Thank you, Cathy! Hello Alice.

We are so grateful for Cathy Lauer’s services as the GFO Volunteer Coordinator. She managed to find two volunteers per shift per day to keep the library open, for ten straight years!

Alice Duff has magnanimously offered to take on this important role. Most recently, Alice coordinated volunteers for the East County Historical Organization in Gresham and has served on that city’s Historic Resources Subcommittee. Earlier, she coordinated volunteers for Furry Friends in Vancouver, and served on its executive committee. Alice will step into this vital role for GFO at the end of this summer.

Message from Cathy: “When I began, the library closed earlier in the day and there was only one shift a day, so fewer volunteers were needed. Over the years, the Board decided to add days and extend the hours. Shifts were split into morning and afternoon sessions, and evening hours were added. This more than doubled the number of volunteers needed. I was officially named Volunteer Coordinator about a year after the big move. It has been a great learning experience and a pleasure to meet and work with so many dedicated volunteers.”

GFO’s New Webmaster

We are thrilled to report we have found a qualified volunteer to succeed Maggie McNair as our webmaster.

Last month, Anita Marks stepped forward to be our new webmaster. She is a former journalist who has also managed websites, taken classes in HTML coding, and served on the board of the nonprofit Zonta PDX.

Please help us welcome Anita to our GFO board and volunteering ranks! She can be reached with GFO website questions at webmaster@gfo.org.

Free Access to the Oregon Historical Society

Did you know? As a GFO member you can get in free to the Oregon Historical Society! The GFO is pleased to be an affiliate of OHS, which grants us two OHS Member passes. We are happy to share these with you as Cultural Passes. Just come in to the library to check them out at the reception desk. Check out the pass one day and return it the next. One member may check out two passes, so you can take a non GFO member with you.

Italian Special Interest Group Returns to GFO

GFO’s Italian Special Interest Group (SIG) has found a new leader in Nancy Matheny! The group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of every month starting August 6th.

Nancy is a genealogical researcher, author, and lecturer eager to help others uncover their ancestral past with the education and experience she has acquired in pursuit of her Sicilian roots. She has conducted genealogical research since 1987, has attended the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), and most recently the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP) where she studied Advanced Italian Research. She was certified as a genealogist (CGRS) from 1996 through 2000, has an MBA from Texas A&M University, and a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) from the University of Arizona.

Nancy is eager to meet other Italian-American researchers to help them unravel their family story and discover La Famiglia! She may be reached at Italian@gfo.org.
Hello, fellow Forum members. I would like to introduce myself, as your new Director at Large on the Genealogical Forum Board of Directors. As Director at Large, I am one of two directors at large. My main responsibility will be as a liaison between you, GFO’s members, and GFO’s board.

A little about me. I was born in a small suburban town in the southeastern part of Massachusetts. Growing up in New England was an enriching experience. Like many other Americans watching the historic Roots miniseries, this piqued my interest in genealogy. I dabbled for a few years, not really knowing what I was doing.

In 1988, I moved to Oregon to continue my career in Behavioral Health. I continued periodically with my family research but didn’t become serious until I retired in 2014. I joined the Genealogical Forum in 2016 and started the African American Special Interest Group (SIG) as the facilitator. I took Laurel’s Smith’s Bootcamp wishing I had the knowledge when I first started my research. As I became more organized my family research flourished.

The paternal side of my family hails from the Cape Verde Islands, a previously Portuguese and Spanish colony off the coast of West Africa. The maternal side of my family is from the peach state, Georgia, and has slavery roots in Western Africa, confirmed through DNA research.

If you have any ideas and/or concerns about your GFO membership experiences, please feel free to contact me. My email is Julie.Ramos@gfo.org. I look forward to serving and working with you.
BEGINNERS’ BOOT CAMP

Join Laurel Smith at the GFO for a day of beginning genealogy. There will be sessions about the census, vital records, discussions about genealogy software and database use, organizing your research, using Ancestry.com, and more – all geared toward beginners – but basic computer skills are a prerequisite.

All communications are done via email, and you must be able to download and print the class notes. Bring a sack lunch, snacks, and a beverage so you can keep going as the class does. GFO members may attend for free, non-members for $20.

Register online at GFO.org by Aug. 16. A link to the class notes and a short, pre-Boot Camp assignment will be emailed on Sun., Aug. 18.

JOIN US!

MEMBERS FREE
NON-MEMBERS $20

9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

...a marathon that was time well-spent.“

...more than exceeded my expectations.”

“Boot Camp was rocking, wow do I regret not having it before I started...”
Did she die in the fire?

