

# Genealogical Forum of Oregon

## Mail-In Ballot — Due May 12, 2014

### 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 12, 2014 to be counted.

### President

Laurel Smith (incumbent)

Write-in Candidate:

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### Secretary (2-year term)

Keith Pyeatt (incumbent)

Write-in Candidate:

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### Director at Large (1 position)

Jane McGarvin

Write-in Candidate:

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### Endowment Committee candidate(s)

Ellie Dir

Write-in Candidate:

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### Candidate Biographies

**Ellie Dir** joined the GFO in spring of 2012 and has been serving on the endowment committee since fall of 2012. She works as a Major Gift Officer at the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation and has twenty years of experience in non-profit fundraising.

**Jane McGarvin** Jane McGarvin joined GFO in 1998 and became a life member in 2004. Jane

attends many seminars and interest group meetings, and she began volunteering as a Research Assistant last summer after retiring from the City of Lake Oswego. She has received training with Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and Family Tree University, and has researched her family history for 20 years. Jane was a charter member of the Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders (serving for 30 years as officer and committee member), and ARMA International, relating to records management, where she served as Newsletter Director for five years. She would like to represent the needs of GFO members and learn more about the organization as a Director at Large.

**Keith Pyeatt**, the current secretary, is an architect, a full-time genealogy enthusiast, and a graduate of Brigham Young University and the University of Colorado, Denver. He is becoming a credentialed genealogist. He conducts original genealogical research in record repositories throughout the United States and has given presentations at a variety of family history events and local genealogical societies.

**Laurel Smith**, a full-time GFO volunteer, joined the GFO in 2006 and is currently serving as the GFO President. Two years ago, Laurel expressed a desire to foster education, increase membership, stimulate volunteerism, and increase public familiarity with the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

Progress has been made, but there is still a long way to go. Laurel would like to have the opportunity to continue working for the good of the GFO and to do her best to accomplish these goals.

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- 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 2014

*The GFO Welcomes*

**Warren Bittner, CG<sup>SM</sup>**

F. Warren Bittner, CG<sup>SM</sup>, is a genealogical researcher and lecturer, with thirty years of research experience. He holds an M.S. in history from Utah State University, and a B.S. in Business from Brigham Young University. His master's thesis looked at the social factors affecting illegitimacy in nineteenth century Bavaria. He is the owner of Ancestors Lost and Found, a small genealogical research firm. For six years he was the German Collection Manager for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, where he coordinated contracts to microfilm and index records at 102 archives in seven countries and where he planned the German book acquisitions and internet publications. Before that he worked for four years in the extraction unit of the Family History Library, where he was coordinator of third-party indexing projects and where he developed and trained volunteers in Spanish indexing projects. He has also worked as a Reference Consultant at the Family History Library on both the U.S. and International reference counters. He has done research in more than fifty German archives and in more than forty U.S. archives and record repositories.



Saturday

17 May 2014

9 am - 4 pm

Milwaukie Elks

### **Topics:**

- German Historical Maps and Territories: You Can't Do Research Without Them
- Introduction to German Church Books
- German Marriage Laws and Customs
- Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant

### *Seminar Features:*

- Nationally Known Speaker
- Genealogical Treasures Drawing
- Book Vendor
- GFO Surplus Book Sale

# Genealogical Forum of Oregon Spring 2014 Seminar



Gerardus Mercator's map of Europe  
(printed in 1596)

## Event Schedule

8:00 am	Registration opens
9:00 am	Opening remarks
9:15 am	Session 1
10:15 am	Break
10:45 am	Session 2
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Announcements
1:30 pm	Session 3
2:30 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Session 4
4:00 pm	Program ends

## German Historical Maps and Territories: You Can't Do Research Without Them

Learn about the historical boundary changes in Germany and how to find the records for various regions.

