



The Genealogical Forum of Oregon Presents:

## **EASTERN EUROPEAN GENEALOGY: IF I CAN DO IT, SO CAN YOU!**

### **A Workshop with Pam Vestal**



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Pam Vestal is a professional genealogist and owner of Generations Genealogy, LLC. When she isn't giving presentations or researching on behalf of her clients, she offers private training to those who want to learn more about how to do their own research. She has studied Eastern European genealogy and other topics at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) and the Genealogical Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), attended NGS, FGS, and IAJGS national conferences, and participated in classes and study groups offered by the National Genealogical Society and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

**Saturday  
22 August 2015  
10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
GFO Library**

Limited to 50 attendees

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

Your fee includes researching in the library after the seminar.

#### 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

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

### **Eastern European Research Workshop Sign-Up Form ~ 22 August 2015**

Members: \_\_\_\_\_\$20 received by 8/15/15 \_\_\_\_\_\$25 received on or after 8/16/15

Non-Members: \_\_\_\_\_\$25 received by 8/15/15 \_\_\_\_\_\$30 received on or after 8/16/15

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Payment enclosed  Paid online at [PayPal.com](https://www.paypal.com) using the email address [payments@gfo.org](mailto:payments@gfo.org)

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Please make your check payable to "Genealogical Forum of Oregon" or "GFO."

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# The Forum Insider

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## MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2-4 PM GEORGE ROGERS PARK, LAKE OSWEGO

A new locale for our annual picnic: A historical spot in Lake Oswego, at the former Oregon Iron and Steel Company works. (You can see the old furnace at the site.)

Join us for an informal gathering of GFO members to socialize and enjoy good food. This is a family-friendly place; kids are welcome.

The facilities boast picnic tables, barbecue pits, restrooms, tennis courts, playground, baseball fields, waterfront access to the Willamette River with a beach, a natural area, and wildlife viewing.

We're providing hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, iced tea, and lemonade. Plates and utensils will also be provided. Please bring a dish to share, and serving utensils.

We'd welcome a small donation to help defray the expenses (\$3 per person suggested). Alcohol is NOT allowed at the picnic site.

Grillers wanted. If you can help organize, set up, or clean up, please let us know. Setup starts at 1:00 pm

The iron works were, at the time, the only iron smelting operation west of the Rocky Mountains. With a local iron source, abundant timber for fuel, and a water source, it might have been a huge success. But economic factors closed the works in the 1920s after several attempts. More on the history at [http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/oregon\\_iron\\_\\_steel\\_company/#.VX0ILk-6ePQ](http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/oregon_iron__steel_company/#.VX0ILk-6ePQ)



*Oregon Iron furnace. Author: atul666; accessed at Wikimedia Commons*

### \*\*\* Notice \*\*\*

Correction: Alcohol is not allowed at the facility. The printed version of the *Insider* incorrectly stated that it was allowed.

We need an RSVP with the number attending and the preference for hamburgers or hot dogs. Please send email to [picnic@gfo.org](mailto:picnic@gfo.org) with the information, or call the Forum at 503-963-1932.

Lower George Rogers Park  
611 South State Street  
(end of Furnace & Ladd Sts.)  
Lake Oswego, Oregon

Situated on the east side of State Highway 43 (S. State Street) just south of Lake Oswego downtown. Parking is available on all sides of the park.

Buses 35 and 36 stop at the intersection of Wilbur and State Streets. If you come by bus, it's two or three blocks away.





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### Free Presentaion or Lecture

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

### Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday  
9:30 am–5 pm  
Wednesday  
9:30 am–8 pm  
Friday and Saturday  
9:30 am–3 pm  
Sunday  
12 noon–5 pm

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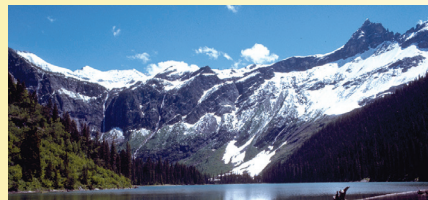
## Eastern European Genealogy: If I can do it, So Can You!

