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**California Genealogical Society & Library**  
*Connecting people to their diverse family heritage*



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## October 2016 Announcements

**October is Family History Month** and the Library is **free** to the public for the entire month.

October has been officially listed as Family History Month within the US. It is a time to remember our roots and celebrate our unique histories and identities. It also happens to be the month that we celebrate several specific heritage days (German-American Day - Oct 6, Italian Heritage Month, Polish American Heritage month.) -- [Steven Anderson's 2013 post on FamilySearch blog](#)



Suggestions on how to celebrate the month.

1. Begin writing down some of your own life stories
2. Call a relative you haven't heard from in a long time and reestablish those family connections
3. Create a Family Cookbook - then invite family over to enjoy a meal
4. Get the Next Generation involved.
5. Google your ancestors
6. Join a genealogical or historical society.
7. Preserve your Family Pictures
8. Record some of your parents' memories of their younger years
9. Record the voices of your young children or grandchildren and keep them to listen to when they are older
10. Start a Family Website
11. Take a DNA test to see where you came from
12. Take pictures of family tombstones
13. Come to the Library

[Cydni's List](#) also has suggestion on how to celebrate the month. And read our [CGS Blog](#) on celebrating Family History Month.



You've Got Your DNA Results,  
*Now What?*

October 22  
Ancestry DNA

October 29  
23and Me • FamilyTree DNA

This month we have two special classes on DNA results.  
**See the class section below for details.**



- **Find my Past** is now available at the Library. Find My Past has an ever-expanding collection of over 2 billion historical records from around the world, including the largest collection of Irish records anywhere online, US military records from the Revolutionary War, and millions of newspaper pages from as long ago as 1710. Exclusive collections only found on Find My Past include:
  - British Newspaper Archives from England, Wales and Scotland
  - Parish records from England and Wales back to 1538
  - Passenger list of ships leaving the UK between 1890-1960
  - British Army Records from 1760-1915
  - Irish Court Records
  - Access to [PERSI](#) (Periodical Source Index)

**Come to the Library to access and explore this unique resource.**

- **Smile** - Be sure to [sign up for Amazon Smile](#). Every time you place an order, Amazon donates 0.5% to CGS. It's easy, it's free and it benefits our library.

## The 2016 Genie Awards



Please join us on Saturday, **October 8 at noon**, for the 2016 Genie Awards. Volunteers who "make magic happen" at the California Genealogical Society (CGS) will be recognized for their ongoing commitment to our almost 120-year-old organization.

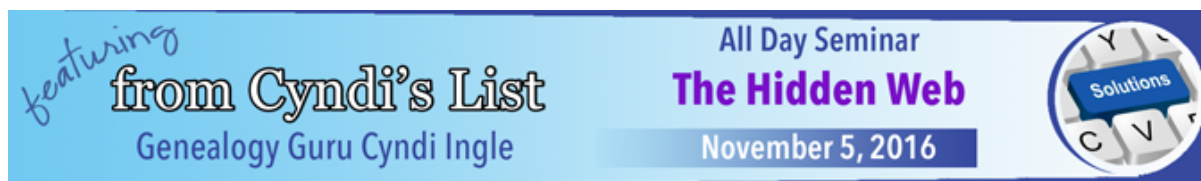
The awards ceremony will be part of our noontime Fall Membership meeting in the CGS Library. Join your CGS friends for lunch, conversation, and a celebration of our volunteers.

The Genie Awards are not only an opportunity to thank our generous volunteers but also for new and returning members to learn about ways (big and little) to help keep CGS alive and thriving.

The red carpet will be unrolled, our mystical master of ceremonies will be there with her gold lame' turban and magic lamps will be available for your three wishes! Bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information.

All-Day Seminar with Cyndi Ingle



**Only 13 seats left** for Cyndi's wonderful day-long seminar! Early Bird registration ends October 8th. After October 8th, the price will rise to \$75 for members and \$85 for non-members. So register today!

A silent auction is also planned for the day with a fun grab-bag experience. If you would like to contribute to the silent auction, please contact [Diana Wild](#).

Want to learn how to dig deeper to improve your online genealogy research? You've used her award-winning genealogy indexing site, [Cyndislist.com](#), but did you know that she's a nationally-recognized genealogy lecturer & author?

On **November 5, 2016** the California Genealogical Society will have the honor of hosting a full day seminar at Preservation Park in Oakland with Cyndi Ingle. [Registration for this very special event.](#) Come discover what you've been missing through her four lectures and let Cyndi's 35 years of genealogical experience help you unlock hidden doors to your family history research.

Cyndi Ingle is the owner and creator of [Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites](#), an award-winning categorized index to over 335,000 online genealogy resources, which helps millions of visitors worldwide. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 35 years, is a past-member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society and is the author of three books for genealogical research.

The seminar is at historic Preservation Park in downtown Oakland. Free parking for participants is located across the street at City Center West garage on the day of the event. Coffee and lunch are included with your admission. Early Bird registration ends October 1st.

We're looking for sponsors to help us defray the cost of this wonderful event. If you or your organization are able to donate to this event please contact [Therese Hart-Pignotti](#)

## Classes

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



As usual, here's our wonderful line-up of classes for this month.

**As a friendly reminder, when registering for a class or event on Eventbrite you'll need your CGS membership number to complete the registration (effective April 1, 2016).**

**Forgot your number?** No problem, just send us a request at [membership@californiaancestors.org](mailto:membership@californiaancestors.org).



