



Fall Seminar with CeCe Moore

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON



BREAKING DOWN BRICK WALLS WITH DNA

Saturday, Oct. 14

FULL-DAY SEMINAR



The Power of DNA: Genetic Genealogy Basics



I Have My Results, Now What?



Breaking Through Genealogical Brick Walls with DNA



Breaking Down the Ultimate Brick Wall with DNA: Adoption & Unknown Parentage

ADVANCED GENETIC GENEALOGY
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Sunday, Oct. 15

HALF-DAY WORKSHOP



Using Mitochondrial DNA and X-DNA for Genealogy Research



Digging Deeper with Autosomal DNA



Saturday & Sunday

OCTOBER 14

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 15

9:30 a.m. - noon

**SEATS AVAILABLE SATURDAY
- REGISTER NOW**

**SOLD OUT SUNDAY
- REGISTER FOR WAIT LIST**



REGISTRATION FORM



You may sign up for Saturday, Sunday, or both sessions. Prices are reduced for early registration. One form per attendee. Circle price selected, enter amounts on the right, and total at the bottom.

Name _____ Member No. _____

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GenTalk at the GFO

Write it up!

Presenter:

Marti Dell, Co-Editor, *GFO Bulletin*

***Saturday
October 21
2 p.m.
GFO Library***

You've been meaning to write up your family history stories and findings, but with several thousand people on your tree, the task is overwhelming. Never fear, though, because help is here! The GFO's own Marti Dell, Co-Editor of *The Bulletin*, can help you identify *just one thing* you really need to share with others, then write it up! Does anyone else know how your grandma and grandpa met? Why are so many of your female relatives named "Oney"? Some day your 9-year-old grandson *will* want to know about your family history trip to Sweden. You won't get *everything* written until you get *one* thing written.

***Free
and Open
to the Public***

And since you're writing up *just one thing* anyway, consider sending a copy to *The Bulletin* for publication. We have editors and proofreaders who will make sure your commas are in the right place and your source citations are formatted properly. What we don't have, but need, is *your* story.

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The Forum Insider

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New Search Option for Meyers Gazetteer at Meyersgaz.org

From Tom O'Brien: Thought you may be interested in this message that I received from Fritz Juengling, one of the German Genealogy experts at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

In addition to this new feature there is another feature that most people do not take advantage of.

After you reach the village of interest you can click on the e-mail tab and enter your e-mail and the surnames of interest in that village. Then other users of Meyersgaz.org can get in contact with you should they be researching the same surname(s).



From Fritz Juengling: I would like to make you aware of a new feature on Meyersgaz.org. There is now a "Sounds Like" Search feature.

Say you or a friend has a place name that you just cannot find in any gazetteer. For example, let's say this scenario took place: a German tells an American clerk he is from Duisburg, which sounds like Doosberg to the American and that is what he writes on the document. Well, Doosberg does not come up in Meyersgaz. However, when you do type Doosberg, you will now see a note that says:

Can't find what you're looking for? Trying viewing "sounds like" search results. [This is below the reply, in smaller type.]

When you click on that, you will see a list of places that have similar spellings to Doosberg. You can still filter the results by region if you know that. Of course, this will help with places in German documents that are simply difficult to read.

This new feature should be a great help in finding mis-spelled place names.

Feel free to forward this email, print it in your newsletter, or make this known to all who are interested in German research in any way you see fit. ☞

GFO Bulletin on Hiatus?

As it turns out, no! We're delighted to report that volunteers have come forward to help. Kate Eakman has taken over Laurel's role as co-editor; Jackie Olson, GFO's *Insider* editor, has offered to help with layout for the short term; and a few articles have come in to provide additional content.

Does this mean smooth sailing ahead? Not necessarily.

Kate's offer to take over as co-editor is a blessing. She will now be the one to shepherd the articles through the editing and proofreading process. This is a vital position and she needs everyone's support and encouragement.

Content, it seems, will always be an issue. Members have been asked, even begged, to contribute. Some folks think that it's too daunting to make a submission. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Articles about almost anything genealogical are accepted. The only requirement is that the material be interesting to *Bulletin* readers. This could be personal memoirs, problem-solving articles, or stories on family history travel. And those pesky citations? Not to worry! The *Bulletin* folks can help! Content does not have to have an Oregon connection, or be about the Pacific Northwest. The volunteer staff can help you locate appropriate images.

