

Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Mail-In Ballot — Due Monday, May 7, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

See Reverse for Mailing Instructions

Joint members may make an additional copy of the ballot so both members may vote.

Ballots for Officers and Endowment committee must be received by close of business, Mon. May 7, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. to be counted.

President (2-year term)

Vince Patton

Write-in Candidate:

Secretary (2-year term)

Geoff Smith

Write-in Candidate:

Director at Large (one position, 2-year term)

Anne Wheeler (Incumbent)

Write-in Candidate:

Endowment Committee (one position)

Marti Dell (Incumbent)

Write-in Candidate:

Vince Patton: I am seeking your vote for President. Currently I serve on the Grants Committee and as a research assistant in the library. During my time as administrator of the GFO Facebook page we have increased our followers by 40 percent. I believe it is vital to share GFO's story and reach out to a wider community. For that mission, I have more than three decades of communication experience as a broadcast journalist and eight years of fundraising experience at OPB. For three years I managed a newsroom of over 100 people and am known for my organizational skills. Genealogy has become a passion, and I never cease to be amazed by what the GFO accomplishes with only volunteers. I was flattered to be asked to run for this position and would be honored by your vote.

Geoff Smith: I have served as corporate secretary for two start-ups, had a 30-year career in engineering management, and have served in all capacities in local volunteer organizations. I have been working on my family genealogy since I was in high school. I joined GFO in 2015 and am very impressed; I have visited libraries across the country, and we should all realize what a jewel we have here in the Portland area. I would be thrilled to join the leadership in maintaining the library's role as the unrivaled resource that it is for genealogists in the Northwest.

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- Fill out by placing an 'X' in the box of the candidate, or writing in the name of an alternate candidate and marking 'X' in the write-in-candidate box.
- Fold this page in thirds on the lines, with the address facing out.
- Seal with tape, no staples.
- Add first-class postage and mail, or drop in the ballot box at the GFO.

Thanks for participating in the election.

MICHAEL STRAUSS SPRING SEMINAR

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON

YOUR AMERICAN SOLDIER: THEN AND NOW

Saturday, April 14

FULL-DAY SEMINAR



RESEARCHING YOUR COLONIAL
WAR ANCESTORS



AMERICAN REVOLUTION



SECOND AMERICAN REVOLUTION:
THE WAR OF 1812



MODERN MILITARY RESEARCH:
WORLD WAR I

A HOUSE DIVIDED: THE CIVIL WAR

Sunday, April 15

HALF-DAY WORKSHOP



CIVIL WAR, PART 1



CIVIL WAR, PART 2

Saturday & Sunday

APRIL 14

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

APRIL 15

9:30 a.m. - noon

Details and registration at:

<https://gfoorg.presencehost.net/learn/spring-seminar-2018.html>



MICHAEL STRAUSS, AG

has a BA degree in History, is an Accredited Genealogist (ICAPGen), a US Coast Guard veteran, a licensed private investigator in Virginia, a Qualified Expert Witness in multiple jurisdictions, and a US Dept. of Defense Qualified Genealogist.

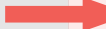
He is a current/past faculty member/instructor at BYU (Provo), Shepherd University (WV), the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, and Ancestry Academy.

Michael is a recipient of two research grants for theses on military history, an author of published journal articles, has been a professional genealogical researcher for over 25 years, and is a national genealogical lecturer.

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From Then  To Now

20TH CENTURY RESEARCH
Do you find it easier to find a person in 1880 than in 1980? If your answer is "yes," then this is the presentation for you. Learn the skills you need to find those missing people in the 20th century . . . how to reassemble their lives; figure out where they went and where their children are today. We'll touch on databases available on the Internet, as well as other reference sources.

LESLIE BRINKLEY LAWSON, FGC
Is a full-time professional genealogist specializing in forensic genealogy (missing/ unknown heirs and probate research). She is credentialed by the Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy, and is a past president (2010-2015). She is the current president of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and is a member of the GFO.

