



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

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 using the email address payments@gfo.org

Name _____ Member No. _____
Email _____ Telephone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Please make check payable to “Genealogical Forum of Oregon” or “GFO.”
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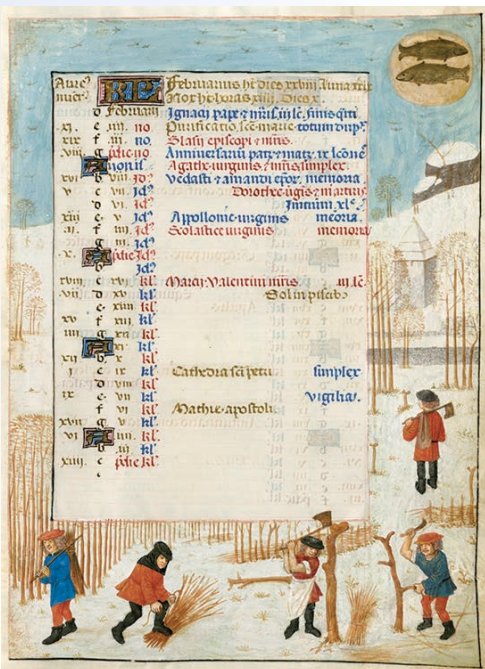
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Just One

Although every day is the start of a new year, it's always useful to have a marker to begin and end, gauge and ponder, and enact changes. What would one change do for your genealogy?

Rather than confronting a long laundry list of to dos and to don'ts, maybe choosing one single item would make a difference. As in all project management, breaking a complex job into smaller parts can make it seem simpler. So find one item to focus on; the one thing you keep putting off, a change in methods, or an intriguing new idea you've wanted to explore.

Then, when you've safely incorporated that one item into your routine - begin a new new year and pick the next most important one. In 2016 you can look back with satisfaction at the accomplishment.



*Additional 18851, f. 2 calendar page for February, 1480s.
Source: British Library, Additional MS 18851 calendar
scenes, accessed at Wikimedia Commons.*

Happy New Year!



Some ideas:

Goals: Review, update

Research: Find new avenues, methods, and sources

Correspondence/Connections: Make contact, pursue follow-up, identify new possibilities

Organization: Files, papers, research logs, citations, ask - does my system work for me?

Collections: Identify, catalog, store, disseminate

Education: What can I learn that will improve my research skills; GFO classes, local events, online tutorials and videos, professional-level skills

Sharing: Passing on your research, charts, writings, your expertise

Events: Conferences, reunions, travel

Technology: Discover organizing software, apps and utilities, hardware (computer, accessory devices).

Mine will be to initiate correspondence with those far-off never-met relatives, a prospect that takes me out of my comfort zone, but may provide answers to some nagging questions.

Good luck and happy hunting in the new year.



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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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Library Schedule and Local Events

Winter Hours at the GFO Library

Hours at the library will change for the New Year's holiday. The library will close early = at 1 p.m. = the day before and remain closed all day of the holiday. Also, in case of inclement weather, be sure to call the GFO before heading in to make sure the library is open.

Genealogical Society of Washington County ~ Upcoming Events

Members and public invited; free.

Regular monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of January, March, April, June, October, and November, from 7–9 p.m.

There will be special monthly meetings on the 2nd Saturday of February, May, and September, from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

All meetings are held at the main branch of the Hillsboro Public Library. See <http://www.gswco.org/> for details.

January 8, 7–9 p.m. (Thursday) - Panel Discussion on Internet Resources with Linda Meyer, Carol Surrency, and Linda Clark.

February 14, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. (Saturday) - How to Find Your Civil War Ancestor with Janice Heckethorne

Thank you, Donors!

We received many donations for the Fall Seminar from members and others.

- One seat at the Judy Russell sold-out workshop on Sunday, October 26 (priceless)
- One-year GFO Membership
- One admission to the Spring Seminar

We'd like to especially thank Ancestry.com (A) and FindMyPast for these items:

- A gift card for a one-year World Explorer subscription to Ancestry.com (\$299.95 value, A)
- A certificate for a one-year subscription to www.fold3.com (\$79.95 value, A)
- A certificate for a one-year subscription to www.newspapers.com (\$79.95 value, A)
- A copy of Family Tree Maker (\$39.95 value, A)
- A box of goodies from FindMyPast including two one-year subscriptions.



