



CYNDI INGLE

FALL SEMINAR 2018

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON

INTERNET GENEALOGY

LOCATING RESOURCES ONLINE AND OFFLINE

Saturday, Nov. 3

10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 4

9:30 a.m. – noon

- Ten Resources I Use Every Day
- Advanced Googling for Grandma
- Unappreciated Treasurers: Libraries, Archives & Digital Collections
- Building a Digital Research Plan
- Pin Your Ancestors Down with Google Maps & Google Earth
- Go West, Young Man: Online Resources for the Western U.S.

**SIGN UP FOR ONE DAY
OR BOTH DAYS!**

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Cyndi Ingle is the owner and creator of *Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet*, a categorized index to over 335,000 online resources. Cyndi's List is an award-winning site which helps millions of visitors worldwide. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 37 years, is a past-member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society. She is the author of three books for genealogical research on the Internet titled, *Netting Your Ancestors*, *Cyndi's List*, and *Planting Your Family Tree Online: How To Create Your Own Family History Web Site*.



SATURDAY SEMINAR DETAILS

Location

Milwaukie Center
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive
Milwaukie, Oregon

Time

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Saturday, November 3
Break for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Seminar Features

Book sales from Heritage Quest & the GFO
Raffle with great prizes
Coffee, tea and snacks throughout the day
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 side. Add \$1 for gluten-free bread.

SUNDAY PROGRAM DETAILS

Location

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

Time

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. • Sunday, November 4

– Sunday Event Limited to 50 –

Payment and Refund Details

Register and pay online at www.GFO.org.

– – OR – –

Complete registration form below and mail with your check to: **GFO Fall Seminar, 2505 SE 11th Ave. #B-18, Portland, OR 97202-1061.**

For cancellations received after Oct. 28, 2018, refunds will be subject to a \$10 cancellation fee. Lunches must be ordered by Oct. 31, 2018. **Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after noon on Oct. 31, 2018.**

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. _____			
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SPRING SEMINAR INTERNET GENEALOGY Select one or both sessions	EARLY REGISTRATION By October 8, 2018		REGISTRATION After October 8, 2018		AMOUNT
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member	
	Price	Price	Price	Price	
SATURDAY PROGRAM	\$45	\$50	\$50	\$55	
Lunch from GG's Deli (order/cancel by 4/11)	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	
Add gluten-free bread	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	
Add paper copy of Syllabus	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	
SUNDAY PROGRAM	\$25	\$30	\$30	\$35	
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Don't forget to please link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to GFO!

Do you shop at Fred Meyer and have a Rewards Card? If so, with a couple of easy steps and a few minutes you could [link your Rewards Card](#) number to GFO and automatically generate a donation from Fred Meyer to GFO each time you shop!

Linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to GFO at <https://www.fredmeyer.com/account/communityrewards/enroll> does not diminish or take away from any points or Reward rebate checks you would otherwise receive.

GFO receives automatic donations through Fred Meyer's Community Rewards, which is the corporation's separate donation program. Currently, GFO has 41 members with linked cards participating. Together they generated over \$140 in donations last quarter which came directly to GFO.

Just think of what GFO could receive if 100 members linked their Fred Meyer Rewards Cards and continued to shop as usual: potentially \$300 in donations per quarter, or well over \$1,000 per year! With the many challenges that GFO faces, such donations would be most welcome, with the funds put to good use.



2018 Election Results

The following newly elected GFO Board members were successfully installed at the Annual Meeting on June 16th:

- * **Vince Patton** is GFO's new President.
- * **Geoff Smith** will be the new Secretary.
- * **Anne Wheeler** returns as Director at Large.
- * **Marti Dell** continues on Endowment Committee.

Please help us welcome these new and returning officers. The new term for these officers begins July 1st.

Volunteer Opportunities

The GFO runs on volunteer power, and we could use your help. One benefit of working with project leaders is the chance to learn genealogy at a deeper level.

✎ Bulletin Editor

We're currently in need of a Managing Editor for our quarterly publication, *The Bulletin*. The good news is, we have a substantial stockpile of articles so this will give the next Editor a big leg up when they begin. Please contact bulletin@gfo.org for more information.