FINDING AND FOLLOWING THE PATHS OF MY CUBAN COUSINS

May 19

"I was always told that I had cousins who had immigrated to Cuba, but no one could remember their names or even which branch of the family they were from. And Cuba is a difficult country to research. As more records have become available online, I was able to uncover enough clues to find and contact some of my Cuban cousins. In the summer of 2015, I traveled to Cuba to see what traces I could find of my family there."

Janice Sellers is a professional genealogist who specializes in forensic, Jewish, black, and newspaper research. She has presented numerous talks to diverse audiences at local, regional, state, and national events. She is the editor for ZichronNote, the journal of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society (SFBAJGS); The Baobab Tree, the journal of the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC); and the CSGA Newsletter. She is also the vice president and publicity director for SFBAJGS, a board member of AAGSNC, and was on the staff of the Oakland FamilySearch Library for over 15 years.



The Family Photo Collection

& ITS USES IN VISUALIZING YOUR PERSONAL FAMILY HISTORY

HAROLD HINDS

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Most of us hope to illustrate our personal family histories with family photographs. But what should be collected? Which deserve to be preserved and identified for posterity? What types of photos might you find in typical family albums or shoe boxes? What guidelines might you apply in selecting items from your collection for inclusion in a family memoir? This lecture tackles these important questions.

Gen Talks

Free and Open to the Public

GenTalks are less formal, genealogy-related presentations. They are a great opportunity for us to learn about not only genealogy, but also historical and cultural topics that permit us to better understand our ancestors and the eras in which they lived.

GenTalks are offered on the third Saturday of most months at 2-4 p.m.

All held at:

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Library

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The Forum Insider

Newsletter of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Volume 29, Number 7

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NEW INSIDER EDITORS

We're pleased to announce that we have a team of editors to take over the *Insider* newsletter. Please welcome LauraDenise White and Ruth Summers to their new positions. They will begin with the July 2018 issue, but are already starting the research. Editors couldn't make a great newsletter without contributions from members, so if you have items you think fit in, send them to insider@gfo.org. Thanks.



Book Reviewers Needed

Come on in! Choose a good book! Sign the clipboard next to the books, take a Book Review sheet, read your book, write your review, email to: bookreviews@gfo.org, and presto you are done. That was easy wasn't it?

Questions: email or call Joan Galles: bookreviews@gfo.org or 503-252-2807.



The April election will select four positions: President, Secretary, a Director-at-Large, and a member of the Endowment Committee. Attached to the newsletter is a ballot for election of officers. Your vote is important.

Please fill in your ballot and mail it or drop it off at the GFO. Voting closes at 5 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2018.

Great Lakes Region Special Interest Group



The group generally meets on the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the GFO library. There are no meetings in July, August, or December, and you should check the GFO calendar for updates to this schedule. Interest in the Great Lakes Region can be broad and diverse, as some ancestors settled and remained there for generations, while others spent a short time there before moving on. The group's interests include migration, travel, trade, historical events, and research techniques specific to the area. For more information contact Lynn Rossing, GreatLakes@gfo.org.



The next meeting of this group will be Saturday, May 12. The topic is to be determined. I welcome suggestions for topics as well as general feedback. Thank you, Lynn Rossing



French Canada Special Interest Group



The French Canada Special Interest Group meets the third Sunday of each month beginning March 18 from 3:30–5 p.m. The group will discuss topics of interest in French Canada and Acadian genealogy and history. The GFO library holds the George T. Brown French Canada collection, a fabulous resource for patrons. Bob LaMarche will be the facilitator. Please check the GFO calendar for updates and more information.





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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.–5 p.m.
Wednesday9:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday ...9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday.....12 noon–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 & CLASSES

Clark County Genealogical Society

Spring Seminar And WSG Society Annual Meeting

May 25–27, 2018

- Hudson Bay Company Gala Reception
 - Seminar features three Lectures from David Allen Lambert, NEHGS chief genealogist.
 - World War I Military
 - Great Migration Era Settlers
 - Probate & Deed Records
 - Washington State Genealogy Society Annual Awards Luncheon
 - CCGS Library Open House and Cemetery Tours
- More info and link to registration form:

http://www.ccg-wa.org/2018_spring_sem.html

Southern California Genealogy Jamboree

June 1–2, 2018

Over 100 courses by more than 55 top speakers with advanced to beginner topics.