NEWS AND TIPS

GFO Mailing List

Did you know that the GFO has a mailing list? Generally known as ORForum, the list is a way for members to keep in touch, ask questions, or pass on information about local and regional happenings.

Over the past year there have been questions (and answers) about converting photo negatives to DVD, locating translators, finding obituaries, Family Tree Maker, DNA, and Lone Fir Cemetery. There have been discussions about the changes at Genealogy.com and the reference room at the Oregon State Library, announcements about Special Interest Groups, road closures, snow events, and links to interesting sites.

The easiest way to start is to subscribe by email. These emails tend to come in clusters and will not fill up your inbox ... just enough to stay interesting. To do this, send an email to ORFORUM-L-request@rootsweb.com that contains the word subscribe (and nothing else). Once you are on the list you can send emails to the group at ORFORUM-L@rootsweb.com. There is more information on our website at <http://www.gfo.org/mlist.htm>.

Tax Deduction

Your GFO membership fees are 100% tax deductible in keeping with our 501(c)(3) nonprofit education status.

Murken,	Frederick	45	M	W	ret. dealer in liquors
—	Catharine	23	F	W	keeping house
—	Frederick	2	M	W	
—	Lesina	17	F	W	domestic servant

USB Drives at the Library

Have you found a great record on the internet while researching at the GFO library but you forgot to bring your USB flash drive with you? Or have you been meaning to buy a removable drive but found them a little more expensive than your budget allows? We now have inexpensive 2GB USB drives for sale at the reception desk for only \$4.00. Ask for one on your next visit to the library.

PrintFriendly

Want to print a web page without the ads, navigation, links, comments, and so on? Print Friendly provides browser extensions and toolbar buttons to generate a cleaned-up page for printing - to any device on your printing list or to PDF.

There are options for: FireFox, Internet Explorer, Chrome, Safari, iPad and iPhone, and others. Or you can just copy the page's URL to a box on the Print Friendly page for a direct print. Free.

<http://www.printfriendly.com/>

Snipping Tools

There's a utility in Windows called Snipping Tool that makes a quick snapshot of any part of a screen - it's already cropped. It

takes just seconds and is much simpler than using PrintScreen and cropping/cleaning/markings in Paint or Photoshop. The snip can go right into email or a document, or be saved to file (jpeg, png, or gif).

Search Windows Start menu> All programs> Accessories> Snipping Tool. Open it and with the cursor make a box of the area you want to capture. Then from the tool window simply do a Copy/Paste into nearly any program that accepts images. Zoom in first, as much as your screen allows, to really get the picture. Options are to save just a particular window or the whole screen. There are simple drawing and highlighting tools to mark-up the image (example above.)

For Mac users:

Grab takes a screen shot of your complete screen. One advantage is that you can set a timer to take the screen shot, which allows you open a pull down menu when you want to capture a feature that won't stay open unless the cursor is on it.

Preview is another good app. You can select by window or defined area you want to capture. You can make several images and print them to a multi-page PDF.



NEWS AND TIPS

Genealogy Roadshow on PBS

Arlington, VA; May 9, 2013 – PBS announced today that it will add the new series Genealogy Roadshow to its fall lineup. Part detective story, part emotional journey, Genealogy Roadshow will combine history and science to uncover the fascinating stories of diverse Americans. Each individual’s past will link to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America. Genealogy Roadshow will air Mondays, September 23-October 14, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET.

More information at: http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/genealogy-roadshow/?topic_id=765

Family Tree Webinars*

Free on-demand, online genealogy education. The 2015 season brochure is available at:

http://familytreewebinars.com/pdf/ftwbrochure-7306.pdf?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2015WebinarAnnounce

Upcoming webinars listed at: <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

GeneaWebinars*

Here’s a website that tracks upcoming webinars - these include webinars from Ancestry.com.

