



RESEARCH PRACTICUM

SAT., FEB. 25 • 9:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.

at the
GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON

Bring your laptop and your lunch! This is a supervised practical research experience designed to provide participants an opportunity to develop and use their knowledge and skills learned previously in conferences or classes. Goals are to build and strengthen genealogical research skills by increasing awareness of various research resources, gathering appropriate evidence, and improving analysis and interpretation of collected information. The last hour is reserved for group discussion to review research plans and strategies, records searched, quality of evidence and analysis. It's a great opportunity to share and learn from one another.

Presenters: Keith & Darlene Pyeatt

Skill Level: Intermediate / Advanced

Requirements: Your own computer with wifi capability, and your own lunch

DUE TO SPACE CONSTRAINTS, WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO 20.

REGISTRATION: One form per attendee, please.

Name _____ Member No. _____

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AMOUNT

Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$35

\$40

Genealogical Forum of Oregon **SPRING SEMINAR**

with *John Philip Colletta*

Immigration and Naturalization

FULL-DAY SEMINAR SATURDAY

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

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

Focus on Writing

HALF-DAY WORKSHOP SUNDAY

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

Saturday & Sunday
APRIL 29
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
APRIL 30
9.30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*- Two Sessions -
Attend One or Both*

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

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



SATURDAY SEMINAR DETAILS

Location

Milwaukie Center
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
Milwaukie, Oregon

Time

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

Seminar Features

Books from Heritage Quest & from the GFO Raffle
Syllabus: electronic copy included

Lunch

Bring your own or order from GG's Deli. A lunch selection form will be sent with your confirmation. Sack lunch is \$10, and includes your choice of sandwich and salad. Add \$1 for gluten-free bread.

Coffee, tea and snacks provided throughout the day.

Questions? Email seminar@gfo.org.

SUNDAY WORKSHOP DETAILS

Location

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

Time

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

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

Payment and Refund Details

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

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

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

REGISTRATION FORM

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

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SATURDAY SEMINAR Immigration and Naturalization	\$40	\$45	\$45	\$50	
Lunch from GG's Deli	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	
Add gluten-free bread	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	
Add paper copy of Syllabus	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	
SUNDAY WORKSHOP Focus on Writing	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$30	
Add paper copy of Syllabus	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	
TOTAL FOR ALL					



The Forum Insider

Newsletter of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon
Volume 28, Number 5
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ANNUAL APPEAL ~ 2017

Dear Members and Supporters,

Thank you for making GFO's 70th anniversary year a successful one! We could not have done it without you. Your financial donations and gifts of time and materials reflect your commitment to GFO's mission.

Our Board, committee members, and volunteers work hard to keep the organization relevant and going strong. We are committed to education, so our calendar is full of opportunities to learn more about genealogy. We are equally dedicated to providing the best resources our budget allows.

Our foundation-building work continues. The Board adopted a fundraising policy, furthering GFO's capacity to grow and, like the Designated Operating Reserve Fund established last year, it strengthens GFO's ability to withstand both unforeseen and inevitable bumps and dips. And the website committee is working hard to launch our comprehensive new website, scheduled for late this year. [The website is now live.]

Our library is the center of GFO. We have a fabulous collection, but the catch is this: As our collection grows we're running out of space! Space is always a

consideration as we carefully evaluate new acquisitions, and lack of space is one reason we remove some materials in favor of others. We're always looking for new ways to make better use of the space we have, so some library changes are coming soon. But despite our best efforts, at some point, we will simply outgrow our current location. Now is the time to begin talking about the complex subject of a future move. Whether that is in 2021 when our 10-year lease ends or sometime after that—moving at some point will be necessary.

As we look to the future, it's clear that GFO will continue to face challenges and opportunities. We hope to successfully meet those challenges and capture those opportunities and we'd love to have your support.

Please help us by giving what you can to our annual appeal. Unlike other non-profit organizations, GFO is all-volunteer and every dollar you give goes to support GFO. On behalf of the Board of

Directors, thank you so much for your donations.