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Free Gen Talk

Third Saturday of most months at 2 p.m. with an interesting speaker.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday
9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday
12 noon to 5 p.m.

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Submissions to the Insider: Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Jackie Olson, editor, at insider@gfo.org or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932. Provide submissions by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

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Events and Conferences

Building Portland's Palaces: The Portland Hotel, Union Station and Other Gems

Hollywood Library, Friday, October 6, 3:00 p.m.

Central Library, Sunday, October 8, 2:30 p.m.

Hillsdale Library, Saturday, October 21, 1:00 p.m.

Urban historian Alexander Benjamin Craghead will give an illustrated talk about the design, development and construction of two of Portland's most iconic landmarks: the Portland Hotel and Union Station. The story includes high stakes gambles, personal disputes between the nation's most renowned architects and their stodgy patrons, and a struggle over giving shape to the growing metropolitan region. Free program, registration opens Saturday, September 30, 2017. <https://multcolib.org/events/building-portslands-palaces-portland-hotel-union-station-and-other-gems>

Oregon Historical Society Genealogy Workshop

Researching Chinese-American Family History

with Christine DeVillier

Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m.–noon

Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave, Portland, Oregon

In this class, researchers of Chinese American family history will gain background knowledge and techniques specific to researching the Chinese American population. This class will illustrate the use of resources ranging from historic and archival documents to contemporary DNA testing, and everything in between. \$20 / \$15 for OHS members

<http://www.ohs.org/events/genealogy-workshop-researching-chinese-american-family-history.cfm>

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon

Ellis Island Name Change Myth and Finding "Waldo"

At Ellis Island with Joel Weintraub

Sunday, October 8, 10:30 AM

The idea that inspectors at Ellis Island regularly Americanized immigrant names is a persistent myth. We will investigate the evidence that should exist (it doesn't) to confirm the story as fact, and why name changing at the station was improbable given how immigrants were processed.

Using a case study, we will show how nine different strategies can be used to find the immigration record of an elusive immigrant to Ellis Island. For those who still cannot locate Ellis Island immigration records of their ancestors, this talk may provide some approaches you might not

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have tried.

Joel has written and talked on NYC and Federal census research, immigration and naturalization, Ellis Island, biographical research, and Jewish genealogy topics.

Program begins at 10:30 a.m. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. with time for conversation and sharing. Please come early if you would like help from other genealogists. The program is free to JGSO members. We request a \$5 contribution from non-members. That fee can be applied to a membership should you decide to join JGSO at this meeting. jgsoregon@gmail.com

Congregation Ahavath Achim
3225 SW Barbur Blvd, Portland, Oregon

Lone Fir Cemetery Halloween

Tour of Untimely Departures
Saturday, October 28, 5–9 p.m.

GFO will have an interactive booth as part of the fun. Keep an eye out for tickets!

“Celebrate Halloween at historic Lone Fir Cemetery. Ghostly guides will escort visitors to meet some of the cemetery’s residents and hear the unusual circumstances surrounding their untimely departures. Tours last approximately 45 minutes and costumes are encouraged. All ages are welcome, though some material might not be suitable for children 12 and under. Ticket sales will help restore the tomb of pioneering brewer brothers George Frederic Bottler and George Michael Bottler.”

Lone Fir Cemetery (Entrance on SE 26th Avenue between SE Stark Street and Morrison Street. Please allow extra time to park. Wheelchair accessible.)



<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orjgs/>



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Most genealogical researchers have a story to tell. Being published in the *Bulletin* is a wonderful opportunity to tell yours!

Layout of the *Bulletin* has at least a temporary solution. Jay Fraser, who has been doing a fabulous job since the March 2013 issue, has repeatedly asked for assistance. Stefanie Walker has been lending a hand to the last three issues, but it hasn’t been enough. Jackie Olson has come forward to help too – adding this to her responsibilities as *Insider* editor. But this is not a workload Jackie can sustain indefinitely.

Currently, Jackie is tasked with finding all the content for the *Insider*. From time to time, she will receive ideas or short articles from others, but the bulk of the work is on her shoulders . . . which leads to the next question:

Is there someone out there who would be willing to help Jackie by finding or developing content for the *Insider*?

Could you

- Give Jackie a list of regional events with details?
- Look through other societies’ newsletters for ideas?
- Prepare the GFO calendar content for insertion?
- Gather information from GFO’s SIGs to include?
- Or report on what happened at the SIG meetings?

