

Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Mail-In Ballot — Due Monday, May 1, 2017

See Reverse for Mailing Instructions

Joint members may make an additional copy of the ballot so both members may vote.

Ballots for Officers and Endowment committee must be received by close of business, Monday, May 1, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. to be counted.

Vice President (2-year term)

Sharyle Kingston

Write-in Candidate:

Treasurer (2-year term)

Richard Crockett (incumbent)

Erin Randall

Write-in Candidate:

Director at Large (one position, 2-year term)

Bonnie Randolph

Write-in Candidate:

Endowment Committee (one position)

Ellie Dir

Write-in Candidate:

Richard Crockett: I am the current treasurer and have been requested by the Board of Directors to run for an additional term. I have not only the four years experience with GFO, but I am also treasurer for two other non-profit organizations, those being the Rose City Park Neighborhood Association's treasurer for two years and the Rose City Timberliners Barbershop chorus' secretary/treasurer for over a decade. I would appreciate your vote so I can continue to serve the GFO in this important position.

Sharyle Kingston: In 2002 I received a copy of a family history written by a great-grandfather in 1940. It started me down the road to the past to find out who my ancestors were. My name is Sharyle Kingston and I am interested in the Vice-President Board position I am a native Oregonian and a long-term member of the Portland community. Sharyle Kingston: I work full-time, but it has always been important to me to give back to my

community by volunteering my time and skills. I believe the Genealogical Forum of Oregon can benefit from my service, but I also believe I could benefit from the GFO as well. I look forward to learning more about genealogy, and meeting more of the members.

Erin Randall: Based on my experience I think I would be an excellent candidate for your treasurer. I am a CPA in the State of Oregon, have been in corporate and operations finance at Intel for the last 11 years, where I have been in charge of overseeing the Research and Development capital budget for the Oregon site, which involved approving expenditures, long range forecasting, and overall budget management.

Also, I really love genealogy and history, so I have a passion for this type of work. Being a treasurer for GFO would be a great honor to help keep this great resource available for everyone.

Bonnie Randolph: I have enjoyed genealogy since 1976 when I worked at the Reed College Library and was given a subscription to Genealogy Helper as a farewell gift. I work regularly as an RA at the GFO. I'm retired with a husband, sons, grandsons, and one great grandson.

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Ballot Instructions:

- Fill out by placing an 'X' in the box of the candidate, or writing in the name of an alternate candidate and marking 'X' in the write-in-candidate box.
- Fold this page in thirds on the lines, with the address facing out.
- Seal with tape, no staples.
- Add first-class postage and mail, or drop in the ballot box at the GFO.

Thanks for participating in the election.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon **SPRING SEMINAR**

with *John Philip Colletta*

Immigration and Naturalization

FULL-DAY SEMINAR SATURDAY

Our Ancestors from Overseas: Getting to Know them One by One

- ◆ Passenger Arrival Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century
- ◆ Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century
- ◆ Lesser-Used Federal Records: Sources of Rich Detail about Your Immigrant Ancestors' Lives
- ◆ Discovering the REAL Stories of Your Immigrant Ancestors

*- Two Sessions -
Attend One or Both*

Focus on Writing

HALF-DAY WORKSHOP SUNDAY

- ◆ Assembling & Writing a Narrative Family History, Part I: Creating a Reliable Record
- ◆ Assembling & Writing a Narrative Family History, Part II: Writing a Real Life Story

**SUNDAY SESSION
SOLD OUT**

Saturday & Sunday
APRIL 29 ◀ SEATS AVAILABLE
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
APRIL 30 ◀ SOLD OUT
9.30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

JOHN PHILIP COLLETTA, Ph.D is one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers. Knowledgeable, experienced and entertaining, he lectures and teaches nationally. He is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, has taught for Boston University's Certificate in Family History program, and has created courses for three other genealogy institutes. For twenty years, he worked half-time at the Library of Congress and taught workshops at the National Archives.

