

GFO's 2019 Open House Schedule March 23-31

Saturday, March 23 Discover Your Irish Roots

10:00 am Irish Research for Beginners & Experts
Irish research can be challenging; common naming patterns, limited availability of national records, and basic geographic terminology. Resources that can narrow down your research efforts, and a wide-ranging set of research techniques will be provided. You will also learn about resources on the GFO website and in the GFO library.
Presented by Tom O'Brien

11:00 am Are you ready to jump the pond?
The thrill of the hunt for our Irish ancestors often keeps us reaching out for more information. We gather data at different times, from different people, and different sources, then carefully file it away. Learn how to review what you have to discover every single clue that you can before you jump the pond!
Presented by Karen Hubbard

1:30 pm The Irish Census 101
The Irish census grew and changed over time as governing bodies changed. But isn't the Irish census all in Gaelic? Don't you have to go to Ireland to see it? The answer to both questions is no. In fact, there are several easy ways, once you know how to navigate the online sites, that can help you locate your family's ancestors! Insider tips make this a great introduction to ease your way into the storehouse of information awaiting in the Irish census.
Presented by Barbara Schrag

2:30 pm Irish Civil Records
Learn from a skilled researcher how to make the best use of the Irish birth, marriage, and death records found at the GRO website. So much progress is being made in digitizing Irish records that the number of websites can be daunting. This knowledge can kick your research into high gear and uncover the answers to research questions that have eluded solving. Learn the key steps through actual examples of research problems solved by using civil records.
Presented by Joann Taylor

Sunday, March 24 Beginning Genealogy

9:30 am Beginning Genealogy Part 1 & 2
Learn how to get started, organize what you have, and about the wealth of resources available.
Presented by Laurel Smith **SOLD OUT**
Online Registration before March 20th required
Registration opens March 1 at 9 am.

Monday, March 25

10:00 am Genealogy and the Law
So you're sitting at your computer and you suddenly discover your ancestor has a fiery face (fieri facias). Or maybe he has "guardians in socage." Huh?? As a good researcher and dedicated genealogist, we need to know various subjects: history, religion, social customs. Each subject has its own vocabulary. The law is one such subject. Much of what our ancestors did was governed by laws. So, let's take a trip down lawyer lane to discover how laws might have influenced the decisions and actions of our ancestors in buying and selling land, writing wills, and paying taxes.
Presented by Dale Deatherage.

11:00 am Pennsylvania Research
Using information from two institute courses - Pennsylvania Research at GRIP and Pennsylvania Germans at SLIG, learn about resources and strategies for researching your Pennsylvania ancestors.
Presented by: Elsie Deatherage

1:00 pm PERSI
Before the Internet, genealogy periodicals functioned as a pre-Internet Internet ... and the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI) is their search engine. Once you've picked the low-hanging fruit from the mega databases, you're ready to start on the less-common record sets that may not be online but are out there waiting for you. Uncover hidden gold in an Index you absolutely cannot live without. Learn how to tap into the most extensive genealogy and local history subject index on the planet.
Presented by Kristin Parks

2:30 pm

JSTOR

Discover the digital library JSTOR (Journal STORAGE), originally just digitized back issues of academic journals, but now it includes primary sources, books, and *current* journal issues. Many genealogical and historical society journals are among JSTOR's nearly 2,000 titles, all of which are every-word searchable. And, it allows access to books and journals in other disciplines such as folklore, sociology, economics, religion, population studies, and more that will help you answer "Why" not just "What." JSTOR is a subscription website but is available for FREE with a Multnomah County Library card.

Presented by Kristin Parks

4:00 pm

Archive.org

When your U.S. research takes you back into the early 1800s, vital and census records become sparse. Fortunately, the Internet Archive has 1.8 million books online, and is frantically adding more every day, including genealogies and local histories. We will look at techniques to find your 18th and 19th century ancestors in this collection.

Presented by Geoff Smith

Tuesday, March 26

10:00 am

Evernote for Genealogy

"Evernote" but it is more than just another word processor. It provides the ability to search all your notes to find whatever you are looking for. Notes can be made up of written information (typed, handwritten, PDF), audio files, photos, even video files, and once created can be viewed and worked on across all of your electronic platforms (IOS, Android, laptop, desktop, phone, or tablet).