✎ Grants Committee

Are you interested in helping create more empowering possibilities for GFO's work? GFO has recently launched a grants committee and we need more help!

We are looking for volunteers to complete targeted research, gather and compile information, help to collaboratively identify potential grant funders to match potential grant projects, and work together as part of team. Do you have any of these skills and are willing to give some of your time? Grant or other technical writing, analysis and research experience and some familiarity with Excel spreadsheet program are a plus but not required.

Have questions, want to chat about it or need more info? Please contact Vince Patton at president@gfo.org.





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Library Hours

Mon, Tues, & Thurs.....9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Wednesday.....9:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday.....9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday.....12 noon–5 p.m.

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Submissions to the *Insider*: Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to LauraDenise White and Ruth Summers, editors, at insider@gfo.org or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932. Provide submissions by the 1st of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.



Successes, Failures, and Reflections

by Laurel Smith, *Outgoing GFO President*

As I look back on my time as president, I feel it has been a period of successes and occasional failures. Reflecting on the last six years, I find the story really begins earlier, in January 2011.

I was first asked to serve on the GFO Board as a director-at-large. Tom O'Brien, serving on the Nominating Committee approached me, and I agreed. While serving in this role, I saw many opportunities for growth and development.

With a move from the Gideon Street location to the Ford Building, the opportunity for outreach and promotion was unmistakable. With some reservations, the board approved my request for a month-long open house where all events and access to the library would be free for everyone. I orchestrated the event in less than four months from my home office. Many volunteer hands helped to pull off the event. All the guest speakers donated their time, and the venture was a rousing success. In the 30 days it ran, GFO gained a great deal of exposure and about 125 new members.

GFO is a wonderful organization. It is strong and resilient. It attracts a variety of volunteers with a wide skill set—and every volunteer has value. But sometimes, even the best organizations can get stuck in a rut. While serving on the board and planning the open house, I witnessed some things that were not working optimally, and I thought I could help. I excel at organization—I can organize the dickens out of most anything. So, when the position of president opened up, I threw my hat in the ring, and probably the only reason I won is because no one ran against me!

Since I became GFO President on July 1, 2012, some of my dreams and visions have been achieved and some have not. It's been at times frustrating and difficult, but more often fun, challenging, and rewarding.

One of the first things I did was to ask for written, monthly director and committee reports. This was and still is crucial, so all GFO's leaders are aware of what the others are doing. Board meetings were restructured, and we began to become a team. Everyone who serves on the board is a huge asset. We get along, we get things done, and there's always a lot of laughter at our meetings.

Early on, the board updated GFO's bylaws. We always planned to get back to working on standing rules. We never did. Something for the future president perhaps.

GFO's library catalog was outdated and wouldn't run on newer computers. Becky Clark was instrumental in researching the (...continued on next page)

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systems available. She recommended the OPen-source Automated Library System (OPALS) catalog which we now use, and she managed the entire migration of our old catalog data. Behind the scenes, the software is manageable by those who are not “real” librarians and catalogers, it is very affordable, and GFO’s entire collection can now be searched by anyone with an Internet connection.

As we prepared to move to the new catalog, it occurred to the Library Committee that our call numbers were not as useful as they might be. Committee members worked for over a year to develop and test an improved system. Since then, many volunteers have put enormous effort into the library re-cataloging project. Steve Turner has worked his way through nearly the entire collection (now totaling about 49,000 holdings) assigning new call numbers to make shelving and finding materials more intuitive. Many volunteers have worked to import proper records for our holdings during the process of putting the new numbers in the catalog. And all the informative new records have images, which is helpful when looking for items.

I don’t know quite how it came about, and I can’t take any credit for it, but I’m exceedingly proud of the work of the manuscripts committee. Nanci Remington came forward to start the committee. She was later joined by LauraDenise White as co-chair. Donated research collections had taken over nearly every working area, storage space, and horizontal surface. There was no room to do anything in what is now the Library Workroom. The area we now use for meetings was lined with file cabinets filled with manuscripts, and boxes were piled on top and in the hallways—and more just kept coming. With Nanci and LauraDenise at the helm, and the help of many other volunteers, nearly all the file cabinets have been emptied and the numbers of boxes are going down instead of up!

