convince you that he does an amazing job. We need a new editor that can take Randy's template and make it their own. Of course, we need to look at doing this in a month or two, but please let me know if you are interested. This might be a good partnership if two of you want to work together. Contact me at [Freelady72000@me.com](mailto:Freelady72000@me.com).

It recently came to my attention that we have a very few members without email. Carole Sobke has volunteered to mail out our newsletter to those folks.

Below is a Facebook post from Randy on June 5:

(There is a "bed head" photo which I did not include here.)

"I've never had so much head hair. Took this after wake-up in the bathroom on Day 11 in the hospital and Day 7 after open heart surgery. The nurse came in last night and said I still have a "level 1" (???) heart blockage where my heart beats erratically and I may need a pacemaker. They may do that on Monday. The docs will come today to discuss. Slept poorly again and got tangled in the blankets. Up 4-5 times for potty calls and plenty of lying awake as time crawls slowly by. Probably got 3-4 hours of sleep from 7 pm to 5 am. Will nap morning and afternoon today. Not as many vitals or blood draws this last day."

He is posting and communicating with his phone and laptop, trying to keep up on everything. He has written some blog posts and is watching the Padres. Today he reported that he will get a pacemaker tomorrow and hopes to go home on Wednesday.

## **Bonita Library Meeting**

Susi Pentico reports that the last meeting saw a past member attend. She said some who were there were not aware of our Zoom meetings.

The group will continue at the library and wonders if they need a separate meeting time for beginners. At the June meeting she asks that you bring your most frustrating surname (brick walls) and the data you have on that name to share with others. Five generation charts will be on the menu and hopefully some of you will be able to see you are researching the same areas.

The next meeting is on **June 21, 1 to 3 P.M. at the Bonita Sunnyside Library.**

## **CVGS Program Review: From a Box in the Closet to a Treasured Family Heirloom by Sarah Cochran**

May 25, 2022 General Meeting

“From a Box in the Closet to a Treasured Family Heirloom” by Sara Cochran

Cochran shared her methods of getting supplies, organizing, digitizing and making heirloom collections of photos. She talked of the history of photography as a start to help date the photos since arranging them chronologically by decades is her method. To start, 15-20 collections boxes are needed (can be inexpensive, label by decade.) Other supplies include a lightbox to view negatives and slides and some protective sleeves. Her preferred scanner is an Epson B5600 DPI 2400. Sort by photo type (Polaroid, 35mm, etc. which helps with dating) and label the best you can using family timeline references like holidays, pets, vacations. When you have scanned the photo, put information in the Metadata tab under Details so when you go to Search, photos of that person, place, etc. will come up. Save with .jpg (smaller storage) or .TIFF (large file size for valuable photos which can then be made into .jpg.) Heirloom collections include albums (avoiding the magnetic ones), scrapbooks, and digital photo books. Helpfully, Cochran shared sources for her supplies and web storage places

Cochran comes with over 25 years of genealogical experience in the U.S. and some European countries and also works on brick walls and black sheep ancestors. Her contact information is: [www.theskeletonwhisperer.com](http://www.theskeletonwhisperer.com), [theskeletonwhisperer@yahoo.com](mailto:theskeletonwhisperer@yahoo.com), (951) 269-5460. The handout and recorded Zoom can be accessed on our website <https://chulavistagenealogicalsociety.wildapricot.org/> under Members tab. The recording will be up for 60 days after her presentation (until July 22.)

## **Upcoming Events from CVGS:**

**July 13, 12 P.M.**                      **DNA Group**

**July 20, 12 P.M.**                      **Research Group**

**June 29, 11 A.M to 2 P.M.** **Annual CVGS Picnic - see next page**

**Chula Vista Genealogical Society**

**Wednesday, 29 June 2022, 11 a.m.**

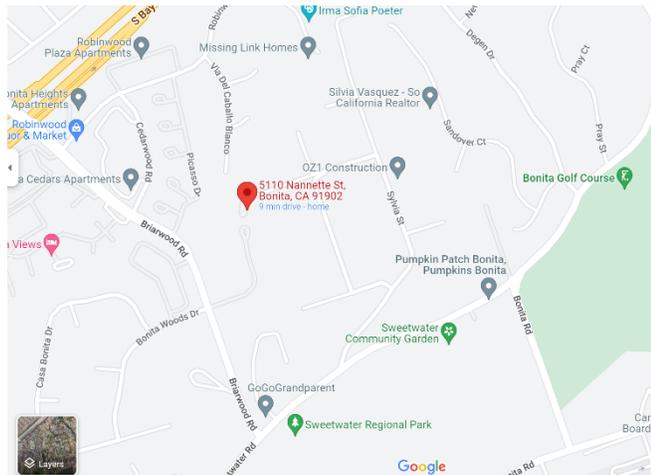
**CVGS Annual Picnic at Daryl Hern's Home**

**5110 Nannette St, Bonita CA 91902**



**Our Annual Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 29 at 11 a.m. at the home of Daryl Hern (5110 Nannette St, Bonita, CA 91902)**

**DIRECTIONS:**

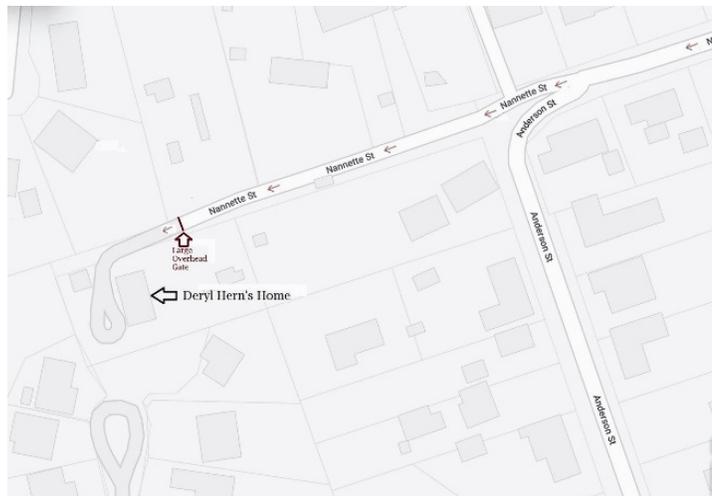


**From Briarwood Rd. follow Sweetwater Rd. East or from Bonita Rd. follow Sweetwater Rd. West to Margaret St. Follow Margaret St. Northeast to Sylvia St (Margaret St. turns into Sylvia St at a bend of the road to the left.)**

**Follow Sylvia St. to Nannette St. Turn left on Nannette St. Follow Nannette St past Anderson St. and look for a large overhead gate. Pass through the gate and the Hern residence is on you left.**



**The hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, buns and water will be provided by the society. Please bring a favorite dish to share with everyone.**



***Those with last name starting with:***

***A-G ----- Salads***

***H-N ----- Sides***

***O-Z ----- Deserts***

**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, buns, and water. Please contact Jane Furnish (email [ejfurnish@gmail.com](mailto:ejfurnish@gmail.com) or phone 817-320-6144) to sign up for a potluck dish. There should be an emailed signup soon.**



**The sharing theme this year is "California History" We will have a California history trivia quiz for points and prizes. So bone up on your California history.**

**Also bring any artifacts or heirlooms and stories which may be associated with your ancestors in California for sharing.**

To stay up to date, please go to  
<https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/>

Remember that hovering on the "Members" tab will give you a drop down menu of available information.