Please see page 4 for an overview of some of our 2016 accomplishments and for a peek at our hopes and dreams for the coming year.

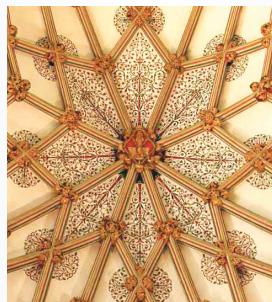
Warmest regards, Laurel Smith, President



Library Reorganization

Our collection has grown so much that the space needs a major reorganization. You may have seen some changes already in progress, and we plan to be finished in time for the Open House. The library will be open during the process and we'll do our best to help you find what you're looking for.

Description and map on pages 3-4



New Website Unveiled

As of December 15 the new GFO website is up and running. This effort, more than a year in the making, has been skillfully managed by Maggie McNair with major assistance from Russ Francis and LauraDenise White. It has great new features and all the great content you've come to expect..

We'll explore the new features further next month. For now: Check it out!



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Newsletter of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon

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Free Gen Talk

Third Saturday of most months at 2 p.m. with an interesting speaker.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday
9:30 to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday
12 noon to 5 p.m.

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Submissions to the *Insider*: Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Jackie Olson, editor, at insider@gfo.org or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932. Provide submissions by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

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EVENTS & CLASSES

GFO GenTalk

Friends Of Lone Fir Cemetery

Saturday, January 21, 2–4 p.m.

At the Genealogical Forum of Oregon library
Free and open to the public

Cemeteries are more than just a place to get photos of headstones. They and their records can be a valuable genealogical resource, and often provide information and context that otherwise would be lost. What type of records are available and how do we access them? How can we visit our ancestors' final resting places without accidentally causing damage? How can we aid in the preservation effort? The Lone Fir Cemetery, in particular, is a rich source of genealogical and historical information about our Portland-area pioneers. Their stories are inspiring, heroic, despicable, heartbreaking, and above all, interesting.

The Friends Of Lone Fir Cemetery is a charitable organization that strives to preserve the headstones of the deceased, the greenspace they exist in, and the stories of the residents for future generations.



NEW Get acquainted with . . .

This new monthly series is designed to help any and every GFO Library researcher become more familiar with the resources available and how to use them. This class will be helpful to long-term members, new members, and even to our own research assistants! It will be offered on the second Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. and repeats on the following Wednesday at 6 p.m.

GFO's online library catalog
Sunday, January 8, 1–3 p.m.

GFO's subscription databases
Sunday, February 12, 1–3 p.m.

GFO's equipment
Sunday, March 12, 1–3 p.m.

Includes the scanner, printer, and microform reader. Other topics will include connecting to wi-fi, using flash drives and email, and computer helps such as Snip-it.





SAVE THE DATE(S)

Annual Open House

- March 18-26—A great lineup of events including two full days of DNA. Check the calendar now!

Classes (see Special Interest Groups)

- Learn and Chat
- DNA Q&A
- Genealogy Problem Solvers

GenTalks (formerly Monthly Programs)

- January 21, 2–4 p.m.—Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery, Lone Fir stories and general cemetery research/etiquette info
- March 25, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. French-Canadian Collection followed by a Membership Meeting
- May 20, 2–4 p.m.—TBA
- June 17, 2–4 p.m.,—Harold Hinds—Farm & Rural



Half-Day Workshops (some in connection with Seminars)

- February 25, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.—Keith and Darlene Pyeatt—Full Day Research Practicum
- April 30, 9:30 a.m.–noon—John Colletta—Assembling & Writing a Narrative Family History
- May—Speakers and topics TBA

Seminars

- Spring Seminar: April 29–30 April— John Colletta
 - ▶ Passenger Arrival Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century
 - ▶ Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century
 - ▶ Lesser-Used Federal Records: Sources of Rich Detail about Your Immigrant Ancestors' Lives
 - ▶ Discovering the REAL Stories of Your Immigrant Ancestors (case studies)
- Fall Seminar: October 14–15—CeCe Moore—DNA/ adoption
- Spring Seminar: April 14–15, 2018—Michael Strauss—Military research

Library Reorganization

Pardon Our Dust!

