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## January 2021 Announcements



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See you online! 9 January 2021 at 10 am

# ANNUAL APPEAL

With your help the future looks bright!



## CGS Annual Appeal 2020

Every year about this time, CGS kicks off an appeal for donations. Letters have already been sent to all CGS members. If a member can't find their letter or if a non-member wishes to make a donation, it can be done using our website. Go to [CaliforniaAncestors.org](http://CaliforniaAncestors.org), click on "members" on the tool bar, on the dropdown menu, click on "Support CGS/Donate". At the bottom of that page is a form to be filled out for making a donation. You can print the form and mail it to us with a check or you can use Paypal.

James Sorenson, President

## 2021 CGS Board Nominees

We will vote on this slate at the [Annual Business Meeting](#). Please join us.

### Continuing in their first term:

- Grant Din
- Theresa Murphy
- Joanna Shear

### Continuing in their second term:

- Chris Pattillo

### Continuing in their third term:

- Maureen Hanlon
- Stewart Traiman

### Proposed nominations for a second term:

- Matt Berry
- Jennifer Dix
- Jim Sorenson

### Proposed nomination for a third term:

- Richard Kehoe

Linda Okazaki will continue as Past President.

### Stepping down effective with the annual meeting on January 9, 2021:

- Stacey Hoover
- Arlene Miles

### Proposed new nominees for the board:

**Ron Madson.** Ron's relationship with family history was ignited a decade and a half ago by a photo of his great grandparent's family. He quickly developed a passion for family history and teaching genealogy related topics having taught more than 70 courses in the past 5 years, primarily for CGS. He has a BS & MS in Math and is a USMC veteran. He had an IT career beginning in the mid-1960s and retired from his final career building custom homes in Silicon Valley and coast side. He served as educational coordinator for the largest international IBM computer users' group for 7 years and for 10 years he was the technical education coordinator for an international insurance company. Ron is the founder and co-facilitator of the FTM-SIG and served as Eventbrite coordinator for several years.





**Adelle Treakle** enjoyed hearing and recording, her family's Japanese American WW II experiences at family events. She joined CGS in 2013 after taking the 'Finding Your Japanese Roots' class. Afterwards, she found her family's WWII internment records in the National Archives, and traveled to Japan, procured her ancestors' koseki (family registries), and visited their home prefectures. Her paternal ancestors have deep American roots with the most current immigration being from Ireland in 1835. Adelle has served on the CGS membership committee and is currently the Eventbrite coordinator. She received a B.S. in Information and Computer Science from UC Irvine and worked as a software engineer for 30 years.

### Book Donations

CGS recently received book donations from the estates of two long time CGS members. One box from John Moore's collection contains 36 books. We also received 14 boxes of books from Laura Spurrier. The Library Committee will evaluate all of these and make decisions about what to add to our collection and what books are duplicates and will be sold on eBay. We greatly appreciate these very generous donations.

CGS will be happy to receive donations of any genealogical books you no longer need. Please contact [Arlene Miles](#) for more information.



## Classes and SIGs

Register on [Eventbrite](#).

We are extremely pleased to offer our ONLINE classes while our meeting place is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Coming In 2021: Closed Captioning and Tutorials for Zoom. If you feel you need a bit of extra help in either of these areas to have a successful experience with our Zoom events, email [events@californiaancestors.org](mailto:events@californiaancestors.org) and we will be in touch in the new year.



### 2021 Intro to Genealogy - 1st Saturday Free! Overview and Focused Topics

Not sure how to get started with your family research? Interested in refreshing your skills? Join us for a FREE Introduction to Genealogy class the FIRST SATURDAY of every month

**Saturday, 2 Jan from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm**

### Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group

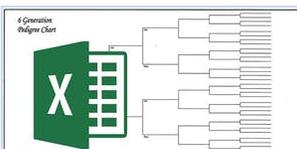
Hosted by Bon Madson and Karen Halfon



Hosted by Neil Mattson and Karen Halton

This Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group is perfect for new FTM users, people who are just FTM curious, and experienced FTM veterans. All Welcome!

**Saturday, 16 Jan from 1 - 3 pm**



### Online - Excel for Genealogist

Presented by Stewart Traiman

Presented over two sessions. Stewart uses spreadsheets every day for work and genealogy. Laying out all the data in Excel can help researchers see gaps in knowledge or correlations between data points. Breakthroughs can easily happen by visualizing data in spreadsheets.

Stewart shows many examples of his use of spreadsheets to track newspaper clippings, a vital records catalog, tracking ancestor addresses over time, and tracking whole families over many censuses. Stewart will teach how to use Excel filter, sorting, color coding, calculations, and many other functions.

Spreadsheets are fun!

Presented over two sessions.

**Saturday, 23 Jan from 1 - 3 pm**

and

**Tuesday, 26 Jan from 6 - 8 pm**



### Advanced DNA Skills Special Interest Group

Hosted by Mark McLaren

The Advanced DNA Skills Special Interest Group will continue to develop their understanding of DNA techniques, review new developments in DNA testing and tools, and discuss member's research problems and case studies.