A published author, Dr. Colletta's writings include numerous articles, both scholarly and popular, two manuals and two books. He appears frequently on podcasts and local and national radio and television. Dr. Colletta holds a Ph.D (French), and two M.A.'s (French and Medieval Studies). He is fluent in both French and Italian, and has traveled and researched extensively in both France and Italy.



SATURDAY SEMINAR DETAILS

Location

Milwaukie Center
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
Milwaukie, Oregon

Time

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Break for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Seminar Features

Books from Heritage Quest & from the GFO Raffle
Syllabus: 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 salad. Add \$1 for gluten-free bread.

Coffee, tea and snacks provided throughout the day.

Questions? Email seminar@gfo.org.

SUNDAY WORKSHOP DETAILS

Location

GFO Library
2505 SE 11th, Suite B-18 (Basement level)
Portland, Oregon

Time

9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**- Limited to 50 Attendees -
- Register Early!**

SOLD OUT

Payment and Refund Details

Pay online with PayPal using the email address payments@gfo.org.

Pay by check, mail to: Colletta Workshop, GFO, 2505 SE 11th, Ste. B-18, Portland, OR 97202-1061.

For cancellations received after April 22, 2017, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10 cancellation fee. **Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after April 25, 2017.**

REGISTRATION FORM

You may sign up for Saturday, Sunday, or both sessions. Prices are reduced for early registration. One form per attendee. Circle price selected, enter amounts on the right, and total at the bottom.

Name _____ Member No. _____

Email _____ Telephone No. _____

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

EVENT Select one or both sessions	EARLY REGISTRATION By April 1, 2017		REGISTRATION After April 1, 2017		AMOUNT
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member	
	Price	Price	Price	Price	
SATURDAY SEMINAR Immigration and Naturalization	\$40	\$45	\$45	\$50	
Lunch from GG's Deli	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	
Add gluten-free bread	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	
Add paper copy of Syllabus	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	
SUNDAY WORKSHOP Focus on Writing	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$30	
Add paper copy of Syllabus	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	
TOTAL FOR ALL					

**SUNDAY WORKSHOP SOLD OUT
WAIT LIST AVAILABLE**



The Forum Insider

Newsletter of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Volume 28, Number 7

April 2017

Vanport

GENTALK AT THE GFO

With Zita Podany

Saturday, May 20, 2017 2-4 p.m.

This Event is Free and Open to the Public

Vanport was a housing project in the floodplain between North Portland and Vancouver built to help house World War II shipyard workers. Workers were recruited from all corners of the United States. Vanport, built in a little over a year, became the second-largest city in Oregon with a population of over 40,000 residents. And on May 30, 1948, it was a city that disappeared.

Zita Podany is an author and longtime resident of Portland. Her book is part of the Images of America series by Arcadia Publishing.



THE CENSUS: Digging Deeper into England, Ireland, Scotland and the United States

Half-Day Workshop

Sunday, June 4, 2017 9:30 a.m. to noon

There is more to census records than just name, age and locale. You can see your ancestor's veteran and property-owning status, and clues on their religion, arrival in the U.S. and wealth. To what extent can you rely on those answers?

Kate Eakman is a researcher with Legacy Tree Genealogists. She will share her expertise about how to find the census records you need, how to find your particular ancestor on that census, and how to evaluate all the information on that record. Registration and payment info online at www.GFO.org

Capturing & Bringing to Life Your U.S. FARM ANCESTOR

GENTALK AT THE GFO

Saturday, June 17, 2017 2-4 p.m.

This Event is Free and Open to the Public

The occupation line on the census may say farmer but that is not all there is to know about your U.S. Farm ancestor. Learn about the different types of records that may contain information on individual farms, as well as research strategies for reconstructing farm life and production of a farm family.

Harold Hinds, Ph.D., was Distinguished Research Professor of History at the University of Minnesota-Morris, and is the author of several genealogy and family history books.

We Count on Your VOTE!

We have a gifted group of volunteers who are ready to work for the GFO Board.

Return your ballot by end of May 1st to be counted.