As you can see when you walk in the door, more exciting changes are underway at the GFO Library. The reorganization goals, developed over months of planning by the Space Planning Committee, are to:

- Create more shelf space for our growing collection,
- Increase space in the multi-purpose area for presentations,
- Eliminate the flow issues created by the brick wall,
- Find solutions to store more manuscript material on site, and improve storage in general, and
- Move items – like microfilms – to where they are used.

We had a fantastic and festive work party on Tuesday, November 29, with 48 volunteers pitching in. They contributed over 220 work hours! Books, shelving, manuscript boxes, and microfilm cabinets were moved, and much more!

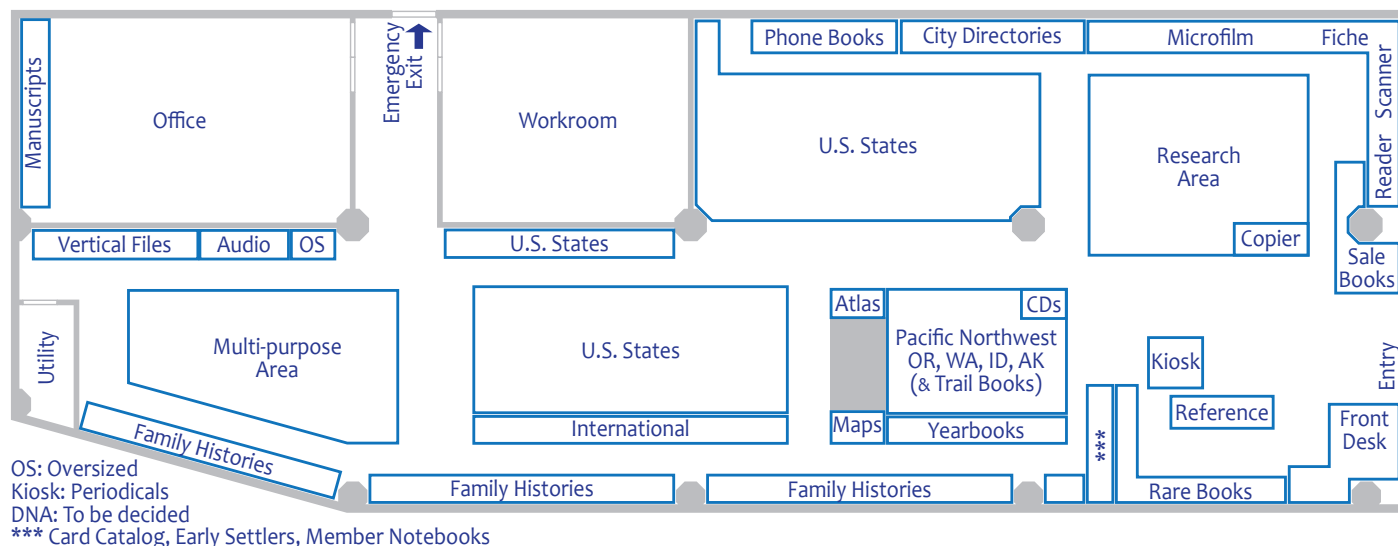
There are now many volunteers working day by day to complete these changes, designed to make the library function better, have a more logical and efficient layout, and provide for more meeting space in the back area. And, because GFO is all-volunteer, these changes will happen a bit slowly, but as soon we can get to them. We plan to be done by the GFO Open House in mid-March. Change can be disruptive, but please remain flexible and don't forget to bring your sense of humor and adaptability with you when you come in to volunteer or research at the library during this transition time.

