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November 2015 Announcements

Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving

Congratulations to our 2015 Genie Award recipients!

On Saturday, October 10, the California Genealogical Society (CGS) honored a group of volunteers for their "behind the scenes" contributions. They are volunteers who devote their time and talent to keeping the society and its library up and running.



Because they "make magic happen" at CGS, they were presented with the coveted "Genie" award. Join us in congratulating our dedicated volunteers. Picture of the event can be seen on the [Blog](#).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Cyr (Computer Maintenance) • Lois Elling (The Nugget) • Phil Hoehn (Maps) • Jane Huft (The Nugget) • Rich Kehoe (Events) • Dick Lombardo (Computer Maintenance) • Georgia Lupinsky (Manuscripts) • Ron Madson (Photography) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Montgomery (Computer Maintenance) • Pat Smith (Mail) • Bill O'Neil (Book Repair) • Adrienne Tomkins (Computer Maintenance) • Virginia Turner (Manuscripts) • Lorna Wallace (Desk Duty) • Karen Wetherell (Computer Maintenance) • Larry Youngman (Database) |
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- The CGS library will be closed for the Holiday on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. We will re-open on Saturday, November 28.
- The Nominations Committee will again be chaired by board member and Corresponding Secretary, Karen Lemelin. Kathleen Beatiks, Chris Patillo and Nancy Cork will join Karen in selecting a slate of nominees for 2016/2017. If you are interested in serving on the board or if you would like to recommend someone, please contact [Karen Lemelin](#).
- The CGS Annual Meeting will take place January 23, 2016 at 1 o'clock in the second floor conference room. The meeting will include a presentation of the annual report and elections of the board of directors. A pot-luck lunch will precede the meeting at noon.
- Recently a survey was distributed to all members via SurveyMonkey. Thank you to everyone who responded. Future events and activities will be planned based on the feedback of over 40% of our membership. Thanks!
- We need BOOKS! CGS volunteers sell books on e-Bay to raise money for the Library. If you have non-fiction Historical or Genealogical books in good condition you no longer need, please make a donation to our library. All proceeds of these sales keep the Library running and available for your use. Email [Arlene Miles](#) with questions.

Classes

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



As usual, here's our wonderful line-up of classes for the next two months.

	Saturday, Nov 7	<p><u>Intro to Genealogy</u> with Dick Rees, 1 to 3 - FREE</p> <p>Read more about our free monthly Genealogy Introductions.</p>
	Saturday, Nov 14	<p><u>Hitting the Mother Lode: Adventures in Discovering Genealogical Gold</u> with Teresa Parham, 1 to 3</p> <p>Read this BLOG post to learn more about his great class.</p>
	Saturday, Dec 5	<p><u>Pennsylvania Learning Exchange</u> CGS members, Pam Brett, Linda Darby and Vinnie Schwarz will share what they learned at the 2015 advanced course at the Genealogical Research Institute in Pittsburgh, including vital, church, land, digitized records and sources. 10 to Noon.</p>
	Saturday, Dec 5	<p><u>Intro to Genealogy</u> 1 to 3 - FREE</p>
	Saturday, Dec 12	<p><u>Spreadsheets: The Wonderful Tool Genealogists Seldom Use</u> with Sue Goss Johnston</p> <p>Would a chart help you analyze those chicken-scratch censuses? Do you have a list of documents from a pension file that you simply can't understand? Would a timeline graph make your family story come to life? You need a spreadsheet! 1 to 4.</p> <p><i>This class is currently sold out, but you can get on the wait list.</i></p>
<p>For additional events check out the San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar. Also visit our Eventbrite profile page to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>		

Meetings and More

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Saturday, November 21: CGS Board of Directors, 10 to Noon.
Board meetings are open for all CGS members to attend. If you'd like to add items to the Agenda please contact [Linda Okazaki](#).

Saturday, November 21: Family Tree Maker SIG, 1 - 4.
Devoted exclusively to Family Tree Maker™ Software from Ancestry.com.
Please [register](#) for this Free event.



If you would like to host a Special Interest Group (i.e. French Canadian, RootsMagic, Mayflower Descendants, Family History Writers, Latinos, Scrapbooking, etc.) please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#). If your Society or Organization would like to use our facility as a meeting space for a nominal fee, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#).

CGS Volunteers



A **potluck brunch** for volunteers, past and present, co-hosted by Jane Lindsey and Linda Okazaki will be held on **December 6 from 11-2 Sunday in Lafayette**. Please RSVP to [Linda Okazaki](#) or [Jane Lindsey](#).

