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November 2018 Announcements

**Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!**

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and [Wampanoag Native Americans](#) shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. Hundreds of thousands of Americans descend from these early European colonists. Your research into Plymouth roots can be aided by these sites:

- [General Society of Mayflower Descendants](#)
- [Caleb Johnson's Mayflower History](#)
- Cyndi's List [Mayflower, Pilgrims & The Plymouth Colony](#)

Whether you are a descendant of Mayflower Pilgrims or Wampanoags, this beloved American tradition is a time for family, good friends and appreciating the abundance of life.

**CGS 2018 Holiday Event**



Mark your calendar for this year's Holiday event that will be hosted by Jane Lindsey on Sunday December 2 at 11:00 to 2:00. CGS Volunteers and their guests are invited. Our annual holiday gathering is a time to **thank our volunteers** for all they do throughout the year and a chance to enjoy each other's company. This year we are including our CGS Life Members to thank them for their support and to let them meet with our wonderful volunteers that keep the society vibrant. This is a potluck so please plan to bring a dish to share. Coffee, tea and sparkling water will be provided.

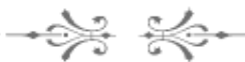
RSVP by email to [Chris Pattillo](#) or by phone **(510) 654-8124**.



Nominations for the Board of Directors

There will be an election of directors at the annual meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Four current directors' seats are up for election, and as the by-laws allow up to 20 directors, another eleven could be elected.

Anyone interested in serving on the board, or who has a suggestion on a member who should be considered, should contact [Richard Kehoe](#) or [Nancy Cork](#) for the Nominations committee.

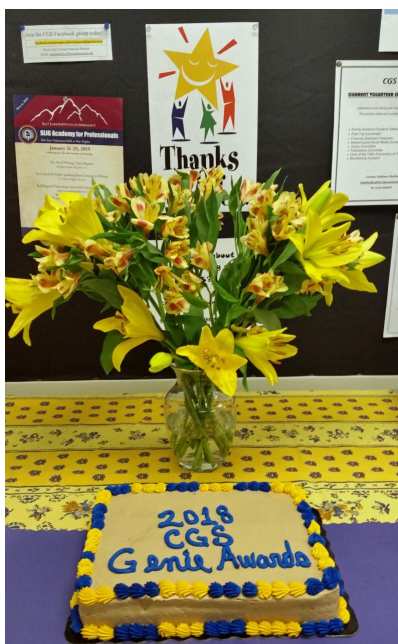


The RootsMagic SIG will no longer be meeting. If you are interested in leading the RootsMagic SIG please contact [Maureen Hanlon](#).



Library Holiday Closures - The library will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 22 - 24. We will be closed again on December 27 - 29.

2018 Genie Awards



Congratulations to our 2018 Genie Awards recipients! Awards this year went to volunteer facilitators and organizers of the California Genealogical Society's Special Interest Groups (SIGs), honored for their work in aiding CGS members with genealogy related research:



- **Lavinia Schwarz** and **Arlene Miles** (Roots Magic),
- **Sandra Britt Huber** (San Francisco),
- **Ron Madson** and **Karen Halfon** (Family Tree Maker),
- **Vicky Kolakowski** and **Craig Siulinski** (Eastern Europe) and
- **Maureen Hanlon** (Irish Ancestor Network - Facebook).

The Genie Awards were presented during the CGS Quarterly Membership Meeting on October 13.

Interested in learning more about our SIGs? Come to a meeting! SIG meeting dates can be found in the monthly CGS eNews. Questions?

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


Classes and SIGs


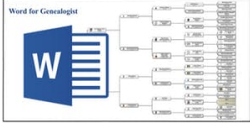

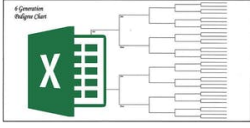

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2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland



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>Introduction to Genealogy.</p> <p>A free class on the fundamentals of genealogical research.</p> <p>Saturday, Nov 3, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p>San Francisco Special Interest Group</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, Nov 17, from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>Microsoft Word for Genealogists ** SOLD OUT **</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>Eastern European Special Interest Group</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 10, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p>Excel for Genealogists ** SOLD OUT **</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. Stewart will teach how to use Excel filter, sorting, color coding, calculations and many other functions.</p> <p>Saturday, Dec 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. <i>This class will be repeated in early 2019. Watch for a new link.</i></p>
	<p>Computer Basic Skills For Everyone</p> <p>You may be embarrassed by not knowing some basic computer skills. Most of us are. And, that's okay. Let's jump over these knowledge hurdles together. A comfortable understanding of these computing skills will aid your genealogy. Breezing thru the computing mine field will make ancestral research so much more fun and productive. No matter how long you have been involved in investigating your family history, confidence in your computer skills will greatly assist your exploration.</p> <p>Saturday, Jan 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 1 hour break for lunch</p>
<p>Also visit our Eventbrite profile page to see the latest class additions and descriptions.</p>	

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



CGS needs your tech skills!

