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October Presentation

Tuesday Oct. 15th, 2024 at 10 am

“The Witchcraft Crisis of 1692” (Via Zoom)

By Gay Scott



Join us for a Halloween meeting looking into what happened in the Salem Witch Trials. Our own Gay Scott will delve into witchcraft roots from Mesopotamia to Europe and England leading up to the witchcraft crisis of 1692 in Salem, Massachusetts. Gay's 7x great-grandmother was accused of being a witch in Salem in 1692.

Gay Scott has a love of history and is a member of the Mt. Diablo Chapter DAR, the Anne Hutchinson Chapter Colonial Dames of the 17th. Century,

San Francisco Chapter Magna Charta Dames and Barons and the Associated Daughters of Early American Witches. She is married with two children and three grandchildren. She told her two grandsons that now they could be members of the Sons of Witches, but they didn't seem too interested! ■

A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out to all members a few days prior to the meeting. If you have any friends or family that would like to attend, have them contact Scott Hefner at president@srvgensoc.org prior to the meeting for the link. If you have any Zoom questions or issues, please contact Scott at 925-765-7184 or Bill George at williamcgeorge@gmail.com.

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President's Message

By Scott Hefner



When I first started my journey into the world of genealogy research, my primary sources of information were: 1) Relative-Pictures, documents, and conversations, 2) Books and newspapers in libraries either local or in states and towns of interest, 3) The set of 20 or 30 CDs that came with my first genealogy software package. The internet existed but was still in the early stages of development, and online data was still limited.

Fast forward to today, and the picture looks very different. Input from relatives is still important and valuable, and books, libraries, and graveyards continue to be interesting and often critical sources of physical and written evidence. But as we all know, the internet has exploded in the last few years and the amount of information, including genealogy records, has expanded exponentially. It seems that every presentation or meeting I participate in inevitably references one or more data sources on the internet that I am unfamiliar with or have never used.

So what are we to do to make sense out of the flood of data and extract the information we can use to fill out our family trees? For me, part of the answer sounds simple: be disciplined in my research and don't be tempted by shortcuts. Use credible sources and document your citation of those sources. Don't merge other people's trees with your own. In reality, I struggle to adhere to these rules all the time.

Just in the past few months, our Society has provided me with a number of suggested tools and approaches that can help with the data overload problem. In June, Kim Richardson presented a disciplined approach to research and documentation that can help break down our "Brick Walls". At July's meeting, Steve Little gave a presentation on the current state of Artificial Intelligence and how it can be used to help us make connections in genealogy data that would be difficult or impossi-

ble without it. At one of our Special Interest Group meetings, we had a discussion of a tool called "Goldie May", which promises to replace the hodgepodge of sticky notes, spreadsheets, and notebooks that many of us use to keep track of our research findings and clues.

Of course, there is a learning curve in figuring out how to use these tools and integrate them into our own research activities. But one of the major benefits of belonging to a Society like ours is that there are always others who have the same issues and interests, and frequently there will be someone further along than you are who can provide advice, insights and feedback on using some of these tools.

If you are interested in sharing ideas, picking other people's brains for insights, and gathering suggestions for moving your own research forward, a great way to do it is to not only attend the General Meeting presentations but to participate in one or more SIG meetings as well. You're guaranteed to enjoy the experience! ■

Are you an NGS Member? Would you like to be?

If you are over 65, have Medicare and have a Medicare Advantage plan or a Medicare Supplement you may be eligible for reimbursement of your NGS dues or a free membership. You should check the NGS website (www.GrouponGroup.com/NGS) and then you can decide if you want to join. It would basically be a free membership which would give you free access to Newspaper Archives.



Notes on the September 2024 Presentation

By Margaret Goetze

“How to Find your Ancestral Village”

By Lisa Vogeles

This method works for more than just brick walls. It is great for beginner researchers or if you are just researching a new person. If you are overwhelmed with piles of research or files on your computer, this method can help to conquer the chaos.

Lisa Vogeles is a professional genealogist who shared her passion for combining family history research with travel with us. The main goal of her presentation was to help us find our ancestral village. She highlighted the difficulties of finding a town of origin due to factors such as handwriting, spelling, and language barriers. Lisa then presented a reverse timeline approach to solving these issues, focusing on life in the U.S.A., migration records, and records in the old country.

