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April 2019 Announcements



**We Thank our Volunteers for a great year of service and dedication!  
Thank You!**



**Help CGS celebrate National Volunteers Month with our "Genie Awards!"**

Please join us on Saturday, April 13, noon, for the 2019 Genie Awards.



April is National Volunteers Month, and in addition to honoring all of our generous Volunteers, special recognition will be given to those who made "magic" happen at CGS the past year. Our "Genie Awards" presentation will be part of the Spring Membership meeting, following the monthly morning meeting of the CGS Board of Directors. (See the Spring Membership Meeting Agenda.) 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](#).




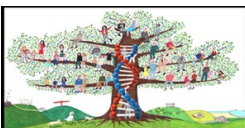
**Classes and SIGs**







**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>Due to popular demand, we have expanded our first-Saturday "Intro to Genealogy" class to a four-session series. The first class offers an overview of genealogy. Each of the next three sessions will begin with a quick review of the overview, followed by a more in-depth focus on the following topics: Census, Vital Records, and Organization. The classes may be taken in any order, and participation in one class is not required to attend others in the series. The entire series will be repeated two more times in 2019.</p> <p>Saturday, Apr 6, from 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m</p>
	<p><b>San Francisco SIG</b></p> <p>Join the conversation with the CGS San Francisco Special Interest Group (SFSIG). We uncover records, view historical photographs and maps, read historical newspapers, manuscripts and other San Francisco records.</p> <p>Saturday, Apr 20, from 10 a.m. 12:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Family Tree Maker SIG</a></p> <p>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 n the third Saturday of each month</p> <p>Saturday, Apr 20, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>You Got Your DNA Results, What's Next?</b></p> <p>Three classes, each focusing on one of the larger DNA testing companies. Each class is for those who have already submitted a DNA sample and want to know the next steps and strategies to make family connections from the results. Completing any of one of these classes is a prerequisite to join the ongoing DNA study group.</p> <p><a href="#">23andMe or My Heritage DNA Results</a>                  Saturday, Apr 6, from 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Mountain View Cemetery Tour with Chris Pattillo</a></p>

 <p>PIEDMONT FUNERAL SERVICES AND MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY</p>	<p>Our tour leader Chris Pattillo has been visiting Mountain View Cemetery since her maternal grandfather was buried there in 1955. She has been a docent at Mountain View for over twenty years. She leads a general history tour and a special tour of the Trees of Mountain View every year for the docent program. Her tour for CGS will highlight some of the most prominent residents and people who are important persons in Oakland.</p> <p>Tuesday, Apr 23, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (MEET at The Mountain View Cemetery 5000 Piedmont Ave, Oakland, CA 94611)</p>
	<p><a href="#">Finding Living People on The Internet with Ron Arons</a></p> <p>This talk will cover, by example, the multitude of categories of websites that can be used to track down or simply discover living relatives. Beyond Google, websites discussed will fall into the following categories: professions, people directories, court and other government records, 'aggregation' websites, and, of course, social networking websites. Furthermore, I will show that, by using these websites together, their synergies can provide even more fantastic search results.</p> <p>Saturday, Apr 27, 1 - 3:30 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Intermediate Records Series - Land, Church, Court and Immigration for Genealogy</a></p> <p>This intermediate class with Lisa Gorrell will focus on four specific record groups and demonstrate how to find these record types both on and off line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court Records: Probate, Guardianship, Wills, Other</li> <li>• Church Records: Sacramental, Membership, Business</li> <li>• Emigration, Immigration, &amp; Naturalization</li> <li>• Land &amp; Property Records: Federal, State, &amp; Local land records, &amp; Tax Records</li> <li>• Off-line Research: Using Online Sources to Find Off-line Records</li> </ul> <p>This class meets at the Oakland Family History Center Five Wednesday nights: May, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2019 from 6 - 8:30 p.m.</p>
 <p>Mission San Francisco de Asis</p>	<p><a href="#">Californianos: Early California Settlers'</a> with Pamela Meeds Williams</p> <p>Pamela will provide Information and Resources for finding early California ancestors.</p> <p>Saturday, May 11, from 1 - 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><a href="#">Field trip to the San Francisco Public Library</a> with Susan Goldstein</p> <p>Join Susan Goldstein, San Francisco City Archivist and San Francisco Public Library staff member for a tour of areas of genealogical interest at the San Francisco Public Library.</p> <p>Thursday, May 16, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>
 <p>Europe Eastern Europe</p>	<p><a href="#">Eastern European Special Interest Group Quarterly Meetings</a></p> <p>A group dedicated to Eastern European genealogy facilitated by Craig Siulinski and Vicky Kolakowski.</p> <p>Saturday, May 25, 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>	

## Meetings and More



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

**Board Meeting -- April 13 at 10 a.m.**

Agenda:

- Officers Reports
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
  - Class Fee Proposal
- New Business
  - Constant Contact Admin



**CGS Spring Membership Meeting - Save the Date!**

Spring is around the corner, and that means it's time for the CGS Spring Membership Meeting! Mark your calendars for [Saturday, April 13](#), noon, at the CGS Library, for a lively get together.

On the agenda:

Updates about activities and other news at the CGS.

CGS member Vic Halfon will relate the tale of finding his half-brother while he and his wife Karen were driving to the east coast on their 50th anniversary.



