



## Genealogical Forum of Oregon

# Introduction to Italian Records Without Knowing the Language

## Half-day Seminar with Keith Pyeatt

**Saturday**  
**28 February 2015**  
**10 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
**GFO Library**

Researching your Italian roots can be fun and rewarding. Italy is rich in genealogy and family history resources. This introductory class will give you a brief overview of Italian geography, major historical events that affected record keeping, and where to find the records. This class provides a foundation and prepares you for searching the records.



Limited to 50 attendees

**No lunch provided**  
*Brown bags welcome*  
*Restaurants nearby*

Your fee includes researching in the library after the seminar.

**Skill level: Beginner, Intermediate.**

Italy has excellent civil records. Researching those records is not difficult and does not require foreign language skills.

This class will give you a basic understanding of how the government birth, marriage and death records are organized and how to find the genealogical information they contain, all without knowing how to read or speak the language. Learn how to find Italian records and search free Italian genealogy databases.

### Event Schedule

9:45–10:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00–11:45 a.m.	1st Session
11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30–2:00 p.m.	2nd Session

**BIOGRAPHY:** Keith Pyeatt. Keith is a graduate of Brigham Young University and the University of Colorado Denver. He has a bachelors degree in Italian, a masters degree in architecture, and lived in Italy for two years while serving a mission for his church. Keith is a fifth generation Oregonian, a member of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon’s board of directors and education committee, and is becoming a credentialed genealogist.

For information on this class, send email to [seminar@gfo.org](mailto:seminar@gfo.org)

### Keith Pyeatt Half-day Seminar ~ Sign-Up Form ~ 28 February 2015

Members: \_\_\_ \$20 received by 2/21/15    \_\_\_ \$25 received after 2/21/15  
Non-Members: \_\_\_ \$25 received by 2/21/15    \_\_\_ \$30 received after 2/21/15  
Total \$\_\_\_\_\_     Payment enclosed     Paid online at [PayPal.com](http://PayPal.com) using the email address [payments@gfo.org](mailto:payments@gfo.org)

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Please make check payable to “Genealogical Forum of Oregon” or “GFO.”  
Attn: Half-day Seminar, GFO, 2505 SE 11th Ave, Ste B18, Portland OR 97202-1061  
503-963-1932    <http://www.gfo.org>    [info@gfo.org](mailto:info@gfo.org)



# GFO SPRING SEMINAR 2015

We welcome ...

**LAURA G. PRESCOTT**



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SATURDAY  
25 April 2015  
9 AM - 4 PM  
MILWAUKIE ELKS LODGE

## Finding Your Family Beyond Vital Records

### Seminar Topics

- ~ Treasures Within the Ivory Tower - Finding Family in Academic Archives
  - ~ Turning Fiction into Fact
  - ~ loc.gov - Using Our Nation's Library Online
- ~ The Rest of the Story - Using Manuscripts to Create a Family History

**See more about each topic at:**

[Laura G. Prescott's lecture topics](#)

### *SEMINAR FEATURES:*

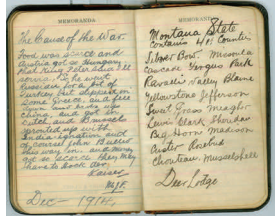
- ◆ *Nationally Known Speaker* ◆ *Book Vendor*
- ◆ *Genealogical Treasures* ◆ *GFO Surplus Book Sale*
- Raffles*



# Genealogical Forum of Oregon Spring Seminar 2015

~ Seminar Event Schedule ~

- 8:00 am Registration opens
- 9:00 am Opening remarks
- 9:15 am Session 1
- 10:15 am Morning break
- 10:45 am Session 2
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Announcements
- 1:30 pm Session 3
- 2:30 pm Break and Treasures  
Raffle items claimed
- 3:00 pm Session 4



**ABOUT OUR SPEAKER**

Laura G. Prescott is a professional researcher, writer, and speaker, and currently the director of Ancestry Academy, a new online learning initiative. She worked for the New England Historic Genealogical Society for seven years before starting her own research business in 2005. Originally from Charleston, West Virginia, she lived in New England for nearly forty years before moving to Utah in 2015.