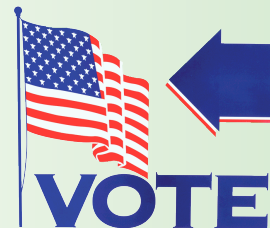


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Bring Your Research Skills to the GFO and Share Your Knowledge with Others!

Can you spare a few hours of your time to help the GFO? We need volunteers to fill spots as Research Assistants (RAs). Our most current need is for occasional Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Jackie Phillips and Judith Leppart have signed on to train all new RAs, and they will give you a tour of our collection, explain the duties of the job, and teach you how to access the databases on our computers. What better way to enhance your own research skills!

If this sounds like fun to you, please send me a message at volunteer@gfo.org or call the reception desk at 503-963-1932. Or better yet, check out our volunteer page (<http://gfo.org/support-us/volunteer.html>). You can sign up from there. Whatever works best for you also works best for me.

Cathy Lauer, Volunteer Coordinator



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Free Gen Talk

Third Saturday of most months 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 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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48th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree

Friday, June 9–Sunday, June 11, 2017

Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport



- Advanced to Beginner topics
- 125+ class sessions
- 85+ national, regional, and local speakers
- JamboFREE sessions Friday morning
- Hands-on in-depth workshops
- Research tours Thursday and Friday
- Free exhibit hall
- One-on-one help with research and DNA results
- Ethnic tracks: British Isles & Ireland, Armenia & the Caucasus, and African-American

The Southern California Genealogical Society is proud to present the 48th Annual Genealogical Jamboree and the Genetic Genealogy 2017 conferences, as well as our very popular JamboFree and Jamboree Extension Webinars. This is the only national-level conference that comes to the West Coast.

<http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/2017/about.html>

Genetic Genealogy Conference

Thursday, June 8, 2017

- Advanced to Beginner topics
- 25+ courses and 15+ speakers on Genetic Genealogy topics
- Genetic Genealogy Luncheon, Reception

<http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/2017/speakers-dna.html>

JamboFree ~ Free and open to the public

Friday, June 9, 2017, 8am–12 pm

A morning genealogical outreach - classes and research help

<http://www.genealogyjamboree.com/2017/schedule-jambofree.html>

National Genealogical Society Conference

May 10–13, 2017 Raleigh, North Carolina

More than 175 sessions designed to help advance your research by learning about techniques and resources to discover your roots and build your family tree. Join our experts and genealogists from all over the U.S. and beyond

<http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/program/>





Geneanet – A European Family Tree Site Worth the Visit

Nanci Remington

Recently, GFO member Lynne Peterson sent information about a website that is widely used in Europe. She included a link to a survey that had asked people (in Europe) where they put their tree online. The overwhelming majority – 91 percent – used Geneanet. Since I was doing European research preparing for a trip to Germany, I decided to take a closer look.

Geneanet is a French-based company started in 1996 that focuses on genealogy in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Germany. The basic service is free and includes access to the public trees. There is a simple interface that allows you to search by name and filter by location.

My first search was for Bernard Hahues who was born in 1756 in Telgte, Germany. I knew he had been married twice, the first time to Anna Catharina Fahrman. He had taken her surname, and the children of his second marriage continued to use it, including my second-great-grandfather Bernard Anton Fortman. However, when I had searched for Bernard Hahues' parents, I found that his father had taken a farm name. Before his marriage to Anna Maria Elisabeth Hahues his name was either Zur Verthe, Zer Verthe, Zur Vehrt, Zurfferth, or Von Everdt . . . depending on which record was viewed and how a transcriber read that record.

So I entered Bernard's name into Geneanet and immediately found him in two trees. Much of the information was the same though one tree spelled the name Zu Verth and the other Zur Verth. Both trees went back two generations and one went back even farther. One great feature was the ability to easily create ancestor and descendant charts and download them as PDFs.

Neither tree had sources, but I know that images of the church books are available from FamilySearch. At least now when I read through the film I will have some idea of what to look for. I have also sent messages to the tree owners thanking them for posting. Maybe they have more information they can share, especially since they both live in Germany.