Newspaper Researching Tip

Nanci Remington

Recently, I was using Newspapers.com to research a Finkelstein family who lived in Brooklyn, New York, from the late 1800s to the mid 1900s.

Using the surname as my search term, I found a letter to the editor published 9 April 1901 that referred to the rescue of Nathan Finkelstein and his son Morris from a burning building on Moore Street. I knew from the 1900 census that my Finkelstein family (Nathan, wife Bessie, and son Morris) lived on Moore Street. A New York death index listed the death of Bessie Finkelstein on 31 March 1901. Did she die in the fire?

No amount of searching – using first names, last name, partial names – led to more information. Finally, I typed the following into the search box: “fire Moore St.,” and limited the search to April 1901. The snippet for the 12th result showed key words (“wife, whose body” and “35 Moore-st”), which made me immediately click on it.

The resulting newspaper article told the devastating story of the fire. It revealed that Bessie had indeed died that evening. It said she had just given birth, and that there were two babies in the family (to date I have found no other information about the second child). It described the heroic efforts of the firefighters who rescued the other people from the top floor of the four-story building and carried out Bessie’s body. And it mentions the gathering of “several hundred people from the neighboring Jewish tenement houses,” reflecting the tight-knit community in which the family lived.

Genealogists tend to focus on names when doing their research. The takeaway here is that your search terms can be any word or phrase that may be relevant to the family. Most newspapers are not indexed for names. Instead, they are searched by computers using optical character recognition (OCR). The technology has improved, and the computers are getting better at reading old print, but a smudge or unusual typeface can result in missed information.

So, if you think the information should be there, be creative in your search terms. And don’t give up.

*Make sure you’re signed up for our Workshop on Sunday, September 8th, with Janice Sellers. The Workshop will focus on getting the most out of GFO’s subscription newspaper websites. Registration details are on the flyer between pages 4 and 5 below.*
Meet the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists

The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) is an international organization dedicated to supporting people who are engaged in genealogy at a professional level. APG’s efforts include advocacy, collaboration, education, and the promotion of ethical standards within the genealogical profession.

In Oregon, we work together at the local and state levels to help each other and the general public with their genealogical needs. While our primary focus is on genealogical research, APG is also comprised of speakers, writers, librarians, and archivists. We have different areas of expertise, such as DNA, heir research, specific geographical areas of interest, and various historic periods.

If your society or organization has a need for a speaker, we would be glad to help. We can also staff “Ask an Expert” panels or a booth or table at a seminar or conference to spread the word about a local resource that may be new to many genealogy enthusiasts.

For more information about APG, go to www.apgen.org. For more information about the Oregon chapter and what we can do for you, contact Tricia Oberndorf at obiegenealogy@gmail.com.

New Books at GFO

Lots and lots of new books have been received. Many are donations, some are purchases or the result of trades with other libraries.

Maybe the answer to your brick wall lies within these pages. Come on in and see what they reveal:

The history of King Philip's war; also, A history of the same war.

- (GFO Library call number 973 .Mil-Yr 1675-1676 Math)

The colored patriots of the American Revolution.

- (GFO Library call number 973 .Mil-Yr 1775-1783 Black Nell)

New England saints.

- (GFO Library call number 974 .Biog Warr)


- (GFO Library call number 974 .Ethnic Black 1620-1776)

Origins in Williamstown.

- (GFO Library call number 974.45 Berk Will .Hist-Au Perr)

One town in the American Revolution: Weston, Massachusetts.

- (GFO Library call number 974.45 Midd West .Hist-Yr 1775-1983 Dick)

A gazetteer of the states of Connecticut and Rhode-Island: written with care and impartiality, from original and authentic materials: consisting of two parts ... : with an accurate and improved map of each state.

- (GFO Library call number 974.60 .Maps Gaze Rhod Peas 1819)

Rolls and lists of Connecticut men in the Revolution, 1775-1783.

- (GFO Library call number 974.60 .Mil-Yr 1775-1783 Roll)

Lists and returns of Connecticut men in the Revolution. 1775-1783.

- (GFO Library call number 974.60 .Mil-Yr 1775-1783 Sold)

Sharon, Conn., probate records, 1757-1783: towns of Sharon, Kent, Canaan, and Salisbury.

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Using Subscription Newspaper Websites at the GFO Library

Half-Day Workshop
Sun., Sept. 8 • 9:30-Noon

Newspapers

Newspapers can provide information about births, deaths, marriages, moves, business, naturalizations, court cases, and more.