Presented by Dale Deatherage

1:00 pm

They were Religious Radicals

On a recent trip to Sweden, I discovered that my great-grandparents were religious radicals. This was a revelation! You can do all the document research you want, but until you consult local sources in your ancestral home, you may never know the rest of the story.

Presented by Darrell Gulstrom

2:30 pm

Tips for Searching Ancestry.com

Learn some of the basics of successful searches on Ancestry.com.

Presented by Laurel Smith

3:30 pm

Online Family Trees

There are lots of family trees out there. Learn how to evaluate online trees to know which are "better," which to avoid, and how to use them safely without wrecking your family tree. We'll look at trees on Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, WikiTree, and more.

Presented by Laurel Smith

Wednesday, March 27

Finding Family—Biological Connections

10:00 am

Seeking Family

Whether you are the seeker or the one found, whether adopted or the result of mis-attributed parentage, people are finding each other in record numbers. After a brief introduction by Laurel Smith, the panel will discuss the question of whether or not to search, ethics of the search, possible outcomes, and relationship issues.

Panel: Don Anderson, Lisa McCullough, Chris Kahr, et al

1:00 pm

Finding Living People

Learn the skills necessary to find people in the last century, figure out where they went, and where they or their children are today. We'll touch on databases available on the Internet as well as other reference sources to help you find those you seek.

Presented by Leslie Lawson

2:30 pm

Identifying Family

For those separated by adoption, there can be many hurdles and brick walls. This session will introduce attendees to available resources.

Presented by Lisa McCullough

3:45 pm

First Contact

First contact, or reunion, with biological family can be traumatic for all. What approaches are considered best practice, and what resources are available?

Panel: Chris Kahr, Don Anderson, Lisa McCullough, et al

6:00 pm

Let's Get Organized

Do you do your genealogy "by pile?" Does the spot you do your research look like a tornado hit? Does it take you longer than 5 minutes to locate the record or document you want? If your answers are, "Yes, yes, and yes," then carve out the time to attend this class where Laurel Smith will share her own system and get you motivated to straighten up your genealogy. Strong emphasis will be put on digitizing.

Presented by Laurel Smith

Thursday, March 28

9:30 am

Know Before You Go –Research Trip Preparations

Whether you are planning your first research trip or your next, this class will present ways to maximize your time at your destination. It will cover two different types of research trips and also some of the types of records you can expect to find and where you might find them.

Presented by Lori Washburn

10:45 am

Scanning & Archiving Family Photos & Documents

Whether you want to scan just a few photos, have inherited a box of photos, or plan on visiting a relative who might have photos, this class is for you. We will briefly discuss scanners and then learn how to scan and archive those precious photos and documents, as well as how to file the scans. We will also touch on the basics of touching up your scans.

Presented by Lori Washburn

1:15 pm

InDesign: Help or Hinderance?

InDesign is a professional-level program that 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. But is it worthwhile to take the time to learn how to use it?

Presented by Jay Fraser

2:15 pm

Write It Up!

You've been meaning to write your family history, but the task seems overwhelming. Don't despair, this class is for you! Learn how to identify just one thing you really need to share, and how to get it written to share with family ... or the world.

Presented by Marti Dell

3:30 pm

Genealogical Resources: Multnomah Co. Library

Genealogists can never have too many resources. Representatives from Multnomah County Library will tell you about their collections that complement those of the GFO. There are local newspapers, telephone directories (for the whole state back to the early 20th century), and rosters of many local clubs. Digital resources, available anytime with your library card, will be demonstrated and include the *Historical Oregonian* and the *Digital Sanborn Maps*. We are

here to support you as you investigate your family's history.

Presented by Rachael Short and Enrique Rivera

Friday, March 29

11:00 am

Citing your Sources

Do you ever struggle with source citations? There is such a bewildering assortment of citation rules, correct forms, and varying approaches. Do you have issues with consistency? Why should you even bother with citations? This class will shed light on these and other genealogy source citation topics and provide online resources to assist you.