## Introduction to German Church Books

Learn the basic layout of Catholic and Protestant Records. See examples of baptismal, marriage, death, and confirmation entries. Learn to recognize the essential information.

## German Marriage Laws and Customs

Learn how German marriage laws changed 1500–1900, about tight marriage restrictions, and about marriage customs.

## Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant

See how the how the principle of "Reasonably Exhaustive Research" is used to find a "brick wall" immigrant family despite repeated dead ends and misleading clues.

For information on this class, send email to [info@gfo.org](mailto:info@gfo.org)

## Seminar Site

**Milwaukie Elks**  
**13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd.**  
**Milwaukie, Oregon**

Situated on the west side of McLoughlin Blvd., Oregon Hwy 99E, 1/2 mile south of the town of Milwaukie.

Located between SE Park Avenue (traffic light to the north) and the Bomber (restaurant to the south). Look for the Milwaukie Elks Lodge sign.

## Lunch

**No lunch available for those registering after 10 May 2014**

Buffet lunch in the Elks dining room with payment of \$11 includes pot roast, baby red potatoes, and salads. Coffee, hot tea, and cold drinks are included.

## Breaks

Snacks and drinks are included with admission and are available during the breaks.

## Refund Policy

For cancellations received after 10 May 2014, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10.00 cancellation fee. Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after 10 May 2014.

## Warren Bittner Spring Seminar ~ Sign-Up Form ~ 17 May 2014

Members: \_\_\_ \$43 received by 5/10/14 \_\_\_ \$48 received after 5/10/14 \_\_\_ \$53 at the door

Non-Members: \_\_\_ \$48 received by 5/10/14 \_\_\_ \$53 received after 5/10/14 \_\_\_ \$58 at the door

Lunch \_\_\_ \$11 must be received by 5/10/14

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Payment enclosed  Paid online at [PayPal.com](http://PayPal.com) using the email address [payments@gfo.org](mailto: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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# The Forum Insider

Newsletter of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Volume 25, Number 7

April 2014

## PLEASE VOTE

Attached to the newsletter is a ballot for election of officers. Your vote is important. Please fill in your ballot and mail it or drop it off at the GFO by May 12, 2014.



*National Archives and Record Administration*



## Donations for the Treasures Raffle

As we take registrations for our upcoming Spring Seminar, we would like to ask you to search your closet or desk for a gently used item that we can raffle at the seminar.

Suggestions include genealogically related books, household decorations, carry bags, and computer items. Leave the item(s) at the library reception desk with a note that it's a seminar treasures donation.

Tickets are sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and are placed in separate paper sacks for each prize so you win only something you want. Thank you.

## Annual Appeal Donors

Thanks to everyone for donating \$11,980.84 through March 5, 2014. We appreciate your support of the GFO's many activities and mission.

### *Heritage Level, \$1,000 and up*

Anonymous - 1

### *Sustaining Level, \$100 - \$249*

Anonymous - 1

Elaine Davis  
Carolyn Fisher  
Susan Nelson  
Barb Pace

### *Supporting Level, \$50 - \$99*

Anonymous - 1  
George T. Brown  
Marilyn Gatto  
Margaret Jane McCleary

### *Patron Level, up to \$49*

Anonymous - 1  
Ray Ashmun  
Jack McConnell (2012-13)



*Kalmiopsis fragrans*  
Paula Brooks,  
U.S. Forest Service

## ⌘ Membership Dues Change ⌘

Dues will increase by \$1 per member, per year, on July 1, 2014. For current rates and an application go to <http://www.gfo.org/membership/form701.pdf> or visit the GFO library.

GFO membership fees are 100% tax deductible in keeping with our 501(c)(3) nonprofit education status. Make a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust and you may also be eligible for an Oregon tax credit. [www.culturaltrust.org](http://www.culturaltrust.org).



