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This Month's Presentation:

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Document Repair & Restoration

Presented by: Karen Zukor

This presentation will address how to assess paper artifacts that are in need of proper storage and/or repair. Discussion will talk about the characteristics of paper and how it ages; how to identify existing or potential damage, and how to frame and present those items in an archival manner. Participants are welcome to bring items that they are concerned about and Karen will offer suggestions for each.

Karen Zukor has been a paper conservator in private practice for 40 years. Her work encompasses a full range of artifacts on paper, from the 15th century up to contemporary pieces. She has been responsible for many collections - including fine art, archival material, maps, historic currency and rare books, both in private hands and in institutions. Her studio is involved in the repair and preservation of damaged items but also provides information for archival display, housing and storage. Karen has trained both pre- and post-program conservation interns for over 30 years, and lectures widely to the general public. ■

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A Summary of Last Month's Presentation:

Italian Research:

Ciao to Your Ancestors in Italian Civil Records

Presented by: Karen LaDuca

Reported by: Russ Erickson

Ciao! Our speaker did a valiant job against unexpected building reconstruction with drilling and noise that obviated the last part of her talk. The outline she presented to SRVGS is most appreciated and well done. A partial summary follows:

Italy has good Civil records from the early 1800s to 1900s. The church has earlier records for births, marriages, deaths. From 1865 to the 1880s, many emigrated due to poor economics and massive political corruption, moving to the USA, Brazil, and Argentina especially. USA immigrants did not trust government, so many avoided census and other political records. Passenger lists can be very helpful, as many included towns of origin. Note: Italian females did not change names with marriage but might change after moving to America, conforming to what was done in the USA. Check American city newspapers, as many Italians were in articles.

In Italy, jurisdictions include: Regione--state, Provincia--county, Comune or Citta--town or city. There were 3 periods: Napoleonico--1809-1815; Restaurazione--1816-1865; Italiano--1866-1910. In northern Italy, civil records exist from 1840s, with church prior to that date. In Sicily, Civil records exist from 1820. Proseccati--marriage record, with birthdates of bride and groom, deaths of parents, grandparents, former spouses, if any. Males need parent permission to marry to age 25, females to 22!

Names: first son for parental GF, first daughter for PGM, second son for MGF, second daughter for MGM. If a child died, the next of that sex was given the same name. If a wife died, the first daughter of a second marriage was given the first wife's name.

Family Search accesses Italian records, most of which are not indexed. Go to search, then "catalogue" If you know the town, click on it to obtain records. Census often not useful unless ancestor was a landowner. If a camera and key symbol, one can access the record at a FHC, not from home. If there are indices, they might be alphabetical, numeri-



(Photo by: Nancy Alexander)

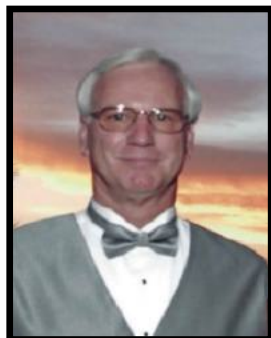
Karen LaDuca

cal, or in the order done. As noted above, many family records can be found in one marriage certificate. "Trova", Normi = name search, "Sfogliare", "Registri" to browse records. Be careful of browsers translating Italian to English, it might change names of towns. A Family Search map of Italy has green (indexed), red (working), and black (no index) pins for towns records. If civil records are indexed, it will precede, or if "Ultimo", be at the back of the record. Grey links in records can lead to other sections, years, etc. Most Catholic church records are indexed at the front, but often alphabetically by first name. Check the speaker's handout for parish archives in towns. Some church records have only the mother's first name. ■



President's Message

By Steve Watty

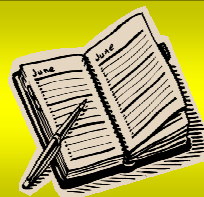


If you were not one of the 40 members to attend our last General Meeting on March 19, then you would not understand how challenging one of our gatherings could become. Unknown to us prior to arrival, a construction crew was working in our usual meeting hall, so we had to

move to another area of the building. It took a team effort to reorganize seating, move audio-visual, endure construction noise during the guest speaker presentation and still complete a successful meeting on time. Our guest speaker, Karen LaDuca was a real trooper, providing her presentation over the construction noise without missing a beat. A special thank you to Bob Venter, Bill George, Russ Erickson and all the rest of the membership that helped with this effort.

Speaking of a team effort, we still need your help. The society could use a volunteer to take over the audio-visual set-up and take down during our General Meetings. An opening also exists in the Programs Committee. See any board member for additional information on these openings and to volunteer.