Laura graduated with a B.A. in History from Dartmouth College in 1980, ultimately putting her degree to good use when she discovered a latent passion for genealogy. She is past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She lectures for national audiences on a variety of genealogical topics including the use of manuscripts in genealogical research, genealogy online, military records, and merging history with genealogy. Her articles have appeared in many genealogical publications and online.

Watch for Laura as director and host of Ancestry Academy, online at Ancestry.com, in early April 2015.

**Seminar Site**

**SATURDAY 25 April 2015**

**Milwaukie Elks Lodge**

**13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, Oregon**

Situated on the west side of McLoughlin Blvd., Oregon Hwy 99E, 1/2 mile south of the town of Milwaukie.

Located between SE Park Avenue (traffic light to the north) and the Bomber (restaurant to the south).

Look for Milwaukie Elks Lodge sign.

Free parking available.

**Lunch**

Buffet lunch in the Elks Dining Room with payment of \$13 - Includes pot roast, vegetables and salads. Coffee, hot tea and juice are included.

**No lunch available for those who register after 18 April 2015.**

**Breaks**

Snacks and beverages (listed above) are included with admission and are available during breaks as well as lunch.

**Refund Policy**

For cancellations received after 18 April 2015, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10.00 cancellation fee.

Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after 18 April 2015.

**Laura G. Prescott - Spring Seminar Sign-up Form - 25 April 2015**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Email for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERS:** { } \$43 received by Apr. 18th { } \$48 received after Apr. 18th (no lunch)

**NON-MEMBERS:** { } \$48 received by Apr. 18th { } \$53 received after Apr. 18th (no lunch)

**LUNCH:** { } \$13 must be received by Apr. 18th     **SYLLABUS:** { } \$3 for Paper Copy - EMAIL FREE

**TOTAL :** \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Payment enclosed      Paid online at PayPal using email address *payments@gfo.org*

Please make checks payable to Genealogical Forum of Oregon or "GFO"

Questions? Email *seminar@gfo.org*

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# The Forum Insider

Newsletter of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Volume 26, Number 6

February 2015

## 2014 ~ Year in Review



February Open House

The Genealogical Forum had a fantastic year with something for everyone: Seminars, classes, monthly meetings, nationally known speakers, new meeting topics, new resources, and the beginning of a major library reorganization. And to cap it off - a showcase on TLC's *Who Do You Think You Are*. How do we top it? Join us and help make it happen.



WDYTYA with Kelsey Grammer and GFO crew

### 2014 in Numbers

Number of members	846
Number of visits to library (Of that, non-members)	> 5,200 257
Volunteer hours	~18,000
☞☞☞ <b>Yes, 18K!</b> ☞☞☞	
Books sold (surplus)	>500
Income	> \$7,000
Books on sale now (2-300 more coming)	1,100

### Attendance at programs and events:

Spring Seminar with Warren Bittner	100
Fall Seminar with Judy G. Russell	109
Fall Workshop with Judy G. Russell	40
Half-day Seminars: Hannah Allan	44
Leslie Brinkley Lawson	25
Connie Lenzen	50



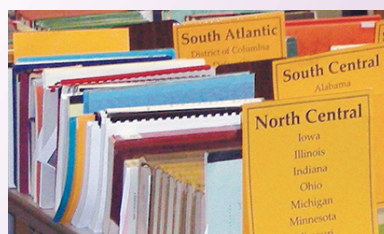
August Picnic



May Seminar with Warren Bittner



July Garden Tour with Susan Bates



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June Class



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Portland, OR 97202-1061  
(Corner of 11th & Division)  
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### Free Monthly Program

Third Saturday of each month at  
2 p.m. with an interesting speaker.

### Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday  
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Wednesday  
9:30 to 8 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday  
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sunday  
12 noon to 5 p.m.

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Submissions to the *Insider*: Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Jackie Olson, editor, at [insider@gfo.org](mailto:insider@gfo.org) or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932. Provide submissions by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

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## Library Schedule and GFO Events

### Winter Hours at the GFO Library

Hours at the library may change in case of inclement weather. Be sure to call the GFO before heading in to make sure the library is open.