Space is always an issue. Trying to maximize our space became the focus of a new Space Planning Committee. Several meetings were held, and on #GivingTuesday 2016 about 45 volunteers came together to reorganize the library. Furniture was moved, shelves were installed, and thousands of books were shifted to new locations. This resulted in, among other things, a larger meeting room, a brighter research area, space for 13 new shelves to house our ever-growing collection, and improved flow throughout the aisles.

Our first #GivingTuesday was such a success, we repeated it in 2017. This time we focused on book labeling. About 50 volunteers showed up to help, and we

got completely caught up—for a moment. Labeling continues to be an ongoing project and, unfortunately, we’ve fallen behind again. More volunteers are always needed—and appreciated!

Putting measures in place to protect the GFO became a focus. We obtained additional insurance and discussed finances at length. This led to the creation of our Board Designated Operating Reserve Fund which has been set aside for emergencies and to keep the organization afloat for a time should funding be an issue. Elizabeth Stepp was instrumental in providing research data and advice to the board. Around the same time, Jane McGarvin led a small group of volunteers in developing a Disaster Plan to provide guidance in the case of unforeseen occurrences—like flooding or earthquakes. Evacuation of patrons and volunteers was a primary focus, and training has been provided to many volunteers.

A new website was ushered in toward the end of 2016 following more than a year of hard work. The new site is an improvement and provides our members and online visitors with more options and functionality. Maggie McNair, Russell Francis, LauraDenise White, and Nanci Remington have done a great job.

One activity I won’t forget was when GFO was contacted by *Who Do You Think You Are*. It was great fun to visit with the producers, engage in research on the family being presented, and play detective to determine the name of the “star”—or as the producers called the individual, “the talent.” Many GFO volunteers worked as a team to be sure the producers wanted to film in our library. Kelsey Grammer was a wonderful guest, and the show’s team was professional and considerate. I would welcome them back anytime!

I’m proud of where the GFO is right now. We have a wonderful board of directors, terrific committee chairs, and a fabulous team of regular volunteers. We have a fairly good financial situation—but that could change in a flash as a result of the new tax laws. Our library looks fabulous and is working well. We have a great online library catalog and a terrific website.

But there are things I never got to and some things left undone. I wish more people knew about GFO . . . that we had a larger membership base . . . that we had more parking, that our rent was not so high . . . and then, there are those standing rules.

And I have some regrets—my failures. Some of the changes I championed have caused a few valuable, long-



time volunteers to resign. I wish they were still with us. I regret losing them because our volunteers are our greatest asset.

I know the GFO is being left in good hands. I have a lot of confidence in Vince Patton and feel his energy, talents, and drive are just what GFO needs to take the organization to the next level.

You will still see me at the GFO. The current library chair, Steve Turner, has asked me to take over for him in that role, and I have agreed to do so. Steve will continue assigning new call numbers, and I will still be begging for catalogers, labelers, and book reviewers.

I hope to be a part of GFO for a long time to come.

Laurel's class injected me with such energy that I dropped all my plans on the spot and attended the 15 remaining Open House classes across the next four days. Naturally, after seeing everything the GFO offered, I kept coming back.

I'd wondered what I'd spend my time doing when I retired after 35 1/2 years in broadcast journalism, most recently at Oregon Public Broadcasting's *Oregon Field Guide*.

Within a year, I was administering GFO's Facebook page. Later, I became a Research Assistant, started marketing through press releases, joined the Grant Committee, and have been spearheading an experiment in advertising our library through rack cards at several Portland visitor centers.

Now, I've been elected President, but how do you follow a dynamo like Laurel Smith?

Fortunately, Laurel and the board have set a stable course, which we need to continue. I'm thrilled that Laurel will remain active in how the library operates.

As I see it, the GFO's biggest challenges are twofold:

- We must delete the word "hidden" from GFO's oft-used "hidden gem" description.
- We must insure our financial stability in the face of ever-rising costs.

Your membership helps pay for all this. Your board of directors and volunteers help insure we meet our researchers' and patrons' needs. I'm excited to work with all of you to keep the GFO vibrant.



Incoming President's Message

From Vince Patton

April 13, 2016 was a fateful day, three times over.