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### Free Monthly Program

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

### Library Hours

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

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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](mailto: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. Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

## Spring Seminar

**German Research**  
— *F. Warren Bittner, CG<sup>SM</sup>*

Saturday, May 17, 2014  
9 am–4 pm  
Milwaukie Elks  
See flyer (attached) or go to  
<http://www.gfo.org/seminar/warren-bittner.pdf>

## Monthly Program

Program is held at the GFO Library and is free and open to the public.  
[http://www.gfo.org/month\\_meet.htm](http://www.gfo.org/month_meet.htm)

**Southern Families During the Revolutionary War**  
— *Carol Surrency*

Saturday, April 19, 2014  
2 pm – 4 pm

Do you have ancestors who fought Revolutionary War battles in the South? It was very different from the northern battles. Sometimes referred to as a civil war, it involved colonists fighting each other, rather than the British. Carol

will present background information about this period in history and talk about the impact on her ancestors. Plus, she will share what she learned during a recent trip to some of the battlefields.

## Half-day Seminar

**Doing On-site Research - Going There, Walking Their Ground... and**

**Keeper of the Stones: Online Cemeteries and More**  
— *Leslie Brinkley Lawson*

Saturday, June 28

Have you dreamed of going “there” and doing some on-site research? This presentation covers the necessary preparation before going, what items to take with you, and what to do when you get there.

The second presentation will cover cemetery databases and how they can help you discover those wonderful nuggets that extend your family tree. Each cemetery database has its strengths; we’ll discuss how to use each one as effectively as possible.



## Free Research Webinars - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

The Historical Research Branch is hosting a series of free webinars March–May 2014. Some seminars repeat. Details at <http://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars>

- Apr 3 & May 1 History Library Catalog and Services
- Apr 10 & May 8 Genealogy Program Introduction
- Apr 24 Guide to Immigration & Naturalization History Research
- May 27 “Records Found” Case Studies

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## 2013 Membership Survey Results

Many thanks to the 98 members who returned their 2013 Membership Survey. A few highlights are: the Library has some or high value to 96% of the respondents; the *Bulletin* and *Insider* - 88%, Ancestry/Fold3/Newspapers.com database access - 61%, research assistance in the Library - 75%, home computer access/email - 89%. The holdings accessed during visits are, not surprisingly, the book collection followed by online database use and the city directories. It appears that our hours of operation meet most respondent's needs. The largest return was made in the 65-75 age bracket with an equal amount in the ages below and above. We are encouraged by the value you place on volunteer opportunities available with the GFO and the networking with fellow researchers provided during our events.

A few surprises were the average of 13 miles from the library, visits were most often 1-2 times a week or 1-2 times a year, the lower values that were assigned to the monthly programs, evening hours and use of our holdings beyond the books, directories and online databases.

The many suggestions for class topics and other services will be shared with our Education committee, the Bulletin Editorial Group, our *Insider* Editor and used by the Board in making future decisions. Thank you for participating

Jeanette Hopkins, GFO Vice President

### Winner Announced

Donna Anessi is the winner of a one year e-membership. Congratulations!

Benefits and Services	Didn't know about	Don't use/No value	Limited value	Some value	High value	Responses
GFO Library	0	2	2	19	67	90
<i>Insider</i> (8 issues/year)	2	1	6	33	49	91
Research assistance	1	3	5	28	45	83
<i>Bulletin</i> (quarterly)	1	0	12	30	50	93
Weekend hours	1	7	8	21	42	79
Seminars with national speakers	1	11	6	26	39	83
GFO website	3	6	13	23	38	83
Ancestry.com	1	15	6	19	44	85
Networking	4	18	7	14	35	78
Half-day seminars	0	13	11	24	31	79
Other classes and workshops	0	12	8	30	23	73
Newspapers.com	13	14	8	19	25	79
Special Interest Groups	0	17	6	23	27	73
Volunteer opportunities	1	15	12	15	25	68
Monthly programs	1	17	11	25	24	78
Fold3.com	14	17	7	21	19	78
Social activities	3	20	21	17	14	75
Evening hours	2	34	11	16	14	77