She highlighted the importance of knowing different spellings of names and the use documents written in Latin and other languages for our research. In addition to the use of birth, marriage, and death records, as well as obituaries, she advised us to keep a running list of difficult-to-find records and to revisit them as AI and other technologies improve and more records become available.

Lisa emphasized the value of contacting and visiting local historical societies and genealogy societies. She mentioned less common resources like the SS-5 Social Security Application, which can provide information about an individual's birthplace and parents' names. Citizenship applications had a Declaration, and a Petition so look for both documents.

Lisa discussed less-searched sources of genealogical information, including funeral home records, county history books, fraternal organizations, land records, cemetery records, ethnic newspapers, and probate records. She described the importance of using these sources in conjunction with other research methods and the availability of digitized records through websites like FamilySearch, Google Books, and the HathiTrust digital library.

Another technique to identify family members' last places of residence and birthplaces, is in documents accompanying ship manifests. She recommended using Steve Morse's meta search engines to aid in searches on Ancestry, Ellis Island, and FamilySearch. There are ethnic immigration lists, such as Germans to America, Italians to America, and Irish famine passenger index, which can be found on FamilySearch. Lisa also mentioned the usefulness of passport applications, which can reveal additional information about a person's hometown as well as a photograph.

Lisa discussed her family's history and the discovery of a box containing important documents. She mentioned finding a bank book, passport documents, and a list of family members' names, occupations, and town districts. Lisa also shared her experience of hiring a local person to help with research and translation in Poland. She recommended using FamilySearch.org for research, particularly the FamilySearch.org WIKI and the FamilySearch Learning Center. Lisa also suggested using BYU's paleography and language tutorial for reading old scripts and handwriting in different languages. She mentioned the difficulty of reading names and suggested using Wikipedia and JewishGen.org for assistance.

Lisa highlighted the usefulness of FamilySearch.org's catalog, maps, and places feature, which can help in identifying town names and locations. She discussed the importance of gazetteers, which provide a dictionary of place names in different countries and times. Lisa further explained how to create custom databases from FamilySearch and use the download feature to organize search results in Excel. She reminded us about cluster research and the use of surname distribution maps to narrow down search locations.

For Irish research, she mentioned John Grenham's website for surname research and the "surname heatmap" technique for identifying potential locations of ancestors. She explained the importance of under-

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 2024

- 15** Tuesday-10am, the October General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Our own Gay Scott will present **The Witchcraft Crisis of 1692**
- 22** Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

November 2024

- 19** Tuesday-10am, the November General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Karen LaDuca, SRVGS 1st Vice President and Bob Venter, SRVGS co-Webmaster will present Preserving Family Heritage: Navigating Find a Grave and Creating Virtual Cemeteries (Zoom)
- 26** Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

December 3, 2024 Holiday Gathering and Cookie Exchange at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Alamo.

January 2025

- 21** Tuesday-10am, the January General Meeting will be held via Zoom Link. Lisa Vogeles will present **Travel Your Tree: Walking in Your Ancestors' Footsteps**
- 28** Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome. ■

Notes on September Presentation (cont'd)

standing different administrative districts in Ireland and the use of DNA for connecting with distant relatives. Lastly, Lisa recommended seeking help from local genealogy societies, Facebook groups, and professional genealogists for overcoming research challenges. ArchiveGrid includes a list of Historical Societies if you need help to find one in your area of interest.

The meeting concluded with positive feedback on Lisa's presentation. She will present again in January with a focus on Travel. ■

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You can't choose your ancestors, but that's fair enough; they probably wouldn't have chosen you.



EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani



It's October. Welcome to Family History Month complete with so many learning options.

☞ The California Genealogy Society Library, www.californiaancestors.org, is open Thursday through Saturday from 10-2. Refer to the society's website for specific procedures for Saturday visits and to register for the following activities. Note any fees. Also, visit the website for access to available recordings and videos.

