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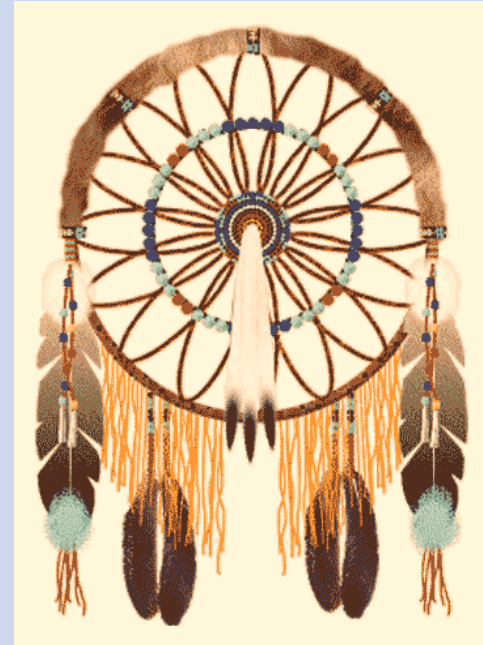
## November 2021 Announcements

November is [Native American Heritage Month](#).

"The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges." -- [National Congress of American Indians](#)

For genealogists, it's a time to do deeper research into our Native American roots.

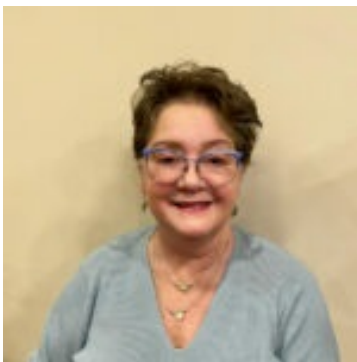
- [Native American Genealogy: Reconnecting With Your American Indian Heritage](#)
- [Tracing Native American Family Roots](#) - at National Indian Law Library
- [FamilySearch Wiki - Indigenous Peoples of the United States Genealogy](#)
- [American Indian Records in the National Archives](#)



### 2022 CGS Board

The Nominating Committee has proposed six new board nominees for the term 2022-2024. These candidates were presented to and accepted by the board at the October meeting. The general membership will vote upon the slate of directors at the Annual Business Meeting on 8 January 2022.

#### Meet the new candidates:



Jacqueline Threet Henderson was born and raised in the Bay Area. She has worked in retail (Mervyn's, Nordstrom, imports), two employment agencies, and 10 years in telecommunications (Nextel, Sprint, T-Mobile). In the 1990s she served as secretary for two years and president for four years of a women's stock club. She became interested in genealogy when an uncle no longer wanted to continue researching the family genealogy and passed it along to her. She joined CGS in 2015. In 2017, she joined the Events Committee and currently maintains our communications with ConferenceKeeper and the Bay Area Genealogical Calendar. She also conducts our post-class evaluation surveys. Jacqueline co-hosts the new CGS Members' Roundtable with Lisa Gorrell. She has attended institutes at SLIG, GRIP, and IGHR over the past three years.

Carly Morgan is the owner of Family Tree Notebooks, a shop that sells digital genealogy worksheets for people looking to organize their family trees. Her family has been in the Bay Area for almost two centuries and she has strong ties to the Chinese population of San Francisco, although she lives in Salt Lake City. A former attorney, Carly has been working as a marketer and content creator for more than ten years. She's currently working with the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and RootsTech to improve their social

media reach



Roger Prince worked as a geological oceanographer at Oregon State University, the University of Rhode Island, and Brown University, where he went on numerous research cruises, published more than a dozen original research papers and a nine-sheet color bathymetric map series of the Peru-Chile trench, and earned a Ph.D. in geophysics. He joined Gulf Oil as an exploration geologist in 1983 and worked in Angola, Papua New Guinea, and other international locations. He moved to the Bay Area in 1985 and later worked in IT systems. He and his family spent five years in Bangkok and Singapore before returning to San Ramon in 2004. He spent the last few years of his career working on IT Reliability/Planning, before retiring in 2011. Roger became interested in family history when he asked his parents who all the ancestors in the unlabeled pictures were. He has published two papers in the NEHGS Register.



