PMUG College Focuses on Apple Operating Systems

PMUG College returns April 10th at 6 p.m. at the GFO Library.
This month's Portland Mac Users Group lessons will examine 10 crucial questions about the Mac High Sierra and Mojave operating systems.

These classes are free for all GFO and PMUG members. Tell your friends! To register please call 503-228-1779 or email: college@pmug.org.

GFO’s February 2019 Stars
Trysta Notestine and Emily Mercer
Aspiring Archivists at GFO

The newest GFO Stars are interns who have been working with the Manuscripts Committee this past year.

Trysta came to GFO in 2016 and helped complete the processing of our Jesuale Special Collection (preview available here: https://bit.ly/2Smq0VC). Over the last few months, she developed a policy and procedures guide for GFO’s found-artifacts, which was adopted by the board last month.

Emily came to GFO last summer. She completed digitizing the recently donated Stiles Collection and helped with other special projects.

Both Trysta and Emily represented GFO at the October 5th Oregon Historical Society Affiliates Summit. They also spearheaded GFO’s participation at this year’s Oregon Archives Crawl. We are so lucky to have their expertise and endless enthusiasm in bolstering GFO’s visibility and professionalism among our local and state-wide history and research repositories.

GFO’s March 2019 Star
Anne Wheeler

Anne is a dedicated, regular Sunday volunteer who usually beats everyone else into the library. Among other things she is a pro at locating misplaced books, earning her the name of “Finder of Lost Things.”

Amazingly, she has volunteered at the library every Sunday but one for over three years. Anne is always willing to help where needed and even stepped up to serve as Director at Large when asked. She has also served on the Disaster Preparedness and Grants Committees. We are pleased to present her with this honor for her long and distinguished service at the GFO.

GFO Hall of Fame Nominations Needed by May 1st

Please be sure to send your nominations to secretary@gfo.org before May 1st. The Hall of Fame Award is our way of honoring GFO members who have performed outstanding service to the Forum.

The award is limited to one person per year, except in the case where a pair of members has worked together or if the Board waives the limitation. A nomination may be made by any Forum member and the recipient will be selected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The recipient must have a well-documented history of service, leadership, and accomplishment in more than one facet of the Forum over a significant period of time. Please include examples of how this nominee fulfilled all three categories.
A Message from the President: Please Vote!

The GFO is your organization. Please vote! You will be receiving a ballot by direct email from the GFO.

We have four fine candidates for Vice-President, Treasurer, Director at Large, and the Endowment Committee. Plus, we’re fine-tuning our Bylaws.

While we don’t have any contested positions, we need GFO Members to vote on the Bylaws. They’re too lengthy to include here. This means you must read them online.)

The changes include: housekeeping measures to make them clearer, making sure they include what we’ve done for many years, and three substantive changes.

An important note: We’re suggesting changes to protect and improve the GFO at a time when the Board of Directors works very well together, not because any problems prompt this.

Some paragraph numbering was off; we’re fixing that. Some things have been combined, others separated. We more clearly define the Officers and Directors on the Board, and better explain who must serve on the Board. We changed “Forum” to “GFO” and made consistent how we capitalize and use numbers and dates. None of these alter how we’ve been doing things.

The three substantial changes we propose are:

ARTICLE V explains that a majority of the board may remove a director.

ARTICLE VI explains that if we cannot recruit a nominating committee, then board members may recruit but not nominate candidates.

ARTICLE VIII gives committee chairs a formal role with respect to the Board of Directors. This has been the practice and we felt it was time to formalize it.

Please read the full proposal of Bylaws revisions on our website at gfo.org/bylaws2019. [continued on page 3]
I cannot let this opportunity pass to offer profound thanks to the three board members who are stepping down on June 30th. Treasurer Richard Crocket has handled our finances for six years. We are extremely grateful for his dedication and generosity. Vice President Sharyle Kingston and Director at Large Bonnie Randolph have also given us generous amounts of their time on the board for which we thank them profusely. We hope all three of these Board members will continue in other volunteer roles.

Please remember, GFO is all-volunteer. To keep this non-profit thriving, we need your support. This month, that means taking a few minutes to vote.

If you are an active GFO member, please return your ballot by May 6th at 8 p.m.

Thank you,
Vince Patton
President

New Books at GFO

Here are the newest acquisitions at the GFO. Some were purchased, some donated, and some acquired free for postage. Come on by to see if any of them can answer your burning genealogy questions.


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Church and Civil Records of Amsterdam before 1811. Salt Lake City, Corp. of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1978.

