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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.

New Hours for Library

Our Library will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am-1pm. Starting March 2nd.

Bente Shoar has volunteered to take the staffing position on Thursdays. We would like to have two people on staff duty together for the days we are open. We also would like to open the library in the afternoon or evening. Please consider volunteering.

If you would like to volunteer, to staff, please email the president Sandra Hoover at president@napagensoc.org

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"Spring Work Party at the Library"

**Bring gloves, garden
clippers (large & small)
Large Trash Bags
Kneeling pad.**

Lunch if you wish.

March 17, 2023

10-1:00 pm

www.napagensoc.org

NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY CALENDAR of EVENTS

Mar. 2023

Mar. 6, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Publicizing Family Histories”**
11:00am Zoom

Mar. (Every Wed) **Library Committee Work Party. 10am to 1pm**

Mar. (2nd + 4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

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

Mar.16, Thursday **Program: “Finding What you Need, and Using What You Find”**
presented by Pam Vestal. Zoom Meeting, 1 pm

Mar 17, Friday **Spring Work Party at the Library, 10-1**

Apr. 2023

Apr. 3, (1st Mon) **Round Table Discussion Group: “Not Ellis Island—those other US ports
of entry for our ancestors” 11:00am Zoom**

Apr. (Every Wed) **Library Committee Work Party. 10am to 1pm**

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

Apr. (2nd + 4th Tue) **Family History Writing Group**, noon, at NVGS Library.

Apr. 20, (3rd Thurs) **Program: “Publications-How to compile your Family History”**
presented by Harry Stover. Zoom Meeting, 1 pm.

WinePress deadline, Articles to Editor Sandra Hoover, due 26th of each month,
E-mail articles to: info@napagensoc.org In subject line state: Newsletter item.

EVENTS 2023

SAVE the DATE

Saturday, April 29, 2023 **Root Cellar’s Spring 2023 Seminar featuring D. Joshua Taylor.**
Fair Oaks Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, CA

The excitement is building. We’re back in person with a our full day Spring Seminar with D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS.

The four sessions will be:

Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States between 1780 and 1840.

Vanity Sketches: Sources and Truths Behind County Histories.

Essential Technology for Genealogists.

When Dates Disagree: 8 Ways to Resolve Conflicting Details.

Seminar Registration is Open, at Rootcellar.org





Welcome New Members

Name

Surname Searches

James Schrupp

Fagan, Sheehy, Tormey

Mary Adele Black Smith

Black, Dimmick, Alkire, Perrenoud and High

MEMBERS MAY SCHEDULE A LIBRARY ORIENTATION

Email to: research@napagensoc.org or call 707-252-2252

Membership Cards

If you would like to print your membership card,
follow these steps:

1. Put card stock or a heavy sheet of paper in your printer.
2. Log in to the website. (napagensoc.org)
3. Click on your name (right hand upper corner) to go to your profile.
4. Click on the **Membership Tab**.
5. Click on the **Printable PDF**. It will download to your download folder.
6. Print and cut it out – there will be two printed, one with square corners and one with rounder corners.

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.

NEVADA State Name Means

Nevada, comes from a Spanish word that means “snowy” or “snow –clad”

Mary's Book Corner



“ The Sawtooth Slayer ”

By Nathan Dylan Goodwin

Nathan Dylan Goodwin has done it yet again! *The Sawtooth Slayer* is the second in his new series, Venator Cold Cases. There's a little more tension this time but more important is all the wonderful how-to information about doing genetic genealogy research on a professional basis. It's a fun way to hone your skills and to be entertained at the same time. We also learn more about the personal lives and problems of the Venator staff. While the professional task is resolved, there are plenty of personal stories to carry over into future books. Look for it on the member's lending shelf.

Happy reading, Mary

EVENTS continued 2023

March 18, 2023 12 to 2:30 pm via Zoom **The Sonoma County Genealogical Society**

Presents Lisa Gorrell “Fleshing out Your Family using City Directories”

City Directories are a wonderful source to fill in details of your ancestors life between the census years. City Directories give information about a resident's address and occupation, but the directories have lots of other information. Come hear about how to use the directories to aid in your research and where to find them in person or on-line. Remember, even small towns often had published directories.

Presentation at 1.00pm For more information go to scgsonline.org

April 8, 2023 10am –1pm via Zoom **San Diego Genealogy Society presents:**

The Home Archivist: Preserving Family Records Like A Pro! Presentation by **Melissa Barker**
a.k.a. **The Archive Lady**

This program will be recorded and placed in the "Members Only" section. The public is always welcome!

For questions contact Regina at webmaster@casdgs.org Registration will open on Mar 25, 2023.

