



# WINEPRESS

## NEWSLETTER

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Ways & Means: Vacant

### 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

Another big thank you goes out to all the participants of the "Vintage Fashion Show." This fundraiser was a huge success and fun was had by all who attended. The fashions were the spotlight of the day. What a wonderful collection of vintage clothing and the little sandwiches, cookies and champagne were a big hit. (more about show on pg 7.)

The Senior Center Friday Seminar was held at our library on April 6. Many came to our library and were greeted by volunteers who showed them the library and our function. As usual many did not know about our society and library here in Napa. Thank you Senior Center Seminar for coming to our facility and checking us out.

Last months program was a webinar on DNA. Many questions were answered about how to navigate your DNA results. The program was well attended and very informative.

Question: Would you like to have a DNA group, (SIG)? They could meet once a month or twice a month, at the library. Round table discussions, sharing and problem solving could be some topics covered. Email to [napagen@napavalleygenealogy.org](mailto:napagen@napavalleygenealogy.org). to request this group.

The board has been working on upcoming programs for your enjoyment. If you have an idea for a program please send us your request by email to [napagen@napavalleygenealogy.org](mailto:napagen@napavalleygenealogy.org).

## NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

### May 2018

- May 2, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.  
May 8, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.  
May 11, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 11:00am NVGS Library.  
May 12, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am at NVGS Library.  
May 17, ( 3rd Thurs) Monthly program, **Billions of Records - No Index!**  
**How Do I Find My People?** 1:00pm at NVGS Library  
May 22, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library.

### June 2018

- June 6 (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.  
June 8, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am NVGS Library.  
June 9, (2nd Sat) **Irish Interest Group**, 11am at NVGS Library.  
June 12, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.  
June 24, Sunday **OPEN HOUSE at the Library** All are welcome.  
1:00pm at NVGS Library.  
June 26, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library

**WinePress deadline**, June 26, articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, email articles or drop off in editor's box at library. Email: [sandrahoover@comcast.net](mailto:sandrahoover@comcast.net)

### Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

May 19, 2018 San Mateo County Genealogy Society presents:

#### **Using Google Maps in Genealogy \*\* Presented by Mike Davis**

You can use Google Maps to plot a set of locations where your ancestors lived, the route they took when they migrated to America, or the outline of their first homestead. In this hands-on workshop, we'll explore some of the hidden features of Google Maps. Please sign up for a free Google account before the workshop, if you don't already have one. Participants will have access to Cañada College computers or may bring their own laptop if they prefer.

Visit our website at: [www.smcgs.org](http://www.smcgs.org)

May 31 thru June 2, 2018 Southern California Genealogy Society presents:

**SCGS' 2018 JAMBOREE** is a weekend of fun-filled, action-packed genealogy and DNA for any beginner to the academic level. There are presentations and workshops for the hobbyist to the professional, and a large exhibit hall. There's something for everyone with each field's top experts to help you move to the next level in your search and education!

More information at: <http://genealogyjamboree.com>



## Welcome New Members

Name	Surname Searches
Barry, Suzanne M.	Barry, Bondi/Bondy, Trainor, Virzi
Button, Linda	Button, Goodwin
Grimmer, Joann V.	Becker, Marshall, Sullivan
Jones, Mary E	Tokita, Watanabe
Marciano, Sylia	None given

### LETS US KNOW

If you change your E-mail address, phone number or street address let us know.

We have been getting some emails and mail as returned as undeliverable.



### Mary's Book Corner

#### *The Wicked Trade*

Nathan Dylan Goodwin has once again sent us a review copy of his latest novel, *The Wicked Trade*. Goodwin's writing just gets better and better. He has the uncanny ability to take an historical story and skillfully weave it into the modern setting of a genealogical mystery. This story has suspense, intrigue, and lots of solid research without the level of personal danger in earlier books. Regular fans of Morton Farrier, his forensic genealogist character, will really enjoy learning more about Morton's own complicated family. I must confess that I devoured the 350 pages in 24 hours. As a bonus, the novella, *The Suffragette's Secret*, is also included in this volume. Look for it on the Lending Library shelf.

*Happy reading, Mary*



## 2017 Financial Statement

The Annual Napa valley Genealogical Society statement is available at the library.  
Ask staffer for a copy if you wish.

## Membership DUES

Reminder that dues are due by July 1 and invoices will be sent by email or US Mail by the end of May.



## Rreview FAMILY SEARCH

As part of FamilySearch's plan to discontinue the microfilm loan program, they offered the ability to access restricted records to affiliate libraries like ours. What does that mean for our patrons?

