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November Presentation

Tuesday Nov. 19th, 2024 at 10 am

“Preserving Family Heritage: Navigating FindaGrave and Creating Virtual Cemeteries ” (Via Zoom)



memorials even if they are interred in many different cemeteries. These can be made public or kept private. Use this website to help safeguard your family legacies for future generations.

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Karen joined the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society in 2019 after doing a presentation on Italian genealogy for the group. She served as Recording Secretary November 2021-June 2024 and is currently 1st Vice President. She also is a member of the Program Committee and is the leader of the German and Italian SIGs. Karen has been volunteering weekly at the Family Search Center in Livermore for almost 10 years. *(cont'd on the next page)*

This presentation explores the powerful tools and techniques available on FindaGrave, an online platform dedicated to preserving the memory of loved ones through virtual memorials. Attendees will learn how to effectively navigate FindaGrave, search for ancestors, and contribute to the preservation of family heritage by creating memorials or requesting additions to existing memorials. Learn to create virtual cemeteries for your own family by linking to existing me-

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President's Message

By Scott Hefner



As we all know, the holiday season is fast approaching. For many, this time of year means spending time with family and friends celebrating our relationships and reflecting on our shared past. If we're lucky, we'll spend many enjoyable hours in conversation with people with whom we have a deep connection, often sharing favorite family stories and reliving the past. As genealogists this time can be a gold mine, sometimes discovering details and facts from our family history that we previously did not know. Even more important, family stories can provide color and detail about people and events that make family history come alive. I think most of us agree that dates and facts are critical in genealogy research, but understanding historical background and personal accounts of historical events can add depth and make the account much more interesting to the reader or listener.

While we may be on the lookout for information and stories that we can add to our research during these times, it's also important to consider another aspect of information sharing. If you are interested in keeping your family history alive and available to future generations, it can be very gratifying to find younger members of your extended family who express interest and curiosity about exploring your family's history. It doesn't seem to happen often but occasionally your sharing of stories and findings about your family history can generate a spark of interest in learning more about your family for a younger member of the group, which could lead to a willingness to be a custodian of your genealogy research, or possibly even a fellow researcher.

Another thing to consider during the holidays is gift-giving with a genealogy flavor for anyone who was shown an interest in exploring their own background. DNA tests are a good gift that is fairly easy to purchase and administer, and the results can be very interesting and prompt lots of

questions and the desire for follow-up. Subscriptions to one of the various genealogy websites such as Ancestry or MyHeritage can also be a welcome gift for someone interested in getting into the world of genealogy study. Finally, books on a particular aspect of genealogy can make a great gift, whether it's "Genealogy Online for Dummies" or "Early Generations Of The Wetherby, Witherby, Wetherbee, Witherbee Family In New England" or "Genealogical Research in Ohio", books can be fun to just peruse or can be serious tools for research.

Speaking of the holidays, make sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend our annual Holiday Gathering and Cookie Exchange on 12/3 from 2-4 pm at the LDS church in Alamo. It's certain to be a fun time with good friends and fellow genealogists, with plenty of delicious cookies to sweeten the pot. I hope to see you all there!■

November Presentation (cont'd from P.1)

Bob Venter has been researching his family history for around 40 years, concentrating on his German ancestry. He has been to Germany on several research trips as well as for vacation purposes and has made contact with and visited his many relatives there.

Bob has been a member of SRVGS for over 20 years and has handled the society's website for almost that long. He was also editor of the Society's Newsletter for many years. He was on the Program Committee for a year or two shortly after joining. He is a retired Aerospace Engineer, having received a BS in Engineering at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He currently lives in Livermore with his wife Mary.■

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.



Notes on the October 2024 Presentation

By Margaret Goetze

“A Year in Salem: The Witchcraft Crisis of 1692”

By Gaye Scott

Gaye Scott, a member of the SRVGS, presented on the Salem Witch Trials, and the history of persecution of people accused of being witches prior to 1692 in Europe. She began with the history of witchcraft, starting from ancient Mesopotamia and moving through the Bible, including the Witch of Endor, and then to the persecution of witches in Europe, particularly in Germany and England.

The English witch hunter Matthew Hopkins was responsible for the deaths of at least 300 women during the English Civil War in the 1640s. He operated mainly in Essex, Sussex, and Norfolk, and many of the immigrants to the New World, particularly New England, were from these counties. Gay also mentioned that Cromwell, the Lord Protector, considered immigrating to the New World with his family. She then shifted the discussion to the Puritans who left England to build a new society in the New World but faced problems similar to those in the old one.

The Salem witchcraft crisis, which occurred in Salem Town, now called Salem, and Salem Village, now called Danvers, was unique due to its duration, number of suspects, executions, and geographical range. Residents of Salem Village were mostly poor farmers who made their living cultivating crops in the rocky terrain. Salem Town was a prosperous port town at the center of trade with London. Most of those living in Salem Town were wealthy merchants.

