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NEWSLETTER

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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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

Purchase your tickets now, for this great event.

Sunday March 10, 2019 NVGS presents a **Vintage Fashion Show**. Tickets are available at the library at 1701 Menlo Ave. for \$50.00 each. Doors will open at 11:30 am at the Elks Lodge, 2840 Soscol Ave. Napa, CA. This event will be a catered luncheon with champagne. (optional), and other beverages will be available. Luncheon is a three course meal. Choices are Rosemary Baked Chicken or Baked Salmon w/ Lemon herb sauce. Select your choice of Entrée when you purchase your ticket. Also, we will be raffling a beautiful handmade quilt and there will be a Silent Auction of baskets with a variety of goodies.

There is plenty of parking at the Elks Lodge.

In Need of a Speakers Committee

We need a speaker's committee of 2 or 3 people. The committee will be in charge of locating speakers for our monthly meetings that are held at the library on the third Thursday of each month. We are dark for the months of July and December.

Speakers can be from our members or outside groups. Please consider volunteering.

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Do you know of a speaker you would like to see at one of our program meetings during 2019? If so please let us know and we will try to book them for a program.

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

All members and guests welcome to attend.

Mar 2019

Mar 6, (1st Wed) Genealogy Software Group, 1pm NVGS Library.

Mar 8, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 11:00am NVGS Library.

Mar 12, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Mar 20, (3rd Wed) **Irish Interest Group**, 1pm at NVGS Library.

Mar 21, (3rd Thurs) Monthly Program, Update on Family Search.
1:00pm at NVGS Library

Mar 26, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library.

Apr 2019

Apr 3, (1st Wed) **Genealogy Software Group**, 1pm NVGS Library.

Apr 9, (2nd Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Apr 12, (2nd Fri) **Board Meeting**, 10:30am NVGS Library.

Apr 17, (3rd Wed) **Irish Interest Group**, 1pm at NVGS Library.

Apr 18, (3rd Thurs) Monthly Program, Italian Communities in Napa Valley.
1:00pm at NVGS Library.

Apr 23, (4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, 12 noon, at NVGS Library.

WinePress deadline, Apr 26, articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, email articles or drop off in editor's box at library. Email: sandrahoover@comcast.net

Calendar of Upcoming Events of Interest

March 23, 2019 "Hard Drive Organization: Managing Images and Your Computer File Folders"
Presented by Tim Cox, at the California Genealogical Society and Library, Oakland, California.

Every genealogist has a collection of photographs, scanned images of paper documents, and images downloaded from online sources. What is the best way to organize them on our hard drive?

How do we identify each image?

Information go to CaliforniaAncestors.org

May 4th, 2019 " Spring Seminar 2019" Sonoma County Genealogical Society Presents: Michael D. Lacopo .Scheduled Lectures: "She Came From Nowhere..." Using Social History in Your Research, Magnificent, Magical, Mesmerizing Manuscript Collections!

Estate Files: Are You Getting the Most Out of Them?

"I am Poor, Obscure, Plain, and Little" Researching the Invisible Ancestors.

For more information or register on line go to: <http://www.scgsonline.org>



Welcome New Members

Name	Surname Searches
Amy Linn	Adams, Boehm/Beam, Carter, Clark, Compton, Fitting, German, Hoover, Lechner, Lyons, Markley, Pearson, Ross, Trimble
Harry (Smokey) Stover	Beard, Brandstetter, Hull, Schneider, Summers
Marilee Talley	Barry, Clendenin, Rutherford, Talley

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2019



Goodwill Bag Ladies Fashion Show

Our fundraiser will be held on March 10th at the Elks Lodge. There will be a catered lunch with champagne. Last year we sold out very quickly, be sure to purchase your tickets early.

Mary's Book Corner



Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love
by Dani Shapiro

Dani Shapiro took a DNA test on a whim, without giving any thought to what she might find. Many of us are doing just that and for some the results are life changing. Shapiro, an accomplished writer, and her journalism husband, were well versed in research techniques and knew a vast network of experts to consult. They very quickly figured out that her strange DNA results pointed to donor paternity in the early era of rogue behavior with no regulations and little concern for ethics. The whole book is very eloquently written as she includes the reader in the entire process of discovery, disbelief, childhood recall and the need to re-frame her early memories.

Inheritance is a book that every genealogist should read and it will be included in our Member's Lending Library.

Happy reading, Mary

PROGRAM

Napa Valley Genealogy Society
March Program

Thursday March 21, 2019
1:00 pm Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm

Update on Family Search problems

and what to do about them.