Right now, part of the family histories collection and all of Virginia are on rolling carts in the meeting area. What is on these carts will change, perhaps as often as week by week. As things are shifted, we'll try to leave enough notes to help you find what you are looking for. If we fail to do so, please be understanding and think of it as a genealogy adventure. You know what you're looking for is there . . . but how will you go about finding it? Check with the Research Assistants; they may know where it is.

To our Volunteers: Thank you for your cooperation, and thank you for all you do for GFO!



GFO Library ~ New Layout Note: Some sections may change.



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We're fulfilling GFO's mission in 2016 with help from generous donors like you. Thank you!

To Educate – We successfully hosted two seminars, six workshops, eight GenTalks (formerly Monthly Meetings), 29 free classes during Open House, and several interest group meetings every week, tailored to members' interests and needs. Your gifts have enabled our library to be open seven days a week to be more accessible to researchers.

To Provide and Preserve – Through targeted acquisitions, this year our library collection has grown to over 40,000 holdings, an increase of almost 13 percent! One of these purchases was Hansen's Map Guides to German Parish Registers – all 50 volumes. GFO now has a complete set of this invaluable series. And donors were so generous that we have a dedicated reserve to purchase new volumes as they become available. Another stellar acquisition was the George T. Brown Collection – hundreds of books focusing on French-Canadian genealogy, mostly vital records as well as some rare and invaluable resources. Over 500 books in our collection have been rebound in 2016, preserving them for future researchers. And great strides are being made so that records long hidden in our manuscript collections are becoming available.



To Promote – We've increased our Social Media Outreach through Facebook and our Wednesday Evening E-news and work continues on our new website . . . to be unveiled soon.

To Compile and Publish – Thanks to on-going research and indexing, GFO has published two new indexes featuring Oregon divorce records (with more to come). We also provide important genealogical material in our publications, The Forum Insider and The Bulletin.

GFO's Wish List for 2017

Our Collection – Continue with purposeful acquisitions and on-going preservation of GFO's library collection.

Maximizing Our Space – We will soon be making some changes to the library's layout, recommended after weeks of work by the Space Planning Committee. These changes include more storage for the manuscripts collection, more room in our meeting space, more shelves for books, and a more logical layout of our collection. We need to purchase more shelving as part of this plan: 13 library units (about \$401 each) totaling \$5,213, with shipping costs totaling \$1,176, for a grand total of \$6,389. Those sponsors who purchase delivery of a whole shelf (\$491) or shelves can opt to have their name (or a memorial) fixed to it via a small plaque. We also want to purchase some warehouse shelving to store about 160 boxes of manuscripts for a total cost of \$261.52.

Strategic Marketing – Did you know that genealogical research is one of American's top hobbies, or that there's an emerging market for genealogical destination tourism? We'd love to tap into some of this interest! Short-term use

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Annual Appeal—continued

of a marketing consultant would help us develop a fresh game plan to help GFO become much better known in the greater community. Estimated cost is \$125–175 per hour and desired estimated time is 15–25 hours for an estimated total cost of \$1,875 to \$4,375.

Planning for the Future – GFO is blessed with a 5,000-square-foot library space and a 10-year lease that currently meets our needs. But the prudent time to plan for the future is now, so GFO is considering the launch of a long-term capital campaign to finance the eventual move to a new home. We hope to start a dedicated fundraising campaign soon. Please stay tuned for more information!

Volunteer! Volunteers are the heart of GFO. They make so much possible. Even if you’ve got just a few hours, we’d love to have your help! Call us (503-963-1932) or email volunteer@gfo.org.

Thank you volunteers – for all you do!



Disaster Planning—GFO Evacuation

Jane McGarvin

The Disaster Planning Committee has developed a comprehensive plan to protect GFO visitors and resources in the event of an emergency. This is the first in a series of articles to let our members know about the Plan.