— Pam Vestal

Saturday, August 22, 2015  
10 am–2 pm

Workshop is held at the GFO Library. See attached flyer for workshop and registration details

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*Glacier National Park; National Park Service Digital Image Archives. Accessed at Wikimedia Commons.*

### Fall Seminar Hold the Date

Saturday-Sunday, October 24–25, 2015

Pam and Rick Sayre are the presenters on Saturday, with a morning workshop on Sunday.

## DNA Special Interest Group Correction

Last month's newsletter had an incorrect starting time for the group meeting. We apologize for the error. The usual time for the meeting will be 9:00 am–12:00 pm The times can be verified on the GFO calendar <http://www.gfo.org/calendar.htm>.

### Check out Surplus Books!

GFO has over a thousand surplus books for sale, with new arrivals weekly! From basic how-to's for beginners (the perfect gift!) to state and county-specific records, to hard-to-find and collectible old books, and more. There is sure to be something for everyone, all at great prices.

Many of these books are on the shelves just inside the Library door, hundreds more are in the workroom – ask an RA for assistance. You can find the whole list on our website, click on the For Sale – Surplus Books link.

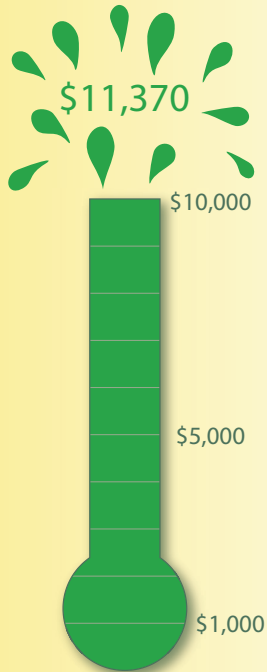
The list is now sorted by region, making it much easier to browse: you'll find all of the books pertaining to Oregon together. If you're looking for a particular state or region, we use a modification of the library's Dewey Decimal System, which is posted on the wall in the library. Any questions or comments? Just email us at [booksales@gfo.org](mailto:booksales@gfo.org).

*Barbara Schrag,  
GFO Book Sales Team*



## WE DID IT!

### Film Scanner Drive Complete!



With greatest gratitude, we want to announce a second generous contribution to the scanner drive from an anonymous donor that put us up over the top of our goal! The \$6,000 donation was made to honor “Cathy Lauer and Nedra Brill for their dedicated volunteer work—giving hours of time to help other people. Please convey to your volunteers how many people have benefited and appreciate the ‘family vistas’ their skills have discovered. They are unsung heroes.”

Indeed, GFO is run entirely by dedicated volunteers that give many hours of their valuable time and expertise to benefit the organization and its patrons in diverse ways. Now, after just a few months, we are ending our planned year-long fund drive to great success, with GFO collecting over \$11,370. A great big thank you is due as well to all others who gave to this special fund drive.

What’s next? We will evaluate which brand of scanner best suits the GFO’s needs, and then move forward with the purchase of new equipment and its necessary software. Stay tuned for a future announcement when our new film scanner set up is complete and ready for use! *Elizabeth Stepp*

### Passport Applications with Personal Descriptions

If you don’t have images of an ancestor, how can you know what they looked like? One option is the passport application. Only a small number of citizens travelled under a passport until 1941; they were only required for a short time in each of the Civil War and WWI conflicts.

In the days before the photograph was a common record of our ancestors’ appearance, some method of identifying a person on the passports was needed. The solution was the written description of physical characteristics. Looking at early passport applications, you can find at least a basic image of your ancestor. The usual descriptors included: Age, stature (height), forehead, eyes, nose, mouth, chin, hair, complexion, and face shape. The level of detail was highly variable.

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Here are two demonstrating the range of entries:

Name:	Edward T. R. Applegate	Miss Arabella F. Hunt
Year:	1873	1847
Age:	41	17 years
Stature:	5 feet 9 1/2 inches	5 feet 2 1/2 ins
Forehead:	Broad, full	high
Eyes:	Blue	[not given]
Nose:	Slightly Roman & rather fleshy	straight
Mouth:	Small & straight	small
Chin:	Round	sharp
Hair:	Dark Brown and straight	light
Complexion:	Florid	light
Face:	Round & rather full. Full Whiskers reddish brown—no Mustache	oval



E.T.R. Applegate, print sketch, for comparison. They captured his characteristics very well.

Records accessed at ‘U.S. Passport Applications, 1795–1925’ at Ancestry.com.