<http://blog.geneawebinars.com/>

Family History Library Webinars*

Focus of upcoming webinars is British Research

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Online_Webinars_from_the_British_Isles_Team

Family Tree DNA Webinars*

Upcoming live webinars and 27 archived recordings. Includes sessions on Family Finder, Y-Chromosome and mitochondrial DNA.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/ftdna/webinars/>

History and Genealogy Webinars

Upcoming live sessions including History Library Catalog and Services; Genealogy Program Introduction; Guide to Immigration and Naturalization History Research; “Records Found” Case Studies; and Back-Dated Arrival Records (Ellis Island).

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services’ Historical Research Branch:

<http://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars>

*These webinars are archived and available after the original airdate – either on the website or on YouTube.

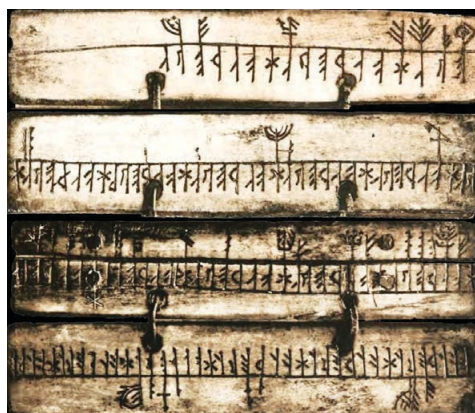
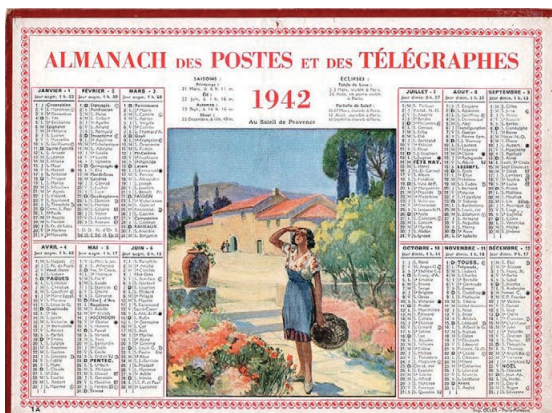
AARP Discount with Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com offers a 30% membership discount to members of AARP. While it’s not obvious at the site, this forum has some suggestions for tracking it down.

<http://ancestryforums.custhelp.com/posts/c4461079b0>



The Aztec calendar stone, Mexico City, Mexico. Source: Rob Young (<http://www.flickr.com/people/76562640@NOO>) from United Kingdom



Left to right: Calendrier des Postes 1942 Au soleil de Provence, author unknown. Four of Six plates on a Sami i.e. Laplander Runic Calendar carved in reindeer horn, 1877, Source: On a Runic Calendar Found in Lapland in 1866. All accessed at Wikimedia Commons.



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DNA	Emily Aulicino	http://gfo.org/intgrp/dna.htm
Family Tree Maker	Laurel Smith and Steve Morgan	http://gfo.org/intgrp/ftm.htm
German	Nanci Remington	http://gfo.org/intgrp/german.htm
Illinois	Kristy Gravlin	http://gfo.org/intgrp/illinois.htm
Irish	Suzanne Lemon and Lenore LeMans	http://gfo.org/intgrp/irish.htm
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Virginia	Judi Scott and Carol Surrency	http://gfovirginiarootsandvines.blogspot.com/
Writers' Forum	Peggy Baldwin and Carol Surrency	http://www.gfo.org/writeforum/index.htm



GFO Stars



Gerry Lenzen

“Gerry’s many years of service to the GFO include a recent term as Director-at-Large, during which he came up with the idea for the annual picnic and continued heading up arrangements for the Fall and Spring Seminars. When recent family duties required volunteers to step in for him, his reputation and skills shone anew, because we all had our memories refreshed as to how much he does for the GFO.”



Connie Lenzen and Leslie Lawson

“Connie and Leslie are long-time members and volunteers who have been exceptionally generous with their time over the last few months. They each led a popular half-day seminar over the summer. They then agreed to work with members on their brick wall problems and turned those problems into presentations for the fall monthly meetings. Their ideas and energy are huge assets for the GFO.”