Presented by member Mary Herzog



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PROGRAM

Napa Valley Genealogy Society
April Program

Thursday April 28, 2019
1:00 pm Refreshments and Social

Program starts at 1:30 pm

Italian Communities in Napa Valley

Presented by member Gail Martin



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Jabber from Janice

Continued from Jan, Feb

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Family Tree Magazine Dec. 2018 has “Cyber States” picks for the best free web-sites for genealogy for U.S. records (a few of my finds are included also). Also be aware that receiving our newsletter online means you are able to just click on the blue link.

Connecticut <https://collections.ctdigitalarchive.org/> A general search through all collections view specific collections. http://dunhamwilcox.net/0_ct-index.htm Powerful early records search. Loved the Puritan Settlers lists.

Delaware <https://archives.delaware.gov/digital-archives/> from here you can explore the data-bases listed and then begin an search.

Florida <https://www.floridamemory.com/> choosing Collections will give the most genealogy information. I liked the County Histories and wish all archives had them.

Georgia <https://www.georgiaarchives.org/> choose “Research” then “Search Our Collections” for access to digital items like Virtual Vault. <https://dlg.usg.edu/> a general search from the home page is challenging so try to narrow down to specific collection. Has some County info that might be useful.

Hawaii <http://ags.hawaii.gov/archives/> under Research Aides, choose Genealogy with a list of links. Some take you to info about collections, others take you to an actual searchable database, such as Vital Statistics. This a tough site to negotiate.

Idaho <https://history.idaho.gov/searchableindexes> Hard to use! But I found this more direct link <https://history.idaho.gov/searchable-indexes/>

Illinois <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/> Illinois Digital Archives, found main page search bar same as on other pages so it is a general search. <http://www.idaillinois.org/> Illinois Digital Archives uses search bar at top or click on photo of collection to search that record group.

Indiana <https://secure.in.gov/apps/iara/search/> Here you can search specific record groups. <https://digital.statelib.lib.in.us/legacy/> combines local history with vital records. Lots of indexes to search. <https://digitalcollections.library.in.gov/> another direct connection to genealogy information.

Source: Family Tree Magazine Dec 2018

Will be continued next month.

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ON-LINE CATALOGUE

Remember that our library has a completely searchable online catalog. Users may access the search function from their home computers, their smart devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) or from the PC's available in the NVGS library. You can print out a list of the publications you wish to view while you are at the library.

Go to: napavalleygenealogy.org. Tab *Library* to reach our library catalogue online.

So What's Next?

As many people have discovered, researching your family tree can be challenging and the process can become addictive. Once you start it is hard to let it go even when you hit a road block.

Whether you are stuck or just curious, the community of Napa is fortunate to have two organizations that can help with research. The Napa Valley Genealogical Society can offer numerous resources for family research; and the Napa County Historical Society has the resources to give life to the people, buildings and businesses that made Napa what it is today. Both the Genealogical Society's and the Historical Society's holdings are public non-circulating libraries.

The Genealogical Society was founded in 1974 and has been improving and growing since then. The Society has a large library containing information from each state, many other countries and individual families. It is also a depository for research completed by its members. The Society catalog can be accessed from any computer at their website www.napavalleygenalogy.org. The catalog can be searched by subject, title or author.

The Society building at 1701 Menlo Avenue on the corner of California Avenue is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm with staff members available to assist with any questions. Some Saturdays are available. Call ahead for Saturday openings during regular hours at 707-252-2252.

There are public computers available with many subscription services such as Ancestry, Fold 3.com (military records), newspapers.com (national and international newspapers), New England genealogy records and other internet sites. In addition there are historical maps, cemetery records, school records, voting lists, passenger lists and much more local information. The library also receives and archives publications from other genealogy organizations operating in all fifty states. Some of these organizations have been publishing genealogical information since the 1800's.

Through your research at the Napa Valley Genealogical Society you have identified generation after generation of your family tree. Through the subscription services you have located newspaper articles. You have discovered military information. You may even have located a family history from the numerous volumes located in the stacks. So what's next?

Names are only the beginning - what brought them to Napa, where did they live, where did they go to school, where did they work, what were their lives like, what did Napa look like when they arrived? The Napa County Historical Society can help you research that additional information.

The Historical Society has two research locations: the Juarez building at Tulocay Cemetery and the Goodman Library located at 1219 First Street in downtown Napa. The Tulocay office is open on Tuesday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Goodman Library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10-4. Appointments are offered at both locations.

NCHS has thousands of photographs digitized online on their website at www.napahistory.org. These are available for purchase in print or digital version. Their collections include yearbooks, newspapers, telephone books, manuscripts, books, maps, blueprints, business records, organizations' records, county and city records, winery information and much more.

You may find a photograph of your ancestor or a photograph of a family home or business. You may find a manuscript of a family memoir. You may find a history of the development of the business or industry where your ancestor was employed. You may discover your family member was a volunteer firefighter, served in city or county government or was a steamboat captain. All of this information is waiting to be discovered.