Cindy Kim Thompson was born in Hawaii and is descended from Korean immigrants who arrived there in 1904. Her childhood interest in family stories morphed into an obsession with genealogy (particularly over the past 15 years) and annual visits to repositories, cemeteries, plantations, and churches (as well as family) in Hawaii. She has been a volunteer on the CGS Desk Duty and Events Committees and is a member of NGS. Reflecting the roots of her multi-ethnic extended family, her research has focused on immigrant sugar plantation workers in Hawaii, East Asian immigrants to Hawaii and California, and Japanese-American World War II internment. She has a B.A. and M.A. from the University of California, San Diego, and is a retired Commerce Department economist.



Evan Wilson grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, where his love of genealogy was ignited by his grandmother's stories and dedication to research. After completing a Ph.D. in English and Medieval Studies at U.C. Berkeley in 2019, he decided to work toward becoming a professional genealogist. His passion is the intersection of genealogy and social history—studying the ties within families, but also between families and others in their society. His own research is heavily Southern, but he's also dipping his toes into California history and research these days. Other things he gets fired up about include genealogical writing and education, oral history, and the stories of marginalized people and communities.

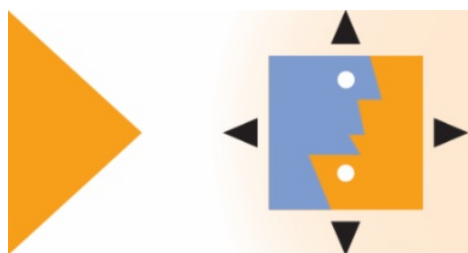


Larry Youngman is a third-generation Californian, born in Oakland, who has been researching his ancestry for close to fifty years. His research efforts have resulted in publishing ten family history books in addition to serving the Mayflower Society as Colony Treasurer and Governor. His ancestry traces back to England, Ireland, Germany, and Bohemia. Larry has managed the CGS website membership section for over fifteen years. Having achieved Scouting's Eagle rank, his volunteer work has also included leading Scout contingents to the east coast, England, Sweden, and Japan. Larry recently retired from his forty-three-year career as a member of senior information technology management teams within multiple corporations, including Clorox, IBM, Gap Inc., Charles Schwab, Citibank, and Raychem. Larry and his wife Pam reside in Pioneer, California, and enjoy visiting their daughters and two grandchildren in Walnut Creek on a regular basis.

Status of other board members:

- Continuing in their first terms are Ron Madson and Adelle Treacle.
- Continuing in their second terms are Matt Berry, Jennifer Dix, and James Sorenson.
- Proposed nominations for their second terms are Grant Din and Joanna Shear

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- Proposed nomination for a third term is Chris Pattillo.
- Maureen Hanlon and Stewart Traiman will term out in January after serving three terms.
- Theresa Murphy and Richard Kehoe will step down from the board.



# OUR AMERICAN MOSAIC

24-28 MAY 2022 • SACRAMENTO, CA

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

As the local host, CGS is responsible for providing volunteers for the National Genealogical Society annual conference that will take place in Sacramento May 24-28, 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](#).

## 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](mailto:events@californiaancestors.org) and we will be in touch.

	<h3>2021 Intro to Genealogy - 1st Saturday Free! Overview and Focused Topics</h3>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p><b>Saturday, 6 Nov from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm</b></p>

	<h3>BIPOC Genealogy and African American History in California's Gold Rush</h3>
	<p>Presented by Jonathan Burgess</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p><b>Tuesday, 9 Nov - 6:30 - 8 pm</b></p>
	<p>This is a free outreach event. See our blog post on</p>
	<p><b>"Black, Indigenous, and People of Color" genealogy series starts Oct. 5</b></p>







### Eastern European Special Interest Group

Facilitated by Craig Siulinski

A special Interest Group (SIG) discussion, focused on Eastern European Genealogy. Our group is open to all. We meet quarterly.