Volunteer Opportunities

We're recruiting helpers for the following roles:

☞ *Membership Committee*

The helper will assist Marj Enneking in member recruitment and retention. We need a detail-oriented person with data entry experience to help 1–3 hours a week processing membership applications. Please contact Marj Enneking at membership@gfo.org

☞ *Marketing Committee*

Two helpers are needed to assist Karla Nutt, our marketing chair. Karla has great ideas for promoting the GFO and our events, but her time is very limited. If you can lend a hand, please contact Karla at marketing@gfo.org. The GFO and Karla need your help.

☞ *Data CD Production*

We need an experienced Excel user to make web-based CDs of scanned material compilations. Contact Loretta Welsh at dataextraction@gfo.org or leave a message at the reception desk, 503-963-1932.

☞ *Endowment Committee*

The committee that manages the GFO Endowment Fund is seeking one new member for a one-year term. The committee meets only four times a year. Whether your background or interests lie in investing or fundraising, or you just want to help, contact Laurel Smith at president@gfo.org.

And here are more opportunities for you to add your skills to the success of the GFO.

☞ *Book sales - several volunteers*

This is an ongoing project, once a week or once a month but day and time are up to you and may fluctuate. Training is provided, procedural “cheat sheets” are available. Once trained, volunteers may work independently on their own schedule. Basic computer skills are all that is needed. Contact Helen Smith (booksales@gfo.org or 503-963-1932).

☞ *Manuscripts: Volunteer scanners needed!*

Scan personal papers and manuscripts donated over the years, to make these collections available to researchers. Once trained, volunteers can work independently to process an entire collection or choose one step, such as organizing or scanning. Contact Nanci Remington at manuscripts@gfo.org.

☞ *Print shop*

An additional person for backup in the print shop to help print brochures, letters, the *Bulletin*, the *Insider*, etc., when Loretta Welsh and Jim Morrow are not available. Contact Loretta at publisher@gfo.org.

☞ *Research Assistants/Receptionists*

Volunteers are needed to fill critical spots to keep the library open. Some are experienced researchers, some do reception work, some fill both roles. We must have at least two volunteers on duty (minimum — one researcher and one receptionist) for each shift. Options can be one shift per week, every other week, or per month. Shifts are 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. or 1:00–5:00 p.m.. Contact Cathy Lauer at volunteer@gfo.org.

☞ *Book cataloging*

Enter newly donated and already classified books into the new catalog to reduce our huge backlog. We can't share them with our membership until they're in the catalog. We will train you. The perk is being first to see the interesting books coming into the library. You can set your own hours; as little or as much time as you are able to give is a wonderful contribution to the library. Use the computer in the work room, or we can set up your laptop so you can work anywhere in the library. Contact Sarah Holmes: cataloging@gfo.org.

☞ *Data extraction*

If you would like to help with data extraction projects, please contact Loretta Welsh. She is usually at the library on Wednesdays, or leave a message with reception at 503-963-1932 or email dataextraction@gfo.org.

1. *Historic Columbian Cemetery extraction project*

The GFO has been working on the records of the Historic Columbian Cemetery. Proofreaders are needed for the extracted records.

2. *Ongoing data extraction projects*

A number of projects can use help. These require use of Excel or Open Office for the worksheets.

- Work at the GFO on Multnomah County Marriages, books of newspaper clippings, and books of Oregon biographies.
- Work at home from scanned images of Portland birth ledgers, scrapbooks, obituaries, church cards, or newspaper clippings.

3. *Scanning*

We have boxes of items that must be scanned so our volunteers at home can do the data extraction. Scanning is easy and training is provided.



Annual Appeal

The GFO exists to promote, educate, preserve, compile and publish within the genealogical community.

Our future plans for GFO involve you! We are continually adapting and changing our organization to provide you with the best resources and educational opportunities to further your family research. As we evolve, we discover special needs that aren't included in our current budget. Here are some of the items that we would like to acquire through your generosity:

✂ The Manuscript Committee has been diligently processing collections, large and small. As they become familiar with our high-speed scanner, it has become apparent that a more powerful computer is needed to process the digital files, manipulate them, and save them for future use. Approximate cost is \$2,000.00.

✂ The creation of so many of our documents in digital format requires cloud storage and an annual subscription for the large amount of data. Approximate annual cost is \$200.00.