Volunteers are needed to help keep our in-library computers and network functioning smoothly. Maintenance is performed weekly on Mondays, and usually takes a couple of hours. Duty rotates among volunteers, which generally results in a once-a-month commitment. Requires familiarity with Windows 10 setup and troubleshooting; you'll get training on the specific procedures.

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

Meetings and More

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	<p>Board Meeting -- November 10, starting at 10 a.m.</p> <p><u>Officer Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - Appointments to the Nomination Committee, Annual Appeal Update, Annual Meeting Planning • VP • Treasurer - Preliminary 2019 budget • Recording Sec • Corresponding Sec • CFO <p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publications (Nancy) • Development and Member Services - Holiday Party (Chris) <p><u>Old Business:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan (Chris and Stewart) • Class Fees for 2019 (Maureen) <p><u>New Business:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of CGS Safe (Rich) • Any Urgent New Item
	<p>Annual Membership Meeting - January 12, 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual reports for the Society • Election of new Board members • Celebration with lunch and cake

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group 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.



A State by State Series by Chris Pattillo

- [CGS Library Collections: Delaware](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Connecticut](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Colorado](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: California, Part 3](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: California, Part 2](#)

[October Membership Meeting](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

[Genealogical Proof Standard Flowchart!](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Rare footage of post-quake 1906 San Francisco](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Nikkei Pilgrimage to Angel Island October 13](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Successful NEHGS Event Nets New Members, Entertains and Informs](#) -- by Chris Pattillo



Here are a few interesting blog posts from other sites:

[Many Sessions at the MyHeritage LIVE 2018 Conference in Oslo to be Live Streamed on the Internet](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[The Missing Mayflower Pilgrim](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[Holocaust Survivor Sees Family Photos for the First Time](#) -- by Ester on MyHeritage

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair 2018

The National Archives held its annual [Virtual Genealogy Fair](#), an event they've hosted since 2010.

Topics covered at this year's presentation included:

- Calling all Citizen Archivists
- Records to Identify Slave and Slave owners
- Civil War Widows' Pension Files
- Civilian Conservation Corps Camps
- Tennessee Valley Authority Records
- Military Nurses

You can see all of these presentations on YouTube, by clicking the video below.



2018 National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair (2018 Oct 24)

Click here for [Past National Archive presentations](#).

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

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

FREE EVENT! November 5, 5:30-7:30pm
 Sutro Library Reading Room
 5th floor of J. Paul Leonard Library, SFSU

LINEAGE LINEUP

Who, What, Where, Why & How of Heritage Societies

Did you know that during the Revolutionary War if your ancestor served as a servant, cook or even a musician that they might be considered Patriots?

Come and find out more from our panelists:

Jonathan Dickey
The Mayflower Society

Catherine McCausland
Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

Terry Briggs
Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)
Jamestowne Society

Please RSVP at lineagelineup.eventbrite.com
 (extended research hours: 10am - 5:30pm)

sutro.library.ca.gov sutro@library.ca.gov (415) 469-6100

Major National and International Conferences:

[Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

2019		
Jan 21-26	<u>Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</u>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb 27 - Mar 2	<u>RootsTech 2019</u>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Jun 15 - 28	<u>International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP)</u>	Sacramento, California
May 8 - 11	<u>National Genealogical Society</u>	St. Charles, Missouri
May 30 - Jun 2	<u>50th Annual Jamboree 2018</u>	Burbank, California

July 21 - 26	The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)	Atlanta, Georgia
Jun, Jul	Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP)	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Jul 28 - Aug 2	IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy	Cleveland, Ohio
Aug 21 - 24	Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)	Washington, DC
Sep 19 - 21	APG Professional Management Conference	Salt Lake City, Utah

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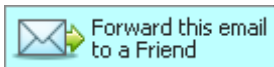
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Become a member of CGS



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



Email [Stewart Blandón Traiman](#), eNews Editor with any questions.