Should an emergency occur, all GFO volunteers including research assistants and Special Interest Group chairs will take on the role of emergency coordinators. It is their job to see that everyone in the library is evacuated, directed to the correct assembly area, and to coordinate with first responders. In the case of an emergency, your personal safety comes first. If the fire alarm rings:

- Grab any small personal items close to you, but leave large bulky items
- Walk to the main stairwell at the front of the building

GFO Star

Maggie McNair



Maggie has gone far more than the extra mile with her work on our new website—hundreds of hours over the last year. She has done most of the mapping, coordinated the migration, and lent her skills in a way that will benefit all visitors to our future site. Thank you Maggie!

Free Research Sites

- Family History Daily free records: <http://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/ancestry-com-offers-600-free-searchable-collections/>
- “101 Ways to research your family tree for free”: http://genealogy.about.com/cs/free_genealogy/a/free_sites.htm
- “Best Free Genealogy Search Websites”: <http://www.digitaltrends.com/web/best-free-ancestry-search-websites/>

- Exit from the building’s front doors
- Proceed to the assembly area
- Remain at the assembly area until the emergency coordinator knows you are safe

Do not use the back stairs unless the primary route is blocked or you are directed to do so.

Training has been provided to about 20 volunteers; more sessions will be scheduled and anyone is welcome to attend.

Anyone who is unable to walk up the stairs is to assemble inside the Fire Doors at the base of the main stairwell. An emergency coordinator will notify first responders.

Signs showing the evacuation routes and the Assembly Area(s) are posted near the reception desk and the back door.

If you have questions, please send an email to disaster@gfo.org.



Don't overlook gems in old publications.

While reviewing a GFO *Bulletin* from the 1950s, I came across this entry in a Bible abstraction:

“A clipping enclosed in book disclosed that ‘on Tuesday evening of last week Mr. Samuel Zink of Milford was killed near Sioux Falls, D. T. [Dakota Territory] in a singular and shocking manner. He was in company with H. W. Davis, Andrew Blackmun and J. T. Jewell and the teams halted to look up a camping ground for the night. Mr. Zink stood up in the wagon preparing to alight and was instantly taken with a fit or an attack of heart disease and fell headlong over the dashboard’ frightening the team and causing them to run.”

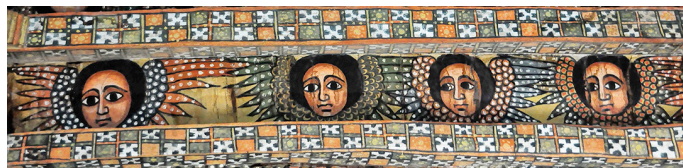
The Bible indicated Samuel Zink died on 9 June 1874, age 40 years, 8 months, and 2 days.

A quick search on Find A Grave revealed a record for Samuel Zink: Birth: September 30, 1827; Death: Jun. 2, 1874; Cause of death: Was killed in a hunting accident and was the first person buried in Milford Cemetery.

So, what's the truth? Hunting accident or heart attack?

I contacted a couple of folks on Ancestry.com, targeting those who had numerous facts with sources for Samuel Zink. All of them had place of death as Milford, Dickinson County, Iowa. One of the tree owners contacted me to say that the hunting accident information was largely family tradition. She was most interested in the information in the **Bulletin** and she was going to attempt to run down the paper the clipping was from. Even more interesting to her was the fact that she now lives near Sioux Falls, South Dakota – possibly near the spot where her great-great-grandfather died in 1874.

This is one reason that indexing all of our old Bulletins is important to the genealogical community. Those indexes will go onto our website enabling researchers to more easily find the gems we have buried in our old editions. Where might you find long-missing details about your family? *Laurel Smith*



Did the 18th-century Germans use the name Larry?