Sue Ziernski and Nancy Levenberg

100 years of fashion

“Have Bag, Will Travel”

“Have Bag, Will Travel” is an entertaining and informative theatrical tour of fashion through the ages. The fashion show features a collection of museum-quality gowns and accessories modeled by volunteers for Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay. Ball gowns, day dresses, wedding gowns, lingerie, wool bathing suits and men’s clothing are set off by fabulous vintage accessories including furs, shoes and hats.

Tickets can be purchased at the Napa Valley Genealogical Society 1701 Menlo Avenue or by calling (707) 252-2252.

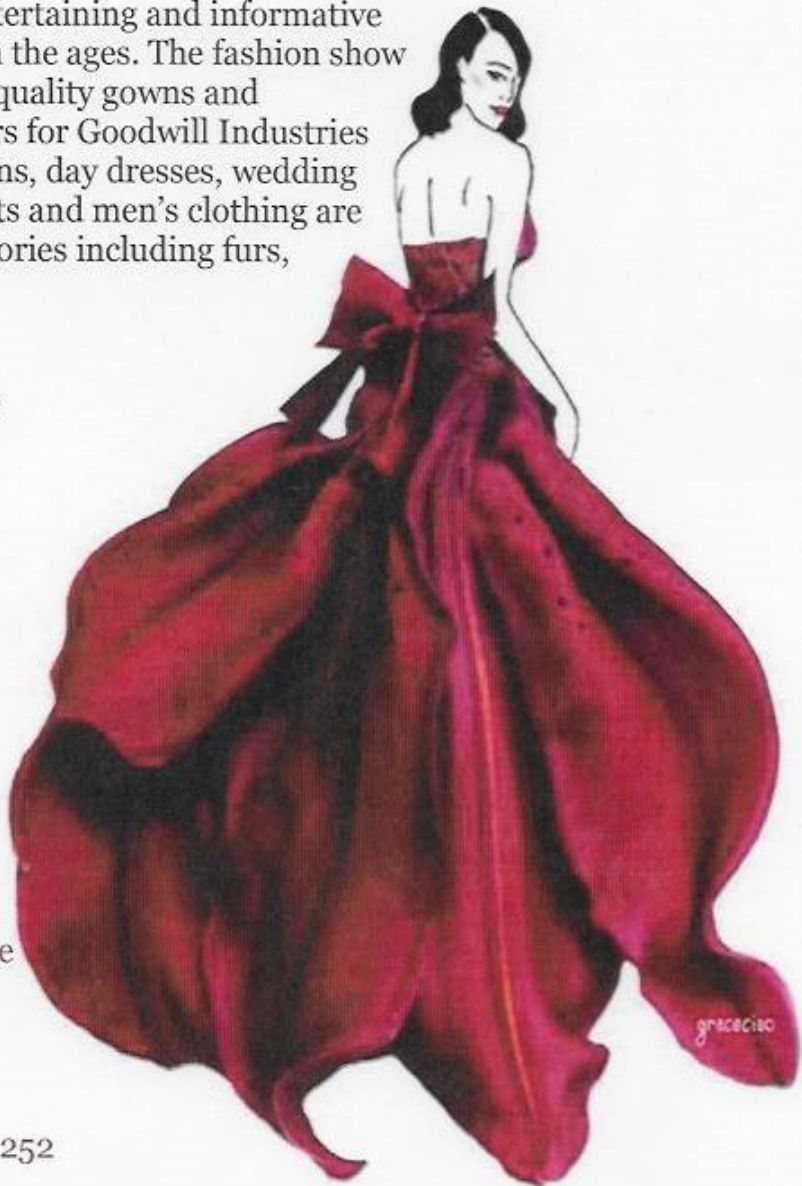
Where: Napa Elks Lodge
2840 Soscal Avenue

When: Sunday, March 10
Doors open at 11:30 AM

Tickets - \$50
Includes 3-course
lunch and Champagne
Choice of chicken or
salmon entree

Tickets – (707) 252-2252

Quilt Raffle * Silent Auction



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NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY QUILT RAFFLE



WIN THIS BEAUTIFUL, HANDMADE QUILT

TICKETS: ONE - \$5 THREE - \$10

Hand-pieced and Hand-quilted • 81" x 96" • Pattern: Dresden Plate

This quilt can be used as a bedspread on a twin bed with a 21" drop,
or as a comforter/coverlet on a queen-size bed.

Donated by Joan Barber

Drawing to be held at Vintage Fashion Show, Sunday March 10

Need not be present to win.

All proceeds benefit Napa Valley Genealogical Society