The GFO provides access to several newspaper subscription sites, plus additional databases. This class gives an overview of what is available and techniques to help improve your chances of finding information about your relatives.

JANICE SELLERS

is a professional genealogist who specializes in forensic, Jewish, Black and newspaper research. She has a B.A. in French with minors in Spanish and Russian, has been the editor of five genealogical periodicals, and has presented talks on genealogy and family history at local, regional, state, and national events.

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Baptists on the American frontier: a history of ten Baptist churches of which the author has been alternately a member.

- (GFO Library call number 975.40 .Church Bapt Hist Tayl)

Lord Dunmore's little war of 1774: his captains and their men who opened up Kentucky & the west to American settlement.

- (GFO Library call number 975.40 .Mil-Yr 1774 Dunm Skid)

Confederate cemeteries.

- (GFO Library call number 975.40 .Mil-Yr 1861-1865 Conf Cem)

Cemeteries of Caroline County, Virginia

- (GFO Library call number 975.45 Caro .Cem Coll)

Warwick County, Virginia court records in transcription, 1782-1851

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- (GFO Library call number 975.60 .Biog Toer Aver Mtc Yanc v1)

Florida land: records of the Tallahassee and Newnansville general land office, 1825-1892

- (GFO Library call number 975.90 .Land GLO 1825-1892)

Freedom on the border: the Seminole Maroons in Florida, the Indian Territory, Coahuila, and Texas

- (GFO Library call number 976 .Ethnic Black Semi Mulr)
GFO Supports Moving the Trains

What’s one of the most frustrating things about coming to visit the GFO Library? The trains!

Those freight trains can inch back and forth or even just park on the tracks for an hour. This blocks traffic and traps anyone who’s parked in the lot behind the Ford Building where our library sits.

The Albina Rail Relocation Project is picking up steam in its efforts to fund a study on how to get Union Pacific to move rail yards out of Portland’s Albina and Brooklyn neighborhoods. The study is projected to cost $25,000.

The project has received endorsements for its efforts from Metro and the mayor of Portland. To pay for the needed study, the project has raised nearly $8,000. Neighborhood Associations nearby have chipped in.

The tracks or the roads need to be raised or lowered, or the rail yards need to be moved out of the area entirely.

The GFO Board shares your frustration about the impact of the trains, so we’re going to lend our support too. We are donating $200 to the study and sending a letter expressing our emphatic support.

Joann also volunteers on our Research Team, finding answers to questions sent in from people around the world.

Plus, she co-taught a recent Gen-Talk on getting the most from Google Searching.

A fellow research assistant nominated her saying, "Joanne is amazing!” We wholeheartedly agree!

Do you have a GFO Star you’d like to nominate? We’d love to get your nomination! Nominations can be made by anyone for anyone, meaning you and your nominee do not have to be GFO members.

How can you nominate the next GFO Star? Simply fill out one of our nomination forms at the GFO library or submit your nomination electronically using our online form here: https://forms.gle/XckobThCLfLHoBuT9. At the next GFO board meeting, the board will review the nominations and place a vote to publicly honor each nomination in turn.

GFO Joins My Discovery Pass Program

There’s a new way to visit GFO for free! Tell your friends! Patrons can login to the Multnomah County Library’s website at https://bit.ly/30rk4z0 to reserve a free pass to spend a day at the GFO.

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is proud to be included in Multnomah County Library’s My Discovery Pass program. We join other cultural organizations like Literary Arts, the Portland Japanese Garden, and the Hollywood Theatre on this list.

You can either print the pass and present it at our reception desk, or show it on your cell phone, and fill out our Visitor Card. Even Better: The My Discovery Pass is worth a $4 discount on membership if you join on the day you use the pass!

It’s a great way to check out our 50,000 holdings and eight amazing subscription websites without having to wait for Free First Monday to roll around each month. Reserve your pass now!

GFO Star

Joann Taylor

The Board of Directors has selected Joann as our GFO Star of the Month!

You may have seen her at our reception desk or in the research area helping patrons with their searches. Recently she came to the rescue when all our computers ground to a halt. She rebooted our network, and the computers, getting the library back in action.