### Legacy Family Tree - Freedom Webinar Series

Join us at the GFO to view these live webinars. The first one will be Friday, February 20th at 11:00 am. If you cannot make it at that time you can watch the recording for several days after the broadcast. Check it out at their website - <http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

Series description: 2015 is a milestone year for America. 150 years ago our country changed forever. Join Legacy Family Tree Webinars as we celebrate the sesquicentennial of the beginning of freedom for all Americans. The year 1865 changed the trajectory of the nation forever, when our ancestors began to fully honor the very concepts upon which America was founded - freedom!

The new Freedom Webinar Series, taught by pre- and post-Emancipation era research experts, will both entertain, educate, and instruct about the history and the wealth of records that were created as a result of this great transition. Registration and attending the live webinars is free.

Researching Ancestors in the Era of Freedom by Angela Walton-Raji, Friday, February 20, 2015—This session will explore several amazing record sets and will point to where they can be found.

United States Colored Troops Civil War Widows' Pension Applications: Tell the Story by Bernice Alexander Bennett, Friday, April 24, 2015—Explore the challenges faced by widows and/or former slave descendants of soldiers in the United State Colored Troops Widows' Pension Applications.

Mending Broken Ties: Reconstructing Family Trees Sawed by Slavery by Melvin J. Collier, Friday, July 31, 2015—Collier will present cases of how displaced slave family members were found.

Maps Tell Some of the Story for the African-Ancestored Genealogist by Angela Walton-Raji, Friday, September 25, 2015—This session will illustrate how geography can tell you things unknown about your ancestral community and help provide a critical background for the family narrative.

And please enjoy complimentary access to the following webinars in our webinar library (free through January 2015).

When Freedom Came - Documenting the Family's Freedom Story by Angela Walton-Raji

Your Civil War Ancestors: Beginning Your Research by Michael Hait

Best Internet Resources for African American Genealogy by Angela Walton-Raji



# 2014 ~ Year in Review

## Programs, Meetings, and Classes

Special Interest Groups (~126 hours)	63
Classes, workshops, and presentations (>100 hours)	60
Half-day seminars	4
Full-day seminars	2

### January

Map Your Genealogy, class - Nanci Remington  
 Monthly Program: Reflections on Researching a Personal Family History - Harold Hinds, Jr.

### February

Open House and Book Sale: Seven free days of experts, DNA, records, databases, software, and Oregon's birthday,

Introduction to Successful Genealogy, class - Keith Pyeatt

Monthly Program: Bounders, Bigamists, and Grass Widows – Using Divorce Records in Genealogical Research - Karen Wallace Steely

Half-day Seminar: Hot Topics in Genealogy - Hannah Allen



Declaration of Intent  
 Petition for Citizenship  
 Certificate of Naturalization

### April

Monthly Program: Southern Families During the Revolutionary War - Carol Surrency

### May

Spring Seminar: German Research - Warren Bittner, CGSM

### June

Monthly Program: Tablets and Smart Phones for Genealogists: Laptop Replacements? - Peggy Baldwin

Half-day Seminar: Doing On-site Research - Going There, Walking Their Ground; and

Keeper of the Stones: Online Cemeteries and More - Leslie Brinkley Lawson



### July

GFO Garden Tour - Susan Bates

### August

Half-day Seminar: Naturalization Records for Genealogists - Connie Lenzen, CG

Member Appreciation Picnic

Genealogical Council of Oregon (GCO) Summer Genealogy Fest: Participation by GFO members.

### September

Monthly Program: Breaking Through Those Brick Walls and Hunting and Gathering - GFO researchers

### October

Fall Seminar and Workshop: Several topics on Genealogy and the Law - Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

GFO Library featured on TLC's "Who Do You Think You Are" episode researching actor Kelsey Grammer's roots.

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### November

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### Special Interest Groups

British, DNA, Family Tree Maker, Genealogy Books, German, Illinois and Its Neighbors, Irish, Virginia, and the Writers' Forum.





