



# California Genealogical Society

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## Ticket sales close October 2nd!

You're invited to party with fellow family history enthusiasts on Sunday afternoon, October 8th.



We will be celebrating the 1898 founding of the California Genealogical Society.

Please join us for this anniversary party, and bring your genealogy buddies! We will be having a lovely luncheon at the Beach House on the shore of Lake Temescal in Oakland from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Our glasses will flow with wine as we toast the continuance and the evolution of CGS over the last century and a quarter. And, you get to keep the commemorative glass!

Don't miss out on the prizes!! We have a door prize valued at over \$1000 and everyone who attends the party is automatically entered to win. If that's not enough, there are raffle tickets available for our other gift baskets so you could be leaving with much more than your beautiful commemorative wine glass (and the warmth of friendship, of course).

Tickets cost \$60 and are available at [www.eventbrite.com/e/cgs-125th-anniversary-celebration-tickets-699395760547](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/cgs-125th-anniversary-celebration-tickets-699395760547)

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The Lake Temescal Beach House is at 6500 Broadway. Directions and parking information can be found at [www.cbnparks.org/rentals-and-permits/event-venues/beach-house](http://www.cbnparks.org/rentals-and-permits/event-venues/beach-house)





## Message from the President



I am looking forward to seeing many of you on Sunday October 8th when we celebrate our 125th anniversary. CGS members Therese Hart-Pingnotti, Joanna Shear, and Jane Lindsey have been working hard to plan an event that will be fun. This is a major milestone that we all should take pride in achieving. Every CGS member who has filled a leadership position, volunteered on one of our committees, attended one of our classes, or paid their membership dues has helped to sustain the organization. Thank you.

A quick update since my previous message in May – Our Focus2025 committee has completed one of the two surveys we plan to conduct. We've reported back to you the results of that survey and are well on our way to completing the second survey that is focusing on where we want to be physically and as an organization in the near future.

Our digitization projects have expanded. The team is now working on scanning our vertical files. Our ability to do this is aided by having three new volunteers, thanks in part to Larry Youngman our new Volunteer chair. The new volunteers are Chris Finch, Debbie Martin and Steve Haines.

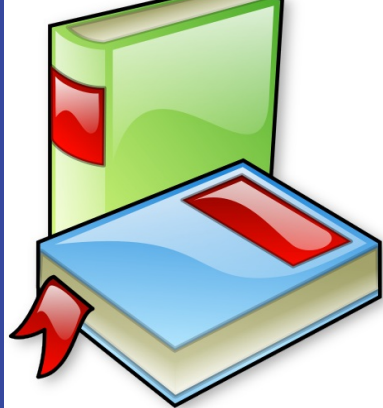
The technology upgrade I wrote about in May is now complete and everyone seems pleased with the result. Other accomplishments include three new Tech Talk videos created by Theresa Murphy to help volunteers learn how to utilize Drive; we've advanced plans to create a new Special Interest Group (SIG) for beginning genealogy; and in case you haven't checked recently several new links to new powerful research sites have been added to our website, thanks to Kristi Wessenberg and Theresa Murphy. Ron Madson and our Manuscripts Committee of Laura Jones and Janet Netz have moved and completely reorganized our manuscripts room.

So, there is a lot going on in addition to the great classes being planned by our fantastic Events Committee.

We'd like to welcome new members to the California Genealogical Society!

**[Remember: NEW DAYS for Tips and Talk!](#)**

Tips and Talk classes at the Oakland Family Search Center *are free to all!*



Classes through December will be held at 11:00 am, but now on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. There will also be special evening presentations on the 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

- Come early and stay after for additional hands-on assistance and to take advantage of the amazing resources at OFSC.
- [View the schedule of upcoming discussions.](#)

#### TUESDAYS (2nd & 4th) at 11:00 am -

This fall there will be a review of the Family History Guide's *FamilySearch "Show Me" slides* to assist patrons using the FamilySearch website and provide tips for creating and editing trees on FamilySearch.

#### WEDNESDAYS (1st & 3rd) at 11:00 am -

**October 4th:** Basic Research Strategies: Getting started or a refresher to improve your research skills

**October 18th:** Using Census Records what each census contains and tips to find info

**November 1st:** Intro to the Basics of DNA

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING OCTOBER 18th at 6:00 pm -

Come hear Robert Leitão, a frequent long time visitor to OFSC, tell about his Project That Took on a Life of Its Own, a daunting but very rewarding project that will help thousands of the descendants of the families from Macao. Maybe you will get inspired to begin a project of your own.