Another ongoing campaign is our membership drive. We strive to "advertise" the many benefits that are available through our society. One new advertising method is through social media. Our own Murray Eiland created a YouTube video of an interview with Ted Shapas, former President of SRVGS. The link to this video is: <https://youtu.be/P4j4S6lUb6s>. The video provides Ted's background on how he got into the genealogy hobby, some of the resources available to help a researcher, his findings along this family history journey and a good plug for our San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society. This type of inexpensive exposure to our society is just one of the many methods we incorporate in our publicity campaign. We plan to have Murray present a mini-ed on creating and using YouTube as a genealogy resource in the coming months. ■



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SRVGS CALENDAR

April 2019

- 2 Tuesday - 10:00 am** A Board meeting was held at the home of Frances Lloyd.
- 16 Tuesday - 10:00 am** The General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo.

May 2019

- 7 Thursday - 10:00 am** A Board meeting will be held at the home of Frances Lloyd.
- 21 Tuesday - 10:00 am** The General Meeting will be held at the LDS Church on Stone Valley Road at Smith Road, in Alamo.

SRVGS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

NOTE: For San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society Special Interest Group contact information refer to your Society Handbook. For schedules, visit our web site at: <http://www.srvgensoc.org/sig.html>.

Please **note** some activities take place early in the month, before our newsletter is issued. Be sure to check with the SIG coordinator if you have a particular interest.



FamilySearch - Monday, April 8th (the 2nd Monday) 1:15 pm – 3 pm at the Danville Family History Center. Learn how to search records and study family trees on the FamilySearch.org web site. **Bill George** is the SIG Leader at: williamcgeorge@gmail.com.



Irish/Scottish Research - Wednesday April 10th (the 2nd Wednesday) 10 am – 12 pm, at the home of Russ and Patty Erickson in Pleasant Hill. Patty Erickson is SIG Leader. You may contact Patty at russpat@comcast.net. ►



DNA - Monday April 15th (the 3rd Monday) **1:00 - 3:00 pm, at the Danville Family History Center.**

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. Mark McLaren is SIG Leader. You may contact Mark at greatscot@earthlink.net.



Publishing – Thursday April 18th (the 3rd Thursday) **from 10 am – 12 pm, at the home of Francie Lloyd in Danville.**

This informal Group shares advice, encouragement, and suggestions to preserve their genealogy project, big or small. Members share their projects as they progress to a hoped for completion. Society members interested in attending should let **Francie Lloyd**, the SIG Leader, know they plan to attend, at frances_lloyd@comcast.net.



Legacy Family Tree – Monday, April 22nd (the 4th Monday) **from 1:15pm-3pm.** The group discusses how the Legacy genealogy program works and is for beginners as well as experienced Legacy users. **Sharon Clay** is the SIG Leader and can be contacted at sharonclay@comcast.net.

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German Research – Wednesday April 24th, (4th Wednesday) **10 am – 12 pm, at a members home.** Please contact Cathy Tanaka at cathytanaka622@gmail.com if you plan to attend the meeting. ■

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WELCOME — NEW MEMBERS

Let's all extend a warm Welcome to our newest member

Veronique Schutz

Please look for her at our meetings and welcome her to our Society.

EDUCATION

By: Kathy Javdani

The world seems to be blooming with new learning opportunities in genealogy.



The month begins with the California Genealogical Society (CGS) www.CaliforniaAncestors.org For all the following activities, register online:

- On Sat., Apr. 6th **Intro to Genealogy class, part 4, Organize Your Genealogy Work**, will meet from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm.
- Also on the 6th from 1-3 pm, the DNA Study Group will meet.
- On Thurs. the 18th at 6 pm, at the California Historical Society Headquarters, 678 Mission St., San Francisco, CGS in conjunction with the California Historical Society and the Chinese Historical Society of America will present a panel discussion on **Chinese American Genealogies and the California Railroads**.
- On Sat., the 20th from 10 am – 12:30 pm, the **San Francisco SIG** will meet.
- Also on the 20th the **Family Tree Maker SIG** will meet from 1-3 pm.
- On Tues., the 23rd from 10 am -1 pm, Chris Pattillo will lead a guided **Tour of Mountain View Cemetery** in Oakland.
- On Sat., the 27th from 1-3:30 pm, Ron Arons will discuss **Finding Living People on the Internet**.
- On Sat., May 4th the **Intro to Genealogy class, part 4, Organize Your Genealogy Work**, will meet from 10:15 am -12:15 pm.
- Also on. 4th the **Intro to the DNA Study Group** will meet from 1-3 pm.