Jambo Free: *May 31, 2018*

A full day of genealogical outreach – Beginners class and 30 round tables free and open to the public.

Exhibit Hall FREE and open to the public: *May 31–June 2*

Meet and get advice from all the “biggies” and smaller companies with specialty services and products geared to help you make your genealogy more accessible and your research more efficient.

All at LA Marriott Burbank Airport. More info:

<http://genealogyjamboree.com/>

NOTES

Quilt images:

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New Grants Committee: Seeking to Empower GFO!

Are you interested in helping empower GFO to expand our work and reach a broader community? Doing this requires us to broaden our fundraising to insure a sustainable future. GFO has recently launched a grants committee and **we need more help!**

What we do: help to identify potential grant funders, do targeted outreach and networking, and work together as part of closely coordinated team to draft and submit grant proposals. If accepted, we then comply with all requirements including documentation and reporting.

What we need: team-oriented people who have marketing, research, or analytical skills; those with grant or other technical writing experience; and those who are experienced computer users (Word, Excel or similar spreadsheet program). Can you help and are you willing to give some of your time? Have questions, want to chat about it or need more info? Please contact me at give@gfo.org! Thank you, Liz Stepp



Serendipity ~ Church Records

Liz Porter

I was at the GFO library researching my great-great-grandparents, who I know are buried in the St. Anthony's Catholic Church cemetery in Tigar. My goal was to find the burial records to determine who might have paid for the burials and thereby get more information about the family.

I was talking about the information I had on these people with a research assistant, when across the room a patron said "I work at St. Anthony's in Tigar. Maybe I can help you." The patron, Jeanette, usually works at the Church on Fridays, but this Friday she had taken the day off to do something with her husband who needed to stop by the GFO library for a moment. While she was waiting, she happened to overhear my comment.

Jeanette graciously took what I knew about my ancestors and checked the church records for me. Unfortunately, the church records provided no new information, but the coincidental meeting was a serendipitous moment nevertheless.

Canada Parliament Enacts Law That Removes Restrictions on Access to Census After 92 Years



Dick Eastman · January 3, 2018



The following was first posted by Gail Dever on her blog, *Genealogy à la carte*, then forwarded by the IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee: The Canadian Parliament enacted legislation, C-36, amending the Statistics Act. It received Royal Assent on December 12, 2017, making it law.

Provisions that are of interest to genealogists include:

Transfer of census records to the Library and Archives Canada 92 years from when the census was taken. This will apply to all censuses conducted from 2021 onwards

For censuses taken in 2006, 2011, and 2016 and for the 2011 National Household Survey, the government will honor the rules set at the time and records will be released where consent has been given.

History

In 2005 the Statistics Act was amended to require Canadians the choice to decide whether they wanted their census records released after 92 years starting with the 2006 census an "opt in" provision. If they answered "no" or left the question blank, (that was considered a NO) then their personal information would remain confidential in perpetuity. The 2005 legislation also required a full review and study by a parliamentary committee to assess the impact of this consent-based approach on the research integrity of the census after the 2011 census and two years before that for 2016.

In 2006 only 55 percent, in 2011 66 percent, and in 2016 81 percent agreed to eventual access of their census information. That was recognized as a long-term damage to the census being used for statistically valid record of the Canadian population.

Genealogists under took an email campaign opposing this amendment. Genealogists again showed they can "win" if they work together!

To read the new law see: <http://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/bill/C-36/royal-assent>



2017–2018 Annual Appeal Update

Thank You Donors!

