

»» NEWSLETTER ««

SGS FAMILY LINES

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Genealogy Gems and News for Sunflower Genealogy Society



MEETING OCT. 24

»» SCHEDULE CHANGE

October's Swedish Genealogy speaker had to postpone because of illness. Instead, Suzanne Young Brayer will Zoom in "live" and meet with us Oct. 24 at 2 to speak on **Solving Genealogy Problems with Timelines**.

In November, to replace our Swedish Genealogy program we missed, we'll watch a good 30 minute video on Swedish immigration, and have plenty of time for sharing and treats.



MEMBER'S MENTION: BETH VAN BLARICOM

by Sue Cerri

Beth Van Blaricom has written two books for her family. They were of her relatives that she knew about and she included memories about them. She had her siblings and her children add their perspectives too. Beth included many of the photos that her family collected over the years. She wanted to preserve the history of her family.

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But now Beth has embarked on a new adventure. She is doing research for a new book that takes her family line back to the 10th century over in England. Beth had the help of her sister, an avid genealogist in her own right. Some of the information she was getting were historical facts. She is so lucky to have some famous relatives in her past. The further back she goes though, there are some conflicts in dates and stories. Beth believes that it's like looking at a puzzle that she wants to solve.

Beth likes to see if she can find information in books. If she does, then she looks at the footnotes to see where the fact came from and she also uses the bibliography to see what books were used. She then works back through those sources. One great place that she likes to use is the Internet Archive. It is a free source and can be found at archive.org. Doing an Exhaustive Search (the first step in the Genealogical Proof Standard) is trying to find as many sources as possible and Beth finds the research is really fun! When looking at Family Trees online, she takes information with a grain of salt.

If she can't solve this brick wall, Beth has decided to put it aside for a while. "I'll come back, after Christmas, with fresh eyes," Beth said. That is another great idea when researching.

Even drawings and portraits Beth takes with a grain of salt. The family crests are consistent though. They have similar things within them. After she is done writing, Beth would like to research the family crests.

Beth has also found that Historical Societies are useful and she is just getting ready for parish detail research information and hopes to find some original sources. Records that she is looking at are before the 1500's and records are scarce. Keep us informed if you can break through this brick wall. Good luck!

If you have a story about your research, or want to share something else in the newsletter, let Kim G. or any board member know!



CALLING ALL CLEVER IDEAS!

NEWSLETTER NAME NEEDED!

Submit a name for this newsletter. get a valuable Prize...it may be a coupon for coffee, but it will have value!

SGS FIELD TRIP -- SEPT. 26, 2023

by Eileen Carney

Seven members of the society visited the Family History Center in Tucson for a field trip for our September meeting. It is a small facility packed with resources. They concentrate on their search engine, now called Family Search, as well as Ancestry.com, Find My Past, and My Heritage. Their employees are very knowledgeable and ready to assist anyone with help finding their roots. All the help is free and you can drop in anytime to ask questions, They teach classes—free with registration necessary.

The Family Search has a database of 16.8 billion records plus 550,000 keyword-searchable digitized books. For the visit we had some lively discussions and fascinating questions from our members. It's really valuable to have interesting questions (they raise other questions!) from the group. Everyone who attended learned something about how to use the research available and all agreed that it was a very welcoming place to go to get assistance with your family search.

The very smallness of the facility made it easy to fit right into the informal ambience. All visitors expressed their appreciation for the service and care they were given.

➤➤➤ A NOTE FROM OUR WEBMASTER

Kathryn Smith

The Sunflower Genealogy Society website is going through a transition, hopefully completed by the first of the year. The webpages will not look the same on the new website, as the entire Sunflower website is going through a similar change.

At this time, we don't know what exactly the webpages will look like. You can still access the website at this time. I'll post any updates as I get them.



Life starts
all over again
when it gets
crisp in the fall.

—F. Scott Fitzgerald,
"The Great Gatsby"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENEALOGY OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE OR NEARBY

>>> ONLINE

October 12: Help I'm Stuck!: Breaking Down Brick Walls in German Genealogy (by Germanology Unlocked), Free.

October 20, 21, 22: 2023 Polish Genealogy Conference (by Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast). \$40 for non-members.

Oct 25: Clustering DNA: The What, Why, and How (by Jennifer Roodzant, for Niagara County Genealogy Society). Free.

November 3-5: WikiTree Symposium and WikiTree Day events. Many speakers; free.

FIND MORE ONLINE EVENTS HERE, AT CONFERENCE KEEPER.

>>> IN-PERSON EVENTS



Pima County Genealogical Society



FAMILY MATTERS
VIVID-PIX

Do you have boxes filled with photos and don't know what to do with them?
You're not alone and we can help!
Interactive programs connect you with treasured memories.

