



October 2021 Announcements



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Beginning on September 15, and continuing through to October 15, we recognize National Hispanic Heritage Month. During the four weeks, celebrations honor the heritage and contributions made by members of the Hispanic community. Festivities begin on September 15, marking the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. With great fanfare, celebrations sweep across Latin America, Central American, and on to Mexico and Chili commemorating each country's independence from week to week!

YouTube has established a [channel](#) with linked videos of Latinx authors, history, biographies, music, and other creators. This is a fantastic collection for any research of Hispanic roots.

[Amazon](#) is also providing content for this heritage month with books, stories, art, and trailblazers.

October is also Italian American Heritage Month



Italian American Heritage Month

CGS is hosting two Italian Genealogy classes by
[Alec Ferretti on October 23.](#)



CGS Member's Round Table

Starting on October 13 CGS will be offering a new group for members to share and learn about their genealogical pursuits. This new group has been jointly conceived by the Development & Member Services Committee that hopes to provide an online venue where members can continue to enjoy the camaraderie that we used to enjoy when we were able to meet in person while learning and advancing their genealogy research skills.

At the same time Lisa Gorrell, CG and Jacqueline Henderson were planning to start a Roundtable for members of all skill levels. The new group is modeled on a similar group that Lisa facilitates for the Contra Costa Genealogical Society. The online Roundtable will be a venue where attendees can share things they've learned or found. Often this sparks ideas for others for their own research. It is also a great way to brainstorm ideas for new avenues of research when you get stumped.

The group will convene on the Google Meet platform from 6:30-8:00 on the second Wednesday of every month. To join the session members will need to Log-in on our website, find Special Interest Groups (SIG) on the home page, and click on "Join A SIG". Scroll down until you find the description of the CGS Members Roundtable. Before the meeting date we will provide a link there that will take you to the meeting.

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

**OUR
AMERICAN
MOSAIC**
25-28 MAY 2022
SACRAMENTO, CA

As the local host, CGS is responsible for providing volunteers for the National Genealogical Society annual conference that will take place in Sacramento May 25-28, 2022. Many volunteers will be needed to help with registration, as room monitors, Ask-Me volunteers, exhibit hall volunteers, and more.

Maureen Hanlon and Chris Pattillo are the Volunteer Committee co-chairs. When the time is right they will send out a link to a Volunteer Sign-Up Form but we don't want to send it out prematurely. The plan is to wait until after the conference program is published in December or January. Once the program is published potential attendees will be able to decide if they will attend the conference and if so what sessions and events they will sign up for.

Our plan is to send out the Volunteer Sign-Up link after those decisions have been made. On the form, you will be able to tell us what positions you are interested in filling. Look for our announcement in January or February of 2022. In the meantime, if you just want to tell us you definitely want to volunteer, please feel free to contact [Chris](#) or [Maureen](#).

As of September, our super volunteers have added 72,660 new entries to the [California Surname Index!](#)


Classes and SIGs



Register on [Eventbrite](#).





We are extremely pleased to continue to offer our ONLINE classes.

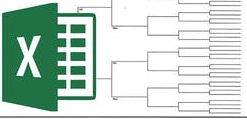
All remote classes will now have live closed captioning. If you feel you need a bit of extra help in either of these areas to have a successful experience with our Zoom events, email events@californiaancestors.org and we will be in touch.

	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 on the FIRST SATURDAY of every month.
	Saturday, 2 Oct from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm

	BIPOC Genealogy and African American History in California's Gold Rush Presented by Jonathan Burgess
	We will explore the significance of why oral narratives are important when exploring the history and genealogy of Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) origin. The right to education was not afforded to all; therefore BIPOC families shared history orally. Out of protection those that could read and write still shared much orally and this practice exists today.
	
	Tuesdays, 5, 12 Oct, 9 Nov (three nights) - 6:30 - 8 pm .
	This is a free outreach event. See our blog post on "Black, Indigenous, and People of Color" genealogy series starts Oct. 5

	Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group Hosted by Ron Madson and Karen Halfon
	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 Oct from 1 - 3 pm

	Excel for Genealogists Presented by Stewart Traiman
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Stewart loves spreadsheets! He uses spreadsheets at work every day as an IT Manager. He is an expert in Microsoft Excel using it in genealogy quite frequently. 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!

Given in 2 parts
Saturday, 16 Oct from 1 - 3 and
Tuesday, 19 Oct from 6 - 8 pm



Italian Genealogy: Tracing your Immigrants in the US and in Italy

Presented by Alec Ferretti

The first session will cover the types of American records that will help identify your Italian ancestors' towns of origin. This talk will summarize all the record sets that are useful to tracing 20th-century immigrants to the United States back to their home country.

