



Editor's Note

A Sizzling Start to Summer

With the Memorial Day holiday just around the corner, the traditional start to summer is fast approaching. Of course, our current California heat wave makes it feel like it's already begun!

In any case, this summer promises to be filled with learning opportunities and other activities. We've got some great classes lined up for the end of May and on into June. Check out the details below.

We're also beginning our extended summer hours as of June 5th -- with a new closing time of 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. We'll be holding a series of classes and workshops on those evenings and we're finalizing the details right now. Stay tuned for announcements about them in the June 1st e-News.

See you at the library!

Class Spotlight: Record Sets -- Church & Cemetery Records

California Genealogical Society & Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



Saturday, May 24th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Learn what valuable information may be obtained from church and cemetery records. These records can help you discover more about an ancestor's life.

Join researcher Virginia Kysh as she share tips on locating these records on the Internet, getting assistance from genealogists who are local to the area, and figuring out how to read the hard-to-read headstones. [Register now.](#)

Class Spotlight: Harnessing the Power of Digital Photography for Family History

California Genealogical Society & Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



Saturday, May 31st, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Professional photographer Ron Madson will discuss how you can use a digital camera, smart phone, and other smart technology to help with your family history research.

He'll cover the entire process including: capturing images, transferring them to a computer, editing them with image editing applications, labeling them, and filing them. [Register now.](#)

Local Memorial Day Events

Honoring those who have sacrificed their lives for our country



This year's **Memorial Day occurs on May 26th**. The holiday, originally established to honor those who died during the Civil War, now serves as an occasion to honor all the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military.

Here are some of the scheduled events for the Bay Area:

[The Presidio](#), San Francisco

This year's ceremony begins with a parade and ends with a 21-gun salute. After the ceremony, tours of the National Cemetery

will be provided by National Park Service rangers and docents.

[Mountain View Cemetery](#), Oakland

Docent Dennis Evanosky will lead a guided tour of the refurbished Civil War plot and other areas of notables that are buried in the cemetery.

[USS Hornet Museum](#), Alameda

Their formal service includes an invocation, a wreath-tossing ceremony from the ship, and a military parade with special guests. Prior to the ceremony, there will be musical performances.

June Classes: A Quick Look

California Genealogical Society & Library

2100 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



6/7: [Beginning Genealogy](#), Lavinia Schwarz, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

6/14: [The Flim-Flam Man: The Con Man Who Helped Discover the East Texas Oil Field](#), Janice Sellers, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

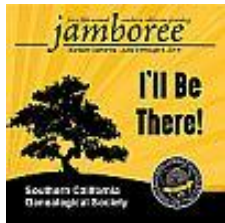
6/28: [Record Set Series: Census Records](#), Lisa Gorrell, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Beginning Genealogy class is free to everyone; the other classes are free for members only.

Beyond the Bay Area

45th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree, June 6th-8th

Burbank, California



The Jamboree combines speakers, exhibitors, class sessions (150!), and special events to create a richly rewarding experience. This year's theme is "Golden Memories: Discovering Your Family History," and the heritage focus will be on European ancestors.

There is also a 1-day pre-Jamboree conference, June 5th, on Family History and DNA: Genetic Genealogy in 2014. [Learn more about both events.](#)

November Research Trip to Boston

New England Historic Genealogical Society (& More)

Boston, Massachusetts



Registration is now open for the California Genealogical Society research trip to Boston, November 2 - 9, 2014.

Join Jane Lindsey, past-president of CGS and a former trustee of NEHGS on this fun-filled research trip. It's a great opportunity to explore the amazing resources of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. You'll also have a day to visit other archives in Boston, or simply to enjoy the city.

[Learn more about the trip package or register now.](#)

May Poll Results

How often do you visit our library?

23%	Once a week.
13%	Once a month.
10%	Once every few months.
26%	Rarely.
29%	I haven't yet, but I'd like to some day.

Based on your responses, we want to know more about why you do or don't visit the library. **The June poll will be:** "What is the main reason you visit our library?" Thanks for sharing your feedback!

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