Save the Date for Lisa Gorrell's class on November 15th covering ways to assure your genealogy will not be tossed in the dumpster after you are gone!

Signups appreciated on [Eventbrite](#). Calendar of classes available at [the OFSC webpage](#).

## Classes and SIGs

We are pleased to continue to offer our [classes](#) and [special interest groups](#). We have online classes available as well as some opportunities to meet in-person. [Please visit our Events and Education page to learn more.](#)

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.



### **2023 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, 7 Oct from 10 am to noon](#)**





## CGS 125th Anniversary Celebration

You are invited to join in the festivities for this very special anniversary on Sunday, October 8 in the beautiful Lake Temescal Beach house. There will be food, fun, and a sense of family, as we get together to celebrate 125 years of the California Genealogical Society.

**Sunday, 8 Oct from 12 pm to 3 pm**



## Using Google's My Maps as a Research and Analysis Tool

Learn how Google My Maps can help your research.

**Tuesday, 10 Oct at 6 pm**



## Round Table

Facilitated by Jacqueline Henderson and Lisa Gorrell, CG

This group is for CGS Members to connect. It is a venue where attendees can share things they've learned or found. Often this sparks ideas for others on their own research. It is also a great way to brainstorm ideas for new avenues of research when you get stumped.

2nd Wednesday of each month, next on **11 Oct from 6:30 - 8 pm**  
Email [Jacqueline](#) or [Lisa](#) for a link to the Zoom meeting.



## Mayflower Descendants Special Interest Group

Hosted by Robert Trapp

The Mayflower Descendants SIG focuses initially on Mayflower ancestry and how to join The Society of California Mayflower Descendants. The group discusses research in New England, parts of Canada and the upper Atlantic seaboard states. If interested, contact Robert Trapp at [r1946at@aol.com](mailto:r1946at@aol.com).

**Friday, 20 Oct from 10:30 am to 11:30 am**



## San Francisco Special Interest Group

Hosted by Sandra Huber

Whether you're just starting out researching your family history or have been searching for years and need ideas on how to get past brick walls or are interested in finding your ancestors' records in and around the San Francisco Bay Area, join the conversation with us to uncover information and create a more complete family story. If you are interested in joining the SF SIG, please send an email to [SFSIG@californiaancestors.org](mailto:SFSIG@californiaancestors.org).

**Saturday, 21 Oct at 10 am**



### 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, 21 Oct from 1 to 3 pm**



### RootsMagic Users Group - SIG

Users of Roots Magic will meet to discuss helpful hints for using the software.

**Wednesday, 25 Oct from 6:30 to 8 pm**



### Eastern European Special Interest Group Hosted by Craig Siulinski

Come to a Special Interest Group (SIG) discussion focused on Eastern European Genealogy. Our group is open to all.

**Saturday, 4 Nov from 10 am to 12 pm**



### DNA Skills - SIG

The 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.

*Prerequisite: Completion of CGS DNA Series or equivalent DNA class / experience. Must have uploaded DNA test results at one of the common DNA websites.*

Please contact Mark McLaren at [greatscot@earthlink.net](mailto:greatscot@earthlink.net).

## Volunteers

If you have been thinking about contributing some of your time and talent to our 125-year-old organization, take a look at our list of **Volunteer Opportunities**.

Want more information about a particular volunteer position? Contact [Volunteers@californiaancestors.org](mailto:Volunteers@californiaancestors.org) if you have any questions about CGS volunteer opportunities.

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## Meetings & More

### CGS Monthly Board Meeting - 14 Oct at 10am

The CGS Board will meet online via Zoom and in-person at the CGS Library in Downtown Oakland. Members are welcome to attend. Please register in advance and 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 to the online meeting.



In-person location: the CGS Library at 2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland, CA 94612-3031

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group, please contact [Jacqueline Henderson](#).

## Blogs and Videos

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](#).



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California  
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- [A friendly reminder ...](#)
- [“Tips & Talk” new schedule includes evening class](#)
- [From the Archives - October is Family History Month](#)

## 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](#)

## National & International Conference Schedule

All events are subject to cancellation. Please check with each event's website prior to making plans to attend.

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

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

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

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

[42nd IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy](#)

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

[RootsTech 2024](#)

February 29 - March 2

[Ohio Genealogical Society Conference](#)

[National Genealogical Society](#)

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Contact Us Via  
Email



Our library is open **Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm** and **Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm**

See **Directions and Parking** for info on Saturday visits, which have different procedures than weekdays.

Visits are free for members and non-members can pay the \$5 fee at time of the visit or join and have the fee applied to membership cost.

Join The  
Society

Renew Your Membership