- On Sat. Oct 5 from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a Zoom meeting. The topic will be **Using the Census**.
- On Tue. Oct. 8 from 10-4 join Jane Lindsey on a **free field trip for CGS members to the Sutro Library on the San Francisco State campus**. Contact Jane at jlindsay@californiaancestors.org for more information before Oct. 4.
- On Wed. Oct. 9 from 6:30-8 Lisa Gorrell and Jacqueline Henderson will host the **CGS Members Roundtable** – an online group discussion session.
- On Fri. Oct. 18 from 10:30-11:30 Robert Trapp will guide the **Mayflower Descendants SIG** in person at the CGS library.
- On Oct. 19 from 10-12 Sandra Huber will lead the **San Francisco SIG** via Zoom.
- Also, on Oct. 19 from 1-3 Ron Madson and Karen Halfon will lead a hybrid meeting of the **Family Maker SIG Tree**. Register through the FTM-SIG website or contact Ron Madson (650) 576-4495 or Karen Halfon (415) 922-2255. Fee for non-members.
- On Mon. Oct., 21 from 7-8:30 the **DNA Skills SIG** with Mark McLaren will meet online. Contact Mark at greatscot@earthlink.net for details.
- On Wed. Oct. 23 from 6:30-8 the **RootsMagic Users Group SIG** with Keith Montgomery will meet. Contact Keith at kmontgomery@californiaancestors.org for meeting location.
- On Sat. Oct. 26 from 11:30 -1 Melinda Kashuba will offer a Zoom presentation, **Heat Up Your Genealogical Research with Fire Insurance Maps**.

- On Sat. Nov. 2 from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a Zoom meeting. The topic will be **Vital Records**.

The website of Oakland Family Search Center, https://www.familysearch.org/en/centers/oakland_california/classes has recently been updated. Check the website for a long list of free in-person classes and SIGs. Visit www.familysearch.org/en/centers/oakland_california/learning-resources for a wealth of other genealogy research support.

- On Wed. Oct. 23 from 6-8 the **African American Research Workshop** meeting will be held on Zoom. Use the meeting link on the Center website to join the meeting.

☞ The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), www.scgsgenealogy.com/webinars, offers a variety of webinars. Register online in advance.

- On Sat. Oct. 5 from 10-11:30 Briana O'Sullivan will share **Sugar Houses and the Jersey: Prisons During the American Revolution**.

☞ The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes, has a growing Online series of presentations, library, and more. If you have questions or feedback, contact Online Education. Register for its webinars on the society's website.

- On Wed. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30th from 3-4:30 Robert Anderson will examine **The 17th – Century Great Migration to New England and Beyond: Conventicles, Companies, Congregations, Dispersal**. \$125
- On Fri. Oct. 4 from 1-2:30 Curt DiCamillo will explore **Greed, Lust & Murder: King**

Henry VII, the Tudor Court and How It Changed England Forever. \$15

- On Mon. Oct. 7 from 3-4 co-author will discuss his book, **Nat Turner, Black Prophet: A Visionary History**.
- On Thu. Oct. 17 from 12-1 Melanie McComb will share **The Basics of Mayflower Research**.
- On Mon. Oct. 21 from 3-4 Edward O'Keefe will discuss his book **The Loves of Theodore Roosevelt: Women Who Created a President**.
- On Mon. Oct. 28 from 3-4:15 Kenneth Rendell will discuss his book **Safeguarding History: Trailblazing Adventures inside Worlds of Collecting and Forging History**. \$12.50 for broadcast. \$36 for broadcast and book.
- On Mon. Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 18, and 26 Christopher Child and Lindsay Fulton will present **Researching & Verifying Mayflower Ancestry**. \$125

Unable to attend the live broadcast. A recording of the free events will be posted on the NEHGS website the following day. Many courses with fees are available on demand following their initial presentation.

 The Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center offers many webinars. Go to <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy> to see the current list and to register online. Also, explore the Genealogy Center Videos at <https://acpl.lib.in.us/explore-genealogy/our-services>. Recorded Genealogy Center programs can be found on the Genealogy Center section of the library's YouTube channel.

- On Tue. Oct. 1 from 3-4 Alice Singleton and Karen de Bruyne will share **All About That Place, Pacific Edition**.
- On Wed. Oct. 2 from 11-11:30 Curt Witcher will share **Wednesdays with Witcher: The Power of Story Revisited**.