Member Theresa Murphy will talk about how she produced a family history photo book with her family tree and pictures - at Walgreen's, using its creative, easy to use program.

All of our fabulous volunteers will be "saluted," - along with the presentation of our annual Genie Awards to volunteers who "make magic happen" at CGS.

**Ken Dolls in Uniform:** And, finally, need some "inspiration" to dig into the military records of your ancestors? Come take a look at Bill O'Neil's collection of "Ken Dolls in Uniform." Plus, don't forget we have online access to Fold3 military records in the CGS Library that is free to CGS members!

All members of CGS are welcome! Bring your lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided. Questions? Contact [Chris Pattillo](#) or [Jane Lindsey](#).

**Please let us know if you will be joining us for the [Quarterly Membership Meeting](#).**

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: Minnesota](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Mississippi](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Montana](#)
- [CGS Library Collections: Nebraska](#)

[Changes at the Nugget](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[Updates: Recent Progress, New Membership Rates beginning June 1st](#) -- by Chris Pattillo

["Finding Your Japanese Roots" with Linda Okazaki: March 10](#) -- by Jennifer Dix

[CGS at San Francisco History Days this Weekend, March 2-3](#) -- by Jennifer Dix



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

[New DNA book now available](#) -- by The Legal Genealogist, Judy Russell

[The Genealogist Announces Map Explorer](#) -- by Dick Eastman

[New York Divorce Records for Genealogy Research](#) -- by Frederick Wertz on NYG&B

[New Genealogy Records Online Include the Norway Census](#) -- by Lacey Cooke

[Putting the Milkman Joke to Rest](#) -- by Blaine Bettinger on The Genetic Genealogist

## 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

### [Chinese American Genealogies and the California Railroads](#)

Chinese railroad workers were integral to the building of railroads in California and across the country during the latter half of the 19th century.

For many years the identities, experiences, and contributions, of these Chinese

Thursday, April 18, 2019 6:00 PM

immigrants went largely unknown and unrecognized.

Chinese Americans in California have worked to discover the histories of these workers, some with great success and some without.



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The San Joaquin Genealogical Society (SJGS) and the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Stockton Chapter are excited to co-sponsor and present



## Finding Your Nikkei Roots in the U.S. and Japan

A seminar on Japanese American genealogy

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Doors open at 9:00 a.m.)

Stockton Buddhist Church  
2820 Shimizu Drive, Stockton, CA

Linda Harms Okazaki, noted expert in Japanese American genealogy and history, is the featured seminar speaker. We hope you can attend this informative event.

The first part of the seminar will cover history and research in the United States:

- ❖ The early immigrant experience and pertinent U.S. laws
- ❖ WWII incarceration camps and the post-war experience
- ❖ Repatriation and redress

Bring a brown bag lunch to eat during the break, and enjoy visiting with other attendees, SJGS/JACL members, and Linda.

The second part of the seminar will discuss family research in Japan:

- ❖ Finding your *koseki* (family household register)
- ❖ Understanding *ohaka* and *kakocho*
- ❖ Visiting relatives, cemeteries, and temples

**Cost:** \$15 per person; \$10 for members of SJGS or Stockton JACL (Registration fee is non-refundable)

**Register:** **Online** at [sjgensoc.org](http://sjgensoc.org)  
**By mail** using the attached registration form  
Pre-registration is required; no walk-in admission allowed

**Deadline:** **Online registration will close on April 20, 2019.**  
**Mail-in forms should be sent by April 15, 2019.**  
Be sure to sign up early — registration is limited to 60 participants.

**Questions:** Contact SJGS at [AskUs@sjgensoc.org](mailto:AskUs@sjgensoc.org)

SJGS volunteers will be offering short personal genealogy consultations after the seminar, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Bring names and vital information for your ancestors, and let us help you learn more about their history.

Linda Harms Okazaki is a fourth-generation Californian. She is passionate about teaching Nikkei to research, document, and share their personal family histories, and has been researching her husband's ancestry since 2012, documenting his family history in the internment camps and in Japan. Linda is a charter member of the Nikkei Genealogical Society and a contractual genealogist with Ancestry.com's ProGenealogists, and writes a bimonthly column called *Finding Your Nikkei Roots* for the *Nichi Bei Weekly*. She is a member the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speaker's Guild, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and currently serves as the past president of the California Genealogical Society.



### Major National and International Conferences:

#### [Family History Library Webinar Series](#)

<b>2019</b>		
Jun 15 - 17	<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="#">50th 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</a></u>	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

	<a href="#">Pittsburgh (GRIP)</a>	
Jul 28 - Aug 2	<a href="#">IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy</a>	Cleveland, Ohio
Aug 21 - 24	<a href="#">Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)</a>	Washington, DC
Sep 19 - 21	<a href="#">APG Professional Management Conference</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
<b>2020</b>		
Jan	<a href="#">Salt Lake Genealogical Institute (SLIG)</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah
Feb	<a href="#">RootsTech 2020</a>	Salt Lake City, Utah

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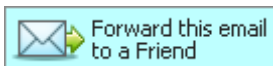
See our [Volunteer](#) page for opportunities or contact [Kathleen Beitiks](#)

## Become a member of CGS



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



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