Reverend Samuel Parris, the first ordained minister of Salem Village, was a Puritan minister and a key figure in the trials of 1692. He was central to the accusations and convictions of several people of witchcraft. He was also the father of Betty Parris, one of the afflicted girls, and the uncle of Abigail Williams who showed signs of having been bewitched.

Parris was known for being strict, authoritarian, and controlling. His sermons focused on sin and damnation, and he rejected the Half-Way Covenant, which allowed partial membership in the church.

Parris owned a woman slave named Tituba who practiced Voodoo and told stories of witchcraft. She advised Samuel Parris' daughter and niece who they would marry. When one of the Parris daughters fell ill, a doctor was called in and diagnosed her as bewitched. It was believed there were creatures living among the girls who had fallen ill with bizarre symptoms.

As more girls fell ill – they were pressured to name who was making them suffer.

The accusations that led to the trials began when Betty Parris accused the family's enslaved woman, Tituba, of witchcraft. Samuel Parris beat Tituba and forced her to confess. She named the Sarah Osborne and Sarah Good as witches and gave details of how they had conspired.

Sarah Warren Osborne was born in Watertown MA, 1643 and married Robert Prince. Gay Scott, our speaker is their descendant, and she has researched Sarah as part of her genealogy work. Robert died when their three sons were small and the farm was left to the boys, Since Sarah needed help to run the farm – she hired an Irish man, Alexander Osborne, whom she eventually married.

She was unhappy and a likely abuse victim from the second husband. Even though she had been bed-ridden for a year – Sarah Osborne was arrested.

Sarah Osborne never confessed to anything. Her heart gave out in the Boston jail – chained in a freezing jail. No one paid her prison bill. Sarah Good, a homeless mother was accused, tried and hanged on July 19, 1692. The accused were never allowed representation by an attorney and the trials relied heavily on spectral evidence.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR****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 from 2-4pm 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 Voegel 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.

February 2025

- 18 Tuesday-10am, the February General Meeting will be held via Zoom link. Scott Norrick will present **Germans to the Midwest, 1848-1900.**
- 25 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.

March 2025

- 18 Tuesday-10am, the March General Meeting will be held via Zoom link. Bob LaPerriere MD will present **Women's Issues on the Overland Trail.**
- 25 Tuesday-10am The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom. All members are welcome.■

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**WELCOME TO OUR
NEW MEMBER**

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

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EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

Happy November! It's the perfect month to share all we have learned about genealogy with family.

☞ 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. Nov. 2 from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a hybrid meeting. The topic will be Vital Records.
- On Sat. Nov. 9 from 1-3 Genene Welch and Leigh Ann Davis will trace **The History of Rancho Las Juntas** in a hybrid presentation as part of the California History and Genealogy Workshop Series and the Contra Costa County Rancho Project. \$10 for non-CGS members.
- On Wed. Nov. 13 from 6:30-8 Lisa Gorrell and Jacqueline Henderson will host the **CGS Members Roundtable** – an online group discussion session.
- On Fri. Nov. 15 from 10:30-11:30 Robert Trapp will guide the **Mayflower Descendants SIG** in person at the CGS library.
- On Sat. Nov. 16 from 10-12 Sandra Huber will lead the **San Francisco SIG** via Zoom.
- On Mon. Nov. 25 from 7-8:30 the **DNA Skills SIG** with Mark McLaren will meet online. Contact Mark at greatscot@earthlink.net for details.
- On Wed. Nov. 27 from 6:30-8 the **RootsMagic Users Group SIG** with Keith Montgomery will meet online. Contact Keith at kmontgomery@californiaancestors.org to register.
- On Sat. Nov. 23 from 10 – 11:30 Craig Siulinski and Laura Bajuk will lead the **Eastern European**

SIG at a Zoom meeting. Register at the CGS SIG section.

- Also, on the 23rd from 11-12:30 Joanna Shear will share **Jewish Genealogy: Case Studies** at a hybrid meeting.
- On Sat. Dec., 7 from 10-12 the **Introduction to Genealogy Group** will hold a hybrid meeting. The topic will be **Organizing Your Family History Work**.

☞ 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.

- On Sat. Nov. 2 at 11 the Chinese SIG with Lee Pearce will meet.
- On Wed. Nov. 6 at 11 the German SIG with Robert Jackson will meet.
- On Wed. Nov. 6 at 1 the Norwegian SIG with Esta Weaver will meet.
- On Sat. Nov. 13 at 1 the Danish SIG with Jared Weaver will meet.
- On Wed. Nov. 27 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.

Visit www.familysearch.org/en/centers/oakland_california/learning-resources for a wealth of other genealogy research support.