- On Tue. Oct. 8 from 11:30-12:30 Clotilde Yap will present **Exploring My China Roots: A New Database for Researching**.
- On Wed. Oct. 9 from 11 – 11:30 Curt Witcher will discuss **Wednesdays with Witcher: Are We (Really) Fully Using Compilations? A Quick Look at What We Might Be Missing**.
- On Thu. Oct. 10 from 3:30-4:30 Leah Larkin will offer **Introduction to Banyan DNA**.
- On Tue. Oct. 15 from 11:30-12:30 Megan Koepsell will explore **Listing to the Voices of Your Ancestors**.
- On Wed. Oct. 16 from 11-11:30 Curt Witcher will again share **Wednesdays with Witcher: Tips For Doing Reasonably Exhaustive Research**.
- On Thu. Oct. 17 from 3:30-4:30 Rhonda Lauritzen will examine **The Power of Voice and the Joy of Interviewing**.
- On Fri. Oct. 18 from 6-3:30 join the Genealogy Network of Texas for **A Day of Virtual Learning in the Genealogy Space!**
- On Tue. Oct. 22 from 11:30-12:30 John Beatty will present **The Salem Witch Trails of 1692: History and Sources**.
- On Wed. Oct. 23 from 11-11:30 there is another **Wednesdays with Witcher: Organizing Your Research to Pass It On**.
- On Thu. Oct. 24 from 3:30-4:30 Peggy Ash will explore **U.S. World War I Draft Registrations**.

 Legacy offers numerous free webinars every month. Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com> to register.

- On Tue. Oct 1 at 7 PM Helen Smith will share **Oops! Married Twice (at the same time) Case Studies in Bigamy!**
- On Wed. Oct. 2 at 11 Diane Richard will offer **Let's Continue With 50 More Overlooked Genealogical Resources**.

- On Fri., Oct. 4 at 11 Orice Jenkins will offer **Collecting and Compiling Plantation Records: Thomas Terrell Case Study**.
 - On Tue. Oct. 8 at 11 Cathy Wallace will share **5 Ways to Use AI to Involve Children & Youth in Family History**.
 - On Wed. Oct. 9 at 5 Jenny Joyce will present **A History of Calendars for Genealogists**.
 - On Fri. Oct. 11 at 8:30 AM Elissa Powell will explore **Rubik's Cube Genealogy: A New Twist on Your Old Data (a 2024 Reisinger Lecture)**.
 - Also, on the 11th at 9:45 Teresa McMillin will discuss **Probate Power: Parents for Charles, a Father for Phoebe (a 2024 Reisinger Lecture)**.
 - Later, on the 11th at 12:30 Rebecca Koford will explore **Evidence Mining & Context: Powerful Tools to Dig Deep (a 2024 Reisinger Lecture)**.
 - In addition, on the 11th at 1:45 Angel McGhie will share **Strategies for Resolving Conflicting Evidence (a 2024 Reisinger Lecture)**.
 - And, on the 11th at 3 Michael Hait will discuss **Applying the Genealogical Proof Standard to Researching Enslaved Families (a 2024 Reisinger Lecture)**.
 - On Tue. Oct. 15 at 5 Robbie Johnson will offer **Sense and Sensibility: The Power of Logic, Intuition, and Critical Thinking**.
 - On Wed. Oct. 16 at 11 Ursula Krause will present **Luther, Napoleon, and the Kaiser – German History for the Genealogist**.
 - On Tue. Oct. 22 at 11 Uri Gonen will share **MyHeritage Profile Page: One Stop for Enriching Ancestor Profiles**.
 - On Wed. Oct. 23 at 11 July Russell will answer **Which Johann Christoph is Mine?**
 - On Fri. Oct. 25 at 11 Elizabeth Shown Mills will offer **In a Rut? 7 Ways to Jumpstart Your Research**.
 - On Wed. Oct. 30 at 11 Kay Barnes will provide **10 Essential Philadelphia Repositories for Genealogist**.
 - On Fri. Nov. 1 at 11 Richard Holt will discuss **Researching Your Buckinghamshire Ancestors**.
- ☞ The State Historical Society of Missouri has produced nearly 100 On-Demand programs through its virtual program series and past recorded events. Freely available through the Society's website, <https://shsmo.org>, on demand topics include genealogy, art, scholarship, signature lecture series, and more.
- Here are some other webinars, blogs, and podcasts that are available.
- Auntie Jen's Family Trees, <https://Auntiejenstrees.blogspot.com/p/1950-census.html>
 - Extreme Genes: Family History Radio <https://extremegenes.com/blog>
 - The Genealogy Guys Podcast www.genealogyguys.com
 - Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems <https://lisalouisecooke.com/podcasts>
 - The Genealogy Squad <https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad/>
 - Lisa also has a genealogy chat on YouTube at 9 am on Thursdays entitled [Elevenes](#).
 - Thomas MacEntee's www.genealogybargains.com
 - Judy Russell's www.legalgenealogist.com
 - Family History Fanatics www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/blog
- And there's more....**
- Connie Knox <https://genealogytv.org>
- The follow are sites with large amounts of valua-

ble information:

- The National Archives- www.archives.gov/research/genealogy offers a genealogy tutorial, genealogy research topics and a variety of charts and forms.
- The DAR Library – www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy provides help on the variety of genealogical topics. Also see the upcoming events schedule at www.dar.org
- The Sutro Library hosts the Bay Area Genealogy Calendar, www.library.ca.gov/sutro/genealogy/calendar This calendar provides information about events throughout the Bay Area.
- ConferenceKeeper.org lists conferences, events, calls for papers, contests, grants, volunteer opportunities, tours and more. To sign up to receive *Tami at Conference Keeper* which lists events that have been recently added, go to mail@sendfoxmail.com.
- The Sacramento Public Library Genealogy Program has a YouTube channel. Visit its playlist at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwtrWl_IBMJszRsNrcDauSLtHwGWXeQ6

Events from Local Societies

- On Thu. Oct 3 at 1:30 the **Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia**, <https://gsvb.org>, will have its monthly meeting on Zoom. The featured speaker, James Baker will present **Finding the Hardest Ones, Part 2**. Visit the society's website for details or contact the society at 707-334-0675 or president@gsvb.org. Send a request to GSVBzoom@gmail.com for a Zoom invitation.
- On Sat. Oct. 5 at 11 the **Solano County Genealogical Society**, www.scgca.org, will have its monthly meeting via Zoom. Annette Lyttle, the guest speaker, will describe **Our Ancestors Who Called Both Canada and USA Home**. Send an email to the society at scgs@scgsca.org before 4 pm on Oct. 4 to request a Zoom link invitation.
- On Mon. Oct. 7 from 7-8:30 the **Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society**, www.l-ags.org, will host a Zoom meeting. The guest speaker, Linda Okazaki will examine **The Picture Bride Era: The Gentlemen's Agreement of 1907 Between the U.S. and Japan**. The link to register for the meeting is on the site under speakers.
- On Thu. Sep 12 from 10 to 12 the **Contra Costa County Genealogical Society**, <https://cccgs.net>, will hold **2024 Fall Seminar-DNA Matches with Fran Shockly** via Zoom. Click under events on the society's website to register. Fee for non-members.
- On Thu. Oct. 17 at 1 the **Napa Valley Genealogical Society**, <https://napagensoc.org>, will have Diana Elder as their guest speaker at their monthly hybrid meeting. Diana will present **Research Planning for the Win! Next Steps for Breaking Down a Brick Wall**. Register under events on the society's website.
- On Fri. Oct. 18 from 10-12 the **Mt. Diablo Genealogy Society**, <https://mdgclub.my.canva.site>, will hold its monthly meeting with a hybrid format via Zoom and in person at Rossmoor. Guest speaker, Madeline Yanoff will offer **Marriage by Blacksmith Gretna Green Marriages**. See the society's website for details.
- On Tue. Oct. 15 from 6:30-8:30 the **Santa Clara Historical & Genealogical Society**, www.scchgs.org, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. The guest speaker, Nikzad Kansari, will share **Filoli: A Vibrant Landscape of the Bay Area**. See the society's website for details and to register.
- On Sun. Oct. 20 from 1-2:30 the **San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society**, www.sfbajgs.org/calendar.html, will have its monthly meeting on Zoom. Nancy Rosenfeld will share **A Silent Escape: Uncovering Her Father's Truth in 1939 Lithuania**. Register on the website.
- On Tue. Oct. 22 at 10 the **Sacramento German Genealogy Society**, <https://sggs.us> will have its monthly meeting on Zoom. Andrea Bentschneider will present **Exploring Mecklenburg's Rich History and Genea-**

Upcoming Special Events

- On Nov. 1 and 2 the **Texas State Genealogical Society** will hold its virtual 2024 Family History Conference – Navigating Your Family History. For details and registration go to <https://www.txsgs.org/family-history-conference>
- On Sat. Nov. 23 the **Scottish Indexes Conference XXVI** will be held. There will be a number of presentations via Zoom throughout the day. Go to www.scottishindexes.com/conference.aspx for further details and to register.
- From March 6-8 **RootsTech 2025** will be held live in Salt Lake City and online. Register at www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/?cid=EM-00042619&lid=65end1fdkdkj.
- From May 23 – 26 the **National Genealogical Society** will hold its **2025 Family History Conference – Tales & Trails in Louisville, Kentucky**. Go to <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/> for details and registration. ■

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Family Search Center Updates

Roof issues resolved and new hours are announced:

- Monday: 10:00am - 1:00pm & 6:30pm - 9:00pm
- Tuesday: 2:00 - 5:00pm
- Wednesday: 1:00 - 4:00pm

The DFSC needs shift volunteers to help patrons with their research. to volunteer or if you have other questions, call 925-837-7010 to volunteer.