For more upcoming events from Santa Cruz to Sacramento check the CGS "San Francisco ►

Bay Area General Calendar" at <http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com>



In April the Oakland Family Search Library, https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oakland_California_FamilySearch_Library, offers the following support: (See website for registration details.) Pre-register for classes at fhcoakland@gmail.com or at 510-531-3905.

- On Wed. the 3rd, 10th, and 24th from 6-9 pm, Jane Lindsay will offer **French Canadian Research** assistance.
- On Thurs., the 4th, 11th, and 25th, from 10 am - 4 pm Wade Olofson will provide individual help with **Swedish research**.
- On Wed., the 10th from 7-8 pm, the **Mac Users Workshop** will meet.
- On Wed., the 24th from 6 -8 pm, Alvis Ward will lead the **African American Research Workshop**.
- On Sat. the 27th and May 4th from 10:30 – 11:30 am, Mr. Perrone will lead an **Indexing Workshop**.

You can check the Family Search website <https://familysearch.org> for tutorials, wikis, discussion forums, and webinars. June's numerous webinars are listed at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars



At the Concord Family History Center, 3700 Concord Blvd., Concord on Sat., Apr. 13th at 10 am, Diana King will share *Immigration Papers*. This class will be an overview of the information that can be located on ship's Passenger Lists and Naturalization Papers. Contact Jackie at 827-4729 for further information.

Enjoy learning more from home?



The Southern California Genealogical Society (SCGS), www.scsgsgenealogy.com/webinar/overview.html continues to offer free webinars. Register in advance on line. This month it will be presenting:

- On Sat., April 6th at 10 am, Karen Burney will discuss **US Colored Troops and Their Civil War Service**. ►

- On Wed., April 17th at 6 pm, Debra M. Dudek will present **Tracing Female Ancestors in WWI Military and Non-Combatant Records**.

- On Sat., May 4th at 10 am, Rick Crume will share **British Genealogy Online: The Top English & Welsh Family History Websites**.

SCGS also offers the following webinars at their website for free to the public.

- **Microfilm Catalog, Archival Databases and Guides National Archives Website** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- **Neither Filmed or Scanned: NARA Treasurers Await** by Kerry Bartels
- **Military Records at the National Archives** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- **The Many Facets of the National Archives Website** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.
- **How to Get the Most Out of a Genealogy Conference** by George Morgan.
- **National Archives Website Microfilm Catalog, Archival Databases and Guides** by Kerry Bartels with downloadable notes.



The Illinois State Genealogical Society, <https://ilgensoc.org>, continues its webinar series. The initial presentation of each webinar is free to the public.

- On Tues., Apr. 9th at 8 pm Central, Michael John Neill will discuss **Using Bureau of Land Management Tract Books**.

Register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5478301686537814275>



The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), www.Americanancestors.org/education/online classes, has a growing Online Learning Center that offers educational resources for both guest users and NEHGS members. It contains subject guides on a variety of genealogical topics, informative videos, webinars, online courses, and more. ►

If you have questions or feedback, contact Online Education

- On Thurs., Apr. 18th from 3-4 pm EDT, Judy Lucey will explore **Researching Women in Archives**.

Unable to attend the live broadcast? A recording of the free events will be posted to the NEHGS website the following day.



The National Archives -, www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/ events offers a Genealogy Tutorial, Genealogy Research topics and a variety of charts and forms.



Ancestry.com offers online courses; Some are FREE, while others require a subscription.

- You can READ about it at <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy>
- And at <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy/courses>

Also at <https://academy.ancestry.com/academy/courses/skills>



Legacy offers numerous free webinars every month. Go to <https://familytreeweekinars.com/> to register. November's webinars include:

- On Tues., Apr. 2nd at 6 pm, Thomas MacEntee will explore *One Touch Genealogy Research: How to Handle a Record Just Once*.
- On Wed., Apr. 3rd at 11 am, Jonny Perl will present *An Introduction to DNA Painter*.
- On Tues., Apr. 9th at 11 am, My Heritage Webinars will discuss *Visualizing Ancestral Lines with DNA AutoClusters*.
- On Wed., Apr. 10th 11 am. My Heritage Webinars will share *Fran DNA-match till slakting (in Swedish)*.
- On Wed., Apr., 10th at 5 pm, Peggy Clemens Lauritzen will explore *Plain Folk Researching Amish and Mennonite Families*.
- On Tues., Apr. 16th at 5 pm, LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson will examine *Transcribing Documents: There is More Than Meets the Eye!* ►