**GFO Star  
Duane Funk**



“Duane Funk is a valuable asset in his role as assistant treasurer, preparing reports and making weekly deposits, and he has done so for years. His assistance is a huge help to our treasurer. In other capacities, Duane serves as chair of the British Interest Group, he is a member of the GFO speakers’ group, and whenever he returns from travels, he shares his “finds” with the GFO community. We don’t see many pictures of Duane, because he is generally behind the camera taking photos of various GFO events. Thank you, Duane, for your many contributions to the GFO.”

**Open House Drawings**

During the Open House, we had two special drawings:

Gloria Fisher won a seat at the Laura Prescott Spring Seminar. It was her first GFO seminar,

Karen MacFarlane won the DNA test kit donated by Family Tree DNA (FTDNA).

Our thanks to FTDNA for their contribution to GFO’s event.

*Passports, continued.*

While many may be short, broad sketches, a few go into enough detail to flesh out the person—so to speak.

A good overview of accessing passport applications is at: [https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United\\_States\\_Passports](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_Passports). National Archives and Records Administration has the originals on microfilm; you can order copies by mail or online, including more recent applications. (See the FamilySearch link above.) <http://www.archives.gov/research/passport/>

For full information on the history of the U.S. passport: <http://www.archives.gov/research/passport/index.html>

Both FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com have records and images for 1795–1925. My search for one name turned up results only in Ancestry; I’d recommend checking both. *Jackie Olson*

**Volunteer Opportunities**

The GFO runs on volunteer power. Large and small jobs, all hours, we can use your help. What can you bring?

☞ **Book cataloging—many volunteers**

Enter newly donated and already classified books into the new catalog. Contact Sarah Holmes at [cataloging@gfo.org](mailto:cataloging@gfo.org).

☞ **Data entry**

Need detail-oriented person with data entry experience. Contact Marj Enneking at [membership@gfo.org](mailto:membership@gfo.org).

☞ **Book sales**

Basic computer skills are all that is needed. Contact Helen Smith at [booksales@gfo.org](mailto:booksales@gfo.org) or 503-963-1932.

☞ **Manuscripts**

Organize, create finding aids, and scan personal papers and manuscripts. Contact Nanci Remington at [manuscripts@gfo.org](mailto:manuscripts@gfo.org).

☞ **Print shop**

Help print brochures, letters, the *Bulletin*, the *Insider*, etc. Contact Loretta at [publisher@gfo.org](mailto:publisher@gfo.org).

☞ **Research Assistants/Receptionists**

Volunteers are needed to fill these critical spots to keep the library open. Contact Cathy Lauer at [volunteer@gfo.org](mailto:volunteer@gfo.org).



### Fourth of July ~ Read All About It

Celebrate the Fourth in historical documents. The sites below have both transcribed text and images of the original documents. Reading these three recalls the skill and passion of the writers and the dramatic moments of the beginning of a country. The images display the fragility of very old parchment and beauty of the calligraphy.

**Transcribed:**

Declaration of Independence

[http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration\\_transcript.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration_transcript.html)

Constitution of the United States:

[http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_transcript.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_transcript.html)

Bill of Rights—and subsequent amendments:

[http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/bill\\_of\\_rights\\_transcript.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/bill_of_rights_transcript.html)

**High-resolution images:**

[http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/charters\\_downloads.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/charters_downloads.html)

**Other documents**

Other documents that predate the independence movement, are the charters and grants providing a basis for the original states' foundings. Bestowed by the European monarchs on companies and settlement groups who colonized the northern continent, they outlined governance provisions outside the originating country. The Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale University Law School has a large collection at [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject\\_menus/statech.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/statech.asp)



### Telling Tales

Stories are the foundations in genealogy and family history: from the background we gather from family, the stories we collate from research, to the narratives we pass on to others. They are, however, very fluid, changing over time, sometimes with each telling and each new set of ears.

Recently, one story took a huge leap, unexpected and disconcerting. This episode involves my grandfather's early years in San Francisco.

A set of letters and documents outline a saga where he mentioned that he had recently been in the hospital and was still under a doctor's care. With no recollection of tales of this event, I tried to figure what might have sent a robust, young man to the hospital in 1918. The penny finally dropped: Could it have been the influenza of that time period? The dates match the waves of flu which hit the city at that time, and are well documented. The family and any possible correspondence are long gone. There are probably no detailed hospital records available 100 years later, if one could even identify which hospital it was.