# 2014 ~ Year in Review

The GFO would not be the GFO without its library. The library revolves on its holdings and their organization. Last year was a momentous one for the GFO Library as, on January 17, our migration to the OPALS online catalog was completed within hours, transferring 34,060 holdings records from our clunky old catalog in a triumphant fashion for which we have Becky Clark to thank. Another 1,986 items were added to our collection over the course of the year, averaging over 165 per month; 172 items were deleted, an average of about 14 per month. We ended the year with 36,692 holdings records.



Recataloging the library's collection is a multi-year effort: we have completed cassettes, microfiche, Northwest schools, and ready reference records. In progress are rare books, oversize items, atlases, and city directories. Next up are maps, microfilm and CDs, and making major inroads in the main collection.

Coordinators in this endeavor are: Steve Turner, Library Committee Chair; Doris Cruikshank, Cathy Lauer, Sarah Holmes, Laurel Smith and the volunteer efforts of others too numerous to list.

*Steve Turner*



## GFO Star

**Sarah L. Holmes**

“Sarah has provided a long-standing commitment to our GFO Library Collection by cataloging, labelling books, supervising and training volunteers to assist with those tasks. She has made our association with the OPALS system more felicitous.”

## Annual Appeal

### 2014-2015 Annual Appeal for the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Inc.

2505 SE 11th Ave Ste B18, Portland, OR 97202-1061 Celebrating 68 years! 1946 - 2014

Yes, I want be part of the future of the GFO! Here's my tax deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Heritage Level \$1,000 and up \_\_\_ Ancestral Level \$250 to \$499 \_\_\_ Pedigree Level \$500 to \$999

\_\_\_ Sustaining Level \$100 to \$249 \_\_\_ Supporting Level \$50 to \$99 \_\_\_ Patron Level up to \$49

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Please check this box  if you do not want your name published. Member No \_\_\_\_\_



## 2014–15 Annual Appeal Donors ~ Thank You!

The Annual Appeal for 2014–2015 is off to a great start with **\$11,997.00** in donations! We're in the process of researching the purchase of a new manuscript computer, the upgrade to the GFO's computer operating systems, and a new scanner for the Reading Room. We really appreciate your support of our organization and its goal of being the best we can be!

### Heritage Level (\$1,000 and up)

Anonymous (1)  
Donald Houk  
Jim & Ann Wendlandt

### Pedigree Level (\$500–\$999)

Anonymous (2)  
Bobbie Foster  
Joanne Nehler

### Ancestral Level (\$250–\$499)

Marj Enneking (Computer Upgrades)  
Mary Ellen Farr  
Gerald & Jan McGarvin  
Judith Rees

### Sustaining Level (\$100–\$249)

Anonymous (5)  
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Shirley Brown  
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Dale & Elsie Deatherage  
Richard Engstrom  
Doug Henne  
Harold E. Hinds Jr.  
Kathy & Bob Keating  
Dale & Joan Keller  
Jeanette Kloos  
Cathy Lauer

Gerry & Connie Lenzen  
M. Irene Little  
Gwen Newborg  
Lawrence Robbins  
Janis Robertson  
Bruce Sherman  
Pam Vestal (scanner)

### Supporting Level (\$50–\$99)

Anonymous (3)  
Barbara Canessa  
William Elliott  
Narda Foust  
Joan Galles  
Adell Goggins  
John & Judy Lancaster  
Michael Latshaw  
Lois Streimer  
Timothy Van Winkle  
Jill Ward  
Donald Warner

### Patron Level (up to \$49)

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Dorothy Connet  
Margie Edgington  
Susan Egnor  
Judith Goldmann  
W. Paul Manly  
Eleanor McClung  
Lorraine Purnell

### In Memory of Shannon Shaefer

Lydia Taylor

*Crocus vernus L. and Crocus flavus Weston, gouache on vellum, in: Gottorfer Codex, Hans-Simon Holtzbecker, 1649-1659. Scan accessed at Wikimedia Commons.*







## GFO Board Openings Seeking Nominees!

This is your organization. It takes a lot of people with many ideas to sustain and grow a group and a place as wonderful as the GFO. Do you value the GFO?

