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Message From the President

by Jane Lindsey

We are looking forward to our NEHGS Comes West seminar on Wednesday, September 26, 2007. Space is limited for this popular event so plan on securing your tickets soon, and join all of us at CGS for a great day!

Silent Auction Items Needed for the Seminar

Do you have something you can donate? In the past we have had a great framed drawing of the Bay Bridge, a wonderful quilt, an offer of genealogical research, a set of dishes, and a Japanese urn. We will welcome any item or service you might be able to provide that would be desirable to others. This has been a great fundraiser for CGS in the past. Please contact Jane Lindsey regarding donations, or for more information.

Planning Underway for Family History Month Activities

Do you have a lecture in a specific area of research or a talk that would help new genealogists? Please contact Jane Lindsey for more information. The Family History Month Calendar will be on the CGS Web site the third week in August.

Delay in Indexing Projects for the Mortuary Records

Thank you to members who responded to the call for volunteers to do indexing. We have had a delay in setting up this project and we will keep you posted as we move forward. We are trying to have data available on the internet rather than copying and mailing material.

[Jane Lindsey](#)

Events

CGS LIBRARY FREE THE FIRST SATURDAY! Remind friends and fellow genealogists that the CGS library is free on the first Saturday of every month.

City Directory Library (located down the hall from the CGS Library) is open the 2nd Saturday and 3rd Friday of every month

NEHGS Comes West September 26, 2007

Join NEHGS President and CEO D. Brenton Simons, CGS President Jane Lindsey, and NEHGS Online Genealogist David Allen Lambert for a one-day conference devoted to helping you find your New England ancestors. The conference will take place at the historic Scottish Rite Center in Oakland, California. To register, fill out the [registration form](#).

Family Legacies: Genealogical Resources for Chinese Americans

CGS member Jeanie Low is presenting this workshop on Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the San Francisco Public Library in the Latino / Hispanic Room. The presentation will include these topics: interviewing family members, translating gravestones, accessing twentieth century immigration and naturalization case files (English), census records, and WWI draft records. Conducting research within a historical context and research management for all levels of researchers will be covered.

Book Repair Workshop in October

Wednesday, October 16, 2007 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00. Please send your check with your name and contact information to CGS. Space for this event is limited to fifteen, so sign up now!

Save the Date for the Next Salt Lake City Research Trip

Our annual CGS sponsored trip to SLC will be the week of April 13, 2008. Questions? Please contact [Jane Lindsey](#). Another NEHGS Boston trip is being planned for 2008- details will be forthcoming.

Volunteers Needed on the First Saturday of Each Month

Thanks to the increased attendance at the library on our free Saturdays, we need to add an extra person to help the desk duty person. If you can help, contact [Jane Lindsey](#).

CGS Is In the News

The July-August 2007 **California State Genealogical Alliance (CSGA) Newsletter** featured CGS in its "Spotlight on California Genealogical Research Facilities" series and the August 1, 2007 *Piedmont Post* published an article announcing this month's First Saturday Free at CGS.

Do you YELP?

CGS has joined the popular online social networking and business review forum. Yelp.com is a great resource since you can read the posts and judge for yourself. Help us to introduce CGS to yelp members. If you have photos of CGS, or if you would like to write a review, please register and add them to our page: [CGS on YELP](#)

If you know of an opportunity to get CGS in the news. Please contact Kathryn Doyle or Colleen Huntley at CGS: [Kathryn or Colleen](#)

Are Your Surnames on the Web Site?

Did you know that CGS members can list their family surnames and geographical locations of interest on the CGS Web site? If you are a member and desire to have your surnames listed, expand the "Research Aids" twist to find the link to "Member Connections" on our homepage: www.calgensoc.org

Websites of Interest

If you discover a valuable website, please send it on to CGS. We will publish it here for all to see.

When researching, do not forget to look at state archives. Many states are adding searchable databases to their sites.

Please try our new card catalog and let us know what you think. Go to:
<http://hosted.surpassoftware.com/calgensoc/>.

Please send interesting websites you have found to [Kathy Watson](#).

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