It's only an intriguing possibility, with very little promise of confirmation, so the question is kept on the back burner. Some years ago I shared it with cousins as an example of research and how pathways are developed for traveling down. At the time, I called it pure speculation with no corroborating evidence.

Recently one cousin brought up some of the research results, including one about the time grandfather had the flu, using the term "when" not "if." And I was startled to realize that the speculative story might have taken root as a new 'real' event in the family history.

The mistaken impression can be corrected by making sure the family understand what is meant by different levels of research results, but I will be more wary in the future of sharing research without safeguards. It's easy to see how new stories can become family lore. I don't want to cut off discussions about speculative lines of inquiry because most of them produce great ideas and sudden remembrances that help direct new paths to follow. It just needs a balance. *Jackie Olson*



### Disaster Preparation Training

All research assistants, GFO volunteers, chairs of Special Interest Groups, and Board of Directors/ Disaster Response Team members are requested to attend one of the disaster/emergency training sessions. The next session will be in July or August. Contact Jane McGarvin ([disaster@gfo.org](mailto:disaster@gfo.org)) for details.

Many of you know what to do in an emergency in general, but specific guidelines have been developed relating to the GFO Library, such as evacuation routes, assembly areas, dealing with persons with disabilities who are unable to walk up the stairs, etc. Strategies to address these situations will be presented during the training sessions estimated to take about 1-1/2 hours.

### Emergency Supplies Wanted

Our disaster preparation planners have identified items we need for use immediately following an incident and for recovery and preservation of library materials afterward. If you have any of these items or can purchase them for donation to the GFO, it will be much appreciated. Donations are tax-deductible of course. Please email Jane McGarvin ([disaster@gfo.org](mailto:disaster@gfo.org)) with questions.

#### Basic Disaster Supply Kit

Aprons, plastic, 100/box	1 box
Buckets (plastic)	2
Ear plugs	20 pairs
Extension cords (50 feet, grounded)	1
Freezer bags (polyethylene, various sizes)	40
Latex-free gloves, various sizes	Box
Medical masks	Box
Utility knife	1
Utility knife blades, package of 5	1
Walkie-talkies	4-5



### Safety When Visiting the GFO Library

With the arrival in September of the new MAX Orange line between Portland and Milwaukie, the train crossing areas around GFO will become busier. Already in place is the new Quiet Zone for the commercial railroad tracks—trains are not required to sound their horns at crossings, though they may do so for safety. The MAX trains use the same road signals, but it's up to cars, pedestrians, and bikers to be aware of trains coming in both directions. Some advice from TriMet:

#### Safety starts with you.

Stay safe when driving, walking, biking, and skating around MAX trains, crossings and TriMet buses.

- Stop, look, and listen before crossing tracks.
- Cross tracks straight on. Crossing tracks at an angle or turning across tracks is risky. When in doubt, walk your bike across the tracks.
- Tracks can be slippery—wet or dry.
- Obey signs and signals at crossings. Trains cannot stop quickly.
- Watch out for the second train. Wait after the first train passes until you can see clearly in both directions.

More on train safety at [trimet.org/pm/safety](http://trimet.org/pm/safety)



**Financial Report–May 31, 2015**

May income totaled \$8,824.38. Dedicated scanner donations were \$6,246.78 and there were \$160.00 in general fund donations. Vanguard investment dividends returned \$38.24 and received \$1,599.00 in membership fees. Incomes: Spring seminar, \$166.00; the reading room, \$280.00; received for research, \$5.00; Amazon commissions, \$16.11; Fred Meyer commissions, \$25.70; and for an outside print job, we received \$11.20. Abe Books income was \$142.95 and \$133.40 from surplus book sales. The total of used book sales was \$334.36.

Expenses were \$6,613.92 resulting in a net income of \$2,210.46 for the month. The standard expenses were paid. Year to date there is a net income of \$20,318.11. The checking account balance on May 31 was \$56,152.79.