Visitors please also know that county guidelines are followed so masks are optional and the six foot rule is no longer required. Those that need to avoid climbing steps should call the center prior to coming. They will unlock the side & back gates so they can enter the building thru the back entrance. Additional information is available on the FamilySearch Wiki.■

Our Second AI SIG Meeting by Bill George

We're hosting our second AI Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting in October, where we'll explore the image-generation capabilities of AI chatbots. One analogy I'd like to share is that AI chatbots are like automobiles—there are many makes and models to choose from. Similarly, different chatbots offer various features. Most have free versions with limitations, and the standard rate to unlock additional features is around \$20 per month.

By the time you read this, there may be more or fewer options available, but here's the current list of popular chatbots, along with their owners as of October 2024:

-	ChatGPT.com	(OpenAI)
-	Claude.ai	(Anthropic)
-	CoPilot.microsoft.com	(Microsoft)
-	Gemini.google.com	(Google)
-	Meta.ai	(Facebook)
-	Perplexity.ai	(Perplexity)

You can experiment with each of these platforms for free. Additional options are available if you're interested in generating images.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Let's all extend a Warm Welcome to our newest member,

Linda Green

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE

By: Bill George, SRVGS SIG Coordinator

In October, 2024 we have seven Special Interest Groups. The latest being the AI SIG that met for the first time in September. All SIGs meet on-line, except for the in-person German SIG. All SIG members receive emails from their leaders on how to join each meeting. If you want to attend a SIG for the first time, contact the SIG leader to be added to their monthly announcement email. Guests are welcome, but encouraged to join the Society.



FamilySearch SIG, Monday, October 14th, (the 2nd Monday) from **1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in a Zoom Meeting**. Learn the many aspects of this free, comprehensive genealogy web site. You may contact SIG Leader Bill George at williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Irish/Scottish Research, Wednesday, October 9th, (the 2nd Wednesday) **10:00 am - 12:00 pm in a Zoom meeting**. They share information from the internet, journals, DNA and books. Leslie Stewart is the SIG leader. You may contact Leslie at lwvleslie@gmail.com.



Italian SIG, Wednesday October 16th, (the 3rd Wednesday) **1:00 pm—3:00 pm in a Zoom meeting**. Share and learn new techniques for researching your Italian ancestors. Please contact Karen LaDuca at kblquilts@comcast.net to be provided the Zoom link to the meeting.



DNA SIG, Monday, October 21st, (the 3rd Monday) **1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in a Zoom meeting**. This SIG assumes a basic knowledge of Genealogical DNA testing and therefore is only open to those who have completed the SRVGS Intro to DNA class or an approved equivalent. You may contact SIG Leader Mark McLaren at greatscot@earthlink.net.



Publishing SIG, Thursday, October 17th, (the 3rd Thursday) **10:30 am 12:00 pm in a Google Meet meeting**. Contact Kathy Javdani at kijsc@aol.com for info on how to join the meeting. Share information and ideas on how to publish and preserve your research. Francie Lloyd, is the SIG Leader and can be reached at frances_lloyd@comcast.net



AI SIG, Monday, October 28th, (the 4th Monday) from **7:00 pm—9:00 pm in a Zoom Meeting**. Earn the many aspects of AI used for Genealogy. See also a website <https://aisig.ancestor.org> that will have helpful AI URLs and an agenda. You may contact SIG leader Bill George at williamcgeorge@gmail.com



German Research SIG , Wednesday, October 23rd, (the 4th Wednesday) is celebrating Oktoberfest with an in-person potluck at the home of SIG leader Karen LaDuca. Attendees will sign up in advance to bring a German dish. Members share information from a variety of sources. You may contact SIG Leader Karen LaDuca at kblquilts@comcast.net .