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NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

The Napa Valley Genealogical Society is dedicated to the promotion of genealogical, historical, and biographical research, and the preservation of family history. The society serves as a medium to share knowledge through workshops and educational programs.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD

NVGS Annual Meeting & Officer Installation

January 21, 2022 Thursday 1:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Social Time to Follow

A link will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

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"The Soul of the Family Tree"

Author: Lori Erickson

Fundraiser in conjunction with Napa Bookmine

**Register early at:
www.napagensoc.org**

**Dec 2, 2021
7:00pm**

**NVGS
Virtual Program**

More Info on page 7.

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

Dec 2021

Dec 6, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS”** 11:00am
Zoom a LINK WILL BE SENT OUT A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.

Dec 8, (1st Wed) **Library Committee Work Party.**

Dec 10, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

Dec 16, (3rd Thurs) **Program: “ No PROGRAM DUE TO THE HOLIDAY”**

Dec 22, 2021 through Jan 4, 2022 **The Library will be closed.**

Jan 2022

Jan 3, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Genealogy Books”** 11:00am Zoom

Jan 5, (1st Wed) **Library Committee Work Party.**

Jan 14, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am. At the Library.

Jan 20, (3rd Thurs) **Program: “ NVGS Annual Meeting & Officer Installation”**

1PM Thursday

Following will be a Social time.

Zoom Meeting

A link will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

Dec. 2, 2021 Thursday “Special Event” Napa Valley Genealogical Society is Hosting an event along with Napa Bookmine our local Book store. Lori Erickson will speak on her book *“The Soul of the Family Tree: Ancestors, Stories, and the Spirits we Inherit.”* Her approach to family history is refreshing and thought-provoking.

Since Lori lives in the Central Time Zone, This will be a Zoom Event.

To register: Go to www.napagensoc.org. On the home page, click *“The Soul of the Family Tree.”* Click Register. We ask for a \$25.00 dollar donation. Last day to register is Nov. 30, 2021.

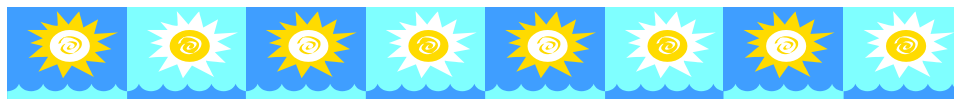
Book purchase: Order at <https://www.napabookmine.com/book9780664267032>

Dec 6, 2021 Monday 11:00am NVGS Round Table Discussion Group : will present **“Holiday Celebrations” Zoom meeting.**

A Reminder

Did you miss our speaker last month? If so, you may view the recording now on our new website, as you sign in as a member. napagensoc.org/Program-Videos

These recordings will be available for only a limited time.



Welcome New Members

Name

Surname Searches

Sheila Chapman	None given
Bill Glenn	None given
Maryellen Vander Sluis	None given
Jane Matijasic	Connelly, Cooper, McHale, Nukuyper
Kelly Wheaten	None given

GENEALOGY CLASSES

Starting January 2022, Santa Rosa Junior College is beginning a new series of genealogy classes by zoom. These classes are designed for older adults and are free.

Phone 707-527-4533 or go online to

<https://older-adults.santarosa.edu>.

SAFETY MEASURES AT THE LIBRARY

While we are delighted to welcome you back to the library, your safety is our primary concern. The following guidelines have been established for visitors coming to research or to attend a Special Interest Group:

- Every person must wear a mask, indoors.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the front desk.
- Disinfectant spray and wipes will be provided to clean equipment before and after use.

MEMBER BENEFITS - TOURS & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

New members (or any member wishing a refresher) can request a **library tour** with an experienced staff member. Submit tour requests by email - info@napagensoc.org - or by leaving a message on the library phone, 707-252-2252.

The **Writing Group** has resumed meeting at the library on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. See napagensoc.org and click Meetings and Interest Groups for details.

The **Roundtable Discussion Group** meets monthly via Zoom on the first Monday at 11:00 am. NVGS volunteers lead informal discussions on genealogy topics of interest.

Special Interest Groups are open to NVGS members only.

Mary's Book Corner



VERITAS A Harvard Professor, A con Man and the Gospel of Jesus's Wife

by Ariel Sabar, an award winning journalist.