The free version of Geneanet allows you to enter a tree or upload a gedcom, search some of their databases, and post questions to community forums. According to FamilySearch, the Geneanet community has two million members who exchange genealogical information. The premium service offers records published by researchers, genealogy societies, and commercial companies. I have read that the archives are not huge, but they may be worth a look if you are searching in France or something shows up for your family. The cost for Premium is €50 per year. Geneanet recently partnered with FamilySearch so it may be available at Family History Centers.

More:

Geneanet – <http://en.geneanet.org/>

Translate: The above link goes to the English version of the site. However, sometimes the notes and messages are not in English. I use a Google Translate extension on my Firefox browser. Chrome will translate automatically.

Survey Results - <https://goo.gl/hEEbXJ>

Laurent Monpouet, the man who posted the survey results, is Lynne's cousin and a professional genealogist. You can follow him on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/GenealogiePratique/?fref=pb&hc_location=profile_browser

Non-Discrimination Statement

The GFO Board has adopted the following non-discrimination statement:

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon Inc. does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to the hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, volunteers, patrons, and vendors.



Findmypast Launches Catholic Heritage Archive

Press release: Leading family history website, Findmypast, announces the creation of the Roman Catholic Heritage Archive, a ground-breaking initiative that aims to digitize the historic records of the Catholic Church in the United States, Britain, and Ireland. When complete, this exclusive collection will contain over 100 million records spanning 300 years of Catholic history.

Findmypast is releasing over three million exclusive records including sacramental registers for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 1757 to 1916 as well as for the British Archdioceses of Westminster and Birmingham from 1657 onwards. This builds on last year's publication of more than 10 million Irish Catholic parish registers.

The Catholic Church holds some of the oldest and best preserved genealogical records ever created. However, as many of these documents memorialize important religious sacraments such as baptism, marriage, and burial, their privacy has long been protected and access to original copies has traditionally been hard to come by.

Exclusively available on Findmypast, images of original documents will be completely free to view in many cases. Fully searchable transcripts will also be included, providing family historians from around the world with easy access to these once closely-guarded records.

The next phase of the Catholic Heritage Archive will include records from the archdioceses of New York and Baltimore as well as additional records from Philadelphia. There are over 30 million records in just these three dioceses. The digitization of the whole archive, when complete, will contain hundreds of millions of records for the USA alone.

Brian Donovan, Licensing Manager at Findmypast said, "The Roman Catholic Church is the largest Christian denomination in the world. Despite the popular perception that it had few adherents in

Britain, or was not that important in American settlement, it has always been a significant component (up to 25 percent) of the population."

Kate Feighery, archivist at the Archdiocese of New York said; "The Archdiocese of New York is one of the major immigration hubs in the country, and the second largest diocese in the United States. Many Catholic Americans can trace their ancestors back to New York."

Ten Million New US Marriage Records

Findmypast has also just released a further 10 million United States marriage records in association with Family Search International covering 360 years of marriages from 1650-2010. The new additions cover 45 states and over 1,800 counties. Over 65 million records are currently available to search within the collection. When complete this landmark collection will form the single largest online archive of U.S. marriages in history and will be found in its entirety exclusively on Findmypast.

For those interested in the history of Catholicism in the United States, an interactive timeline hosted by Findmypast's partners, Twile, can be viewed here: <https://twile.com/timeline/catholicism-in-the-us>

Findmypast, is a searchable online archive of over eight billion family history records ranging from births, marriages, deaths, and censuses to migration records, military collections, historical newspapers, and more. It is home to the largest online collection of Irish family history records, over 450 million exclusive United Kingdom parish records dating back to the early 16th century, and the Periodical Source Index; a rich, exclusive collection of the world's best family history periodicals.

<http://www.findmypast.com/catholicrecords>



St Ignatius Roman Catholic Church at St. Inigoes, Maryland, constructed between 1785 and 1787. By Pubdog, July 2009, accessed at Wikimedia Commons.