Would you like to see it be even greater? We need your help. Please consider throwing your hat in the ring for one of the available positions - or talk someone you know into running. You can make a difference!

There are three opportunities for you to serve on the GFO Board of Directors, starting July 1, 2015, for a two-year term.

### Vice-President

Are you a person who could do the following?

- Fill in for the President in her/his absence.
- Oversee a project of a mutually agreed-upon choice.
- Attend the monthly board meetings.

### Treasurer

Do you have the following qualifications?

- Accounting experience with knowledge of non-profit organizations.
- Familiarity with QuickBooks. (The QuickBooks program will be provided for your at-home use.)
- Able to attend the monthly board meetings.

### Director-at-Large

Could you be a representative on the board for the general membership?

- Attend the monthly board meetings.
- Make decisions for the good of the GFO.

The Director-at-Large position is to be nominated from the floor at the March General Membership meeting.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Laurel Smith at [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org).

## Oregon Burial Site Guide

Press release from Stoney Way LLC —We are losing our warehouse space at the end of July. So the boss said to offer the Oregon Burial Site Guide, compiled by Dean Byrd, Stanley Clarke, and Janice M. Healy, for FREE. Previously available for \$125, we will send a hardbound copy to anyone for only the cost of shipping and handling (\$20). The book is 8.5” by 11” by 2” with over 1,200 pages, and weighs about 8 pounds in the shipping carton.

There are about 2,500 burial sites in the 36 counties of Oregon. This book identifies where they are located, not lists of who is buried in them. Burial information is included only for the very small sites on private property with 12 or fewer burials. Fully alphabetized by county and site, each county is indexed and there are some black and white photos to show a few monuments in each county. There is also a statewide index in the back. We tried to include all the “also-known-as” names to the many sites.

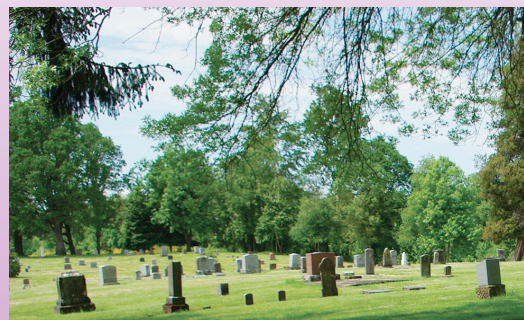
This is a must-have for those researching Oregon using death certificates. The content is updated and corrected, unlike the material from the old ODOT book available on the web.

To receive a copy, send us your payment of \$20, post-marked no later than 1 July 2015. Those of you with nonprofit status, please add your tax ID number. Any questions may be directed to Janice Healy at [jmhealy1@comcast.net](mailto:jmhealy1@comcast.net).

This will be your last chance to get this fabulous resource.

Make checks out to:

Stoney Way LLC  
PO Box 5414  
Aloha, OR 97006-0414



*Hillsboro Pioneer Cemetery, M.O. Stevens.  
Accessed at Wikimedia Commons.*



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### Donations Needed for the Treasures Auction

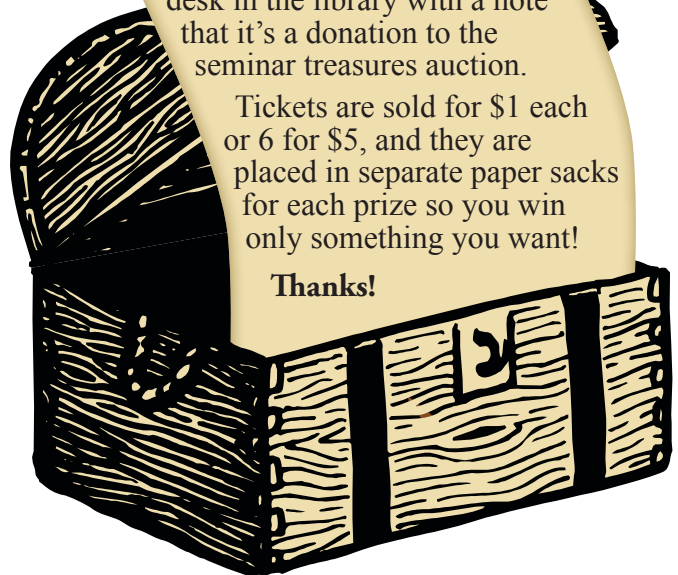
As we take registrations for our upcoming Spring Seminar, we'd like to ask you to search your closet or desk for a gently used item that we can auction at the seminar.