That's the day I learned of a hidden gem called the GFO, the day I attended my first Open House class, and the day I met the energetic instructor of that class, Laurel Smith.

I couldn't believe the Open House offered nearly 40 classes entirely free. That's my favorite price!

That initial Open House class, and Laurel's infectious enthusiasm, changed the direction of my retirement, which had begun just two months earlier.

Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret! July 2018 GenTalk

Looking for a date of birth or death? The date and court of naturalization? Where your ancestor disappeared to, or where he came from? Her political outlook? Even what kind of house she lived in? Voting records may have the answer. These often-overlooked gems can be packed with genealogical information, and you won't believe what they can tell us about our ancestors!

Come hear speaker Pam Vestal for this exciting session. She does genealogical research for clients, has articles published in the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly, and lectures up and down the West Coast.



July 21st – 2 p.m. at GFO
Free and Open to the Public



Dear Randy: "What is the Best Way to Make These Bible Records Known?"

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The URL for this post is:

www.geneamusings.com/2018/04/dear-randy-what-is-best-way-to-make.html

I received this via email from reader Gloria recently:

"I started receiving your blog after I read about it in Roberta Estes' blog and it has prompted 'a question' about the birth and death records that were in my paternal Grandmother's Family Bible ... the first entry is 1828 ... last entry 1895. My son scanned these pages for me before the Bible was given to my oldest cousin. What is the best way to publish or make these records known?"

My response to Gloria via email was this:

1) You need to publish something online, and/or in a published journal, that will stand the test of time. Something that will last, something that Google or other search engines will find when someone searches for one of the names in the Bible records.

Consider:

a) Transcribe the Bible records, word for word, exactly as they are shown on the Bible pages, in a document (word processor, PDF, etc.). Create a source citation for the Bible pages using *Evidence Explained* guide-lines. Explain the provenance of the Bible pages - how did you come to have it?

b) Write a blog post of your own on your own blog. However, that requires creating the blog and writing something more than about the Bible records. Show the Bible page images and present your transcription and source citation. Here is an example blog post (I didn't post images then):



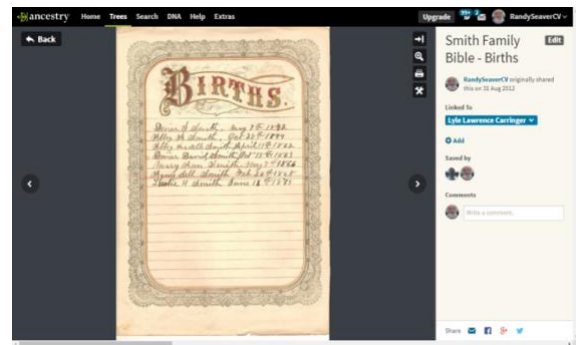
c) Write a guest blog post on some other blog, such as mine, or Roberta's, or someone else's. I'm willing to publish guest blog posts. I have over 5,000 readers every day. The blog post should include images of the Bible pages and a transcription of the records.

d) Write an article, or submit the records, to one of the major genealogy society periodicals - e.g., [National Genealogical Society](#), [New England Historic Genealogical Society](#), a state society, etc. [...or the GFO!]

e) Write an article for the Bible records with the images and transcription, save it as a PDF and upload it to a service like [Scribd.com](#). It's free, searched by Google, etc.

f) For the surnames in the Bible records, and the locations in the Bible records, post an article in the Surname and Locality boards on the Rootsweb Message Boards. Start at <http://boards.rootsweb.com/>. See an example at the Family Bibles message board at http://boards.rootsweb.com/topics.familybibles.bibles/m_b.ashx. These messages can be found by Google searches.

g) Transcribe the Bible records in a document, or with an image, and attach them as a Story for the persons in an Ancestry Member Tree. That means you need to have an Ancestry Member Tree, of course. Here is one of the Bible pages in the profile for my grandfather in one of my Ancestry Member Trees:



h) Transcribe the Bible records and attach the transcription and page images as a Memory or Note for the persons on the Bible pages who are in the [FamilySearch Family Tree](#), on [Geni.com](#), on [WikiTree.com](#), etc. You may have to add as profile to the online tree if there is not one already there.

i) All or some of the above.