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

☞ 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.

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. Nov. 5 from 11:30-12:30 Mary Jamba will examine **Exploring ChatGPT's Potential: Harnessing Its Genealogical Applications**.
- On Tue. Nov. 12 from 11:30-12:30 Marcia Stewart will explore **Digging for Gold in U.S. Census Records**.
- On Thu. Nov. 14 from 3:30-4:30 Steven Terrell will share his book **The Murderer in the Family Tree: The Madness of John Terrell: Revenge and Insanity on Trial in the Heartland**.
- On Tue. Nov. 19 from 11:30-12:30 Tabitha O'Connor will discuss **Tackling the Inherited Photo Collection**.
- On Thu. Nov. 21 from 3:30-4:30 the library will present **Practical Use of DNA in Genealogy – Using DNA to Answer the Question of what Happened to William Palmer Gore?**

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

- On Fri. Nov. 1 at 11 Richard Holt will explore **Researching Your Buckinghamshire Ancestors**.

- On Tue. Nov 5 at 5 Shauna Hicks will share **Family History Treasures in Australian Libraries**
- On Wed. Nov. 6 at 11 Diahna Southard will answer **Geoff's Got Another Brick Wall! What Can DNA Do For It?**
- On Fri. Nov. 8 at 11 Craig Scott will present **Stump Craig: Live and Unscripted**.
- On Tue. Nov. 12 at 11 Lisa Alzo will share **Turn Your MyHeritage Record Matches into a Research Roadmap**.
- On Wed. Nov. 13 at 5 Sharon Hoyt will discuss **Her Sixth Matrimonial Venture: A Case Study of Tracina a Woman's Multiple Marriages**.
- On Fri. Nov. 15 at 11 Judy Russell will explore **Laws of the Indies: Spanish Colonial Laws and the Records They Produced**.
- On Tue. Nov. 19th at 11 Yvette Hoitink will offer **Dear Me: Writing Research Reports to Yourself**.
- On Wed. Nov. 20 at 11 Steve Little will share **Top Ten AI Genealogy Breakthroughs of 2024**.
- On Fri. Nov. 22 at 11 Elizabeth Shown Mills will present **Information Overload? Effective Project Planning, Research, Data Management & Analysis**.
- On Tue. Nov. 26 at 4 AM Elisabeth Zetland will provide **Webinaire MyHeritage en Francais**.
- On Tue. Dec. 3 Paul Milner will explore **Finding Your British WWI Soldier – Dead or Alive**.

☞ 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://Auntiejentrees.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
- Connie Knox <https://genealogytv.org>

And there's more....

The following are sites with large amounts of valuable 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 Sat. Nov. 2 at 11 the Solano County Genealogical Society, www.scgca.org, will have its monthly meeting via Zoom. Melinda Kashuba, the guest speaker, will present **Mapping Native American Tribes**. Send an email to the society at scgs@scgsca.org before 4 pm on Nov. 1 to request a Zoom link invitation.
- On Mon. Nov. 4 from 5 – 6:30 the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society, www.sfbajgs.org/calendar.html, will have its monthly meeting on Zoom. Sharon Fingold will share **Researching World War I Veterans in Your Family Tree**. Register on the website.
- On Thu. Nov. 7 at 1:30 the Genealogy Society of Vallejo- Benicia, <https://gsvb.org>, will have its monthly meeting on Zoom. The featured speaker, Nancy Calhoun, will discuss **Shakin' Out the Smiths – Researching Common Surnames**. Check the society's website for details. Non-members contact GSVBzoom@gmail.com for a Zoom invitation.
- On Mon. Nov. 11 from 7 -8:30 the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will host a Zoom meeting. The guest speaker, May Kircher Roddy will explore **Bagging a Live One – Connecting with Cousins You Never Knew You Had**. The link to register for the meeting is on the site under speakers.
- On Thu. Nov. 14 from 6:30 – 8 to 12 the Contra Costa County Genealogical Society, <https://cccgs.net>, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. The guest speaker, Thomas MacEntee, will examine **AI and Genealogy: Trouble Ahead?**

- On Thu. Nov. 21 at 1 the Napa Valley Genealogical Society, <https://napagensoc.org>, will have Melinda Kashuba, as their guest speaker at their monthly Zoom meeting. She will explore **Mapping Native American Tribes**. Register under events on the society's website.
- On Fri. Nov. 15 from 10-12 the Mt. Diablo Genealogy Society, <https://mdgsclub.my.canva.site> will hold its monthly meeting with a hybrid format via Zoom and in person at Rossmoor. See the society's website for guest speaker and further details.
- On Tue. Nov. 19 from 6:30-8:30 the Santa Clara Historical & Genealogical Society, www.scchgs.org, will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. The guest speaker, Traci Bliss, will examine **Saving Big Basin: The Beginning of the Environmental Movement**. See the society's website for details and to register.