When you search for a specific record collection your results are marked by icons denoting availability. A book icon means you will have to go to Salt Lake City to read it in the library there. A film reel means it is only available on microfilm and again you will have to go to Salt Lake. A camera icon means that it has been digitized and is available on the website. Some camera icons have a key above it and that means it is restricted to viewing at a family history center or an affiliate library. Now when you are searching on one of the computers in our library, you will not see the key and you will be able to access the record. There are still some records with further restrictions concerning how many people can view it at a time. I have one record that I have been trying to consult but every time I bring it up, someone else is using it. Patience is a virtue, patience is a virtue.

Mary Herzog



IN MEMORY  
L. Kendall Nelson  
March 2018



IN MEMORY  
Robert "Bob" Evans  
April 2018



IN MEMORY  
Richard Moore  
1923 - 2018

**PROGRAM**

Napa Valley Genealogy Society  
May Program



Thursday May 17, 2018

**1:00 pm** Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm

**Billions of Records - No Index!  
How Do I Find My People?**

[FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) currently has more than 24 billion records digitized and online but only a little over 6 million of them have been indexed. By the time this program is presented in May, millions more will have been added in both categories. Come and learn how to make use of this hidden treasure to move your family research along.

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**PROGRAM**

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June Program



Sunday June 24, 2018

**1:00 pm** Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm

**OPEN HOUSE**

Featuring hands-on demonstrations of some of the library newest services, such as the scanner.

All are Welcome to tour our library and see what our Society is all about.

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## *Jabber from Janice*



You may not have checked these websites in a while. Many new digitized records and information have been added. **Hint:** if you find something useful, be sure to bookmark it in a Genealogy folder in your browser.

- Free genealogy forms: <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms> also at <https://www.cyndislist.com/free-stuff/printable-charts-and-forms/>
- Major genealogy index: <https://www.cyndislist.com/> Very large site with leads to all things genealogy. I especially like the location links under the category “United States”, then State, then County for sources of records. Also the Societies and Groups is useful.
- Paid site or free at local library and the NVGS: <https://www.ancestry.com/> More records than ever on Ancestry. **Tip;** Go to Search then choose Card Catalog to use a focused search. You can choose books or databases specifically. This works much better than a general search.
- LDS Family Search is a site full of good stuff...free but log in to get the most information: <https://www.familysearch.org/>
- Free U.S. research: <http://usgenweb.org/>
- United States Digital Maps: <http://usgwarchives.net/maps/> There is a 1908 map of Napa with the old Rancho information.
- Site at our own National Archives: <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>. This opens to the Research for Genealogists page.
- Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/> Many digital collections for your research.

### **California Research**

- California State Archives: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/collections/family-history-resources/> Even has prison records, not that I expect your family to be on them.
- California Newspapers <https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc> Ongoing project, not all counties have been digitized.
- Online Archive of California has many digitized records. Go to Browse the Collection ( the eye means it is an online item) <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/>

*Janice Cox Brown*  
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## First Vintage Fashion Show a Success

NVGS's first-ever vintage fashion show, "Have Bag, Will Travel" was a tremendous success. Member Dorothy Streich emailed an enthusiastic summary of the event: "It was fun." "The room was beautiful." "The fashion show was wonderful." "What a great idea." These were just some of the comments from people on the way out.'

The show, which was sold out two weeks in advance, received broad support from the community. People traveled from Santa Rosa, Vallejo, Calistoga and Sacramento for the event. The Native Sons Hall was packed to the rafters with a crowd of more than 225.

Photos provided by Goodwill of the Greater East Bay got us a full page spread in *The Napa Valley Register*. The newspaper also sent a photographer/reporter to the fashion show. He stayed for the entire show, taking photos of the models and interviewing the coordinator. The result was an article on the front page of the newspaper.

The event raised \$4,450 after expenses which included \$400 for the rental of the Native Sons Hall and \$600 to Goodwill of the Greater East Bay for the models, clothes and commentator. The proceeds will be used to help cover operating expenses for the library.

The board reviewed the event at its April meeting. There was support for holding the event again next year. Improvements that were discussed included using a larger venue or selling few tickets and raising the ticket price.



## A Step Back In Time

It turns out that calling the recent vintage fashion show the "first ever" for NVGS is not accurate. According to clippings and photographs found in the library's archives, "The Way We Wore" was a major fundraising event for the Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society and Library in the spring of 1986.

The fashion show was produced by Pleasant Hill resident Jan Chase, whose hobby was collecting vintage fashions. It was held at the Clarion Inn on Solano Avenue and included lunch for \$20. The fashions modeled in the show included a 1920's swimsuit, a 1950's cheerleader's uniform and a 1917 nurse's uniform. Life member Diane Dillon wore her grandmother's driving duster.