**Join us October 13th & 14th
10 am – 4 pm for a family history fair! Free scanning, education, resources. Come and meet local genealogy and lineage societies**

Truly Nolen Leadership Training Center
436 S. Williams Blvd.
Tucson, AZ

More information can be found at
<https://www.azpcgs.org/>

Family Matters – a national community outreach program



**Family History Society of Arizona
40th Anniversary Celebration**
Genealogy Seminar and Annual Meeting
Featuring Arizona Speakers
Saturday, 28 October 2023
Pyle Adult Recreation Center
655 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Program Agenda

9:45 – 10:00 - Check-in, Greetings and Introduction

10:00 – 11:00 – **Peggy Ash** - World Wars I and II Draft Registration Cards: The history, how the draft was conducted, what the code numbers represent, and their significance for family history. Tips and tricks will be included.

11:15 – 12:15 – **George Wolfmeyer** - Finding My Family in Military Records: A discussion of what genealogical information can be gleaned from these records, the sources used, and what Military Records one should seek out in their research.

12:15 – 1:00 - Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 – **Katie Gertz** - 40th FHSA Anniversary Celebration

2:00 – 3:00 – **Bonnie Bossert** - Using Civil War Pension Files to Break Through Brick Walls- Has someone told you something in your tree is wrong? Someone told me my 3rd great-grandfather couldn't be buried where I had him...and in researching it I discovered a civil war saga in the pension files that broke through a brick wall. But does DNA support the pension records?"

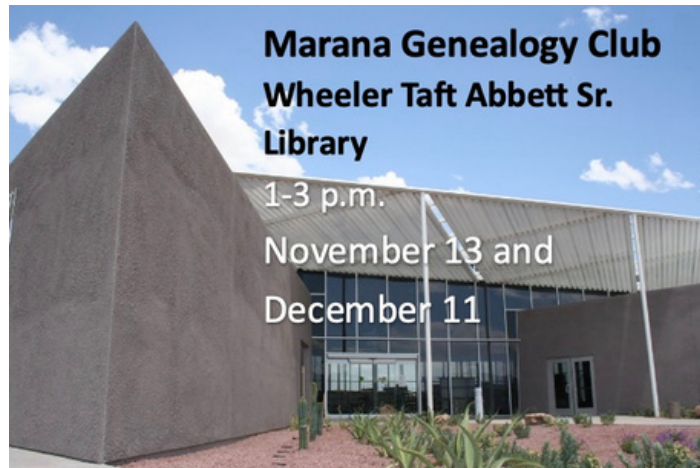
3:00 – 3:30 - FHSA Annual Meeting

Register Online at www.fhsa.org

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DID YOU KNOW?

➤➤➤ **MARANA HAS A GENEALOGY CLUB**
Bring ideas, interests, and questions to share



➤➤➤ MY HERITAGE

Your SGS membership includes access to MyHeritage. It's a great addition to your usual research tools. It costs about \$200/year for individual membership. You can access it for FREE on the MEMBERS ONLY page of the SGS website. Forget the password? Call a board member!

According to Diahna Southard, DNA educator, MyHeritage is especially good if you're looking for relatives and ancestors outside the United States. MyHeritage is known for strong international resources. They have curated impressive record collections for many parts of Europe (think France, Germany, United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, Sweden, Denmark and more). Their collections are growing for other places around the world, too, including Latin America and Oceania. It's the only genealogy website available in 42 languages, which means that fellow descendants who may still speak the language of your homeland may be using MyHeritage.



September 2023 Treasurer's Report

	Current Month	Fiscal Year to Date	FY 2023 Budget
Memberships			
Renewals	0	22	25
New Members	0	8	10
Total	0	30	35
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Beginning Balance	\$2,027.19	\$1,879.15	\$1,879.15
Income:			
Member Dues	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$525.00
Other	\$0.00	\$235.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00	\$685.00	\$525.00
Expenses:			
Presenter	\$0.00	(\$275.00)	(\$275.00)
Subscriptions	(\$50.00)	(\$209.00)	(\$260.00)
Library	\$0.00	(\$102.96)	(\$50.00)
Marketing	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$30.00)
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$150.00)
Total Expenses	(\$50.00)	(\$586.96)	(\$865.00)
Ending Balance	\$1,977.19	\$1,977.19	\$1,504.15

SEPT. 30, 2023 FINANCIALS

We had one expense in September, paying for our Zoom access to the Tech club for the coming year.

This brings our fiscal year to a close.

SUNFLOWER'S NOVEMBER CLUB EXPO

SGS plans to have a presence at the Club Expo on Sat. Nov. 18th at the Sunflower Village Center. We hope to have photos from the field trip to share, and meet new members who are interested in their family heritage!

If you want to help, give Eileen Carney a call or drop her an email, or just attend and share your genealogy interest with others.