Saturday,  
Oct 1

[Introduction to Genealogy](#)  
with Pam Miller  
1 to 3 p.m.



Saturday,  
Oct 22

[Now You've Got Your DNA Results](#)  
**For users of Ancestry DNA**  
This is a revamped class geared to those who have submitted DNA samples at Ancestry.com and want to know the best steps and strategies to make family connections from the results.  
  
1 to 4 p.m.



CALIFORNIA  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY since 1871

Tuesday,  
Oct 25

[California Historical Society Tour](#)  
Join us for a visit to the California Historical Society (CHS). Founded in 1871, CHS represents a rich resource for family history research. Of particular interest to genealogists are early newspapers and periodicals, their Gold Rush and Immigration collections, including diaries, photographs, journals, letters and much more.  
  
10:30 a.m. to Noon



Saturday,  
Oct 29

[Now You've Got Your DNA Results](#)  
**For users of 23andME or Family Tree DNA**  
This is a revamped class geared to those who have submitted DNA samples at Family Tree DNA or 23andme and want to know the best steps and strategies to make family connections from the results.  
  
1 to 4 p.m.



Saturday,  
Nov 12

[Becoming a G-mail Ninja](#)  
This class will help anyone, regardless of experience or knowledge; get the most out of using Gmail. It doesn't matter if you've ever used another email program or if you're a complete newbie to the world of emails. You'll learn how to get started with Gmail, sending emails, organizing your inbox, and a few tips and tricks on using Gmail.  
  
1 to 3 p.m.

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.

## Meetings and More

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



**Saturday October 8:** Board Meeting. 10 - Noon.

**Saturday, October 15:** [Family Tree Maker SIG](#), 1 - 4 p.m.  
Devoted exclusively to Family Tree Maker™ Software from Ancestry.com. Please register for this event.



**Saturday, October 15:** [San Francisco SIG](#), 10 - 11:30 a.m.

**Sunday, November 6:** [Young Genealogists](#) - Brunch at Mission Dolores  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group (i.e. French Canadian, RootsMagic, Mayflower Descendants, Family History Writers, Latinos, Scrapbooking, etc.), then 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



Several volunteer positions are vacant

### Join the CGS Events Team

Interested in working in the never-a-dull-moment world of Events? Look no further than CGS! We need volunteers to help with the following jobs: Events Assistant, Post-Event Survey Manager (can be done from home), Offsite Events Assistant and Marketing Maven. As always, training is provided!

### Looking for [Cyndi Ingle Seminar](#) volunteers!

If you would like more information about volunteering for this popular genealogy event on Saturday, November 5, please contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for details.

### Are you bilingual?

Occasionally, the CGS Research Committee receives requests which require access to non-English records. If you have experience reading non-English records or have successfully researched the online records of non-English speaking countries - and you would be willing to act as a consultant to the Research Committee - let them know! For more details or questions, contact the [Research Committee](#).

Contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information about any of these great opportunities

## CGS Trip to Washington D.C.



Our inaugural Washington, D.C. Research Trip is scheduled for November 12 - 20.

This event is SOLD OUT, but please join the [waiting list](#).

Read more about your guides and this inaugural journey in our [blog](#).

## CGS Blog

### Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog and Others

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 want and need your stories! If you would like to publish in our blog please contact [Shannon Reese](#), the Blog Editor.

[Meet Arlene Miles: Genealogist, Board Member & Library Manager](#) by Shannon Reese

[The California Nugget: Passing the Genealogy Baton](#) by Shannon Reese

[FGS 2016 Genealogy Conference News](#) by Kim Cotton

[Wordless Wednesday: Vertical Files Grand Opening](#) by Linda Darby

["On The Road" Once Again](#) by Chris Pattillo & Jane Lindsey

[Journey back to understand the Japanese experience](#) by Shannon Reese

[October is Family History Month](#) by Shannon Reese



### What does the genealogy community have to say?

Here's a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Digital Estate Planning Laws -- Relevant to Preserving "Your" Digital Genealogy Assets!](#) by National Genealogical Society

[The Worry about DNA privacy and GEDmatch](#) on Kitty Cooper's Blog

[Ask The Curator: How to Preserve and Archive Old Family Documents](#) by Denise May Lenick

## People are Talking



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

by Shannon Reese



### Top Facebook Post for September:

[The 'Secret' Details in the 1940 Census You May Be Missing](#)

from Family History Daily

Talk to CGS on [Facebook](#)



### Top Twitter Post for September:

[2016 FGS Genealogy Conference News by Kim Cotton](#)

by  
CGS Blog

Join the CGS conversation on [Twitter](#)

## Continuing Membership Perk



[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 a few local and national conferences:

- [Contra Costa County Genealogical Society](#) - Fall Seminar with John Philip Colletta, October 15.
- [Great Canadian Genealogy Summit](#) - October 21-23 in Ontario, Canada.
- [San Mateo County Genealogical Society \(SMCGS\)](#) - Fall Seminar with Paula Stuart-Warren. October 22
- [California State Genealogical Alliance \(CSGA\) and San Mateo County Genealogical Society \(SMCGS\) General Meeting/Joint Seminar](#) - General Meeting and Seminar + CSGA Board Meeting, October 29.
- [RootsTech](#) - February 8-11, 2017. Early Bird Discount until October 14. Save \$100.

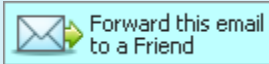
## Connect with Us

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



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Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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