**Monthly on Fourth Monday - starting Jan 25 from 7 - 8:30 pm**



### Exploring the CGS Website

Presented by Theresa Murphy

Learn about the new and augmented features of the re-designed website for the California Genealogical Society. Theresa Murphy was part of a team that not only updated the appearance of our website but has added user-friendly features and expanded content. Theresa will show you where to find new material, links to our blog and classes, how to get research assistance, and more. Featured will be our new online collections of material indexed and scanned by our volunteers.

**Saturday, 30 Jan from 1 - 3 pm**

## Volunteers

### A New Year and New Opportunities

Welcome to 2021 and a new opportunity to volunteer for the California Genealogical

Society! CGS is an all-volunteer organization (since 1898) and is dependent on the

generosity, time, and talents of our members.



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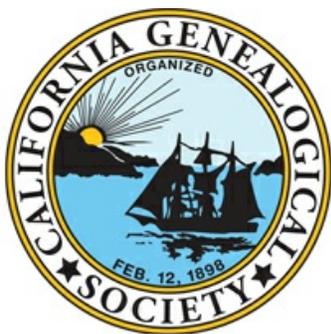
For a general list of volunteer opportunities (which change periodically), take a look at the CGS volunteer website, then submit the [Volunteer Form](#). Although the CGS Library has been closed temporarily due to the Covid-19 situation, we also have some offsite (at home) projects and volunteer opportunities.

For questions or more information, send an email to [Kathleen Beitiks](#), CGS Volunteer Coordinator.

Here's to a Happy New Year!



## Meetings & More



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## CGS Board

9 January during the Annual Meeting.

The CGS Board will continue meeting online via Zoom for the duration of the pandemic.

### Agenda

- Officer Reports
- Committee Reports
- New Business
- Old Business



If you would like to host a Special Interest Group then please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#).

## Blogs

Please subscribe to the [CGS Blog](#). If you haven't been receiving our blog posts on a regular basis, be sure to re-subscribe. It is a great source of information about classes, events, volunteers and members.

We want and need your stories. If you have an idea for an article, ongoing series of posts or monthly column, then please contact Blog Editor [Jennifer Dix](#) to discuss.



## CGS Blog

- [Start off the new year with our "Introduction to Genealogy!"](#) -- by Jennifer Dix
- [Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941: an eyewitness account](#) -- by Jennifer Dix
- Also, every Sunday our blog now offers a weekly preview of upcoming online genealogy events.

## Other Genealogy Blogs

Last year we started what I hope to make an annual event -- thanking our members by featuring their blogs. This month's "Other Genealogy Blogs" space is dedicated to our member posts over the past three months.

- [AG FERGUSON TO HOST REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING ON NATIONAL ARCHIVES FACILITY AND RECORDS](#) -- Tues, 19 Jan 2021, Seattle via Zoom
- [Bryan Sykes Finally Meets Eve's 7 Daughter](#) -- on DNAexplained
- [The 19th Amendment at 100: Women and the Final Frontier](#) -- by Hilaryparkinson at the National Archives
- [Losing Distant Matches at AncestryDNA](#) -- by Blaine Bettinger on The Genetic Genealogist
- [The Best Genealogy Gift Ideas \(That Go Beyond DNA Tests\)](#) -- by Family Tree Editors
- [Beginning Principles: Getting Focused](#) -- on GenealogyPants
- [The joy of David Rumsey](#) -- by Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist
- [Ancestry® President & CEO Margo Georgiadis to Step Down at End of 2020](#) -- on Ancestry.com Blog
- [The Puerto Rican Diaspora: From the Island of Enchantment to the United States](#) -- by Sally Odekirk on FamilySearch Blog
- [MyHeritage Releases Two Norwegian Census Collections](#) -- by Talya on MyHeritage Blog



PERSI: How to Use the Periodical Source Index for Genealogy

## Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area and across the nation.

For the latest events, check [Conference Keeper.org](#).

### Local Events

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

[Bay Area Genealogy Calendar](#)  
maintained by the Sutro Library

## National & International

2021

[Salt Lake Genealogical Institute \(SLIG\)](#)

## Conference Schedule

All events are subject to cancellation during this global pandemic emergency. Please check with each event's website prior to making plans to attend.

Jan 10 - 15 and Jan 24 - 29, virtual

### [SLIG Academy for Professionals](#)

Jan 17 - 22, virtual

### [RootsTech 2021](#)

Feb 3 - 6, Salt Lake City, Utah

### [Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#)

April 14 - 17, virtual

### [National Genealogical Society](#)

May 19 - 22, Richmond, VA

### [Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh \(GRIP\)](#)

June 20 - 25 & July 11 - 16

### [Midwest African American Genealogy Institute \(MAAGI\)](#)

July 6 - 8

### [Genealogical Institute on Federal Records \(Gen-Fed\)](#)

### [The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research \(IGHR\)](#)

July 25 - 30

### [41st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#)

Aug 2-5, Philadelphia

### [APG Professional Management Conference](#)

### [Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Annual Conference](#)

### [Texas State Genealogical Society](#)

Oct 1-2

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The library is (usually) open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Due to concerns about COVID 19, the CGS library is currently closed but we are exploring reopening it as soon as possible.

See our [Blog](#) for latest news.

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Society

Renew Your Membership