*Richard Crockett, Treasurer*

**404 Not Found**

***You step in the stream,  
but the water has moved on.***

***This page is not here.***

*Cass Whittington*

How many web resources and pages have you visited, only to see the dreaded ‘404 Not Found’? Judith Leppert, intrepid web explorer and blogger, has a suggestion: When you see a photo or image, file, document, article or other useful item online—grab it then (as allowed). You can’t be sure it will be there next time.

This applies to online/cloud storage locations too. While they are handy for the vast amounts of data we collect in researching family, they should not be the sole repository of your files. Companies come in and go out of business, sometimes without notice. The safest method: back up files and then back up those archives to a second secure place.

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**Local Genealogy Meetings and Classes, GFO Special Interest Groups**

***“Learn and Chat” Wednesday***

*Connie Lenzen*

July 1, 12–2 pm August–To be announced

For the summer, the Learn and Chat group will be taking field trips. On 1 July 2015, we will meet at the Multnomah County Library at noon. The August field trip has not been scheduled as of July 1st.

If someone who is not in the Chat group wants to join us, they should send an email to Connie at [connielenzen@gmail.com](mailto:connielenzen@gmail.com) to determine if there is room.

***World War II ~ Oregon Historical Society Events***

Oregon Historical Society—all free and open to the public, at OHS unless otherwise listed. 1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland, OR

<http://www.ohs.org/visit-ohs/events.cfm>

**Letters at Lunchtime**

Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, and 29; 12pm–1pm

The Oregon Historical Society holds hundreds of letters written by servicemen and their families

and friends during WWII, We have selected a sampling of those letters to share over lunches. Bring your brown bag lunches, and join us as OHS staff and volunteers read from the letters. The programs will be multi-media experiences, with high-quality copies of letters available.

**1942 Was Oregon’s Most Exciting Year**

*Dr. G. Thomas Edwards*

Sunday, July 12, 2015; 2pm–3:30pm

Drawing on both memory and research, historian Dr. Edwards will tell the stories of how World War II immediately brought massive changes to Oregon. He cites many events as creating excitement in Oregon during 1942, including, for example: Japanese attacks and civilian defense on the coast, including armed guerrillas and first aid classes; Oregonians moving from small towns across the state to shipyard jobs in Portland; removal of Japanese Americans to incarceration camps; and arrival of Latinos and African Americans for wartime work in the state.





**Good Work, Sister! Women Shipyard Workers of WWII, an Oral History**

*An audio-visual production of the Northwest Women's History Project*

Sunday, August 9; 2 pm

During World War II, American women were actively recruited into defense jobs for the war effort. They were encouraged to enter skilled trades that had formerly been exclusive to men. This documentary presentation tells the stories of women (in their own words) who went to work in the shipyards of Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington, between 1942 and 1945.

**WWII Legacies on the Columbia River**

Thursday, August 20 at 7 pm

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum | 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles

<https://www.gorgediscovery.org/discover/featuredevent/event-calendar/>

The "Oregon Transformed" series considers long-term impacts of World War II in local regions. Presenters in The Dalles will address the themes of "consent and dissent" and "revisions to the landscape." Questions about her family

heritage led Linda Tamura, author and Professor of Education Emerita at Willamette University, to write about Japanese Americans during World War II. Carl Abbott is Professor Emeritus of Urban Studies and Planning at PSU and an author writing on the history of the American West. William L. Lang is Emeritus Professor of History at PSU and a member of OHS Board of Trustees. The optional pre-program dinner is \$15.

**'Oregon Experience' - online**

This popular television series, a collaboration of Oregon Public Broadcasting and the Oregon Historical Society, follows people and the society of the region. Showcasing hundreds of images in the OHS archives, the stories cover people, industries, events, social movements, and everyday life. Check out titles such as: *Portland Noir*, *The Oystermen*, *Capturing Oregon's Frontier*, *The Modoc War*, and more. Access the archived and new videos at <http://www.opb.org/television/programs/oregonexperience/>

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**Special Interest Groups**

<http://gfo.org/intgrp/index.htm>

**British**

4th Saturdays in odd months;  
1-3 pm — Duane Funk  
[duanefunk@comcast.net](mailto:duanefunk@comcast.net)

**DNA**

See GFO calendar—  
<http://gfo.org/intgrp/index.htm>;  
— Emily Aulicino  
[aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com)