I really became engaged with the book when I realized how much he was using good genealogical research techniques to discover just who the con man was. Starting with just a few facts, a general place where the con man lived and a couple of names with specific dates that he used in an attempt to authenticate an ancient papyrus, Sabar made good use of Elizabeth Shown Mills' F.A.N. club. He tracked down minute details of the con man's Friends, Associates, and Neighbors over a period of four years in order to solve the mystery. It takes 35 pages of tiny type to list all of his sources and another five pages for the bibliography. It is a fascinating and cautionary tale of how documents of all sorts can be forged and if not detected as such, may have the effect of changing history.

Happy reading, Mary

Let's start out the New Year right and help where you can.

Volunteer at NVGS

Indexing

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Handyman

Our Board meetings are once a month.
Program meetings will be by Zoom.
Work from home opportunities.

Call 707-252-2252 leave a message

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Membership

NVGS Orientation Video Now Available

Board and committee members joined forces on September 11, 2021 to present a Zoom orientation to our Society. New members and seasoned veterans alike may find helpful information about who we are and what we do on the 43 minute video. To access the recording, go to our website home page and click *Program Videos for Members Only*. On the next screen, click *NVGS New Member Zoom Orientation - September 2021*. Even easier, you can click the following link and go straight to the video on our YouTube account. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did making it!

[NVGS New Member Zoom Orientation - YouTube](#)

SEE's Christmas Candy

Help Us
Reach Our Goal!

Last date to order Dec 3, 2021

Go to our website at
www.napagensoc.org
Click on Fund Raising Event
On front page to order,
or use control & click on the links below.

Fund Raising Event

SEE's Christmas Shop

SEE's Sweetness in the Mail

If shipping to another address,
use your credit card, not Paypal!

RESEARCHING CENSUS RECORDS

The National Genealogy Society publishes a quarterly magazine with articles about genealogy and genealogy research. The fourth issue of this publication for 2021 focuses on census records.

In **April of 2022, the 1950 census** will become public. This issue includes an article with information on taking the census (the largest ever taken), the types of questions asked, searching the census by location, and a comparison of other years.

Other articles include: The Evolution of US Census Instructions: 1790-1870, Locating Hard-to-Find Census Entries, Using Social Statistics Schedules to Learn About Ancestral Communities, and Mortality Schedules: Death Records Before State Registration.

Additional articles cover finding free online newspapers and a detailed article about holding successful virtual meetings.

NGS is a valuable resource for genealogy researchers. Issues for 2021 are available at the NVGS library.

FamilySearch Completes Digitization of Massive Microfilm Collection

SALT LAKE CITY, UT—It is a milestone 83 years in the making.

In September, FamilySearch International announced the completion of a massive project to digitize its collection of millions of rolls of microfilm containing billions of family history records from around the world. The archive containing information on more than 11.5 billion individuals is now freely available to the public on [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org).

To explore FamilySearch's free collections of indexed records and images, go to [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) and search both "Records" and "Images". The Images feature enables users to peruse digitized images from the microfilm collection and more. A free FamilySearch account will be required to access the service.

FamilySearch is committed to collecting, preserving, and providing access to the world's genealogical records to help individuals and families worldwide discover and connect with their family histories. FamilySearch will continue to increase the digitization of new records worldwide from its digital camera operations and partnerships. It will also begin digitizing 335,000 microfiches in its collections.

Some of these images will continue to be restricted by contract restraints from original owners but since we are an Affiliate library, most of the restricted records will be available to our patrons.

THE SOUL OF THE FAMILY TREE: Upcoming Zoom Talk

On Thursday, December 2, at 7:00 pm, author Lori Erickson will share life-changing insights gained from traveling in the footsteps of her Viking ancestors and her poor farming relatives in Norway and rural Iowa. Erickson's latest book, *The Soul of the Family Tree: Ancestors, Stories, and the Spirits We Inherit*, has take-aways for all of us. In the chapter titled *Badly Behaving Relatives*, she cautions those who seek to learn more about their ancestors:

"Genealogy... makes it difficult to claim the moral high ground. If we go far enough back, all of us have many examples of both the oppressed and the oppressor in our lineages."

"If you want to climb onto a perch from which you can judge the rest of the world's iniquity, in other words, then genealogy is not the hobby for you. Research on the twists and turns of our lineages reinforces the perennial truth that within all of us is the potential for good and evil. Given the right circumstances - economic hardship, war, disease, and famine - we too may compromise, cheat, or commit violence."

"When we ponder our family trees, some humility is required."

To hear Erickson speak about her unique and engaging approach to family history research, go to the NVGS website: <https://www.napagensoc.org>. Click *The Soul of the Family Tree* on the home page and follow the instructions to register. The entire donation of \$25 goes to support NVGS events and maintenance of our library facility.