### Library holdings used

Books (in general)	79
Online databases	56
City directories	53
Microfilm/fiche	37
New books	30
Rare books	27
Vertical files	22
Maps	21
Cemetery files	21
Early settler charts	20
NW schools yearbooks	16
Member charts	15
Scanner	8
Spencer Leonard Collection	8
CDs	7
Manuscripts	7
Audio tapes	6

### Number of visits

Less than 1X/week	6
1X/week	9
1-2X/month	32
1-2X/year	32
Never	9

### When likely to attend meetings, classes and events

Time/Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
8 am-12 pm	22	24	21	23	25	21	42
12 pm-5 pm	36	23	25	23	25	21	53
5-8 pm	7	10	13	12	11	8	10

Not every question was answered by each respondent. Results are sorted by relative value, high to low.



### GFO Stars

**Nanci Remington**  
(selected January 2014)

**Helen Smith and Barb Schrag**  
(selected February 2014)



Nanci always goes the extra mile for the GFO - chairing the Education and Manuscript committees, serving on several more, providing training for the RAs, and most recently, being instrumental in planning the Open House.



Helen and Barb have really embraced the book sales project, bringing in additional income on a regular basis and clearing more space in the workroom. They should both be recognized for their efforts and hard work.

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

#### ☞ *Membership Chair*

This crucial role focuses on member recruitment and retention. A committee is in place to process memberships and mailings, and a volunteer to do data entry is being sought. Contact Laurel Smith at [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org).

#### ☞ *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](mailto:president@gfo.org).

#### ☞ *Photographer with a color printer*

This position requires a fairly flexible schedule. You would photograph each receptionist/research assistant and print name tags and signs that are used for identification. There's some 'catch-up' work. Contact Cathy Lauer at [volunteer@gfo.org](mailto:volunteer@gfo.org).

#### ☞ *Writer for the In Memoriam column*

We are looking for someone to submit short obituaries of GFO members to our *Bulletin* editor to be included in the "In Memoriam" column. The information is supplied by other sources and/or persons. Your responsibility is to write a paragraph about the deceased member. The *Bulletin* is published quarterly. Please contact the editor at [Bulletin@gfo.org](mailto:Bulletin@gfo.org).

#### ☞ *Data entry*

Need 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](mailto:membership@gfo.org).

#### ☞ *Book sales - many 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 ([book-sales@gfo.org](mailto:book-sales@gfo.org) or 503-963-1932).

#### ☞ *Manuscripts*

Organize, create finding aids, and 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 these 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 am–1:00 pm or 1:00–5:00 pm. Contact Cathy Lauer at volunteer@gfo.org.

∞ **Research requests - additional volunteer**

- Help fulfill research requests. This is an important source of income for the GFO. Most requests come from people viewing our online indexes, and from those requesting copies of pages from the books in our collection.
- A backup person is needed to scan microfilms of the Donation Land Claims and print, email, or create a CD from the scans. Training provided.

Please contact Loretta Welsh at research@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 either 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.

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## Financial Report - January 2014

January was the month of donations. We had a total of \$10,463: \$9,640 in the Annual Appeal, \$374 to the Endowment Fund and \$449 to the General Fund. We received \$30 for an ad for the *Bulletin*. The Investment accounts increased by \$895.63. Membership income was \$4540; \$500 for a Life membership final payment and \$4040 for annual. We had \$245 for the Allan half-day seminar and \$108 for the Warren Bittner Spring seminar. Reading Room income was \$286.76 (\$147 in guest fees and five parking passes). Sales income was \$320.56 (\$68.56 from Amazon, \$51 in publications, \$45 in research and \$156 in used book sales). We also had \$225.97 from the State of Oregon that was "unclaimed funds." Total income for the month was \$16,240.92.