Any help with content will give Jackie more time to do layout for the *Insider* and the *Bulletin*.

Smooth sailing? Well, it could be with the help of a few more volunteers who care about the future of the *Insider* and the *Bulletin*. What about you? ☺

FGS Conference Recordings

Can’t make it to the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conferences? You can purchase the complete conference recordings as either a download or on CDs. The cost for this year’s proceedings is \$249.00. For years 2011–2016, the individual talks as well as the complete set are available. Single sessions are \$10–12. The complete earlier proceedings are \$249–379. Details at <http://www.fleetwoodonsite.com/index.php?cPath=299#.Wa4zibKGPb2>



National Preparedness Month

Jane McGarvin, Disaster Plan Chair

September was a month of disasters in the news: hurricane Harvey in Texas, the Eagle Creek Fire in the Columbia River Gorge, hurricane Irma in Florida, and a major earthquake in Mexico. It is perhaps ironic that September was also National Preparedness Month, and many were caught completely unprepared.

So it seems a good time to remind our members that the GFO has a Disaster Response Plan in place. A planned course of communication and action have been outlined to deal with emergencies of many kinds. There are action plans in the event of fire, flooding, and earthquake with detailed guidelines for evacuation in the case of fire or earthquake.

Most of the GFO's research assistants, board members, and special interest group chairs have attended training sessions to learn how to safely lead patrons out of the library in the event of an evacuation. A series of articles were published in the *Forum Insider* (beginning in January 2017) to provide information to readers about:

- Evacuation guidelines,
- Importance of signing in and out of the library,
- What to take with you in an evacuation,
- Procedures for disabled individuals, and
- Evacuation following an earthquake.

Two maps are posted in the Library showing the evacuation route and assembly areas - they are located in the Reception Area and at the back door. The most important things to remember are:

- Follow the directions of the volunteers on duty, and
- Do not leave until you have checked in at the assembly area.

If you missed any in the series of Insider articles, you can find them here: <http://gfo.org/learn/our-publications/the-forum-insider.html>.

If you have any questions or concerns about evacuation procedures, please email disaster@gfo.org. ☞

NEHGS Free Learning Resources

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has a series of web pages with learning aids and resources. Begin here: <https://www.americanancestors.org/Education/Learning-Resources/>. Under "Read" there are expert subject guides on general genealogy such as "Using the NEHGS Library," place-specific, and other themes.

Look under the Education level webpage for more. Sign up for a free guest account to access American Ancestors databases, videos, and other resources. Some online courses and webinars are also free. ☞

Boston Catholic Records to be Digitized

From their press release: New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston (RCAB) have announced a multi-year collaboration to create an online searchable database of millions of sacramental records from over 100 parishes across greater Boston.

The project spans parish records from 1789 to 1900, a period of significant growth for the Catholic Church in Boston and surrounding towns. The records to be digitized predate the founding of the first Catholic Church in Boston. They document several sacraments of the Catholic Church.

These historic records contain detailed information about parishioners, their relationships with each other, their church, and their community, from the Catholic Church's earliest founding in Boston.

While the project will take several years to complete, images of the oldest records from the earliest parishes are available to browse now – after a free online registration – on AmericanAncestors.org, the award-winning website for NEHGS. Name-searchable records will be available later in the year, and will be accessible with an NEHGS membership. <https://www.americanancestors.org/historic-catholic-records-online> ☞





Thank you to our retiring RAs

Gerry Lenzen and Debbie Gregg, longtime volunteers at GFO, have retired from their duties as Research Assistants.

Gerry could always be found on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 and was our “go-to” guy for land record and military questions. He has worn many hats in our organization and is very knowledgeable in most all genealogy related matters.

Debbie has worked as Research Assistant for many years on the first Sunday of every month. She recently retired from her employment and wants to spend more time with family and friends as she works on her own genealogy.

Thank you for helping to keep the library open. You will be missed. ☺

GFO Tours

Do you know of someone or a group who might be interested in learning more about GFO? More information: <http://gfo.org/who-we-are/visit-us/tours.html>. Contact tours@gfo.org to set up a tour.