Suggestions include genealogically related books, household decorations, carry bags, and computer items.

Leave the item(s) at the front desk in the library with a note that it's a donation to the seminar treasures auction.

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!



### RootsWeb's Soundex Converter

Enter a surname, it returns the soundex code.

<http://resources.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/soundexconverter>

### Monthly Program, Meetings, and Interest Groups

All meetings at GFO Library unless otherwise listed.

#### Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research

March 30, 2015 - Medford, Oregon

The Jackson County Genealogy Library is pleased to offer a full day seminar presented by Fintan Mullan, the Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation and Gillian Hunt, Research Officer with the Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The topics include: Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research, Records Related to the Different Churches in Ireland, Using land records: Griffith's Valuation, Tithe and estate

records, Immigration from the north of Ireland to North America and the sources for its study, The Ulster Plantation: sources for 17th Century Families in Ireland, (not just Ulster), and Solving your Brick Walls.

Early bird registration: (by March 15, 2015) for Members: \$45, non-members: \$55. Standard registration, (after March 15, 2015) for Members: \$55, non-members: \$65. The seminar will be held at 3405 So. Pacific Highway, Medford, Oregon.

Contact the library at [reception@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.org) to register and for additional details.



**Oregon Historical Society Resources  
Monthly Program**

Hannah Allen

*Saturday, February 21, 2–4 p.m.*

**Introduction to Italian Records Without  
Knowing the Language  
Half-Day Seminar**

Keith Pyeatt

*Saturday, February 28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.*

This introductory class will give you a brief overview of Italian geography, major historical events that affected record keeping, and where to find the records. Skill Level: Beginner, Intermediate.

See flyer at front for details and to register.

**Finding Your Family Beyond Vital Records  
Spring Seminar**

Laura Prescott

*Saturday, April 25, details to be announced*

Treasures Within the Ivory Tower - Finding Family in Academic Archives; The Rest of the Story - Using Manuscripts to Create a Family History; Loc.gov - Using Our Nation's Library Online; Turning Fiction into Fact

**Pre-tested Models for Presenting Your  
Personal Family History - Monthly Program**

*Saturday, April 18, 2–4 p.m.*

Harold Hinds

Illinois and Friends Group: Railroads

Duane H. Funk

*Saturday, February 14, 9:30–11:30 a.m.*

Mt. Hood Colony Mayflower Group

*Sunday, March 29, 1–4pm*

**Our Newest Meetings**

Hunting and Gathering Information

Monthly Research Group

Faciliator: Nanci Remington

*Third Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m.*

Blogger Support Group

Faciliator: Nanci Remington

*1st Sundays, 1–3 p.m.*

Learn and Chat

Faciliator: Connie Lenzen

*Wednesdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*

Photoshop Elements Group

Faciliator: Sarah Holmes

*2nd Wednesdays, 1:30–2:30 p.m.*

*Crocus etruscus 'Zwanenburg', 28 February 2009.*

*Author: Meneerke bloem. Accessed at Wikimedia Commons.*



**Special Interest Groups**

**British**

4th Saturdays of Sept, Jan, Mar, May;  
1–3 p.m.

Duane H. Funk

[duanefunk@comcast.net](mailto:duanefunk@comcast.net)

**Genealogy Books**

2nd Saturdays monthly;  
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Bonnie Randolph

[bbrandolph@clear.net](mailto:bbrandolph@clear.net)

**Irish**

3rd Saturdays of Jan, Mar, May, July,  
Sept, Nov; 12–2 p.m.