- (GFO Library call number 949.2 Amf How-To Reco 1978)


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- (GFO Library call number 974.80 Nat 1740-1773)


- (GFO Library call number 975.45 KandQ CompRec 1700-1800)

North Carolina Wills and Inventories, copied from original and recorded wills and inventories in the office of the Secretary of State. Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co, 1967.

- (GFO Library call number 975.60 Court Ext)

History of the German settlements and of the Lutheran Church in North and South Carolina, from the earliest period of the colonization of the Dutch, German, and Swiss settlers to the close of the first half of the present [continued on page 4]
Boot Camp Success Story

Sarah Holmes

In about 1985, I started looking for information about my father. I knew a lot about him from the time he married my mother (second marriage for them both), but I did not know anything about his growing-up years.

The search for information led me to a first cousin who had married a genealogist who worked at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. She shared her family tree, but it had very few sources recorded. Her husband had passed. I asked her if she could share his research and source information. Her comment: "Oh, I threw all that away."

However, I was able to do several "tests" on the family tree she had provided, and found it to be fairly competent, so I focused on things I didn't know. For some of those "tests" I started with U.S. Census records. And yes, dates, locations, parents, and so on were all correct. Eventually, I moved on to other things and never really mined those records for any additional nuggets of information.

In about 1998, I received a picture of my father as a young man, standing in front of his father's livery stable in Kansas.

No one in the family seemed to know where the livery stable had been located. An elderly aunt at first said "Pretty Prairie," but then later she said she didn't know. Pretty Prairie is located in Reno County, Kansas.

I contacted the Reno County Historical Society and the Kingman County Historical Society (another possibility) with no success. When visiting Kansas, I even talked to several old timers. A cousin and I looked at old buildings in Pretty Prairie. I wrote letters and included a copy of the picture. Still no success.

Recently, while I was attending GFO’s Genealogy Boot Camp, I was following along with instructor Laurel Smith’s suggestions for searching Ancestry.com more [continued on page 5]
efficiently. I entered my father’s name in the search parameters, and I found him in the 1910 census, which I already had noted on my family tree.

Earlier in the session, Laurel had stressed the importance of looking at the entirety of each image gathered during our family history research. She explained we should be careful to process all the available information contained in any historical document—not skipping any information. Something I would routinely do now, but not something I had done with the data I’d gathered from my cousin.

Sitting in class, I did this on the image on my screen. There was a clue I had never noticed!

My grandfather John Phillip Cook lived in Albion Township (within which is Pretty Prairie) and was listed as the proprietor of a "Livery Barn." All these years I’ve had the information and didn’t know it.

I am now trying to find out from the Reno County Historical Society if there is a city directory that might tell me exactly where the livery barn was located. But I now know it really was in Pretty Prairie.

Lessons learned: Pay attention to every little piece of information when you look at a record, and if you are stuck, go back and look at information you already have.

Find A Grave to the Rescue!

Marilyn Essary Buergel

Last October, I checked Find A Grave’s website to see if there was an online memorial for my parents before I went back to my hometown of Sacramento, California, for a reunion. I found my dad’s memorial with a picture of his marker. I could not find my mother, however, and her marker should have been right next to my dad’s.

When I went to the reunion, I visited the cemetery. Still, I found no marker for my mother, who died in 1999.

I couldn’t talk to anyone at the cemetery because I was there on a Sunday. I remembered that our family had paid for a marker and the installation—but my brother had kept none of the paperwork. I called the cemetery as soon as I could.

Indeed, they had never installed a marker for my mother. I trusted that they had, and never checked because life was always so busy.

The cemetery has records showing the marker had been purchased but was never installed. They did a thorough search for the marker and could not find it. While the cemetery agreed this was their responsibility, the marker is still not placed. The people were very apologetic and kind.

I’m on this now. I’ve made five calls, and, in fact, they called me back as I was writing this. The marker was ordered and proofed in December, with a schedule to be shipped by the end of January. I have a cousin there who was able to confirm the headstone was placed on January 22nd.

All this to say, Find A Grave’s website is helpful even from far away!

From Sweden to Oregon

The Immigrant of Experience 1850 - 1950

By 1930, one in ten immigrants in Oregon could boast of pure Swedish heritage. Come learn all about the Swedish journey to the Oregon Territory at this exciting exhibit at the Nordia House, 8800 SW Oleson Road, Portland, Oregon 97223.

From Sweden to Oregon is an exhibition that follows Swedish immigrants to Oregon and reveals what became of their lives, hopes, and dreams.