The second session will cover Italian civil, parochial, military, and land records, which can be used to trace your family back through time. The lecture will include an overview of Italian geographical and political divisions that will help you determine where records are located, what records exist for certain timeframes, what is digitized, and how to access what is not.

Given in 2 parts
Saturday, 23 Oct 10 am - noon and 1 - 3 pm



Finding Living People on the Internet

Presented by Ron Arons

This talk will cover, by example, the multitude of categories of websites that can be used to track down or simply discover living relatives. Beyond Google, websites discussed will fall into the following categories: professions, people directories, court and other government records, 'aggregation' websites, and, of course, social networking websites. Furthermore, Ron will show that, by using these websites together, their synergies can provide even more fantastic search results.

Tuesday, 26 Oct from 6 - 7:30 pm



Rethinking Passenger Lists

Presented by Karina Robinson

This session will explore some of the many types of passenger, immigration, and customs lists available to family history researchers.

Saturday, 30 Oct from 11 am - 12:30 pm

Volunteers

The Genies go virtual - again!





For the past several years, CGS has honored individual volunteers who have gone "above and beyond" to keep our organization thriving with their time and talents. The "Genie Awards" are presented to a few volunteers who "make magic happen" - especially in the previous year.

We try to honor all volunteers in the month of April (National Volunteers Month), but as we all know, nothing has been "normal" since 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In 2020, the CGS Library and classroom were unexpectedly closed in March (to conform with public health guidelines) and the Genie Awards were postponed until October.

In the spirit of "we can do it!," we decided to have a small online presentation during the October 2020 CGS Board Meeting. Sadly, we missed the on-site opportunity to share tons of food with all of our volunteers (including a calorie-laden cake...) And, little did we know that the Covid-19 situation would still be a factor in 2021! So, please join us online - again - on Saturday, October 9, 10 a.m., for the 2021 Genie Awards... as well as a giant "tip of the hat" to ALL of our fabulous volunteers! All CGS members are invited to attend - simply register on [Eventbrite](#).

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) if you have any questions about [CGS volunteer opportunities](#).

Meetings & More

CGS Board

9 October - 10 - 11:30 am

The CGS Board will meet online via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend by [registering on Eventbrite](#). Please sign in early to make sure you are able to see the program. We will send joining instructions the night before which will give you access.

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 welcome your stories! If you have an idea for a blog post, a family history story you want to share, or would like to be an occasional or even regular guest contributor, please contact Blog Editor [Jennifer Dix](#).



CGS Blog

- ["Black, Indigenous, and People of Color" genealogy series starts Oct. 5](#) -- by CGS
- [Books for Sale: Bargains & Treasures, Part 2](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [October Events!](#) -- by CGS
- [Quarantine Quests: Maps class yields immediate results!](#) -- by CGS
- [Indexing Champions Expand our California Surname Index](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [Books For Sale: Bargains & Treasures](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [Gearing up for the NGS 2022 conference!](#) -- by CGS

Other Genealogy Blogs

- [A gravestone missing for almost 150 years was being used as a marble slab to make fudge](#) -- CNN by Lauren M. Johnson and Christina Zdanowicz
- [AncestryDNA® ethnicity estimates now provide even greater precision](#) -- on Ancestry
- [Takeaways from the IGHR Advanced DNA Evidence Course](#) -- by Nicole Dyer on Family Locket
- [NBC Announces the Return of “Roots Less Traveled” This Fall in Partnership with Ancestry®](#) -- by Ancestry Blog
- [FamilySearch Completes Massive Microfilm Digitization Project](#) -- by Laurie Bradshaw on FamilySearch
- [El Movimiento: The Chicano Movement and Hispanic Identity in the United States](#) -- by Jessie Kratz on Prologue, the National Archive Blog
- [All that foolin' around...](#) -- by Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist



Restoring Your Family Photos
by Bradley Pierson on RootsTechConnect

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 Conference Schedule

2021

[New York State Family History Conference](#)

September 1 - October 18

[Texas State Genealogical Society](#)

October 1-2

All events are subject to

2021 TxSGS Family History Conference

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



CONNECTING Generations
OCTOBER 1 - 2, 2021
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30 ON-DEMAND RECORDINGS
BONUS RECORDINGS AND MORE!
10 PRESENTATIONS WITH Q&A BY SPEAKERS
Registration is open!

2022

Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)

January 9-14, SLC, Utah

Registration is open

SLIG Academy for Professionals

January 30 to April

RootsTech 2022

Ohio Genealogical Society Conference

National Genealogical Society

May 25 - 28, Sacramento, CA

Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)

Midwest African American Genealogy Institute (MAAGI)

2021 International German Genealogy Conference

Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed)

July 19 - 24

The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)

July 25 - 30

41st IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy

British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

Irish Lines and Female Finds

September 19 - 26

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