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October 2017 Announcements



October is Family History Month


Come to the Library in October to continue your family research. The library is FREE to all for the entire month!

We have events planned all month long to recognize the that this is a big month for genealogists.

Each Saturday there is a special event.

- 1) Nikkei Pilgrimage to Wakamatsu
- 2) Members Meeting and Genie Awards
- 3) Joint open house with the Mayflower Society
- 4) Japanese seminar on finding roots in the U.S. and Japan

When you visit the library you will notice that our building is undergoing changes. The main entrance is now on Broadway. The former entrance on the side street has been closed. As you come in to the first floor please sign-in and sign-out with security at the main desk.





WAKAMATSU

TEA AND SILK FARM COLONY

REDISCOVERING AMERICA'S FIRST ISSEI


Date: Sat. Oct. 7, 2017

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where:
Wakamatsu Tea and Silk
Colony Farm,
Placerville, Calif.

**Special Program for
Nichi Bei Foundation Buses
ONLY**







**A NIKKEI
ROOTS
PILGRIMAGE**

Nikkei Pilgrimage: This Fall, the Nikkei Pilgrimage will be held on October 7. Participants will travel to the [Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Colony Farm](#) in Placerville, site of the first colony of Japanese immigrants in the U.S. The California Genealogical Society will provide genealogy consultations during the event. If you would like to volunteer as one of our genealogists that day, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#) for details. Transportation and lunch will be provided.

Come in. WE'RE
OPEN

The California Genealogical Society
and our new neighbors The California Mayflower Society

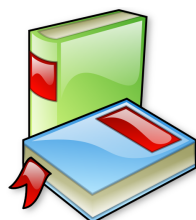
FAMILY HISTORY MONTH OPEN HOUSE
October 21st • 2-4 pm

FREE
ADMISSION
In October

Save the Dates

Blaine Bettinger, Ph. D., J.D., [The Genetic Genealogist](#), will be here on [March 2 - 3](#) to speak on DNA. Blaine is the premier lecturer on the subject of DNA and genealogy.

Registration is now open for the **18th Annual CGS research trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City**. This year we are going on [April 22 - 29](#). I hope you will join us.



We need BOOKS! CGS volunteers sell books on eBay to raise money for the Library. If you have nonfiction historical or genealogical books in good condition that you no longer need, please consider donating some or all of your collection to our library. All proceeds from these sales keep the Library running and available for your use. Email [Arlene Miles](#) with questions.

CGS Volunteers



The Genie Awards - Honoring Our Magical Volunteers!

Please join us at the CGS Library on **Saturday, October 14**, noon, for the 2017 Genie Awards. Several 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 addition, longtime member Chris Pattillo will regale our volunteers with her "ancestor adventures" while on her recent summertime genealogy road trip.

Join us in honoring our volunteers, as well as learning what you can do to contribute your time and talents to CGS. 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!

For details about any and all volunteer opportunities, contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)

CGS Facebook Group

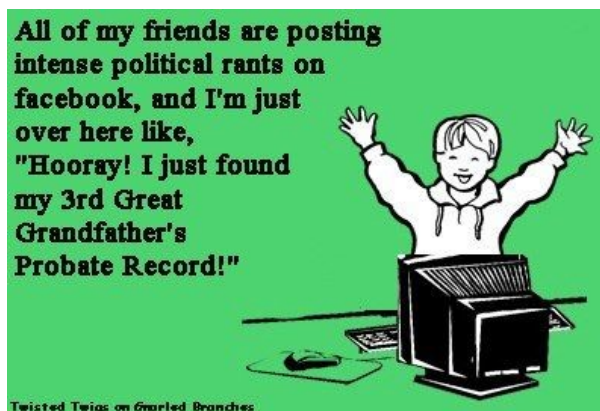
by [Marisela Meskus](#)

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! You may have heard a [Facebook group for CGS](#) was in the works. Well, here it is! We encourage all members to join and invite non-CGS members who are interested.

Marisela "Merry" Meskus is our new social media volunteer and Facebook group administrator .

"I joined CGS recently in April after a quick Google search for genealogy in the area. I have been researching my family's genealogy since a family trip to the Dominican Republic in 2004.

It was the first time my father had seen his hometown in 40 years. It seemed like every time we turned a new corner we would have to stop and stare at a building while he shared childhood memories. I just soaked it all up! I feel the same way when I visit the CGS library.



I love listening to members talk about their own lives or those of their ancestors. There is a great deal to learn from our fellow genealogists. I feel like a sponge absorbing as much knowledge as I can. If you've come to the library in the past 4 months, you've probably seen me there.

Unfortunately, most of the members are not able to make it to the library as often. The purpose of the Facebook group is to foster more of a community. I encourage members to use it to seek help, to help others, to share relevant news, and to share their own family history findings."

Marisela will be volunteering on Thursdays and Saturdays to help members navigate Facebook, the internet, and computers (including cell phones) in general. If you would like to volunteer to be an administrator for the Facebook group, please contact [Marisela](#).

