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September 2018 Announcements



Beginning on September 15, and continuing through to October 15, we recognize [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#). During the four weeks, celebrations honor the heritage and contributions made by members of the Hispanic community. Festivities begin on September 15, marking the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. With great fanfare, celebrations sweep across Latin America, Central American and on into Mexico and Chili commemorating each country's independence from week to week!

This is a good month to learn about Latin American and Hispanic genealogical resources.

- [Central American & Caribbean](#) Resources
- [South American](#) Resources
- [Spanish](#) Resources



### **Finishing our 120th Year with a Bang and Plans for 2019**

Our Fall events include a great lineup that are either open for registration now or will be by the next newsletter. In October, Family History Month, we will hold our member meeting on the First Saturday. Lisa Gorrell will be expanding her Intermediate Series with a Part II which will cover tax, military, newspapers, cemeteries and principles of research writing. This will be Wednesday evenings at the FamilySearch Library. A new topic, Finding Your Ancestral Home will be presented on Oct 27, by Kate Black. And on the same day, Bill O'Neil will offer his always popular Book Repair Workshop.

In November, we're going to offer two related classes on Microsoft tools that every genealogist can use. Stewart Traiman will cover Excel on November 11 and Matt Berry will share great tips for using Word in November 17.

In 2019, the planning committee is setting up a great program that will include Ethnic topics on the Second Saturday and Technology topics on the Fourth Saturdays. We'll also be sure to include several presentations on DNA. Speakers are being confirmed but plan on starting the year right by filling in some gaps on January 26 with Basic Tables and Spreadsheets for DNA Researchers and a session on Basic Computer Skills For Genealogists. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.



### Japanese American Pilgrimage - Saturday October 13

The California Genealogical Society is partnering with the [Nichi Bei Foundation](#) to host the Nikkei Pilgrimage to Angel Island on October 13. [Tickets are available](#) online for this fun cultural event. Attendees can visit the barracks where immigrants were detained and meet with genealogists to learn how to research their family history. [Judy Sakaki](#), president of Sonoma State University, will present the keynote address.



If you would like to participate as a genealogy consultant, please contact [Linda Okazaki](#). Lunch will be provided.



### Get Ready for the Genie Awards!

Please join us on Saturday, October 13, noon, for the 2018 Genie Awards.

Volunteers who "make magic happen" at the California Genealogical Society (CGS) will be recognized for their ongoing commitment to our 120-year-old organization! The awards ceremony will be part of our noontime Fall Membership meeting. Join us in honoring our volunteers, as well as learning

what you can do to contribute your time and talents to CGS. Bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

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

### NEHGS in Oakland



**American Ancestors**<sup>®</sup>  
by NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

### [REGISTRATION NOW OPEN](#)

**Saturday September 22nd** NEHGS COMES to OAKLAND featuring Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, Director of the Great Migration Study Project and Christopher C. Child, Senior Genealogist of Newbury Street Press and Editor of Mayflower Descendant.

**Consultations on Friday August 21st** in conjunction with the "NEHGS Comes to Oakland" are filling up! If you are interested in a consultation, please sign up and tell us your research question and you will be matched with one of our knowledgeable genealogists.

[Register Today for the Conference!](#)  
[Register Today for a Consultation!](#)

**Silent Auction**

SILENT AUCTION SEPTEMBER 21ST at the "NEHGS COMES TO OAKLAND" EVENT!

Thanks to members we are going to have some fun items to bid on at the Silent Auction.

- A gorgeous hand-made quilt
- A guided tour of genealogical hot spots in Seattle
- Research hours offered by our Research team and others
- Fun gift baskets
- And more

We need few more unique items that will encourage competitive bidding and raise money for CGS.

Please email [Jane Lindsey](mailto:jane.lindsey@cgsonline.org) with your ideas! All suggestions welcome!

**Classes and SIGs**

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





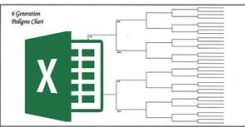


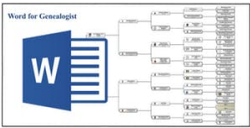

Here is our wonderful line-up of classes and Special Interest Groups for this month.

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](#).

