Annual Business Meeting, Book Sale and Volunteer Appreciation Reception

**Saturday, January 8, 2011, Book Sale Opens at 12:00 p.m.**
**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California**

The Annual Business Meeting of the California Genealogical Society will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. Please join President Stephen Harris who will be making his first report to the society. The agenda includes brief committee reports, approval of the society budget, and nomination and election of new board members.

After the meeting, refreshments will be served during the annual "Volunteer Appreciation" reception. Please stay and thank our hard-working members who donate their time. Past-president Jane Lindsey will update us on the newly formed **Volunteer Committee** and her role as volunteer coordinator.

The Library Committee will hold a used book sale from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Workshop: The A-B-Cs of Blogging

**Saturday, January 15, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California**

Let Craig Siulinski show you how to build your own genealogy blog. This workshop is designed for beginners who are interested in learning the fundamentals of blogging. Limited to ten participants.

Learn more at the blog.

Register online.

RootsMagic Genealogy Software Special Interest Group

**Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 6:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.**
**CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California**

RootsMagic Special Interest Group meetings return to the third Tuesday of the month. Registration is not required and guests are welcome, as are all levels of experience from beginning to expert.

Learn more at the blog.

2011 Winter Intermediate Genealogy Series - Register Now!

**Classes Begin Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**
**Oakland Regional Family History Center, 4766 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland, CA**
For the third year in a row, CGS is teaming up with the Oakland Regional Family History Center (ORFHC) to present an Intermediate Genealogy Series for the researcher who wants to go beyond the basics. Ten classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the ORFHC.

Download the series flier for schedule and class descriptions.

Register online and reserve your space now!

Workshop: Getting Started in German Genealogy

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, California

Join Shirley Reimer for this informative workshop and learn the first steps the family historian must take to gain an understanding of the cultural, historical and genealogical facts essential to German ancestral research. Limited to twenty participants.

Learn more at the blog.

Register online.

New York City Research Workshop - Part II

Saturday, February 12, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

Just over a year ago CGS President Stephen Harris presented his first NYC workshop to rave reviews. Now he's back with a second installment - this time on using naturalization records, probate records, and city directories to research your New York City ancestors in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Learn more at the blog.

Register online.

Workshop: Comparing Genealogy Software

Saturday, February 19, 2011, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
CGS Library, 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

Join Kathy Watson, Gary Darnsteadt and Glenn Koch for a discussion on genealogy software and a brief, live demonstration of three popular programs: Family Tree Maker, RootsMagic and The Master Genealogist.

Register online.

Coming in March

Save the Date!

3/12 - March Membership Meeting: Lost Records, Nancy Peterson

3/19 - Celtic Roots Workshop, Cath Trindle

3/26 - What You Should Know About Internet Security, Lisa Lee
Can You Help?

**Wanted: Computer Committee Members**

**Qualifications:** Computer/OS/Directory structure experience. Instruction in routine activities is provided; documentation available.

**Responsibilities:** Update programs, maintain OS and software and generally keep the computers operating smoothly.

**Time Commitment:** Weekly (usually on Mondays). Occasionally be on-call by phone if library volunteers need assistance.

Please email Committee Chair Kathy Watson or Volunteer Coordinator Jane Lindsey if you can help. Note in subject line: “Computer Committee.”

**Editor’s Picks: Suggested Links From the Blogosphere**

- [Everyone’s Getting Organized](#) by Myrt
- [Genealogy Resolutions: Back Up Your Data](#) by Elyse
- [52 Weeks of Personal Genealogy & History](#) by Amy Coffin
- [Marin Co. California Coroner Records](#) by Paula Stuart-Warren
- [Get A Rope - The Shades Out West Issue Is Here!](#) by footnoteMaven
- [How I Got Here - The Path to Becoming a Family Historian](#) by Marian Pierre-Louis
- [Genealogy Blog Power - Update on the Marjorie Pauline Frost Story](#) by Thomas MacEntee

**California Ancestors: They Come From Everywhere!**

**Photo Tributes to the CGS Family**

Edited by Lorna Wallace

This month, we pay tribute to Flossie Smith Pugh (1891-1979), grandmother of Shirley Thomson.
Flossie Mamie Smith, a Sullivan County, Indiana girl, appears sweetly serene in the youthful pictures - at age eight, and as a young woman of eighteen, near the time of her marriage. I remember her as my firecracker grandmother, a woman of intensity, high energy and bright cheerfulness.

She could be quiet and easy, but her motor was always humming, ready to move, foot heavy on the pedal. She didn't stroll, dawdle, or do things half-way. As a grandmother she was a natural born teacher, task master and inspiration, though she had no training other than housewifery. Her father considered education wasted on females.

At eighteen she married Robert Webb Pugh (1888-1963). They raised three sons and made farming their life's work. She gloried in getting the vote in 1920, soon became a precinct committeeman and a short time later she even bobbed her hair. Independent and outspoken, she was role model, mentor and fine example of rural American women of her time.

- Shirley Pugh Thomson

**Call For Submissions** - Are you member with a great family photo to share? Do you have a wonderful family story and a photo to go with it? If you would like to pay tribute to your ancestor in a future edition of
the eNews, please email Lorna Wallace and send your image with a brief narrative.

Did you miss these posts in the California Genealogical Society & Library blog?

Christine In Search of Her Roots
Mary Mettler's Best Christmas Gift Ever
There's One in Every Family: The Wanderer
The California Nugget, Volume II, Issue 2, Fall 2010
Wordless Wednesday: Board of Directors Facilitated Meeting
San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar: January 2011 Published

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