Expenses included the normal \$3500 for rent, banking fees, state filing fee (\$50), postage, printing, and mailing the *Bulletin*, and printing the *Insider*. We paid the first year for the OPALS library automation system support and updates (hosting and setup included), a total of \$300. Expenses for the month came to \$4,690.80. Net income was \$11,550.12.

The profit for the fiscal year stands at \$680.21.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Crockett, Treasurer

## GFO Open House February 6-15, 2014

The GFO held a ten-day slate of meetings and activities in February and only lost one day to the snow and ice. The events were free and open to members and the public, and many saw large crowds. We welcomed many new folks and gained some new members.

On opening day, the weather forced the 'Ask the Experts' volunteers to provide their consultations and advice via telephone and email. Reports indicate those with questions received far more than twenty minutes of help from Leslie Lawson and her team of experts.

DNA Day was postponed for a week, but that didn't seem to impact the turnout. We were almost at capacity to learn about DNA Basics, Autosomal DNA, FTDNA, 23andme, Ancestry and GEDmatch. Emily Aulicino's new book was also a big hit with attendees. If you are interested in this new area of genealogical inquiry, be sure to mark your calendar now for the next DNA special interest group meeting on April 26th at 10 am in the GFO library.



Tuesday focused on records: courthouse, census, immigration, naturalization, and cemetery, with Keith and Darlene Pyeatt showing us some of the best ways to make use of these valuable resources.

Online databases were explored on Wednesday: Nanci Remington helped us with FamilySearch; Sue LeBlanc shared the variety of records now available on Fold3; Darlene Pyeatt was back to delve into Ancestry.com and the many online newspaper sites; and our webmaster, Larry Sullivan wowed us with the amazing records available on the GFO website.

Software for managing family trees was Thursday's menu: Many individuals, using different software programs, were available to show attendees what the programs they use will (or won't) do. Nanci Remington

was back to explore the use of online family trees, and Laurel Smith gave a brief introduction to the use of spreadsheet software for DNA analysis.

Friday came home to Oregon with Connie Lenzen and 'Gone to See the Elephant', a tour of the Oregon Trail Collection, and Oregon Trail research. Brian Johnson, from the Portland City Archives discussed records to be found there. Glen Jones represented Sons and Daughters of the Oregon Pioneers, and Nanci Remington discussed the GFO collection of Oregon Donation Land Claim microfilms. And we celebrated Oregon's 155th birthday with cake!

On the closing day, Keith Pyeatt helped beginners get started with 'Introduction to Genealogy' and special guest, Karen Wallace Steely delighted us with 'Bounders, Bigamists and Grass Widows.'

This program would not have been possible without the contributions of the speakers, volunteers and the support of members and visitors.

Thanks to all our speakers: Emily Aulicino, Brian Johnson, Glen Jones, Leslie Lawson and her team, Susan LeBlanc, Connie Lenzen, Lisa McCullough, Keith and Darlene Pyeatt, Nanci Remington, Laurel Smith, Larry Sullivan, Karen Wallace Steely, and the many GFO volunteers

who welcomed guests and guided participants through research issues.

For this occasion, hundreds of surplus books were offered for members and visitors, with members receiving a 10-percent discount. Attendees also enjoyed special sale events announced randomly throughout the week. Somewhere between 200 and 300 books were sold for a total of \$1,600.05!

Thanks also to the committee who pulled the program together and the volunteers who helped with preparation and clean up, and especially to Judith Leppert, who kept us hydrated and alert with coffee and tea, and delighted our taste buds with her fabulous pumpkin bread that was a huge hit during the breaks.

*Photo: Emily Aulicino, speaker. By Laurel Smith*



**Interest Group Meeting Times and Contacts**

All meetings at GFO Library

**DNA Group**

April 26, 10 am–12 pm

**Family Tree Maker Group**

April 13, 1–3 pm

We're meeting one week early this month because Easter falls on our regular meeting day.