2) One of the principles that many of us try to observe is: Lots Of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe (LOCKSS). Doing several of the suggestions above will help.

3) Many of us have records like this in our family record collections. I do. When I die, my heirs may throw all of those records out or donate them to some place where they might languish unseen in an archived box in a repository. Each of us needs to proactively do some or all of the suggestions given above.

4) Perhaps my readers have another idea - let's help Gloria with this in a comment to this blog post or in an email to me that I can pass on to Gloria.



INTEL VOLUNTEER MATCHING PROGRAM



- ⌘ *Do you work for Intel, or are you an Intel retiree?*
- ⌘ *Are you a GFO volunteer, or do you make GFO donations?*

You may be eligible to have your employer match your time or financial donations to GFO's organization. Check out Intel's matching program through Benevity (<https://www.benevity.com/volunteering>).

GFO Hall of Fame 2018

Laurel Smith, Outgoing GFO President

For the last **six years**, GFO has had the wonderful privilege of being led by the ever fearless and remarkably tireless Laurel Smith. Laurel's infectious enthusiasm permeates everything she does for GFO.

She created the Open House, which has become GFO's highest profile event and membership drive, offering up to forty classes across nine straight days.

Under Laurel's leadership, she has succeeded in focusing GFO, both as an organization and its Board operations. Institutional changes include:

- ⌘ Established a Board-Designated Operating Reserve Fund - funds held in case of emergency or for other specified events, enough for essential operations for six months or so.
- ⌘ Established monthly Board Member and Committee Chair reports, in this way established an orderly focus to Board meetings and an efficient way to update all and highlight areas needing attention or discussion.
- ⌘ Worked with the Board to adopt new policies, designed to strengthen GFO's organizational capacity to grow and become more stable. These include a non-discrimination policy, donor-volunteer confidentiality policy, and a diversity and inclusivity statement.
- ⌘ Effectively helped GFO adapt in the face of ongoing changes, including the Ford Building transition from all-free to all-paid-parking, land use issues, volunteer and class scheduling concerns, etc.

Laurel shepherded many projects and efforts designed to raise GFO's profile or modernize GFO's image:

- ⌘ Spearheading the changeover to a new and improved organizational website.

- ⌘ Leading the design and implementation of a new GFO logo, including a new letterhead design.
- ⌘ Encouraging the use of new technology, such as Google and Firespring email aliases, Dropbox, OPALS, etc.



Laurel has also been integral to various significant library projects. Her commitment and leadership have attracted a number of dedicated library volunteers. She understands the importance of refining the library's operations by leading the enormous project of re-numbering the entire collection.

As part of GFO Library Development Committee, Laurel has targeted purchases to strategically broaden and deepen GFO's holdings.

Finally, she's a superb instructor in classes offered at GFO. Laurel's expertise, friendly smile, and her knack for speaking in plain English make her classes a joy to attend. You cannot help but come away having learned something.

Her impact on GFO has been comprehensive and lasting. We are better and grateful for having her serve us.

SATURDAY, JULY 7
9:30 a.m. to noon
FRITZ JUENGLING, PhD, AG



HALF-DAY SEMINAR GERMAN GENEALOGY

MEYER'S GAZETTEER CHURCH & CIVIL RECORDS

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MEYER'S GAZETTEER

Now online, indexed and fully searchable! In this lecture, you will learn the history of the project, and be taken through the site using one town as a case study. You will also learn how other, less well known features can help the researcher with research.

GERMAN CHURCH & CIVIL RECORDS

Learn how to read the old records. This class will detail the strategies that the experts use when reading old records. With a few tricks, some work and perseverance, a person can unlock these old records.