	<p><a href="#">Introduction to Genealogy.</a></p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, Sep 1, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p><a href="#">RootsMagic Special Interest Group</a></p> <p>The RootsMagic SIG welcomes all users and would-be users of this popular genealogy software.</p> <p>Thursday, Sep 6, from 2 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">San Francisco Special Interest Group</a></p> <p>Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco Special Interest Group (SF-SIG). We uncover records, view historical photographs and maps, read historical newspapers, manuscripts and other San Francisco records.</p> <p>Saturday, Sep 15, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group</a></p> <p>This CGS Special Interest Group (FTM-SIG) has been formed devoted exclusively to the popular robust and easy-to-use Family Tree Maker™ Software from Software MacKiev. Join FTM-SIG facilitators Ron Madson and Karen Halfon</p>

Saturday, Sept 15, from 1 - 4 p.m.

	<p><a href="#">Perspectives on DNA and Adoption</a></p> <p>DNA Testing is transforming genealogical research and is having a huge impact on families with adoptions. Join us to hear our six panelists who will share the perspectives as adoptees, parents and consultants who are building family trees with adoptions. Details being finalized to include an Ancestry.com spokesperson as well. They will share what they have learned about using this advancement for genealogy and their guidelines and insights for dealing with the emotional and ethical issues that arise. Check our EventBrite for registration and details soon.</p> <p>Saturday, Sep 29, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Intermediate Records Series Part II: Taxes, Newspapers, Military, Cemeteries and More</a></p> <p>Join genealogist Lisa Gorrell for a continuing exploration of resources that go beyond vital records and censuses. The course will consist of both lecture and activities. There will be immediate practice using these newly taught skills. There will also be optional homework so practice can continue at home.</p> <p>Wednesdays in October - 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Book Repair Workshop</a></p> <p>Bill O'Neil, Book Repair Committee Chairman will again present his popular Book Repair Workshop.</p> <p>Workshop participants will learn book repair techniques by creating a book for themselves. Pages are provided, and the pupils create the binding. The finished product will be a copy of a "how to" pamphlet written by the late Dick Thrift, founder of the CGS Book Repair Committee. Everyone goes home with a self-made instruction book and souvenir of the day.</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Find Your Ancestral Home in America</a></p> <p>Now that you have found your ancestors and where they settled in America, have you ever wondered if the family house or farm still exists? Many of you have family homes you don't know about - but they are out there waiting to be found. In this class we will review the tools that will help you use your already-honed sleuthing skills to find where your ancestors lived and worked.</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 27, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Excel for Genealogists</a></p> <p>Stewart loves spreadsheets! He is an expert in Microsoft Excel using spreadsheets in genealogy quite frequently. Laying out all the data in Excel can help researchers see gaps in knowledge or correlations between data points. Breakthroughs can easily happen by visualizing data in spreadsheets. Stewart shows many examples of his use of spreadsheets to track newspaper clippings, a vital records catalog, tracking ancestor addresses over time, and tracking whole families over many censuses.</p>

	<p>Stewart will teach how to use Excel filter, sorting, color coding, calculations and many other functions.</p> <p>Saturday, Nov 10, from 1 to 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Microsoft Word for Genealogists</a></p> <p>A well written family history or genealogy article adheres to certain styles with regard to formatting, citations and indexing. This course will show how to use Microsoft Word's features to 1) format your genealogy in "Register Style", 2) create footnotes or end notes, and 3) create a useful index. Participants are encourage to bring their own laptop computer and follow along with the examples in class. Examples in class will be shown using MS Word 2016 on a PC, but these features haven't changed much since Word 2007 and are also available on the Mac versions of MS Word.</p> <p>Saturday, Nov 17, from 10 to Noon</p>
	<p><a href="#">Eastern European Special Interest Group</a></p> <p>Come, discuss a new Special Interest Group (SIG) focused on Eastern European Genealogy. We are still refining how the group will meet, where, when, and more. Join and help us create this group, together!</p> <p>Saturday, Nov 24, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
<p>Also <a href="#">visit our Eventbrite profile page</a> to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>	

### Librarian Needed



Are you a bibliophile?

Do shelves of genealogy books make you weak in the knees with excitement?

Do you have library work experience?

Do you like working with a group of fun, dedicated volunteers?

If so, CGS is looking for a volunteer to lead our library team and we would love to hear from you!

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

### Volunteers

Are you a CGS member who might be thinking about volunteering for our 120-year-old organization? If so, we have some sweet committee opportunities for you:

- Assist with Events (organizing onsite or offsite events such as lectures, field trips, etc.)
- Library (shelving, cataloging, etc.)
- Communication (marketing, blog, newsletter, press releases, etc.)
- Technology (computer maintenance, website, databases)
- Membership (outreach)
- Development (fundraising, grants research, etc.)
- Remote (work from home on online survey tabulations, etc.)
- Other



Feel free to submit the CGS [Volunteer Form](#) or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#) for more information!