Joann wears many hats for the GFO. She compiles this weekly E-News you receive. She has dived in to help with research for our Genealogy Problem Solvers group, particularly with her deep knowledge of Irish genealogy.
Treasurer’s Report
By Richard Crockett

June 2019 Income $28,103.45
Contributions & Investments $20,628.05
Memberships $6,454.00
Seminars & Other Programs $547.00
Library & Research $310.40
Surplus Books & Publications $164.00

June 2019 Expenses $8,151.33
Administration $1,811.98
Marketing $708.91
Facilities $4,473.62
Library $1,148.85

June 2019 Net Income $19,952.12
Year-to-Date Net Income $45,957.13
Checking Account Balance $65,866.72

Treasures Raffle Donations Needed
GFO’s Fall Seminar

As we take registrations for our upcoming Fall Seminar, we’d like to ask you to please search your closet or desk for a gently used item that we can raffle at the seminar. If the item is used it must be in exceptionally good condition for us to be able to offer it.

Suggestions include genealogically related books, household decorations, carry bags, certificates toward GFO membership or research costs, and computer items.

Leave the item(s) at the library reception desk with a completed donation form noting it’s for the seminar treasures raffle. Tickets are sold for $1 each or 6 for $5, and they are placed in separate paper sacks for each prize, so you win only something you want. Thanks so much!

Special Interest Groups
http://gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups/

African American
3rd Saturdays, 12–2 p.m.
Led by Janice Sellers.
African_American@gfo.org

British Group
4th Saturdays in Jan., Mar., May, Sept., 1–3 p.m.
Led by Duane Funk.
UK@gfo.org

DNA – Beginners
4th Saturday in Feb., May, Aug., & Nov., 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Emily Aulicino.
DNA@gfo.org

DNA – Advanced
4th Saturday in Jan., Apr., July, and Oct., 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Emily Aulicino.
DNA@gfo.org

DNA – Q & A
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Sept.–June, 1–3 p.m.
Led by Lisa McCullough.
DNA_QA@gfo.org

Family Tree Maker Beginners
Led by Laurel Smith.
FTM@gfo.org

Family Tree Maker Users’ Group
Led by Joyce Grant-Worley.
FTM@gfo.org

French Canada Group
3rd Sundays, 3:30–5 p.m. (no July or August 2018 meetings)
Led by Bob LaMarche.
FrCan@gfo.org

Genealogy Problem Solvers
3rd Saturdays (except July), 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Led by Katie Daly.
GPS@gfo.org

German Group
1st Saturdays, 1–3 p.m.
Led by Mike Fernandez and Tia Cobb.
German@gfo.org

Italian Group
1st Tuesdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Nancy Matheny
Italian@gfo.org

Great Lakes Region
2nd Saturdays monthly (except Jul., Aug., Dec.), 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Led by Lynn Rossing.
GreatLakes@gfo.org

Irish Group
3rd Wednesdays Feb., Apr., June, Aug., & Oct., 6–8 p.m.
Led by Karen Hubbard.
Irish@gfo.org

Learn & Chat
1st & 3rd Weds, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Jeanne Quan & Sandy Alto.
LearnandChat@gfo.org

Mexico Ancestry
2nd Fridays, Feb., Apr., June, and Oct.
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Led by Vincent Ramirez.
SW@gfo.org

Virginia Group
1st Saturdays, Sept.–June, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Judi Scott and Carol Surrency.
Virginia@gfo.org

Writers’ Forum
2nd Saturdays, Sept.–May, 1–3 p.m.
Led by Peggy Baldwin.
Writers@gfo.org

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**SATURDAY SEMINAR DETAILS**

**Location**
Center for Self Enhancement (SEI)
3920 N. Kerby Ave.
Portland, Oregon

**Time**
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Saturday, October 5
Break for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Seminar Features**
Book sales from Heritage Quest & the GFO
Raffle with great prizes
Coffee, tea and snacks throughout the day
Syllabus: free electronic copy included

**Lunch**
Bring your own or order from GG’s Deli. A lunch selection form will be sent with your confirmation. Sack lunch is $10, and includes your choice of sandwich and side. Add $1 for gluten-free bread.

**SUNDAY PROGRAM DETAILS**

**Location**
Genealogical Forum of Oregon Library
2505 SE 11th Ave. #B-18
Portland, Oregon

**Time**
9:30 a.m. to noon • Sunday, October 6

**Payment and Refund Details**
Register and pay online at gfo.org/deutsche.
Complete registration form below and mail with your check to:
GFO Fall Seminar, 2505 SE 11th Ave. #B-18, Portland, OR 97202-1061.
For cancellations received after Sept. 30, 2019, refunds will be subject to a $10 cancellation fee.
Lunches must be ordered by noon on Oct. 2, 2019.
Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after noon on Oct. 2, 2019.

**REGISTRATION FORM – OR – register online @ gfo.org/deutsche**
You may sign up for Saturday, Sunday, or both sessions. One form per attendee, please.
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