

GFO OPEN HOUSE

March 23 - 31

*9 days
35+ free events*

**Discover the roots
of your family tree.**

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON

Special Appearance!

Barbara Rae-Venter, the genetic genealogist who cracked the Golden State Killer case, will speak during DNA Days.

Seating is limited. [Advance registration is required](#), and will begin March 1st at 9 a.m.

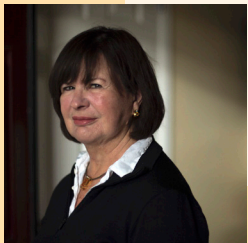


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- Learn How to Find Your Ancestors!
- 9 Straight Days
- 35+ FREE Family History Classes
- Full Library Access
- Everyone is Welcome
- Irish Day
- Beginning Genealogy Day
- Finding Family Day - Adoption, Siblings, Parents
- 2 Full Days of DNA!



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SATURDAY MARCH 23: IRISH DAY

Irish Research for Beginners & Experts—Tom O'Brien
Tom shares tips and resources for their Irish family history research.

Are you ready to jump the pond?—Karen Hubbard
Learn how to review what you have, to discover every clue.

The Irish Census 101—Barbara Schrag
Discover easy ways to access the Irish census online.

Irish Civil Records—Joann Taylor
Learn how to best use Irish birth, marriage, and death records found at the GRO website.

SUNDAY MARCH 24: BEGINNERS DAY

Beginning Genealogy—Laurel Smith **SOLD OUT**
Learn how to get started, stay on track, and keep organized.
Registration before March 20th required.

MONDAY MARCH 25:

Genealogy and the Law—Dale Deatherage
Rich records hide in the court house, but you've got to know the language!

Pennsylvania Research—Elise Deatherage
Learn what unique digital and onsite resources are available to Pennsylvania researchers.

PERSI—Kristin Parks
Learn how to tap into the most extensive genealogy and history subject index on the planet: the PERiodical Source Index.

JSTOR—Kristin Parks
Discover the digital library that has journals, books, and other primary sources.

Archive.org—Geoff Smith
Find out how to access genealogy and local history books online for free!

TUESDAY MARCH 26:

Evernote for Genealogy—Dale Deatherage
Want to remember EVERYTHING and find ANTHING?
Evernote's got you covered!

They were Religious Radicals—Darrell Gulstrom
Discover the amazing value of local resources.

Tips for Searching Ancestry.com—Laurel Smith
Learn the basics of successful searches on Ancestry.com.

Online Family Trees—Laurel Smith
Learn how to evaluate online family trees and how to best make use of what they offer.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27: FINDING FAMILY

Introduction and Panel Dissussion
Unexpected relations are turning up everywhere—whether you are the seeker or the one found, the day is devoted to the topic.

Finding Living People—Leslie Lawson
Once you've identified them, how do you find them?

Identifying Family—Lisa McCullough
Learn out about key resources to help you identify family.

First Contact—Panel
Once family is identified and located, learn about best practices for first contact.

Let's Get Organized!—Laurel Smith
If you can't find the record you're looking for in your genealogical quagmire, attend this class to get inspired to turn over a new leaf.

THURSDAY MARCH 28:

Know Before You Go, Research Trips—Lori Washburn
What you might find and how to maximize your time.

Scanning and Archiving Your Genealogy—Lori Washburn
We will briefly discuss scanners, how to scan, how to file the images, and the basics of touching them up.

InDesign: Help or Hinderance?—Jay Fraser
InDesign is a powerful application that can make your (project) look more professional. Is it worth the effort to learn?

Write It Up!—Marti Dell
Learn how to get started on that writing project you've been putting off.
Multnomah County Library—Rachael Short & Enrique Rivera
Genealogists can never have too many resources. Representatives from the library will share information about their collections.

FRIDAY MARCH 29:

Citing your Sources—Janice Sellers
This class will explain why citations are important and shed light on the bewildering assortment of citation styles and resources.

Mexican Ancestry 101—Vince Ramirez
Learn the basics of research to find those valuable genealogical records of your Mexican ancestors.

Mexican Ancestry 102—Vince Ramirez
Develop your genealogical detective skills to find more!

Ohio River—Lynn Rossing
Discover the Ohio River's history as the region's major transportation corridor.

SATURDAY MARCH 30: DNA 101

DNA Your Paper Trail—Emily Aulicino
Learn the basics about how DNA testing can help your genealogical research.

5 DNA testing companies—Dr. Tim Janzen
Understand how to maximize your experience with each of the five major testing companies.

Finding Birth Relatives—*Special Guest* Barbara Rae-Venter
Techniques and tools to help identify birth relatives.
Advance registration required

GEDmatch for Beginners—Narda Foust
Learn the basics of this free third-party tool for DNA analysis.

SUNDAY MARCH 31: DNA 102

Genetic Genealogy—*Special Guest* Barbara Rae-Venter
Learn how Barbara cracked the Golden State Killer Case
Advance registration required

Jumpstart Your Discoveries—Lisa McCullough
Discover how to maximize your use of Family Tree DNA & Ancestry DNA sites.

Excel for DNA Analysis—Lisa McCullough
Find out how to use Excel to view and manipulate DNA results to make more sense of your matches.

3rd Party Tools, what's new?—Dr. Tim Janzen
Using free 3rd party tools can make your DNA research easier and lead to more discoveries.

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