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Research Tips

Liz Stepp passed along a couple of Eileen Chamberlin’s tips: Years ago, Eileen was once working on indexing the 1910 census for a particular enumeration district in Oregon’s Columbia River Gorge area. She noticed one man with family, having a certain uncommon surname, who was born in Tennessee. She went a few pages further and found another man and his family with the same surname, also born in Tennessee. Then, after a couple more pages, a third man (the youngest of the three), with his family. The last person in the group was a female, listed as “mother.” So, when researching, make sure you look several pages on either side of the target person or family in case other family is documented as living nearby. And, remember the common family practice: if looking for a widow, find the youngest son. If looking for a widower, find the youngest daughter.

Common transcription mistakes: An A becomes an O, an M becomes a W, and an N becomes a U. ☺

Can’t Find the Ancestor?

Look for their siblings. A brother or sister can be a detour around a blockage. Siblings (usually) have the same parents and were raised in the same household, may share livelihoods, likely immigrated together or to the same area, and may have named their children for each other. ☺

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report for the period ending May 31, 2017. Richard Crockett

Income	\$8,806.92	Total expenses	\$4,741.04
General fund donations	570.00	Administration expenses	2,855.43
Membership income	1,925.00	Facilities	4,411.56
Transfer from the Endowment Fund	20.00	Books for Got Germans? program	318.81
Dividends	51.77	Endowment fund donation	\$200.00
Library	111.65	Library expenses	\$689.30
Dedicated donations	1366.00	Printing	736.85
(German SIG and Swiss Parish Registers)		Book sales expenses	48.97
AmazonSmile, Fred Meyer commissions	193.60	Net income for the month	\$4,066.88
Fall Seminar	3,825.00	Net income, year to date	\$3,828.84
Finding workshop	70.00	Checking account balance	\$38,535.99
Vestal workshop	130.00		
Research	51.00		
Surplus book sales	466.90		



Supporting the GFO While Shopping

Here’s an easy way to contribute to the GFO with your purchases. There are two customer programs that will donate to the GFO when you specify our organization as your favorite.



Use your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to effortlessly increase GFO Donations!

Do you shop at Fred Meyer and have a Rewards Card? If so, with a couple of easy steps and a few minutes you could link your Rewards Card number to GFO and automatically generate a donation from Fred Meyer to GFO each time you shop!

If you strive like I do to be a smart shopper, linking your Rewards Card number can be a “win-win.” For example, I use my Fred Meyer Rewards Card every time I shop there and use the accumulated “points” to get a discount on my gasoline fill-ups. Since I have a linked card, at the same time a cash donation is accumulating with each purchase, earmarked for GFO. And, linking in this way does not diminish or take away from any points or Reward rebate checks you would otherwise receive.

GFO gets these donations through Fred Meyer’s “Community Rewards,” which is the corporation’s separate donation program. Currently, GFO has 41 members with linked cards participating. Together they generated over \$140.00 in donations last quarter that will come directly to GFO.

Just think of what GFO could receive if 100 members linked their Fred Meyer Rewards Cards and continued to shop as usual: potentially \$300 in donations per quarter, or well over \$1,000 per year! With the many challenges that GFO faces, such donations would be most welcome, with the funds put to good use. ☞

As the holiday season approaches, consider joining one of these programs and give not just to your family and friends, but to your favorite genealogy group.



AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a program that rewards non-profit [501(c)(3)] organizations based on the customers’ choice. The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible AmazonSmile products.

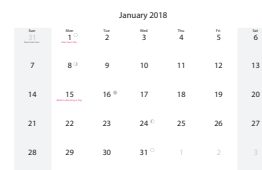
Access to the program is through the web page smile.amazon.com, but it’s the same shopping experience and you can use your existing Amazon account. Sign up at smile.amazon.com and the site will remember the organization you have selected when you’re shopping. We’re listed as “Genealogical Forum of Oregon Inc.”

The products will have “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their detail pages. Only the purchase amount will qualify for the donation amount (no fees, charges, rebates, etc.)

To learn more, go to: <http://smile.amazon.com/about>. ☞

Gift Idea

Looking for a very personal and simple gift? How about a calendar with your photos or friend’s? Some ideas are photos of a research trip or family gathering, or your favorite family shots. Searching online for personalized or custom calendars will find many sources for printing; but local copy centers often make these. ☞





GFO Star



Vince Patton

Vince jumped in over a year ago to fulfill the need to maintain GFO's Facebook page. He regularly posts upcoming events and genealogical news of interest. Likes and interactions on Facebook are up!