Complemented by a series of public events and programs, the exhibit runs April 12th through July 8th and was curated by Swedish Roots in Oregon. Find out more at their website: https://bit.ly/2TnhkCX.
Genealogy research isn't just about finding the answer, it's also about communicating the answer to others. From writing a book or assembling a photo album with stories, Adobe InDesign® can help make the design of your project more professional. InDy gives you excellent control of typography, page design, and book organization. It also has dynamic tools like indexing, cross-referencing, and table of contents. Begin to learn the basics of this powerful program in this special, two-hour GenTalk.

If you own InDesign, please bring your laptop with the program loaded. Otherwise, you may follow along with the demonstration.

Jay Fraser, a professional graphic designer, volunteered in 2014 to put his expertise to work for the GFO as the Layout Editor for the GFO Bulletin. Adobe InDesign® is one of the programs with which he has considerable knowledge and experience, and during this GenTalk he will share some of that knowledge with us.
Treasurer’s Report
By Richard Crockett

January 2019 Income $26,526.35
Contributions & Investments $20,662.45
Memberships $3,528.00
Seminars & Other Programs $1,248.00
Library & Research $410.65
Surplus Books & Publications $677.25

February 2019 Income $12,075.06
Donations $626.46
Memberships $2,211.00
Seminars $1,587.00
Library & Research $350.90
Commissions & Investments $7,033.19

January 2019 Expenses $7,822.64
Administration $595.96
Marketing $1,024.72
Facilities $4,313.83
Library $1,888.13

February 2019 Expenses $6,686.82
Administration $567.27
Marketing $1,287.76
Facilities $4,313.85
Library $517.94

January 2019 Net Gain $18,703.71
Year-to-Date Net Gain $23,034.02
Checking Account Balance $69,154.85

February 2019 Net Loss $5,388.24
Year-to-Date Net Gain $28,421.26
Checking Account Balance $66,331.68

For questions, email Treasurer@gfo.org.

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

African American
3rd Saturdays, 12–2:30 p.m.
Led by Janice Sellers.
African_American@gfo.org

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

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

DNA – Advanced
4th Saturday in Jan., Apr., July, and Oct., 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Emily Aulicino.
DNA_EA@gfo.org

DNA – Q & A
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Sept.–June, 1–3 p.m.
Led by Lisa McCullough.
DNA_LM@gfo.org

Beginning Family Tree Maker
Quarterly (see GFO’s calendar) 1–3 p.m.
Led by Laurel Smith.
FTM@gfo.org

Family Tree Maker Users’ Group
Led by Joyce Grant-Worley.
FTM@gfo.org

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

Genealogy Problem Solvers
3rd Saturdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Led by Katie Daly.
GPS@gfo.org

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

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

Irish Group
3rd Wednesdays Feb., Apr., June, Aug., & Oct., 6–8 p.m.
Led by Karen Hubbard. Irish@gfo.org

Learn & Chat
1st & 3rd Weds, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Jeanne Quan.
LearnandChat@gfo.org

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

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

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

For questions, email Treasurer@gfo.org.
Tony Burroughs is the founder and CEO of the Center for Black Genealogy. He is an internationally known genealogist who taught genealogy at Chicago State University for fifteen years, and has appeared as a guest genealogy expert in twenty-five national and international television broadcasts. He lectures throughout the United States and Canada, having delivered one hundred lectures at national conferences, twelve national keynote addresses, nine regional keynotes, ten state keynote addresses and twelve local keynote addresses.

Burroughs has received many honors including: the Distinguished Service Award from the National Genealogical Society, the Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern Humanitarian Award from the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Lowell Vokel Award from the Illinois State Genealogical Society and Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (FUGA).

Author of
Black Roots: A Beginners Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree.

Sign up for one day or both days!
SATURDAY SEMINAR DETAILS

Location
Center for Self Enhancement (SEI)
3920 N. Kerby Avenue
Portland, Oregon

Time
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Saturday, April 27
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
Genealogical Forum of Oregon Library
2505 SE 11th Ave. #B-18
Portland, Oregon

Time
9:30 a.m. to noon • Sunday, April 28

– Sunday Event Limited to 50 –

Payment and Refund Details
Register and pay online at www.GFO.org.

Complete registration form below and mail with your check to: GFO Spring Seminar, 2505 SE 11th Ave. #B-18, Portland, OR 97202-1061.
For cancellations received after April 22, 2018, refunds will be subject to a $10 cancellation fee. Lunches must be ordered by noon on April 24, 2019. Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after noon on April 24, 2019.

REGISTRATION FORM – OR – register online @ gfo.org/roots
You may sign up for Saturday, Sunday, or both sessions. One form per attendee, please.
Circle price selected, enter amounts on the right, and total at the bottom.

SPRING SEMINAR WITH TONY BURROUGHS
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