Presented by Janice Sellers

1:00 pm

Mexican Ancestry Research 101

Discover your Mexican ancestors from Mexico and the U.S. Southwest. Learn basic methods and organization, how to find church records for baptism, marriage, and death, online through FamilySearch, Ancestry, national archives, and genealogical publications. Learn about valuable resources at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon and Multnomah County Library.

Presented by: Vince Ramirez

2:00 pm

Mexican Ancestry Research 102

We'll dig deeper into research strategies for finding those elusive ancestors. Develop an easy methodology to locate records. Successful research examples will be demonstrated.

Presented by: Vince Ramirez

3:00 pm

Ohio River Area Research

The Ohio River flows from Pennsylvania to Illinois, visiting Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia on its journey through the Great Lakes Region. For centuries, it was a major transportation corridor for both goods and passengers. River trips could be both beautiful and perilous! We will explore how the Ohio shaped the history of the region and the long journeys of European settlers who were looking for economic opportunity for themselves in the American Midwest.

Presented by Lynn Rossing

9:00 am **DNA Your Paper Trail**
Discover why it is important to do a DNA test and how it helps your genealogy. Learn about the major types of tests and how they benefit each part of your pedigree chart. Learn what terms are important to understand.

Presented by Emily Aulicino

10:45 am **5 DNA testing companies: Ancestry, 23andMe, FTDNA, My Heritage, & Living DNA**
Maximize your experience with each of the five major autosomal DNA tests available. The companies are frequently changing or adding features, and all of their databases are growing substantially. Genealogists need to know the pluses and minuses of each of these companies and how to best apply the test results to their personal genealogical research.

Presented by Dr. Tim Janzen

1:30 pm **SOLD OUT How to Find Birth Relatives**
Special guest speaker Barbara Rae-Venter will discuss the general techniques used to identify birth relatives, including DNA pedigree triangulation and some of the tools available to use with those techniques.

Presented by Barbara Rae-Venter

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3:15 pm **GEDmatch: the Community Pool**
Did you take your DNA test at Ancestry only to find out that your cousins took theirs at FamilyTreeDNA, 23&Me, or MyHeritage? How are you supposed to compare your matches when you all tested at different companies? GEDmatch may be the answer. GEDmatch is a free website that accepts the raw DNA files of the different testing companies so you can compare yourself to your cousins who tested at a different company than you. Learn how to set up an account, transfer your raw DNA file, and begin navigating this website I call the "Community Pool."

Presented by Narda Foust

9:00 am **Genetic Genealogy: Not Just for Family History Research Any More** **SOLD OUT**

Special guest speaker Barbara Rae-Venter will discuss how she transitioned from the use of "The Methodology" as taught by DNAAdoption.org since about 2007 in solving "unknown parentage" cases for adoptees looking for their birth relatives to the use of the same technique in cracking criminal cases, such as that of the Golden State Killer.

Presented by Barbara Rae-Venter

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10:45 am **Jumpstart Your DNA Discoveries**
For those who have taken a DNA test--you will be shown how to set up your Ancestry and Family Tree DNA accounts for optimal results. We will discuss the use of some add-on apps for Ancestry, transferring your raw DNA data to other DNA testing companies and/or third-party sites, and creating cousin networks to support your research.

Presented by Lisa McCullough

1:30 pm **Using Excel for DNA Analysis**
Excel is a wonderful tool for viewing and manipulating your DNA testing information. Geared for beginners, we will discuss some of Excel's basic features, then we will cover some of Excel's tools that can help you make sense of your DNA data from the various testing companies.

Presented by Lisa McCullough

3:15 pm **Third Party Tools: GEDmatch, DNAGEDCOM, & DNA Painter**

Attendees will learn how to use the most important third-party autosomal DNA tools for use by genetic genealogists. GEDmatch continues to create new features that are helpful for analysis of autosomal DNA as it has transitioned to its latest version called the Genesis Project. DNAGEDCOM also has made some important improvements to its tools in the past year, and DNA Painter is a welcome addition that helps make chromosome mapping faster and easier.

Presented by Dr. Tim Janzen