Having retired from a career in television,

Vince has also volunteered to create videos to showcase the GFO! He is in the process of filming and producing the first video which will be available soon! *Thank you, Vince!*

Oregon Historical Society Research Library Catalog

How To Find What You're Looking For

"Since almost all of our collections are in closed stacks and are only available for use onsite in our Research Library, researchers use our catalogs and indexes to find what they need.

The Library Online Catalog is the main entry point to library holdings. Archives West has Finding Aids for archival collections from the OHS and other institutions in the region. OHS Digital Collections is the library's new site for direct access to digitized and digital materials.

The Library is also home to the OHS Digital History Projects."

<http://www.ohs.org/research-and-library/whats-available-online.cfm>



Preparing Your Home for Emergencies

Here's a piece from Dick Eastman's blog that reflects on disaster preparedness. Having a place in Florida – which fortunately survived the storm – he was still able to stay connected with portable battery chargers.

"One bit of advice: If you depend upon a cellular phone for use when wired phones are out of service, make sure you have a good method of charging the cell phone MULTIPLE TIMES, if needed. You can purchase any number of batteries that will recharge cell phones but my preferred method is to have a power cable that connects the cell phone to the power outlet in your automobile's dashboard. You can charge a cell phone several times with an automobile battery without depleting the automobile battery.

One caveat: make sure your dashboard power outlet will work even when the engine is switched off. Most automobiles will do that or else they have a powered USB connector someplace designed to plug in a cell phone or an iPod. However, there are a few exceptions. I suggest you verify your automobile's power availability long BEFORE you have an emergency.

Of course, here is my "secret weapon" for charging cell phones, blowing up tires, starting automobiles that have a dead battery, blowing up beach balls, and a number of other uses. There are several names for them. The one I have is called "portable power" but I suspect that is a product name. Others call it a "car battery jumper" or a "jump starter" or a "jump starter and tire compressor" or other names.

Notice the two USB connectors near the bottom left of the device. They will charge cell phones, iPads, iPods, or anything else that is charged by USB. The battery in this thing will charge a cell phone dozens of times plus the "portable power" unit has many other uses as well. I strongly recommend one of these and suggest you keep it charged at all times. You can buy them from a number of manufacturers."

<https://blog.eogn.com/2017/09/16/update-on-the-road-again-this-time-to-florida/#more-19843> ☞



GivingTuesday Volunteer Party (and a Little Work)

GFO will hold a work party on GivingTuesday – November 28 – to work on library projects. But no reason we can't have fun too, so we'll make it a party and have some goodies for the volunteers. Last year we had several dozen volunteers giving a couple hundred hours. We made significant inroads on many projects. Mark your calendar, we'll have details to come. More info on the day:

<https://www.givingtuesday.org/> ☞



Special Interest Group Meetings

New Group!

African-American Genealogy Group

Saturday, October 28, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Researching African-American genealogy and problem solving challenges and difficulties. We'll provide support to one another and have periodic presentations. Julie Ramos will facilitate the group.

Italian

Saturday, October 21 12–2 p.m.

Tips for determining your immigrant ancestor's place of origin: Learn what records are available in the United States that can provide you with the place of nativity of your immigrant ancestor. An interactive session, bring your laptop computer.



Virginia Group

Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m.

Elsie Deatherage

Researching in Virginia: As one of this country's earliest colonies, Virginia has seen many changes in laws and how vital records have been kept in its 400-year history. Learn how to locate and use order and minute books, land records, chancery court and tax records to connect family members.

Illinois and Its Neighbors

Saturday, November 11,

9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

No October meeting.

Chat and Learn

October 4, 10 a.m.–12 p.m

Getting the Most out of GFO's Website and Online Catalog: Laurel Smith will demonstrate some tricks to navigating the GFO website. Use it as a tool to bolster your research and see how many new features it offers. Then discover how accessing GFO's online library catalog can uncover hidden resources and improve your productivity during your GFO Library visits.



Date Change!

GFO DNA Beginners' Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 1–3 p.m.

Triangulation: Have you not located your common ancestor for the Y- and autosomal DNA? Have you proven your Y-lineage through DNA back to your oldest known ancestor? Emily will cover how to triangulate for Y-DNA (basically works for mitochondrial DNA as well) and autosomal DNA testing. Learn why it is important to do so.