### Meetings and More

#### California Genealogical Society & Library

**2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland****Board Meeting** -- September 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Note the time is a half hour earlier to start. We have much to discuss with the presentation of the Strategic Plan for CGS's future.

Agenda:

- Officers Reports
- Committee Reports
- Strategic Plan Presentation
- Any Emergency Items

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](#).

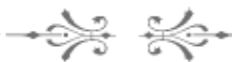
If your Society or Organization would like to use our facility as a meeting space for a nominal fee, please contact [Vicky Kolakowski](#).

**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 have an idea for an article, ongoing series of posts or monthly column, then please contact Blog Editor [Jennifer Dix](#) to discuss.



[CGS Library Collections: Alaska](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[The Great Migration: Researching 17th Century New England: NEHGS comes to Oakland September 22!](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Perspectives on DNA and Adoption: A panel discussion](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[September 8 Board Meeting: Unveiling the 2018 Strategic Plan!](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Mind Mapping for Genealogy](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[CGS Library Collections: Alabama](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

**Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:**

[Listen to your Mama](#) -- by Judy G. Russell, The Legal Genealogist

[BCG Announces Election Results](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[DNA: Can siblings have different ethnicity estimates?](#) -- by Esther on MyHeritage Blog

[FamilySearch's Strategy to Help Preserve the World's Archives](#) -- FamilySearch Blog

[The Immigration Act of 1924 and the End of Ellis Island](#) -- by Sunny Morton on FamilySearch Blog

## 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](http://ConferenceKeeper.org).

### Local Events

[Bay Area Genealogy Calendar](#) maintained by the Sutro Library



## Spend a Day With Thomas MacEntee Get a Genealogy Do-over™ October 6

### Four Amazing Genealogy Sessions in One Day!

Thomas MacEntee, nationally-known genealogist, will give you the tools and techniques to clear out the clutter and build a better family tree. Find out how to start your own Genealogy Do-over™ plus three other sessions:

- How Do I Know What I Don't Know? Fast-track your Genealogy Education
- Successful Cluster Searching
- Searching For Living Persons

For info and to register, go to Events section at [www.cccgs.net](http://www.cccgs.net)


Sponsored by the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society  
Event held at Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane PH  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

~ San Mateo County Genealogical Society ~

## *Exploring DNA & Genetic Genealogy*

with

# CeCe Moore



- I Have My Results, Now What?
- Creating & Utilizing Genetic Networks in Your Research
- Breaking Through Brick Walls with DNA
- DNA Stories from "Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr."

**Saturday ~ November 3, 2018 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the top genetic genealogists of our time. CeCe Moore is the founder of The DNA Detectives, co-founder of the Institute for Genetic Genealogy, and speaker, educator, and expert researcher & scriptwriter for the TV show "Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr." CeCe is an innovator in the use of DNA for unknown parentage research.

Please go to [smcgs.org/programs/seminars](http://smcgs.org/programs/seminars) for more information.

**Major National and International Conferences in 2018**

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

<b>2018</b>		
Oct 4 - 6	<u><a href="#">APG Professional Management Conference</a></u>	Kansas City, Missouri
Oct 26 - 27	<u><a href="#">Illinois State Genealogical Society</a></u>	Springfield, Illinois
Nov 2 - 4	<u><a href="#">Texas State Genealogical Society</a></u>	San Antonio, Texas
<b>2019</b>		
Jan 21-26	<u><a href="#">Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</a></u>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 27 - Mar 2	<u><a href="#">RootsTech 2019</a></u>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun 15 - 28	<u><a href="#">International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)</a></u>	Sacramento, California
May 8 - 11	<u><a href="#">National Genealogical Society</a></u>	St. Charles, Missouri
May 30 - Jun 2	<u><a href="#">49th Annual Jamboree 2018</a></u>	Burbank, California
July 21 - 26	<u><a href="#">The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)</a></u>	Atlanta, Georgia
Jun, Jul	<u><a href="#">Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)</a></u>	Pittsburgh, PA
	<u><a href="#">IAJGS International Conference on</a></u>	



	<a href="#">Jewish Genealogy</a>	
Aug 21 - 24	<a href="#">Federation of Genealogical Societies</a>	Washington, DC

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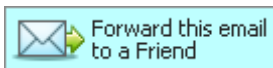
See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)

## [Become a member of CGS](#)



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Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Summer Hours - Thursday open until 8 p.m.



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