Several **volunteer positions are vacant**:

Desk Duty is a once a month commitment. Volunteers open the library, help patrons, answer the phone and generally keeps things running smoothly. Currently, the third Friday shift is vacant. Please contact [Lorna Wallace](#) for details.

An **Off-Site Events Coordinator** is needed. Get to know big name speakers, arrange venues, work with a committee of volunteers in order to put on fun educational events for our members. Please contact either

[Kathleen Beitiks](#) or [Linda Okazaki](#) for more information.

If you have a background in law, finance, writing, publishing or technology, we would love your assistance. We especially need a retired accountant to help our treasurer. Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#).

CGS Sponsored Events, Trips and Conferences

2016 TRIP to the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) A "SHOW OF HANDS" PLEASE!!

Plans are in the works for a trip to NEHGS in 2016. The prices of hotel rooms convenient to NEHGS have been steadily increasing.

For all you adventuresome researchers, during the month of February and including the first week of March, I have the opportunity to get standard rooms (one double bed) for an incredibly good price (Queen size beds are about \$20 more). I have not calculated the total cost of the trip but want "a show of hands" of how many would join me in February or early March. The size of the trip is limited to 15 participants. Boston is a great city even in winter! Having grown up in Massachusetts, I think it would be a great trip!

If you are interested or need more information please email [Jane Lindsey](#).

CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog and Others

Welcome our new co-editors of the CGS Blog - [Shannon Reese](#) and [Linda Okazaki](#). Please email either of them to publish your contributions to the CGS Blog.



[The California Nugget preview: Fall is filled with mystery & intrigue](#) by Shannon Reese

[Meet the Genealogy Teacher: Lavinia Schwarz](#) by Shannon Reese

[Nikkei Pilgrimage to Angel Island](#) by Linda Okazaki

[Hitting the Mother Lode: Adventures in Discovering Genealogical Gold](#) by Shannon Reese



Interesting Blog Posts from other sites:

[Listening to Grandpas, not iPods](#) by Jean Wilcox Hibben on Modern Families on the Go.

[The Huge Genealogy Mistake We All Need to Stop Making Now](#) on Family History Daily

[5 Research Tools Everyone Should Be Using When Doing Their Family History](#) by Amie Bowser Tennant

[The Ultimate Image Format Cheat Sheet \(Infographic\)](#) on Twisted Sifter

People are Talking

Want to know what people found most interesting on Facebook & Twitter?

by Shannon Reese



Top Facebook Post for October: "Why Do So Many Americans Think They Have Cherokee Blood? The History of the Myth" by [Gregory D. Smithers](#).

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



Top Twitter Post for October: "Retracing Slavery's Trail of Tears. America's forgotten migration - the journeys of a million African-Americans from the tobacco South to the cotton South" by [Edward Ball, Smithsonian Magazine](#).

Join the CGS conversation on [Twitter](#)

In Memorium

Anne Atkins Robinson



Dedicated volunteer at the California Genealogical Society for more than 30 years, Anne Atkins Robinson passed away on September 20, 2015.

[Read More about Anne's life and contributions to our society in our blog.](#)

New Membership Perk!

California Genealogical Society & Library

[FindMyPast](#) offers more than 1.7 billion international family history records from around the globe, including more than 1,000 exclusive collections that you won't find online anywhere else.

We are excited to announce FindMyPast is now offering a flat **50% off the annual World subscription**



(over \$99 off) for all CGS members! You can find the code on our [Welcome](#) page once you log in as a member. Look for the blue "FindMyPast" in the middle of that page.

If you've forgotten your CGS number please [contact the CGS Membership team](#).

Other Events & Conferences

There are always many other events happening in the Bay Area. For the latest events, check out member Kathryn Doyle's [San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar](#) that is updated monthly. Below are just a few of the local conferences that may be of interest in your area.

- San Mateo Genealogical Society will be holding a [Digging into DNA](#) seminar with Angie Bush on November 7, 2015, from 9 to 3.
- Registration for [RootsTech 2016](#) is now OPEN! RootsTech will be held on February 3 - 6, 2016.
- [The Whittier Area Genealogical Society](#) will present its 33rd Annual Seminar on Saturday, January 30, 2016 - 8 to 4 at the Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier, CA.

Connect with Us

See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for information
Volunteer positions available include:

Proof Readers, Instructors, Clerical Assistance, Library Work, Technology and Others.



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