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Dr. Juengling received his Bachelor's degrees in German Studies and Secondary Education at Western Oregon University, his Master's and Doctorate in Germanic Philology with minors in both English and Linguistics at the University of Minnesota. Germanic Philology is highly specialized, combining languages, linguistics, paleography and history. His graduate degrees required competence in English, German, Medieval Latin and two other modern languages. He chose Dutch and Norwegian. He also took courses in Old and Middle High German. He is an Accredited Genealogist® for Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Sweden through the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists, and certified by the *Verband deutschsprachiger Berufsgenealogen*. Dr. Juengling is a Research Consultant at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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 Check/Cash Enclosed PayPal Confirmation No. _____

HALF-DAY SEMINAR with Fritz Juengling 9:30 to noon - July 7 - GFO Library	EARLY REGISTRATION By June 17, 2018		REGISTRATION After June 17, 2018		AMOUNT
	Member Price	Non-Member Price	Member Price	Non-Member Price	
Meyer's Gazetteer German Church & Civil Records	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$30	
Add paper copy of Syllabus	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	
Questions? Contact education@gfo.org or 503-963-1932.					TOTAL



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for the periods ending April 30, 2018 and May 31, 2018.

By Richard Crockett

<u>April 2018 income</u>	<u>\$8,095.81</u>
General Fund donations	1,664.00
OnPoint dividends	0.51
Memberships	2,668.00
Spring Seminar	1,821.00
Workshop	365.00
Half-day seminar	20.00
Boot Camp	20.00
Library	215.90
Research	210.00
Surplus books sales	724.40
AbeBooks	357.00
Divorce indexes	30.00
<u>April 2018 Expenses</u>	<u>\$13,041.33</u>
Administration	570.50
Facilities	449.98
Book purchases	175.59
Newspapers.com database	139.90
Spring Seminar	4,232.56
Printing/mailing/book sales	708.30
Net loss for month	\$4,945.52
Year to date net gain	\$13,017.11
Checking account balance	\$46,697.58

<u>May 2018 Income</u>	<u>\$4,734.82</u>
Annual Appeal donations	100.00
General Fund donations	846.00
Endowment Fund transfer	8,600.00
OnPoint dividends	0.53
Memberships	2,409.00
German half-day seminar	408.00
Boot Camp	40.00
Library income	148.65
Research	171.00
Amazon Smiles	47.96
Fred Meyer commissions	140.68
surplus books sales	59.00
AbeBooks	364.00
<u>May 2018 Expenses</u>	<u>\$5,630.61</u>
Administration	306.94
Facilities	4,208.85
Library	532.88
Gen Talk	75.00
Net loss for month	\$895.79
Year-to-date net gain	\$12,141.32
Checking account balance	\$54,401.26

Giving Wednesday! GFO Labeling Party

August 1st, 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Come help us get caught up with our book labeling on Wednesday, August 1st, from 9:30am - 8pm.

We are renumbering GFO's entire collection of more than 48,000 holdings. But the labeling needs to catch up so you can find the books on our shelves. This is an all hands-on-deck appeal for assistance. In fact, it's so important, we're closing the library for the day to help get this done.

Please save the date and join us!

We'll provide breakfast pastries, coffee, and other beverages, as well as all-you-can-eat pizza for lunch.

Email president@gfo.org if you have questions, or just show up and let the party begin!





GFO's May Star: Mac McGarvin

GFO's jack-of-all-trades has done it again. Mac took it upon himself to build and install more than five hundred new shelves for our books. The existing metal shelves were too shallow and didn't provide adequate support for the size and number of books we store. So he made wooden shelf inserts, custom-cut and assembled to fit over the existing shelves. This instantly gave us deeper shelves. Our books and the GFO are once again in better shape thanks to Mac's vigilant care. Thank you, Mac, for all you do for GFO!



GFO's June Star: Marti Dell

Marti began her tenure at the GFO by volunteering as a Research Assistant some years ago. She drafted her fiancé at the time to do layout for the *Bulletin* and stepped into the role of managing editor when the position opened up. Marti is tireless in answering legal questions for our Board of Directors, she reviews contracts for GFO, serves as GFO's registered agent, is on the Endowment Committee, and she knows just how to get rid of spammers. She's a star in all our books! Thank you, Marti, for all you do for GFO!

Special Interest Groups

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

Please be sure to check GFO's online calendar (<http://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>) for summer schedule changes.

African American

4th Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
Facilitated by Julie Ramos at
African_American@gfo.org.

British Group

4th Saturdays in Jan., Mar., May, Sept.,
1–3 p.m.
Facilitated by Duane Funk at
UK@gfo.org.