Suzanne Lemon

[slemon46@yahoo.com](mailto:slemon46@yahoo.com)

**DNA**

4th Saturdays of Jan, Apr, July, Oct;  
10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Emily Aulicino

[aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com)

**German**

1st Saturdays monthly;  
Sept–June; 1–3 p.m.

Nanci Remington

[nancicr@comcast.net](mailto:nancicr@comcast.net)

**Photoshop Elements**

2nd Wednesdays monthly,  
Jan–Dec; 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Sarah Holmes—[cataloging@gfo.org](mailto:cataloging@gfo.org)

**Family Tree Maker**

3rd Sundays except July, Aug, Dec;  
1–3 p.m.

Laurel Smith

[bearpair@comcast.net](mailto:bearpair@comcast.net)

Stephen Morgan

[ceanothus1@comcast.net](mailto:ceanothus1@comcast.net)

**Illinois and Its Neighbors**

2nd Saturdays of Jan–May, Sept–Nov;  
9:30–11:30 a.m.

Kristy Gravlin

[hannah@teleport.com](mailto:hannah@teleport.com)

Harlene Patterson

[harlene5@yahoo.com](mailto:harlene5@yahoo.com)

**Virginia**

1st Saturdays monthly,  
Sept–June; 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Judi Scott—[judiscot@gmail.com](mailto:judiscot@gmail.com)

Carol Surrency—[lcsurr@gmail.com](mailto:lcsurr@gmail.com)

**Writers' Forum**

2nd Saturdays monthly  
Sept–May; 1–3 p.m.

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## February 2015

### GFO Calendar

#### *Library Work Parties ~ every month, all welcome*

Sundays 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Map project on 1st Sunday, other projects on remaining Sundays

#### **February**

Sun 2/1	1–3 p.m.	Create a Blog - Support Group
Mon 2/2		<b>Free to Non-Members</b>
Wed 2/4	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn and Chat
Sat 2/7	10 a.m.–12 p.m. 1–3 p.m.	Virginia Group German Group
Tues 2/10	6–8 p.m.	Board meeting
Wed 2/11	11 a.m.–1 p.m. 1:30–2:30 p.m.	Learn and Chat Photoshop Elements Group
Sat 2/14	9:30–11:30 a.m. 1–3 p.m.	Illinois Group Writers' Forum
Sun 2/15	1–3 p.m.	Family Tree Maker Group
Wed 2/18	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn and Chat
Fri 2/20	1 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Researching Ancestors in the Era of Freedom - Live Webinar
Sat 2/21	9:30–11 a.m.  2–4 p.m.	Hunting and Gathering Information Monthly Program ~ Oregon Historical Society Resources
Wed 2/25	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn and Chat
Sat 2/28	10 a.m.–2 p.m.	Half-day Seminar ~ Introduction to Italian Records

#### **March**

Sun 3/1	1–3 p.m.	Create a Blog - Support Group
Mon 3/2		Free to Non-Members
Sat 3/7	10 a.m.–12 p.m. 1–3 p.m.	Virginia Group German Group
Sun 3/8	1–3 p.m.	Family Tree Maker Group
Tues 3/10	6–8 p.m.	Board meeting
Wed 3/11	11 a.m.–1 p.m. 1:30–2:30 p.m.	Learn and Chat Photoshop Elements Group
Sat 3/14–Sun 3/22		GFO Open House - details at website
Sat 3/14	9:30–11:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. 1–3 p.m.	Illinois Group Genealogy Book Club Writers' Forum
Wed 3/18	11 a.m.–1 p.m. 1:30–3:00 p.m.	Learn and Chat DNA Q&A
Sat 3/21	10 a.m.–12 p.m. 12–2 p.m. 2–4 p.m.	Intro to Genealogy Irish Group Monthly Program ~ TBA
Sun 3/22	1–4 p.m.	Library Closed ~ Private event
Wed 3/25	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn and Chat
Sat 3/28	1–3 p.m.	British Group
Sun 3/29	1–4 p.m.	Mt. Hood Colony Mayflower Group
Sat 3/31	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	Intro to Genealogy

*Event times and details may change. Check the calendar for current information. <http://gfo.org/calendar.htm>*