✂ The Collection Management Division is doing great things processing and reclassifying our collection to make it easier for all of us to use, either in the reading room or online. The next step will require more supplies to relabel the books. Approximate cost is \$2,200.00.

✂ Our Velo-Binder machine that is used to bind our publications and items in the collection has finally worn out. We are currently in a lease to purchase a new machine and the cost to buy it is \$6,000.00.

✂ Our computers have been replaced on a regular schedule but the operating system hasn't been updated on all of the machines. Updating them to Windows 7 or higher will give all patrons easy, efficient and reliable access to our databases and the internet. Updating the computers is estimated at \$1,300.00.

✂ A new drop safe for the office is needed to keep our membership checks and other income safe between bank deposits. Approximate cost is \$300.00.

✂ Many of our volunteers have expressed a desire for the installation of a security camera system to enhance safety and security in the library. Estimated cost is \$500.00.

✂ A Flip-Pal scanner for use by our patrons and the Manuscript Committee would be very handy. Jo Lindell donated one, but another one would be very welcome. Approximate cost is \$200.00 including a case and supplies.

We appreciate your continuing confidence in the GFO as demonstrated by your membership and financial support. We hope that you'll consider making a special donation to our organization at this time to help us continue to be a premier resource for your researching success.

Sincerely yours,

Laurel Smith, President

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

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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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

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

Parking at the GFO - New Instructions

There is a new parking situation at the Ford Building. The fenced parking lot on 11th and the “gravel” parking lot on 10th are becoming tenant only/permit parking by mid-October. (These are the striped areas on map below.) Vehicles without a permit will be towed. This applies to business hours during the week, but not to evenings or weekends.

The GFO has laminated permit signs which must be placed in the car’s rear window. The signs will be at the GFO reception desk. We recognize that the process for using these is clumsy and inconvenient.

Please remember we also have G-zone permits, two-hour parking adjoining the building, and that weekends and evenings are not restricted.

A few more notes:

- There are actually three reserved spots in the West 10th Ave lot, which are marked with a red curb; if you

are not from suite #118, please do not park there.

- There is no need for a parking permit if you drive a motorcycle or scooter.
- The on-street parking on SE Division in front of the building is strictly monitored and tow trucks begin removing vehicles weekdays at 4:00 pm SHARP.
- Also, if you must park on any local street, please look carefully at any signage to make certain parking is permitted, and for what length of time.
- Ask about options for long-term parking.
- Please remember if you park in either of the lots off 11th Avenue, that the traffic is one-way headed south as you exit.

We want your every visit to the GFO to be safe, pleasant, and productive. Thank you for your understanding and patience as these changes develop. We will always work to keep you informed when conditions change.





Monthly Program, Meetings, and Interest Groups

All meetings at GFO Library

Create a Blog

Sunday, January 4, 2015, 1–3 p.m.

NEW

Learn how to share your family stories and photos in a blog. Similar to an online magazine, a blog lets you easily post your stories and family images for others to see. We will walk through the steps to create a blog using Blogger, a free program by Google. Come with a name for your blog, a story and a picture and leave with your first post up on the internet. Taught by Nanci Remington.

“Learn and Chat” Wednesday

Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- continuing weekly on Wednesdays.

NEW

Join us to talk about your genealogy questions and help provide support to others. Facilitated by Connie Lenzen.

Photoshop Elements Group

Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 1:30 p.m.–
2:30 p.m. ~ continuing on the second Wednesday
of each month, check the GFO calendar for dates.

NEW

Start the New Year by tackling all those family pictures you took over the holidays, or all those old family photographs. We will learn the basics of Photoshop Elements software to preserve, repair, and present family history. In subsequent meetings we will learn how to scan and organize photographs so they can be presented in your family history documentation, or displayed in your family décor.

At the first meeting we will discuss your goals and what you would like to learn at future meetings. Please let me know of your interest in this group so I can come with a sufficient number of handouts. Taught by Sarah Holmes, cataloging@gfo.org.



Crater Lake in Crater Lake National Park, Oregon, from Rim Village. By WolfmanSF, accessed on Wikimedia Commons.