DNA Beginners

3rd or 4th Saturday in Feb., May, Aug., &
Nov., 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Emily Aulicino at
DNA_EA@gfo.org.

DNA – Advanced 4th

Saturday in Jan., Apr., July, and Oct.,
9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Emily Aulicino at
DNA_EA@gfo.org.

DNA – Q & A 1st and 3rd

Wednesdays monthly, 1–3 p.m.
Led by Lisa McCullough at
DNA_LM@gfo.org

Family Tree Maker (FTM)

Quarterly (see GFO's calendar) 1–3 p.m.
Led by Laurel Smith at FTM@gfo.org.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

3rd Sundays, 1–3 p.m., Feb., Mar., May,
June, Aug., Sept., Nov., Dec.
Led by Joyce Grant-Worley at
FTM@gfo.org.

French Canada Group

3rd Sundays, 3:30–5 p.m.
(no July or August 2018 meetings)
Led by Bob LaMarche at
FrCan@gfo.org.

Genealogy Problem Solvers

3rd Saturdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Organized by Katy Daly at
GPS@gfo.org.

German Group

1st Saturdays, 1–3 p.m.
Mike Fernandez and Tia Cobb
at German@gfo.org.

Great Lakes Region

2nd Saturdays monthly (except Jul., Aug.,
Dec.), 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Led by Lynn Rossing at
GreatLakes@gfo.org.

Irish Group

3rd Wednesdays Feb., Apr., June, Aug., &
Oct., 6–8 p.m.
Led by Kate Eakman and Tom O'Brien at
Irish@gfo.org.

Italian Group

Quarterly (see GFO's calendar)
Led by Keith Pyeatt at
Italian@gfo.org.

Learn & Chat

1st & 3rd Weds, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Sept.–June only
Jeanne Quan at LearnandChat@gfo.org.

Mexican Ancestry

2nd Fridays, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Led by Vincent Ramirez at
SW@gfo.org.

Virginia Group

1st Saturdays, Sept.–June, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Judi Scott and Carol Surrency at
Virginia@gfo.org

Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays, Sept.–May, 1–3 p.m.
Led by Peggy Baldwin at
Writers@gfo.org.

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GFO Calendar

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Library Work Parties – Every Sunday, 9 a.m.– 12 p.m., All are Welcome!

July

Sun 7/1	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	MSS Work Party
Mon 7/2	9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	Free to Non-Members
Wed 7/4	Library Closed for the Fourth of July	
Sat 7/7	9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.	Half-Day Seminar
	1–3 p.m.	German Group
Sun 7/8	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Library Work Party
Tues 7/10	6:10 p.m.–8:10 p.m.	Board Meeting
Wed 7/11	Library Open until 8 p.m.	
Fri 7/13	11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Mexican Ancestry
Sun 7/15	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Library Work Party
	1–3 p.m.	Family Tree Maker
Wed 7/18	Library Open until 8 p.m.	
Sat 7/21	9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	GPS Group
	2–3 p.m.	GenTalk
Sun 7/22	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Library Work Party
Wed 7/25	Library Open until 8 p.m.	
Sat 7/28	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	DNA Advanced
	12:30–2:30 p.m.	African American

August

Wed 8/1	Giving Wednesday - Labeling Party!	
Sat 8/4	1–3 p.m.	German Group
Sun 8/5	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	MSS Work Party
Mon 8/6	9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.	Free to Non-Members
Wed 8/8	Library Open until 8 p.m.	
Fri 8/10	11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Mexican Ancestry
Sun 8/12	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Library Work Party
Tues 8/14	6 p.m.–8 p.m.	Board Meeting
Wed 8/15	6–8 p.m.	Irish Interest Group
	Library Open until 8 p.m.	
Sat 8/18	9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	GPS Group
	2–3 p.m.	GenTalk
Sun 8/19	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Library Work Party
	1–3 p.m.	FTM Users' Group
Wed 8/22	Library Open until 8 p.m.	
Sat 8/25	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	DNA Beginners'
	12:30–2:30 p.m.	African American
Sun 8/26	9 a.m.–12 p.m.	Library Work Party
Wed 8/29	Library Open until 8 p.m.	