Please visit Melissa's blog [*A Genealogist in the Archives*](#)



Napa Valley Genealogical Society
Presents:

FINDING WHAT YOU NEED AND USING WHAT YOU FIND

Zoom talk by Pam Vestal

March 16, 2023 - 1:00 pm

(Brief business meeting precedes presentation)

Discover twenty practical strategies for searching the internet more successfully, extracting hidden genealogical nuggets from the documents you find, and evaluating your evidence. We'll explore an assortment of tools for locating overlooked records, understanding codes in documents, recovering missing websites, finding evidence of name changes, and much more.



Guest Registration: Click "Finding What You Need..." on the napagensoc.org home page. Click "Register." Last day to register is March 14.

Members of the Society will receive a Zoom link and do not need to register.

Pam Vestal became a professional genealogist and speaker after a 20-year writing career. Her articles have appeared in many national publications, and her lectures take her from coast to coast. Pam specializes in conducting genealogical research and then transforming that information into illustrated stories that even non-genealogists can enjoy.



NAPA VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS:

Creating a Family History Book

Zoom talk by Harry Stover

April 20, 2023 - 1:00 pm

(Brief business meeting precedes presentation)

No matter where you are in your research, you can record what you know now. Whether you choose an informal or formal style, you can print it yourself or take advantage of the many printing services now available. Harry Stover will share his process of creating a family genealogy book, including the programs he used and options available, book publishers, and the cost of publishing. Find out how he preserved his family's history and how you can do it, too.



Guest Registration: Click "Creating a Family History Book" on the home page of napagensoc.org. Click "Register." Last day to register is April 18.

Members of the Society will receive a Zoom link and do not need to register.

Harry Stover was ship's Master for 26 years, retiring in 2000. He began genealogy research in 1995. Using notes from his great aunt, he built a tree for his father's family and followed with his mother's tree. In 2020 he published a book of his family's Revolutionary War Patriots. Harry serves as Registrar for the Sons of the American Revolution, Redwood Empire Chapter.

CHRONICLING
AMERICA
HISTORIC AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Search America's historic newspaper pages from 1777-1963 or use the U.S. Newspaper Directory to find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present. Chronicling America is sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress. <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Facts About the 1500's

The floor was dirt. Only the Wealthy had something other than dirt, - hence the saying "Dirt Poor."

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it all started skipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entry way - hence, a "Thresh Hold."



NVGS's Spring Work Party, need your HELP

Spring is almost here. We need to keep our 77-year-old library building and YARD looking inviting.

Let us plan a WORK DAY on Friday, March 17th between 10 – 1. Bring gloves, garden clippers (large & small) screwdriver if you want to get to the roots of the weeds, kneeling pads, saw, large trash bags.

Your Garden Trolls will be there to guide you. Hope you can make it. Let us know. If another day is better, let us know that too, we are flexible. If rainy, we will move the work day to the following week, Friday, March 24th.

We are also looking for native plants if you have extra please bring to the library on our work day.


Give us a call or text 707.738.0521 or email: polrbear11@sbcglobal.net

We thank you,
T&B

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	2 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	3	4
5	6 ROUND TABLE 11 am ZOOM	7	8 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	9 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	10 BOARD MTG. 10:30 am at library	11
12 DAY- LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	13	14	15 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	16 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1 PROGRAM 1pm ZOOM	17 SPRING WORK PARTY AT THE LIBRARY 10-1	18
19	20 SPRING BEGINS	21	22 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	23 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	24	25
26	27	28	29 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	30 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	31	

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 ROUND TABLE 11 am ZOOM	4	5 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	6 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	7 GOOD FRIDAY	8
9 EASTER 	10	11	12 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	13 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	14 BOARD MTG. 10:30 am	15
16	17	18	19 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	20 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1 PROGRAM 1pm ZOOM	21	22 EARTH DAY
23	24	25	26 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	27 LIBRARY OPEN 10-1	28	29
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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: napagensoc.org. Tab *Library* to reach our library catalogue online.



Why be a Genealogist?

To Delight in:

- The Glorious Experiences of Discovery
- Transforming the Unknown into the Known.
- Sharpening my Mind on Problems
- Bringing my Past to Life.

Why Join a Genealogy Society?

- Local Records and Local Repositories
- Not all records are on line....
- Virtual meetings
- Special Interest groups (SIGs)
- Educational opportunities
- Publications
- Like minded people

Sharing your great finds and telling someone or a group about them is a great way to share, and it will make you feel great and uplifting, and just plain wonderful. After all the hard work you have done in finding your family member it should be shared and the best way is to share is with like minded people. People who would appreciate it and these people you can find in Genealogy Societies. So join a Society, be it near or far away. With zoom these days you can virtually see and talk with anyone. So, go ahead and join a Society or two or three or more.