Russ Francis

Russ is a very valuable member of the team that brought the website live over this past year. Aside from organizing, formatting, and checking all the Useful Links, he added images to the website, tested forms, and entered loads of data for our search engine optimization. Most importantly though, his expertise allowed us to go live effortlessly by transitioning the website server and emails to the new hosting company. He also helped set up the Google Search app and Google Analytics, and is always willing to work on the more technical challenges of keeping the website running.

We all thank you, Russ!

Sherman County, Oregon, A Historical Collection

Sherry Kaseberg of Wasco presents her collection of local history information in a website with stories, links, and resources.

<http://shermancountyoregon.com/>



One of the earliest ballot boxes using ballots. This ballot box was used by members of The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, a social club. Smithsonian Institution; The Provinciale Statenverkiezingen in The Netherlands, 2007. Due to problems with the voting computers, Amsterdam chose to use the red pencil. However, as the official voting boxes had been sold off, specially converted garbage containers were used as voting booths. Tijmen Starn

GFO Stars



Bobbie Foster

Bobbie has been a supporter of the GFO for many years. Recently, she went above and beyond by including information about GFO's Open House in *The Skanner* as a news brief and by putting it in their calendar of events.

Thank you, Bobbie!

Thank You

Staff and Volunteers,

I was in Portland earlier this month visiting my daughter and her family when I made a trip to your office. I was able to obtain a copy of my grandfather's marriage of 1892. I was very happy to be able to actually see this document but even more thrilled with the warm welcome I received from everyone in the office. I want to especially thank Nanci [Remington] for her time and expertise. Nanci was so generous with sharing tips for genealogical searches.

Thanks for all you do to preserve our past.
Mary Ann (in a note received November 9th)

Digital News Archive – Canton, Ohio

The Stark County District Library of Canton, Ohio, has added a digital archive of several of their oldest newspapers covering about 90 years (1840-1930). Over 180,000 pages of local historical out-of-print publications are available online and can be accessed by users from anywhere via computer browser.

The publications include: *Canton Daily News, Canton Morning News, Canton Evening News, Canton News Democrat, Democratic Transcript, News Democrat, Stark County Democrat, and Stark County Republican.*

<https://starklibrary.org/home/genealogy/digital-archives>



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for the period ending February 28, 2017. *Richard Crockett*

Income	\$7,488.70
General fund donations	461.00
Membership income	1,705.00
Annual Appeal	1,195.00
Dedicated donation	563.35
Library	368.36
Amazon, Fred Meyer commissions	244.47
Spring Seminar	1,945.00
Half-day Workshop	175.00
Research	69.92
Used book sales	761.60
Total expenses*	\$9,544.91
Administration expenses	687.04
Facilities	4,068.44
Program expenses	896.01
Printing	612.57
Sales expenses	581.85
Net loss for the month	\$2,056.21
Net loss, year to date	\$11,372.99
Checking account balance	\$23,951.89

*Includes unauthorized withdrawal of \$2,699 which has since been removed.

British Newspaper Archive Announces Major New Milestone

Dick Eastman, March 21, 2017

The British Newspaper Archive, a partnership between the British Library and Findmypast has achieved a major new milestone in their project to digitise up to 40 million newspaper pages from the British Library's vast collection of historic British & Irish newspapers. Following the addition of a newspaper for the country's smallest county, Rutland, the Archive now covers every corner of England as, for the first time, at least one title from each of the country's 48 counties is now available to search and explore.

The Archive now contains over 18.7 million pages from 747 titles from England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, and spans nearly 300 (1709-2003) years.

<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

Evacuation Tips ~ What Should I Take or Leave

Jane McGarvin, Disaster Planning Team Chair



When we go to the GFO Library to attend classes, research, or even work as a volunteer, many members bring their laptop and research material. Some members use a simple laptop case, others use a rolling bag or suitcase. When the fire alarm rings, the aim is to have EVERYONE out of the building in less than three minutes!