- On Wed., Apr., 17th at 11 am, Teresa Steinkamp McMillin will share *Boost Your Germanic Research: Understand Historical Jurisdictions*.
- On Tues., Apr. 23rd at 11 am, Mike Mansfield will present *Censuses Around the World: What You Need to Know About Census Collections and Genealogy*.
- On Wed. Apr., 24th at 11 am, Sunny Morton will share *Comparing the Genealogy Giants: Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, Findmypast and MyHeritage 2019 edition*.
- On Fri., Apr. 26th at 11 am, Rebecca Whitman Koford will explain *How I Built My Own Brick Wall*.
- On Tues, Apr. 30th at 7 pm, Helen V. Smith will examine *English Parish Records: More than Hatch, Match and Dispatch*.
- On Wed., May 1st at 11 am, Ugo Perego will present *How to Use Autosomal DNA to Resolve Historical Paternity Cases*.
- On Fri., May 3rd at 11 am, Dr., Bruce Durie will share *Foundations of Scottish Genealogy 1 of 12: The Top 3 Resources*.



From an article by Gena Philibert-Ortega, here are some other webinars and lectures that are online:

- Extreme Genes: Family History Radio <http://extremegenes.com/>
- The Genealogy Guys Podcast <http://genealogyguys.com/>
- Genealogy Boot Camp http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/fhd/community/en/community/thomas%20jay%20kemp/genealogy_boot_camp/player.htm



The DAR Library at www.dar.org offers two different types of programming. The Library Lecture Series features authors discussing their historical work and the Genealogy 101 series offers presentations on a variety of genealogical topics led by the professional genealogists on staff at the DAR or by other experienced genealogists. Both series are held throughout the month on Saturdays and are free ►

to the public. See the upcoming schedule here:
www.dar.org/libraryevents

Save the date:

• On Sat., Apr. 6th at 11 am, the Solano County Genealogical Society, www.scgsca.org will meet at the Fairfield Adult Recreation Center, 1200 Civic Center Dr., Fairfield. Victoria Fisch will present **Secrets to Searching on Ancestry**.

• On Mon., Apr. 8th at 7:30 pm, the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society, www.l-ags.org, will meet at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Mark McClaren will discuss **Ulster Scots (Scots-Irish) Research**.

• On Tues., Apr. 16th from 6:45-8:30 pm, the Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, www.scchgs.org will hold its general meeting at the Santa Clara Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara. Dr. April Winchester and Rita Haberman will share **Navajo Code Talkers**.

• On Fri. Apr. 19th at 10 am, the Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society, www.mdgs.webs.com will meet at the Rossmoor Creekside Clubhouse. Ralph Severson will explore **Sleuthing for Sources Using Family Search**. ■

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!

By: Kathy Javdani

- ⇒ On Sat. Apr., 6th the Sacramento Genealogical Society will hold its Root Cellar Spring Seminar featuring four presentations by Lisa Louise Cooke. For more information contact seminar@rootcellar.org
- ⇒ The National Genealogical Society 2019 Conference will be from May 8th -11th in St. Charles, MO. Register at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>
- ⇒ From May 30th – June 2nd the 2019 Jamboree will be held in Burbank. Go to genealogyjamboree.com
- ⇒ From June 15-17, 2019 the Second International German Genealogy Conference will be held in Sacramento. For information visit <http://iggpartners.org> ■

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Deadline to put information in the Newsletter is the Last Thursday of the month.

Members are encouraged to submit articles for the Newsletter by mail or email to the Coordinator.

INDIVIDUAL HELP

Do you need individual help in overcoming a "brick wall" in your research? Go to the SRVGS web site at: <http://srvgensoc.org/>, click on RESOURCES, then click on INDIVIDUAL HELP FOR SRVGS MEMBERS.

Genealogy Research Assistance

**Looking for your ancestors?
Could you use a little help?
Bring your questions to the**

Danville Library

10:00 until noon

Monthly on the Fourth Tuesday

Members of the

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

will be available to help
you with your research.

Danville Family History Center

2949 Stone Valley Rd. Alamo

Phone: 925-552-5920

Monday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tuesday: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
and 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Closed on Holidays, the month of August
and Thanksgiving week.

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Subscription Sites Available For Free at FHC:

- Ancestry.com
- Fold3.com
- Heritage Quest
- MyHeritage.com
- Origins.net
- ProQuest Obituary Listings
- Godfrey Memorial Lib
- Newspaper Archive
- World Vital Records
- Findmypast (UK)

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