**Family Tree Maker**

3rd Sundays; 1-3 pm  
— Laurel Smith  
[bearpair@comcast.net](mailto:bearpair@comcast.net)

**Genealogy Books**

2nd Saturdays in odd months;  
11:45 am-12:45 pm  
— Bonnie Randolph  
[bbrandolph@clear.net](mailto:bbrandolph@clear.net)

**German**

1st Saturdays monthly; Sep-Jun;  
1-3 pm — Nanci Remington  
[nancicr@comcast.net](mailto:nancicr@comcast.net)

**Illinois and Its Neighbors**

2nd Saturdays monthly; 9:30-11:30  
am — Kristy Gravlin  
[hannah@teleport.com](mailto:hannah@teleport.com)  
Harlene Patterson  
[harlene5@yahoo.com](mailto:harlene5@yahoo.com)

**Irish**

3rd Saturdays in odd months; 12-2  
pm — Suzanne Lemon  
[slemon46@yahoo.com](mailto:slemon46@yahoo.com)

**Italian**

Saturday May 30, Jul 25, Nov 28;  
12-2 pm — Keith Pyeatt  
[k\\_pyeatt@yahoo.com](mailto:k_pyeatt@yahoo.com)

**Photoshop Elements**

2nd Wednesdays monthly;  
1:30-2:30 pm — Sarah Holmes  
[slh@sarahlholmes.com](mailto:slh@sarahlholmes.com)

**Virginia**

1st Saturdays monthly, Sep-Jun;  
10 am-12 pm — Judi Scott  
[judiscot@gmail.com](mailto:judiscot@gmail.com)  
Carol Surrency  
[lcsurr@gmail.com](mailto:lcsurr@gmail.com)

**Writers' Forum**

2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep-May;  
1-3 pm — Peggy Baldwin  
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**July 2015**

**GFO Calendar**

<http://gfo.org/calendar.htm>

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

Sundays 9 am–12 pm Map project on 2nd Sunday, other projects on remaining Sundays

~~~~~ **July** ~~~~~

Wed 7/1 12–2 pm Learn and Chat—Venue change, see listing on previous page  
 1–2 pm DNA Q&A  
 Sat 7/4 **Independence Day holiday—Library closed**  
 Mon 7/6 **Free to Non-Members**  
 Wed 7/8 1:30–2:30 pm Photoshop Elements Group  
 7–8 pm Genealogy Book Group  
 Tues 7/14 6–8 pm Board meeting  
 Wed 7/15 1–2 pm DNA Q&A  
 Sun 7/19 1–3 pm Family Tree Maker Group  
 Sat 7/25 12–2 pm Italian Group

~~~~~ **August** ~~~~~

Mon 8/3 **Free to Non-Members**  
 Wed 8/5 TBA Learn and Chat  
 1–2 pm DNA Q & A  
 Tues 8/11 6–8 pm Board meeting  
 Wed 8/12 1:30–2:30 pm Photoshop Elements Group  
 Sun 8/16 1–3 pm Family Tree Maker Group  
 Wed 8/19 1–2 pm DNA Q & A  
 Sat 8/22 10 am–2 pm Eastern European Genealogy Workshop  
 Mon 8/24 **Memorial Day holiday—Library closed**

~~~~~ **September** ~~~~~

Wed 9/2 10–12 pm Learn and Chat  
 1–2 pm DNA Q & A  
 Sat 9/5 10 am–12 pm Virginia Group  
 1–3 pm German Group  
 Sat 9/7 **Labor Day holiday—Library closed**  
 Tues 9/8 6–8 pm Board meeting  
 Wed 9/9 1:30–2:30 pm Photoshop Elements Group  
 7–8 pm Genealogy Book Group  
 Sat 9/12 9:30–11:30 am Illinois Group  
 11 am–6 pm GFO @ Light Rail Opening Party  
 1–3 pm Writers' Forum  
 Wed 9/16 1–2 pm DNA Q&A  
 Sat 9/19 9:30–11 am Hunting and Gathering  
 12–2 pm Irish Group  
 2–4 pm Monthly Program ~ TBA  
 Sun 9/20 1–3 pm Family Tree Maker Group  
 Fri 9/25 11 am–12:30 pm Maps Tell Some of the Story for the African-Ancestored Genealogist—Live Webinar  
 Sat 9/26 1–3 pm British Group