Classes and SIGs

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



Here is our wonderful line-up of classes and Special Interest Groups for this month.

When registering on Eventbrite you'll need your CGS membership number to complete the registration. If you do not know your membership number send a request to: membership@californiaancestors.org.

	<p>RootsMagic - Special Interest Group</p> <p>The RootsMagic SIG welcomes all users and would-be users of this popular genealogy software.</p> <p>Thursday, October 5, from 2 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p>Introduction to Genealogy</p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, October 7, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
<p>Chris Pattillo's Genealogy Road trip</p>	



One month after retiring Chris Pattillo embarked on a 2 ½ month cross-country trip. She drove over 9000 miles through 19 states and did family history research in Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina and Virginia. She visited six county courthouses in four states, sixteen libraries, and made 3390 copies of pages of documents.

Come hear the tales and be inspired to make your own genealogy journey.

Saturday, October 14, from 1 - 3 p.m.

[Pacific Maritime History: Ships 1840-1940](#)



Ted Miles has focused for over 30 years in national maritime history and will present a lecture on Pacific Maritime history, discussing the San Francisco Maritime Museum (later known as the SF Maritime National Historical Park). His presentation will focus on the ships that brought people from Europe to the United States between 1840 and 1940, covering some 50 million immigrants.

This class will meet at the Oakland Family History Center and is hosted by the **San Francisco Special Interest Group**.

Saturday, October 21, from 1 - 3 p.m.



[Family Tree Maker SIG](#)

A monthly forum devoted exclusively to the Family Tree Maker™ Software from Software Mackiev. Hosted by facilitators Ron Madson and Karen Halfon

Saturday, October 21, from 1 - 4 p.m.



[Finding your Japanese Roots in the U.S. and in Japan](#)

Join us for this encore presentation in our ongoing ethnic research series: Researching Japanese Ancestry.

The first half of the seminar will focus on background and research in the united States. The second half of the seminar will focus on research in Japan.

The seminar is suitable for both beginners and experienced researchers.

Saturday, October 28, from 1 - 4 p.m.

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 14: Board Meeting 10 to 11:30 a.m. All Members are welcome.

Saturday, October 14: Membership Meeting - Noon



Saturday, October 14: Genie Awards - Noon

Saturday, October 21: Mayflower Society Open House - 2 - 4 p.m.

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group (i.e. French Canadian, 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](#)

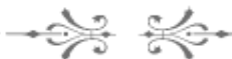
CGS Blog

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. Have an idea for article, on-going series of posts or have an idea for monthly column? Then contact the Blog Editor [Shannon Reese](#) to discuss.



[You're Invited! Family History Month Open House](#) - by Shannon Reese

[An Aerial Photo Solves a Family History](#) - by Cassie Arnold

[Capital Campaign - Starting Strong](#) - by Chris Pattillo, Jane Lindsey & Sandy Fryer

[Dismissed from the Union Army](#) - by Georgia Lupinsky



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Gender Selection and the Impact on Future Genealogy Research](#) - by Thomas MacEntee on Abundant Genealogy

[101 Best FREE Websites for Genealogy in 2017](#) - David Fryxell on Family Tree Magazine



How to Grow Empathy From Uncovering Your Roots | Rich Venezia | TEDxPittsburgh

[Only 0.3% of People Have One Ethnicity in their DNA. Showing Our World is a True Blend](#) - by Dick Eastman

[Revisiting the women and early California law](#) - by Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist

[Mapping California](#) - by Judy Russell, The Legal Genealogist

[No, You Don't Really Have 7,900 4th Cousins: Some DNA Basics for Those With Jewish Heritage](#) by Jennifer Mendelsohn on Medium

Other 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

- [Presidio Dialogues - Russian Spirit: Dance and Tradition](#)
- In celebration of National Family History Month the [Livermore - Amador Genealogical Society](#) is holding four public outreach events during the month of October at the Pleasanton and Livermore Libraries to promote community interest in family heritage by helping people locate for their ancestors in census and other records.
- SMC GS (San Mateo County Genealogical Society) [Fall Seminar - November 4](#). With Pam Boyer Sayre and Rick Sayre speaking on Federal Records and Mapping the West.

Major National Conferences in 2017-2018

October 13-15	The Great Canadian Genealogy Summit	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
December 9-10	International Genetic Genealogy Conference	San Diego, California
2018		
January 21-26	Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)	Salt Lake City, Utah
February 28 - March 3	RootsTech 2018	Salt Lake City, Utah
May 2 - 5	National Genealogical Society	Grand Rapids, Michigan
May 31 - Jun 2	49th Annual Jamboree 2018	Burbank, California
June 2 - 7	The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)	Athens, Georgia
August 6 - 10	38th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy	Warsaw, Poland
August 6 - 10	Eastern European Family History Conference	Salt Lake City, Utah
August 22 - 25	Federation of Genealogical Societies	Fort Wayne, Indiana

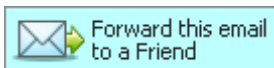
Connect with Us

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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