If you have FTM on your laptop or iPad, you are encouraged to bring it with you. Stephen will discuss the Media workspace and we'll share tips and tricks we've all learned in using Media in FTM. Questions: Laurel at [bearpair@comcast.net](mailto:bearpair@comcast.net) or Stephen at [ceanothus1@comcast.net](mailto:ceanothus1@comcast.net)

**Genealogy Book Group**

May 10, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

The group will be reading:

*Skookum: An Oregon Pioneer Family's History and Lore*, by Shannon Applegate.

July 12, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

*Unwise Passions: A True Story of a Remarkable Woman - and the First Great Scandal of Eighteenth-Century America*, by Russell Shorto

**German Group**

April 5, 1–3 pm

**Illinois Group**

April 12, 9:30 am–11:30 pm

**Virginia Interest Group**

April 5, 10 am–12 pm

**Research Strategies – Tracking Your Families**

Fast, accurate, and efficient research, is essential in compiling your genealogy. Research strategies ensure a well-organized, thorough, documented family history. Look for the least expensive way to obtain the information you need. Determine what you can do at no cost first, and then select which records you want to obtain. Presented by Sue LeBlanc.

**Writers' Forum**

April 12, 1–3pm

The GFO Writers' Forum will celebrate 10 years as a SIG by having a party at our meeting. We welcome all of you who have participated in the Writers' Forum anytime in its 10 year history. Bring finger food to share and something you have written to read aloud. This group has made a difference in how our members share their genealogy with others and this is our chance to celebrate that. Hope to see you there! Peggy Baldwin and Carol Surrency.

**British**

4th Saturdays of Sep, Jan, Mar, May; 1–3 pm

Lyleth Winther  
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**Computer**

3rd Saturdays of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct; 10 am–12 pm

Daphne Garrison  
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**DNA**

4th Saturdays of Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct; 10 am–12 pm

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**Family Tree Maker**

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**April 2014**

GFO Calendar

*April*

Sat 4/5 10 am Virginia Group  
 1 pm German Group

Mon 4/7 **Free to non-Members**

Tues 4/8 6:10 pm Board meeting

Sat 4/12 9.30 am Illinois Group  
 1 pm Writers' Forum

Sat 4/13 1 pm Family Tree Maker Group

Sat 4/19 2 pm **Monthly Program:  
 Revolutionary War in the South**

Sat 4/20 **Holiday—Easter  
 Library Closed**

Sat 4/26 10 am DNA Group

*May*

Sat 5/3 10 am Virginia Group  
 1 pm German Group

Mon 5/5 **Free to non-Members**

Sat 5/10 9.30 am Illinois Group  
 11:45 am Genealogy Book Group  
 1 pm Writers' Forum

Tues 5/13 6:10 pm Board meeting

Sat 5/17 9 am–4 pm **Spring Seminar: Warren Bittner,  
 Focus on German Research  
 Library closed**

Sun 5/18 1 pm Family Tree Maker Group

Sat 5/24 1 pm British Group

Mon 5/26 **Holiday—Memorial Day  
 Library Closed**

*June*

Mon 6/2 **Free to non-Members**

Sat 6/7 10 am Virginia Group  
 1 pm German Group

Tues 6/10 6:10 pm Board meeting

Sun 6/15 1 pm Family Tree Maker Group

Sat 6/21 2 pm **Monthly Program: Volunteer  
 Appreciation and Peggy Baldwin  
 — Mobile Genealogy**

Sat 6/28 12 pm **Half-day Seminar: Leslie Lawson,  
 On-site research, online  
 cemeteries, more**

Are you planning to attend the Genealogical Council of Oregon (GCO) Conference in Eugene on August 2, 2014? The GFO will have a table reserved to advertise our organization and we need to have people who can help for an hour or two during the day. If you can help, contact Cathy, [volunteer@gfo.org](mailto:volunteer@gfo.org).