This short amount of time to evacuate does not allow much time to gather your belongings. Where you are and what you are doing when the alarm rings will have an impact on what you may take and what you must leave behind.

☞ If you are near your belongings, you may quickly gather and take the following:

- Laptop – disconnect the power cord from laptop, grab the laptop and go! (By the way – have you backed up your laptop files recently?)
- Purse (if you have one) and coat – again, only if they are near. If the coat is on the coat rack, leave it.
- Laptop bag, but only if it is extremely easy to carry and remember, there is not time to pack it – like the laptop – grab and go.

☞ In an evacuation, these items must be left behind:

- Research materials – because there is no time to pack them.
- Laptop bags/small brief cases – generally, these should be left behind because there is no time to pack them, and carrying them up the stairs (with a loose laptop, purse, or other items) may cause delay.
- All rolling bags and suitcases – because their size and bulk may impede others in safely evacuating.
- Anything and everything that you are not immediately near – retrieving items elsewhere in the library will cause delay.

REMINDER: Your personal safety takes priority over belongings if evacuation is necessary in an emergency!

Hints: Always leave original documents or other items you cannot replace at home. And, if possible, carry your cell phone and keys in your pants or jacket pocket (if you plan to wear the jacket) or consider using a small fanny pack so that you will have these items on you should evacuation be required.



Learn and Chat Special Interest Group

Wednesday, April 5 & 19, 2017 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

The Learn and Chat group will be under new leadership come April. Connie Lenzen is stepping back and the new leader will be Jeanne Quan. (Contact: jeannequan3@gmail.com)

Virginia Special Interest Group

Saturday, April 1, 2017 10:00 a.m.

“The Who, What, When, Where, & Why of Military Bounty Land”

Researching bounty land grants can be confusing but understanding the complexities of the laws, and the location of the grants can lead to some important information about our ancestors.

German Special Interest Group

Saturday, April 1, 2017 1–3 p.m.

Mike Fernandez and Tia Cobb have decided to start up the German SIG again. Instead of Nanci Remington’s wonderful monthly lessons, they decided to have the members present topics, research skills, invite speakers, Q&A, etc.

April meeting: Susan Bates will be speaking on the subject of Sudetenland, a German settlement in the Bohemian Lands until the end of WWII.

Oregon Historical Society

Saturday, April 8, 2017 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Genealogy Workshop — History for the Genealogist and How to Use Historical Societies, presented by Hannah Allan.

<http://www.ohs.org/events/genealogy-workshop-history-for-the-genealogist-and-how-to-use-historical-societies.cfm>

Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Ave
Portland, Oregon 97205

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

Scheduled dates may change. Always check the GFO Calendar for meeting date and time.

British

4th Saturdays in Jan., Mar, May, Sept; 1–3 p.m.—Duane Funk duanefunk@comcast.net

DNA - Beginners

3rd or 4th Saturday in Feb, May, Aug, and Nov; 9 a.m.–noon—Emily Aulicino, aulicino@hevanet.com,

DNA - Advanced

3rd Saturday in Jan, Apr, July, and Oct; 9 a.m.–noon—Emily Aulicino aulicino@hevanet.com

DNA - Q & A

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly; 1–3 p.m.—Lisa McCullough

Family Tree Maker

Quarterly, please check calendar for times, 1–3 p.m.—Laurel Smith bearpair@comcast.net

Genealogy Problem Solvers

3rd Saturdays monthly; 9:30–11:30 a.m.—Katy Daly GPS@gfo.org

German

1st Saturdays monthly; 1–3 p.m.—Mike Fernandez cheeseandwine62@gmail.com and Tia Cobb

Get Acquainted With...

2nd Sundays; 1–3 p.m.—Laurel Smith bearpair@comcast.net and Nanci Remington nancicr@comcast.net

Illinois and Its Neighbors

2nd Saturdays monthly (except Jul/Aug/Dec); 9:30–11:30 a.m.—Kristy Gravlin hannah@teleport.com, Harlene Patterson

Irish

Currently inactive. Facilitators needed. Please contact us if you are interested.