**Saturday, 27 Nov from 2 - 4 pm**



### 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, 15 Jan from 1 - 3 pm**



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

Presented by Alec Ferretti Is now available to view on Vimeo.

Did you miss the CGS Italian Genealogy Series? New to CGS, you can now register and view a [recording of Alec Ferretti's Italian Genealogy classes](#). The recordings will be available until December 20th.



The Advanced DNA SIG facilitated by [Mark McLaren](#) is open for new members. If you'd like to join please contact Mark.

## Volunteers



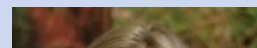
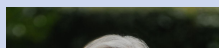
### 2021 "Genies" presented to four CGS members

For the second year in a row, CGS adapted to Covid health restrictions and protocols by honoring its volunteers "virtually" rather than in person.

During the online October Board Meeting, all volunteers were saluted for meeting the challenge of keeping CGS alive and kicking during the ever-changing Covid situation, which included the temporary closure of the library.

Singled out for keeping CGS's presence upfront was the **Remote Education/Event Team**, recipients of the 2021 "Genie Awards." Congratulations to: **Linda Okazaki, Adelle Treakle, Keith Montgomery, and Maureen Hanlon.**

Linda, Adelle, Keith, and Maureen worked together to bring CGS classes and events online during the pandemic, for members in California and beyond!

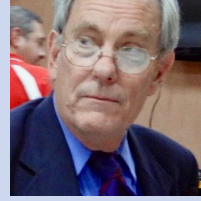




Linda Okazaki



Adelle Treakle



Keith Montgomery



Maureen Hanlon

The team collaborated to make a smooth switch to virtual presentations. Among other things, speakers were rescheduled and assistance offered, guidelines and policies were developed, a new registration process was streamlined and technical assistance was provided.

Again – congratulations to our stellar awardees and to ALL of our fabulous volunteers for their contributions and dedication to our 123-year-old organization.

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

## Meetings & More

### CGS Board

13 November - 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

- [November Events!](#) -- by CGS
- ["Italian Genealogy" series now available on Vimeo for limited time](#) -- by CGS
- [Three New Donations to the CGS Library](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [The CGS Members' Roundtable is under way!](#) -- by CGS
- [Introducing The New CGS Board Nominees](#) -- by CGS
- [What the Library Becoming a Family Search Affiliate Means To Patrons](#) -- by John Ralls
- [Hotel reservations now open for NGS 2022 Family History Conference](#) -- by CGS
- ["The Six" documentary about Chinese Titanic survivors debuts this month](#) -- by CGS

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- [CGS Library Is Now A FamilySearch Affiliate Library](#) -- by CGS
- [CGS Members' Roundtable: A New Group for Members to Share and Learn](#) -- by Chris Pattillo
- [Books for Sale: Bargains & Treasures Part 3](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

## Other Genealogy Blogs

- [Easily Upload and Share Your Family Tree on Ancestry.com, FindMyPast, & MyHeritage](#) -- on *Are You My Cousin?* blog
- [An Introduction to All Souls' Day: Family History's Favorite Holiday](#) -- on FamilySearch by David Nielsen
- [Is Ancestry Missing Your Ancestors?](#) -- by Amy Johnson Crow
- [Best Free Genealogy and Family History Websites](#) -- by David A. Fryell on familyTree
- [How and Why to Download Raw Data from AncestryDNA](#) -- by Sunny Jane Morton on familyTree



Demo: Discovering Ancestors Using the FamilySearch Research Wiki  
by 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

**2021 TxSGS Family History Conference**

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



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## 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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