While waiting for this class, research your genealogy deep and wide (as far back as you can), bringing down all the ancestors you can to the 1900s, and down-

load your matches' segments into a spreadsheet. Also, test any 2nd–4th cousins you can. Do as much as you can, but know that all of these help you determine your common ancestor(s) more easily.

Special Interest Groups <http://gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups>

Scheduled dates may change. Always check the GFO Calendar for meeting date and time.

African-American

4th Saturdays, 12:30–2:30 p.m.;
Julie Ramos
ameliawest11@gmail.com

British

4th Saturdays in Jan., Mar., May,
Sept., 1–3 p.m.; Duane Funk
duanefunk@comcast.net

DNA – Beginners

3rd or 4th Saturday in Feb., May,
Aug., & Nov., 9 a.m.–noon; Emily
Aulicino, aulicino@hevanet.com,

DNA – Advanced

3rd Saturday in Jan., Apr., July, and
Oct., 9 a.m.–noon; Emily Aulicino
aulicino@hevanet.com

DNA – Q & A

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly,
1–3 p.m.; Lisa McCullough

Family Tree Maker

Quarterly, please check calendar for
times, 1–3 p.m.; Laurel Smith
bearpair@comcast.net

Genealogy Problem Solvers

3rd Saturdays monthly, 9:30–11:30
a.m.; Katy Daly GPS@gfo.org

German

1st Saturdays monthly, 1–3 p.m.; Mike
Fernandez cheeseandwine62@gmail.com
and Tia Cobb

Illinois and Its Neighbors

2nd Saturdays monthly (except Jul./
Aug./Dec.), 9:30–11:30 a.m.; Kristy
Gravlin hannah@teleport.com,
Harlene Patterson

Italian

Quarterly, please check calendar for
times; Keith Pyeatt
k_pyeatt@yahoo.com

Learn & Chat

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly,
10 a.m.–12 p.m.; Jeanne Quan
jeannequan3@gmail.com

Mexican Ancestry

2nd Fridays monthly, 11:30 a.m.–
1:30 p.m.; Vincent Ramirez
sw@gfo.org

Photoshop Elements

2nd Tuesdays monthly,
1:30–2:30 p.m.; Sarah Holmes
slh@sarahholmes.com

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly, Sep.–Jun.,
10 a.m.–noon; Judi Scott judiscot@gmail.com
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Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep.–May.,
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Library Work Parties ~ every week, all welcome

Sundays 9 a.m.–12 p.m.: Map project on 2nd Sunday, other projects on remaining Sundays

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Mon 10/2 **Free to non-members**
 Wed 10/4 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat
 1–2 p.m. DNA Q&A
 Sat 10/7 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Virginia Group
 1–3 p.m. German Group
 Tues 10/10 1:30–2:30 p.m. Photoshop Elements Group
 6–8 p.m. Board meeting
 Fri 10/13 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Mexican Ancestry Group
 Sat 10/14 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Fall Seminar ~ The Power of
 DNA: Genetic Genealogy
 Basics, Cece Moore
Library closed
 Sun 10/15 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Workshop ~ Half-day workshop
 for experienced genetic
 genealogists, Cece Moore
 Wed 10/18 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat
 1–2 p.m. DNA Q&A
 Sat 10/21 9:30–11:30 a.m. Genealogy Problem Solvers
 12–2 p.m. Italian Group
 2–3 p.m. GenTalk: Write It Up!
 Sat 10/28 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Advanced DNA
 12:30–2:30 p.m. African American Ancestry
 Group

Wed 11/1 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat
 1–2 p.m. DNA Q&A
 Sat 11/4 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Virginia Group
 1–3 p.m. German Group
Mon 11/6 Free to non-members
 Fri 11/10 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Mexican Ancestry Group
 Sat 11/11 9:30–11:30 a.m. Illinois Group
 1–3 p.m. Writers' Forum
 Tues 11/14 1:30–2:30 p.m. Photoshop Elements Group
 6–8 p.m. Board meeting
 Wed 11/15 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat
 1–2 p.m. DNA Q&A
 Sat 11/18 9:30–11:30 a.m. Genealogy Problem Solvers
 2–4 p.m. GenTalk
 Sun 11/19 1–6 p.m. Beginner DNA
Wed 11/22 Library closed at 1 p.m.
Thu 11/23 Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday
 Tues 11/28 Giving Tuesday ~ Details soon