Editor’s Note

April is for Spring Flowers

Days are getting warmer, brighter and being inside at work is getting harder. Remember that April Showers bring May Flowers. And we are in a bad drought. Despite all this lovely springing everywhere - THINK RAIN.

CGS welcomes three new volunteers:

- Nancy Cork is the new Periodicals Manager in the Library;
- Stella Allison will be assisting with the Events Committee;
- Adelle Treakle will be working on Membership data entry.

CGS thrives with the generosity of its volunteers! If you are interested in donating some of your time and talent to CGS, check out our Volunteer Positions page on the CGS website or contact Kathleen Beitiks for more information.

Stewart

Local Conferences

Sonoma County Genealogical Society 2015 Spring Seminar Presents

Thomas MacEntee
Creator of Genebloggers, owner of Hi-Def Genealogy and Hack Genealogy
April 18, 2015 - 9 A.M. to 4 P.M
Person Auditorium at the Finley Center

Calaveras Genealogical Society Spring Seminar

Janice M. Sellers
Ancestral Discoveries Blog
April 18, 2015 - 9:50 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
At the Family History Center

The Sacramento German Genealogical Society
"My Germans" A Workshop for Ancestor-Chasers
with Roger P. Minert, PhD, A.G. and other presenters
April 25, 2015 - 8:45 A.M. to 3:45 A.M.

National Conferences
These conferences are also scheduled for 2015. Pencil them into your electronic calendars and start planning your travel arrangements. More information will be presented here as the dates approach.

- Crossroads of America - National Genealogical Society - May 13-16, 2015, St. Charles, MO
- 46th Annual Jamboree - Southern California Society and Family Research Library
  - June 5-7, 2015, Burbank, California
- Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research - June 7-12, 2015, Birmingham, Alabama
- Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh - June and July, 2015, La Roche College

Classes
California Genealogical Society & Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

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| Saturday, April 4  | Intro to Genealogy  
                     with Pam Miller, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.                        |
| Saturday, April 25 | Photoshop for Family History - Overview  
                     with Ron Madson, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.                        |
| Saturday, May 2    | Intro to Genealogy  
                     with Ron Madson, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.                        |
| Saturday, May 9    | Using Photoshop Elements in Family History - Overview  
                     with Ron Madson, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.                        |
| Saturday, May 23   | Creating Graphic Family Trees with Photoshop  
                     with Ron Madson, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.                        |

For additional events check out the San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar. Also visit our Eventbrite profile page to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

Meetings and More
California Genealogical Society & Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

Saturday, April 18: CGS Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18: San Francisco Special Interest Group
Sandra Britt-Huber, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Sherman Room
Genealogy in Multimedia

Other places to find Genealogy techniques
by Stewart Blandón Traiman

Recently I came across a YouTube video by CGP Gray entitled Your Family Tree Explained. I'm a fan of CGP Grey's content, though most of his material is not about genealogy. But this got me thinking of what other great resources might be found in Video or Podcasts. I put together a short list of YouTube channels that are dedicated to Genealogy.

- National Genealogical Society
- Family Search
- RootsMagic TV
- Family Tree Magazine
- Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems

Podcasts

- The Genealogy Guys
- Genealogy on Demand
- GENi Podcast
- Irish Roots Cafe Genealogy and History

Enjoy!

CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog
Blog Editor, Ellen Fernandez-Sacco

- Lisa Gorrell on the upcoming 15th Annual FHL Salt Lake City Research Tour to SLC

New Membership Perk!

California Genealogical Society & Library

FindMyPast offers more than 1.7 billion international family history records from around the globe, including more than 1,000 exclusive collections that you won't find online anywhere else.

We are excited to announce FindMyPast is now offering a flat 50% off the annual World subscription (over $99 off) for all CGS members! You can find the code on our Welcome page once you log in as a member. Look for the blue "FindMyPast" in the middle of that page.

If you've forgotten your CGS number please contact the CGS Membership team.

Ancestor Tribute
by Stewart Blandón Traiman

Crisanto Zelaya Rosales was my maternal great-grandfather. He is an important figure in my family's history because he had many children and he can be found on both sides
of my family tree. Crisanto was born about 1892 most likely in Granada, Nicaragua to Leandro Rosales and Carmen Zelaya. Note that his name does not follow Spanish conventions of paternal surname before the maternal surname. I have not determined why this is, but I suspect his parents were not married to each other.

Crisanto became an importer of machine parts and set up his business in El Jicaro, Nicaragua. While there he brought two of his daughter, Elba Guiterrez and Isolina Blandon, to live with him and paid for their schooling. Crisanto also ran a popular night club, sold fabrics and hardware in La Trinidad, Nicaragua.

He was very fond of crossword puzzles and gambling. He lost his home and business to the latter hobby. He also loved women and though he never married, he had many lovers and children while traveling for business in Nicaragua.

He died of Emphysema and Heart disease on 15 Jun 1973 at the age of 81 in La Trinidad, Nicaragua and he is buried in the municipal cemetery there.

We enjoy honoring members’ ancestors. Please email a photo to Lorna Wallace, along with a short summary about why the ancestor featured is important or interesting to you. Photos should be in .jpg format with a file size over 100 kb; photos and text may be edited for space.

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See our Volunteer page for opportunities or contact Kathleen Beitiks for information

CGS Received the 2014 ALL STAR AWARD from Constant Contact for exemplary engagement with our readers.

Stewart Blandón Traiman
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