Copies of Erickson's book are being held at Napa Bookmine, 964 Pearl Street, Napa. Just ask for it at the desk.

Don't delay! Last day to register is Tuesday, November 30.

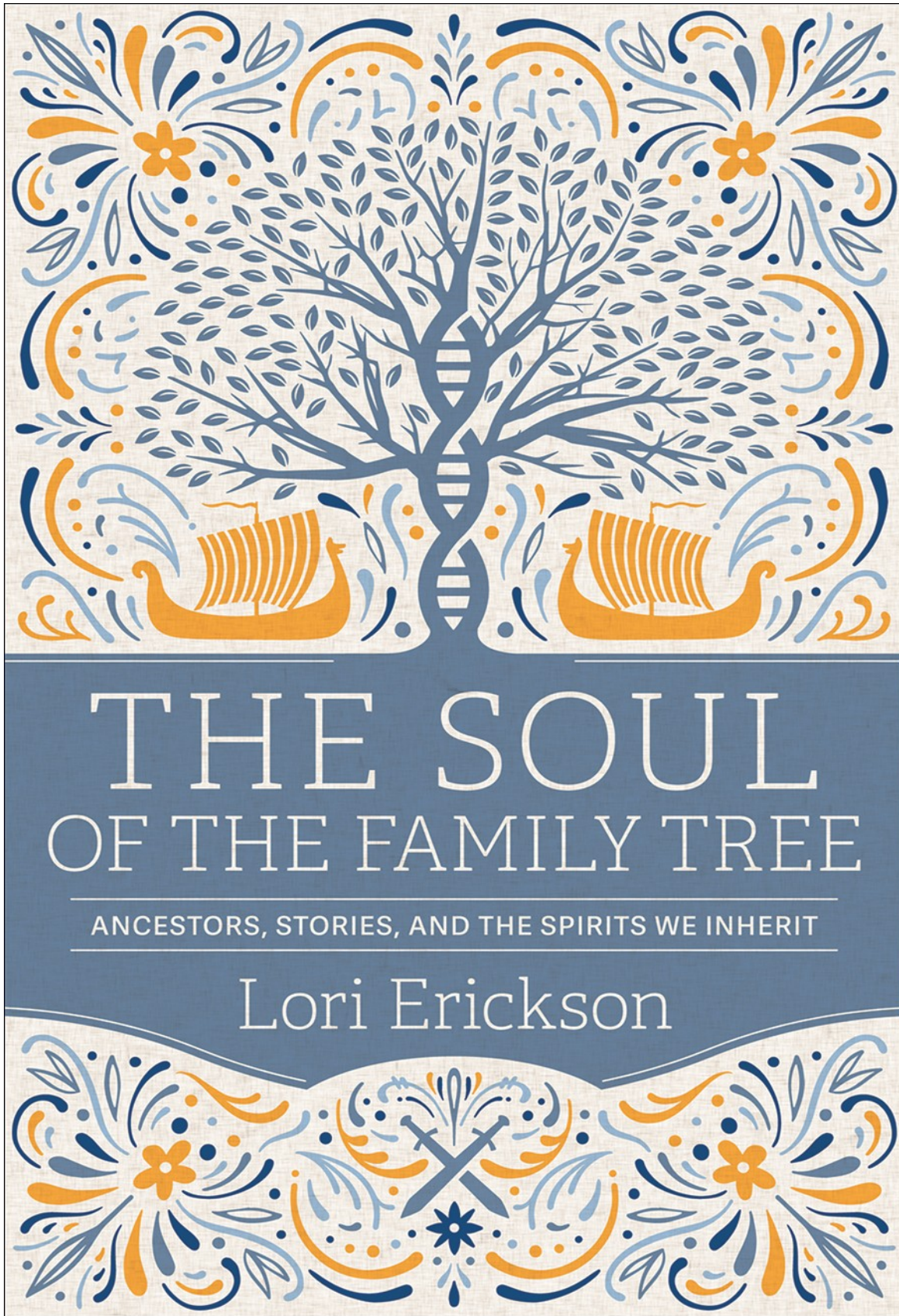
Other Genealogical Events

NGS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In May 2022 the national genealogy conference sponsored by the National Genealogy Society will be held in Sacramento, California. The theme this year is "Our American Mosaic" with numerous workshops that will be offered. In addition, there will be special events and tours in and around Sacramento.

Details about the conference will be available on the website in December at:

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>





*WE WISH EVERYONE
A
HAPPY HOLIDAY*

*THE LIBRARY WILL REOPEN
ON
January 5, 2022*