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>
- From Nov. 1-3 WikiTree will be holding a free symposium. Visit www.WikiTree.com/wiki/Help:WikiTreeSymposium for details and to register.
- 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.
- On Feb. 28 and Mar.1 the California Genealogical Society will sponsor an **Irish Research Seminar**. Feb. 28th will feature 30 consultations and March 1 will offer in-person lectures. Details to follow.
- 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=65end1fdkdk .

- 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. ■



A Year in Salem: The Witchcraft crisis of 1692 (cont'd)

Mostly women were accused, just a few men. George Burroughs was a former minister. A deputy was sent to Maine to bring him back. John Alder, son of a Mayflower descendant. He escaped – accused the girls of making it up and turning it on/off at will. Giles Corey, 80 years old, husband of woman accused. He was pressed to death and never confessed.

By 1692, when so many people were accused, the public grew skeptical. Even the governor's wife was accused so he finally shut the hysteria down. Overall, 59 people were tried and 19 hanged. The community was damaged, many children were orphaned, and others moved away. Some restitution was even paid to victims' families.

What caused the fits and symptoms believed to be caused by witchcraft? Modern theories suggest epilepsy, boredom, mental illness or they may have been poisoned by ergot – a toxic fungus that grows on grain and has the primary element of LSD.

As we continue our own genealogical research, let us know if you have personal connections to history that you would like to share with our society members. Alas, technical issues prevent us from offering the recording of Gaye's presentation. Luckily we have such detailed notes.

The Puritans gave thanks for being preserved from the Indians, and we give thanks for being preserved from the Puritans.....Finley Peter Dunne

Thanksgiving is a day set apart every year to acknowledge God's favor, especially by parents whose sons have survived the football season.

After Thanksgiving dinner, the man who has trouble making ends meet ought to get himself a longer belt.

Thanksgiving is a day off that's usually followed by an off day.

Danville Family Search Center 2949 Stone Valley Rd. Alamo Phone: (925)552-5920

Just a reminder...the Family Search Center at 2949 Stone Valley Road in Alamo, is open for business! It contains nine computers (with flash drive slots), scanners, a printer, lots of reference books, Wi-Fi access, and friendly docents to help you along your genealogy path! Digital resources include:

- ♦ Alexander Street (US social and cultural history)
- ♦ American Ancestors (from New England Historic Genealogical Society)
- ♦ Ancestry Institution
- ♦ ArkivDigital (Sweden)
- ♦ FamilySearch
- ♦ FamNet (New Zealand)
- ♦ Findmypast (United Kingdom)
- ♦ Geneanet (France, Belgium, Netherlands)
- ♦ Fold3 (military)
- ♦ Geneanet (France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Sweden, and Germany)
- ♦ Goldie May (organizing tools)
- ♦ MyHeritage Library Edition
- ♦ Irish Ancestors
- ♦ Newspaper Archive
- ♦ Paper Trail (19th century westward American migration documents)
- ♦ Puzzilla
- ♦ 19th Century British Library Newspapers

Hours are:

Monday..... 10:00am – 1pm
6:30pm – 9:00pm
 Tuesday..... 2:00pm – 5:00pm
 Wednesday... 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Appointments outside of normal hours may be arranged by calling 925.837.7010.

Closed major holidays, Thanksgiving week, and the last 2 weeks of December.

Thank you, Ted Shapas, for this contribution. Ted has recently signed up as a volunteer, himself.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE

By: Bill George, SRVGS SIG Coordinator

In November 2024 we have seven Special Interest Groups. The German and Italian SIGs are meeting a week early. The DNA SIG is also meeting on the Friday before the regular meeting date. See below for all meeting dates. All SIGs meet on-line, except for the in-person German SIG which meets at the Danville Family Search Center. 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, November 11th, (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, November 13th (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, November 13, (usually the 3rd Wednesday) **1:00 pm—3:00 pm in a Zoom meeting**. Note that November's meeting of this SIG is one week earlier than usual. Share and learn new techniques for researching your Italian ancestors. Please contact Karen LaDuca at kblquilt@comcast.net to be provided the Zoom link to the meeting.

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DNA SIG, Friday, November 22nd, (usually 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



Publishing SIG, Thursday, November 21st, (the 3rd Thursday) **10:30 am 12:00 pm in a Google Meet meeting**. Contact Kathy Javdani at kjjsc@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, November 25th, (the 4th Monday) from **7:00 pm—9:00 pm in a Zoom Meeting**. Learn 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, November 20th, (usually the 4th Wednesday) Note that the German SIG is meeting 1 week earlier in November because of Thanksgiving. Members share information from a variety of sources. You may contact SIG Leader **Karen LaDuca** at kblquilt@comcast.net.