Italian

Quarterly, please check calendar for times—Keith Pyeatt k_pyeatt@yahoo.com

Learn & Chat

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly—1–3 p.m.—Jeanne Quan jeannequan3@gmail.com

Photoshop Elements

2nd Wednesdays monthly; 1:30–2:30 p.m. — Sarah Holmes slh@sarahholmes.com

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly, Sep–Jun; 10 a.m.–noon—Judi Scott judiscot@gmail.com and Carol Surrency lc-surr@gmail.com

Writers’ Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep–May; 1–3 p.m. — Peggy Baldwin peggy@family-passages.com

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

Library Work Parties ~ every month, all welcome

Sundays 9 a.m.–12 p.m.: Map project on 2nd Sunday, other projects on remaining Sundays

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| Wed 4/1                                                         | 10 am–12 p.m.                          | Virginia Group                                        |
|                                                                 | 1–3 p.m.                               | German Group                                          |
| Mon 4/3                                                         | <b>Free to non-members</b>             |                                                       |
| Wed 4/5                                                         | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.                        | Learn & Chat                                          |
|                                                                 | 1–2 p.m.                               | DNA Q&A                                               |
| Sat 4/8                                                         | 9:30–11:30 a.m.                        | Illinois Group                                        |
|                                                                 | 1–3 p.m.                               | Writers' Forum                                        |
| Sun 4/9                                                         | 1–3 p.m.                               | Get Acquainted With                                   |
| Tues 4/11                                                       | 6–8 p.m.                               | Board meeting                                         |
| Wed 4/12                                                        | 1:30–2:30 p.m.                         | Photoshop Elements Group                              |
|                                                                 | 6–8 p.m.                               | Get Acquainted With (repeat of Wednesday's program)   |
| Sat 4/15                                                        | 9:30–11:30 a.m.                        | Genealogy Problem Solvers                             |
|                                                                 | 12–2 p.m.                              | Italian Group                                         |
| <b>Sun 4/16</b>                                                 | <b>Library Closed ~ Easter holiday</b> |                                                       |
| Wed 4/19                                                        | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.                        | Learn & Chat                                          |
|                                                                 | 1–2 p.m.                               | DNA Q&A                                               |
| Sat 4/22                                                        | 9 a.m.–                                | Advanced DNA                                          |
| Sun 4/23                                                        | 1–3 p.m.                               | Family Tree Maker                                     |
| <b>Sat 4/29</b>                                                 | <b>Library Closed ~ Spring Seminar</b> |                                                       |
| <b>Immigration and Naturalization with John Philip Colletta</b> |                                        |                                                       |
| Sun 4/30                                                        | 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.                      | Workshop - Focus on Writing with John Philip Colletta |

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| Mon 5/1 | Free to non-members | |
| Wed 5/3 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Learn & Chat |
| | 1–2 p.m. | DNA Q&A |
| Sat 5/6 | 10 am–12 p.m. | Virginia Group |
| | 1–3 p.m. | German Group |
| Tues 5/9 | 6–8 p.m. | Board meeting |
| Wed 5/10 | 1:30–2:30 p.m. | Photoshop Elements Group |
| | 6–8 p.m. | Get Acquainted With |
| Sat 5/13 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Illinois Group |
| | 1–3 p.m. | Writers' Forum |
| Sun 5/14 | Library closed ~ Mother's Day | |
| Wed 5/17 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Learn & Chat |
| | 1–2 p.m. | DNA Q&A |
| Sat 5/20 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Genealogy Problem Solvers |
| | 2–4 p.m. | GenTalk |
| Sun 5/21 | 1–3 p.m. | Get Acquainted With (repeat of Wednesday's program) |
| Sat 5/27 | 9 a.m.– 12 p.m. | Beginning DNA |
| | 1–3 p.m. | British Group |
| Mon 5/29 | Library closed ~ Memorial Day holiday | |