Hunting and Gathering ~ A Monthly Support Group

Open to Members and Visitors

NEW

Saturday, January 17; 9:30–11:00 a.m. - Continuing monthly on the 3rd Saturday.

Join us for a new monthly support group where we help each other find information about a family line. We will share expertise about resources and search strategies. We can learn to do a reasonably exhaustive search and develop research plans. The focus will shift depending on the needs of the group. Several experienced researchers have volunteered to help. Beginners and intermediate researchers are encouraged to attend and bring specific problems to work on. Free to members. Visitors may request a guest pass at education@gfo.org.

Library Resources ~ Monthly Program

Sat, January 17, 2015, 2pm – 4pm

Laurel Smith will demonstrate all that you can do with our online OPALS catalog. Nanci Remington will join her to talk about other resources available on GFO computers.

Family Tree Maker Group

Sunday, January 18, 2015, 1– 3 p.m. and monthly on third Sunday of each month.

Open to Members and General Public, free.

Whether you are considering a move to Family Tree Maker, just starting to use it, or have been using it for years, beginning in January there is a special interest group focused on Family Tree Maker genealogy software. Facilitated by Laurel Smith and Stephen Morgan. If you have some Family Tree Maker topics you’d like covered, please email Laurel Smith at bearpair@comcast.net, or Stephen Morgan at ceanothus1@comcast.net.

Intro to Genealogy

Saturday, January 31, 2015, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Are you unsure where to begin the process, or do you just want to get started again? Do you need some guidance about what to do next? We can help you jump-start your genealogy! All supplies are furnished. Taught by Keith Pyeatt.



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

Keith Pyeatt

Saturday, February 28, 2015, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

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.

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.

Skill Level: Beginner, Intermediate.

See flyer at front for details and to register.



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Special Interest Groups

British

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

4th Saturdays of Jan, Apr, July, Oct;
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Emily Aulicino
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Family Tree Maker

3rd Sundays except July, Aug, Dec;
1–3 p.m.
Laurel Smith
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Genealogy Books

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

1st Saturdays monthly;
Sept–June; 1–3 p.m.
Nanci Remington
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Illinois and Its Neighbors

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

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

2nd Wednesdays monthly,
Jan–Dec; 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
Sarah Holmes—cataloging@gfo.org

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly,
Sept–June; 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Judi Scott—judiscot@gmail.com
Carol Surrency—lcsurr@gmail.com

Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly
Sept–May; 1–3 p.m.
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January 2015

GFO Calendar

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Library Work Parties ~ every month, all welcome

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

January

Thu 1/1 **New Year's holiday—Library closed, beginning 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31st**

Sat 1/3	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	Virginia Group
	1–3 p.m.	German Group
Sun 1/4	1–3 p.m.	Create a Blog
Mon 1/5		Free to Non-Members
Wed 1/7	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn and Chat
Sat 1/10	9:30–11:30 a.m.	Illinois Group
	11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	Genealogy Book Club
	1–3 p.m.	Writers' Forum
Tues 1/13	6–8 p.m.	Board meeting
Wed 1/14	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn and Chat
	1:30–2:30 p.m.	Photoshop Elements Group
Sat 1/17	9:30–11:30 a.m.	Hunting and Gathering
	12–2 p.m.	Irish Group
	2–4 p.m.	Monthly Program ~ Library Resources
Sat 1/18	1–3 p.m.	Family Tree Maker Group

Wed 1/21	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn and Chat
Sat 1/24	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	DNA Group
	1–3 p.m.	British Group
Wed 1/28	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn and Chat
Sat 1/31	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	Intro to Genealogy

February

Mon 2/2		Free to Non-Members
Wed 2/4	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn and Chat
Sat 2/7	10 a.m.–12 p.m.	Virginia Group
	1–3 p.m.	German Group
Tues 2/10	6–8 p.m.	Board meeting
Wed 2/11	11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Learn and Chat
	1:30–2:30 p.m.	Photoshop Elements Group
Sat 2/14	9:30–11:30 a.m.	Illinois Group
	1–3 p.m.	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
Sat 2/21	9:30–11 a.m.	Hunting and Gathering Information
	2–4 p.m.	Monthly Program ~ TBA
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