I was trying to read the 18th- and 19th-century German records for my ancestors and found myself rapidly getting nowhere—beyond a few dates and names that were fairly quick to spot. Suddenly, things seemed easy until I realized that my brain and eyes had conspired to make me think I was reading modern English. There, plain as day, were the words LaryB Leggert! Now, my last name, Leppert, does look like Leggert in the old script; but LaryB...who was he? Finally, the brain kicked in. The L in “Lary” was actually the German H. The A in “Lary” really was an A. What I took to be an R was actually a...wait a minute. I've got it! “LaryB” wasn't a real name. The “ß” as many of you German scholars know is an Eszett, meaning a double s. Now thinking in German fraktur, I got it: “LaryB” is “Hanss” and all my previous records had shown my ancestor as Johannes. Still, Hanss is an acceptable shortening of his name.

Judith Leppert

Help With Handwriting

https://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=Tips_for_Reading_Old_Handwriting

[https://familysearch.org/indexing/help/handwriting#/lang=en&title=Alphabet%20\(Secretary%20Hand\)](https://familysearch.org/indexing/help/handwriting#/lang=en&title=Alphabet%20(Secretary%20Hand))

<http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/Articles/how-to-read-old-handwriting-page1.html>

From the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society newsletter

CD Collection

Our collection of 195 CDs (many new) have been repackaged into standard-sized DVD cases and relabeled clearly. Each CD is listed in our online catalog. Just go to the catalog, select CDs and DVDs, and put an asterisk (*) in the Keyword box. When you find one of interest, you can view it on the library computers. (They're reserved, and can't be checked out.)

Loretta Welsh





Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for the period ending November 30, 2016. *Richard Crockett*

<u>May income</u>	\$2,895.13
General fund donations	450.07
Membership income	1,474.00
Library	221.90
Investment income	46.77
Research	25.00
Used book sales	471.40
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<u>Total expenses</u>	\$8,044.44
Administration expenses	1,069.48
Facilities	4,073.55
Purchase of The Septs	563.35
Fall seminar food	169.61
Library	903.45
Printing	930.90
Book sales expenses	155.04
Bulletin postage	104.06
Library	903.45
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Net loss for the month	\$5,149.31
Year net loss to date	\$14,079.88
Checking account balance	\$22,592.83

Looking for Candidates: GFO Board Openings

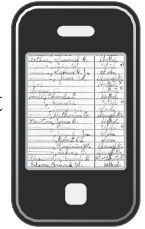
Our next election in May will offer a slate of Vice President, Treasurer and one Director-at-Large position. If you are interested, or know someone who is, or have questions on the duties, please contact Laurel Smith at president@gfo.org. The basic duties:

The Vice-President shall serve as the President of the Forum in the absence or incapacity of the President, shall assume all the duties of the President in such event, and shall perform any other duties assigned to him/her by the President.

The Treasurer shall serve as a member of all Forum committees dealing with financial matters except the Financial Review Committee. The Treasurer shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the Endowment Fund Committee

Directors-at-large shall specifically represent the general membership of the forum.

Mixing Technology and Memory



There's a synergy in interweaving the human and technical aspects of research that prompts recollection and inspiration. But phones at the Thanksgiving table? Usually the phone would seem uncongenial. Here's how it added to the conversation.

As dinner was finished, my relative's aunt and uncle were talking of their mother who, as an infant with her family, survived the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. But they didn't know the address of the family at that time and neither was familiar with family history research. I brought out the phone, fired up Ancestry.com and began the search with census, voter, and directory records. Fortunately, the girl's father had a distinctive name, so the successes began flowing. With each record the story developed – aunt and uncle swapping memories and bouncing new ideas. Being able to see the images online added to the sense of discovery. They were excited to see familiar names and to trace the lives and fortunes of their mother's family. And it would have worked with FamilySearch or other free online resources.

It's an effective approach I saw on an earlier occasion. While a friend and I explored her husband's family on the computer, he worked in the next room. We found several records and were talking about the names. When he heard one he recalled, he'd wander in and share a story, or offer a new clue to trace. We made more progress with the combined efforts of the computer resources and the back and forth discussion among the three of us than simply researching.

Jackie Olson

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Oregon City Genealogy Interest Group

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 1–2:30 p.m., Oregon City Library in the upstairs conference room. Beginners to advanced, all are welcome. Contact Mike Fernandez, cheeseandwine62@gmail.com

2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference

July 28–30, 2017, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Preliminary schedule: <http://ggsmn.org>

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society General Meeting: The Public is welcome!

Saturday January 14th, 2017

Salem Public Library, Anderson Room
585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon
10:30–11:45 a.m. General Membership Meeting.

12–1 p.m. Program: Voting Records: Genealogy’s Best Kept Secret, Speaker: Pam Vestal

These often-overlooked gems can be packed with genealogical information, and you won’t believe what they can tell us about our ancestors!



Tax Deduction

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Special Interest Groups *NEW URL!* <http://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>

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

British

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

DNA - Beginners

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

DNA - Advanced

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

DNA - Q & A

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly; 1–3 p.m.—Lisa McCullough aulicino@hevanet.com

Family Tree Maker

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

Genealogy Problem Solvers

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

German

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

Get Acquainted With...

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

Illinois and Its Neighbors

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

Irish

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

Italian

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

Learn & Chat

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly—1–3 p.m.—Connie Lenzen

Photoshop Elements

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

Virginia

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

Writers’ Forum

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

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Library Work Parties ~ every month, all welcome

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

~~~~~ **January** ~~~~~

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|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Sun 1/1   | <b>Library closed for holiday</b> |                                                  |
| Mon 1/2   | <b>Free to non-members</b>        |                                                  |
| Wed 1/4   | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.                   | Learn & Chat                                     |
|           | 1–2 p.m.                          | DNA Q&A                                          |
| Sat 1/7   | 10 am–12 p.m.                     | Virginia Group                                   |
|           | 1–3 p.m.                          | German Group                                     |
| Sun 1/8   | 1–3 p.m.                          | Get Acquainted With                              |
| Tues 1/10 | 6–8 p.m.                          | Board meeting                                    |
| Wed 1/9   | 1:30–2:30 p.m.                    | Photoshop Elements Group                         |
|           | 6–8 p.m.                          | Get Acquainted With (repeat of Sunday's program) |
| Sat 1/14  | 9:30–11:30 a.m.                   | Illinois Group                                   |
|           | 1–3 p.m.                          | Writers' Forum                                   |
| Sun 1/15  | 1–3 p.m.                          | Family Tree Maker Group                          |
| Wed 1/18  | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.                   | Learn & Chat                                     |
|           | 1–2 p.m.                          | DNA Q&A                                          |
| Sat 1/21  | 9:30–11:30 a.m.                   | Genealogy Problem Solvers                        |
|           | 12–2 p.m.                         | Italian Group                                    |
|           | 2–4 p.m.                          | GenTalk                                          |
| Fri 1/27  | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.                   | Retired Teachers Class                           |
| Sat 1/28  | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.                    | Advanced DNA                                     |
|           | 1–3 p.m.                          | British Group                                    |

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| Mon 2/1 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Learn & Chat |
| | 1–2 p.m. | DNA Q&A |
| Sat 2/4 | 10 am–12 p.m. | Virginia Group |
| | 1–3 p.m. | German Group |
| Mon 2/6 | Free to non-members | |
| Wed 2/8 | 1:30–2:30 p.m. | Photoshop Elements Group |
| Sat 2/11 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Illinois Group |
| | 1–3 p.m. | Writers' Forum |
| Sun 2/12 | 1–3 p.m. | Get Acquainted With |
| Tues 2/14 | 6–8 p.m. | Board meeting |
| Wed 2/15 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Learn & Chat |
| | 1–2 p.m. | DNA Q&A |
| | 6–8 p.m. | Get Acquainted With (repeat of Sunday's program) |
| Sat 2/18 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Genealogy Problem Solvers |
| | 12–2 p.m. | Italian Group |
| | 2–4 p.m. | GenTalk |
| Tues 2/21 | 6–7 p.m. | Library committee meeting |
| Sat 2/28 | 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. | Full Day Research Practicum (Workshop) |