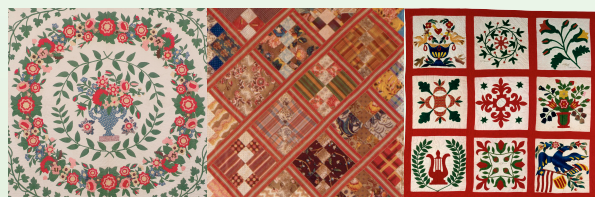
A huge thank you to each and every person who's made a donation to our Annual Appeal Campaign! The GFO Board of Directors is so grateful for your support, and I'm pleased to announce that together we have reached our campaign goal! As is customary, the Annual Appeal campaign will remain open through June 30, 2018. So, if you still want to donate, please do. All Annual Appeal funds will be set aside to help GFO meet its operating expenses or to cover any other unexpected and unavoidable expense, such as equipment replacement or repair. Any surplus funds will be rolled over to next year's budget and earmarked for the same purposes.



You may also donate at any time to GFO's General Fund. These funds go to wherever GFO needs it the most. For more information, please go to www.gfo.org/donate, or if you've any questions, please send an e-mail to give@gfo.org, or ask a Research Assistant the next time you are in the library.

Thanks again to all who made this campaign a success. Large or small, every single donation to GFO makes a difference!

In gratitude, Laurel Smith



Two Intriguing News Articles

Indian Slavery Once Thrived in New Mexico. Latinos Are Finding Family Ties to It.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/28/us/indian-slaves-ge-nizaros.html>

When Did Americans Stop Marrying Their Cousins? Ask the World's Largest Family Tree

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/01/science/cousins-marriage-family-tree.html>



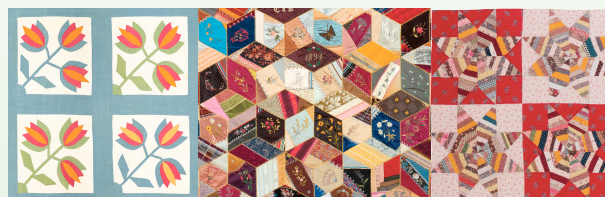
Riksarkivet

Swedish National Archives Now Free

Have Swedish roots? You'll like this news: access is FREE to the Swedish National Archives. What will you find? Census, land, estate, military, community, death, and hundreds of other records – think NARA. Full images for download and some transcriptions. <https://sok.riksarkivet.se/om-soktjansten?infosida=fri-tillgang>

Historical Clark County Records At Rest

From the site: In 2017, Clark County Genealogical Society received a Historical Records Preservation grant from Clark County to digitize and transcribe the two original tax ledgers. They are of particular importance as the destruction of the 1890 Federal Census created a 20-year information gap for genealogical research. This project has now been completed in partnership with the Clark County History Museum and Washington State University, Vancouver. The ledgers will become part of the collection preserved and administered by the Washington State Archives. It is now available for public access at this link. <http://content.libraries.wsu.edu/index.php/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16866coll8>



From Kathleen Poznick from Weatherford Public Library in Texas

(used by permission)

While cleaning out some surname files (removing duplicates) I came across a review for the family history book, "Our Family Heritage: Hart Book" by Anne G. McPherson Lee and Emma Lee Jarvis, which read: "The HARTs of Pitt and Greene counties are ill-served by a work which proclaims the astounding philosophy (page iv) that 'to have searched Court House records and cemeteries would have bogged down this book!' In fairness to all readers, this reviewer must say this is one of the worst family histories he has seen in several years."



GFO Stars



Jackie Phillips

“Jackie Phillips has stepped up to the volunteer plate on several levels: She serves as a Research Assistant, and she helps train other RAs. She sits on the Library Committee, regularly shelves books in the library, and she tracks and processes the periodicals GFO receives. Having a long background in customer service, Jackie is a marvel in dealing with our patrons. Thanks, Jackie!”



Nanci Remington

“Nanci deserves recognition for again doing a splendid job of organizing GFO’s Open House. She arranged the speakers, kept the calendar, managed the handouts, taught classes, and this year, she filled in for speakers who had to cancel – one at the last minute. She is an RA, co-chairs the Manuscript

Committee, writes many articles for the *Bulletin* and *Insider*, and she is the one to answer most of the messages sent to info@gfo.org. Thank you, Nanci, for all you do for the GFO!”



Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report for the period ending February 28, 2018. *Richard Crockett*

Income–Total	\$6,400.27
Annual Appeal donations	200.00
General Fund donations	798.13
Onpoint dividends	0.48
Memberships	3,280.00
Spring Seminar	1056.00
Boot Camp	20.00
Civil War workshop	128.00
Library Income	178.95
Research	149.50
Amazon Smile	61.53
Fred Meyer Rewards	138.08
Surplus book sales	257.60
CD sales	132.00
Expenses–Total	\$6,790.11
Administration	557.08
Facilities	4,656.01
Speaker fee	75.00
Library	616.01
Insider	17.02
Copier lease	580.76
Supplies	205.74
Book sales	82.49
Net loss for the month	\$389.84
Year to date net gain	\$9,526.09
Checking account balance (2/28)	\$44,121.81

A Challenge for the Next Genealogy Problem Solvers

The next meeting is Sat., April 21, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

“The genealogy problem: What is the relationship between Lillia Parker and Johnnie Parker. Are they brother and sister? Family stories claim they are.

PARKER, Lillia

B: 1 January 1881, Macon, Bibb County, GA (Sources: U.S. Census 1940, 1930)

D: September 1970 (U.S. Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014)

PARKER, Johnnie W.

B: 26 March 1879, Bibb County, Georgia (1880 US Census); (U.S. Social Security applications and claims index, 1936–2007)

Marriage: 8 February 1906, Bibb County, Georgia (Georgia, Marriage Records from Selected Counties, 1828–1978, Liva Hunter (1886–1970)

D: 05 June 1945 (Georgia, Death Index, 1919–1998)

All children are listed on 1940 US Census.

Parents: PARKER, John (1855–) and DAVIS, Emma (1858–), U.S. Census 1880; the 1940 U.S. Census also shows that the land and home were owned by John Parker, Lower Thomaston Road, Lizzella, Georgia”



We Invite Everyone to Do Genealogical Research

Perhaps you've noticed the new "All Are Welcome" sign in GFO's front window. You might ask: What's it about or why did it appear? It's part of GFO's effort to show, in one tangible way, our organization's desire to honor diversity and to support every individual's right to discover their heritage. GFO is committed to fostering an environment of respect, and to providing encouragement and assistance to anyone who wants to pursue genealogical research.

Regardless of your race, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity, we want you to know we welcome you.

Did you know that genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the U.S.? Or that DNA testing is gaining in popularity? Recent TV shows aimed at the general public, like PBS's "Finding Your Roots," TLC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" and more recently, PBS's "We'll Meet Again" illustrate this trend. These shows spotlight the rich diversity, unique family stories, and the impact of historical events on



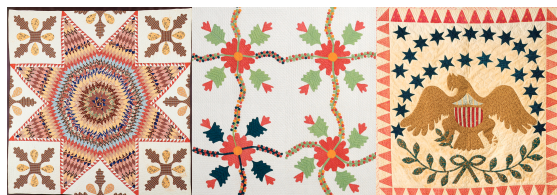
each person who's profiled. They also help raise awareness of genealogical research and how powerful its discoveries can be.

But beginning genealogical research can be daunting, particularly when resources are scarce as is the case for many ethnic groups. Today's popular DNA tests can help, but interpreting results can be confusing. We specifically create classes and support special interest groups designed to help everyone discover and understand their family's real story. Our new "All Are Welcome" sign helps demonstrate that.

Last year, the GFO Board of Directors unanimously adopted a non-discrimination policy statement, and this February, the GFO Board unanimously adopted a Diversity and Inclusivity Statement. These statements can be found posted on our website at http://gfo.org/who-we-are/visit-us/visitor_information.html.

We hope you'll do your part in spreading the word about GFO – what we do, what we offer, and what we stand for.

Thank you, Laurel Smith, President



RootsWeb is Returning Online

Update from the website, March 6, 2018: We have some good news on our progress to bring RootsWeb back online. As of today, the RootsWeb mailing lists are now available to use, meaning you can now send and receive email on RootsWeb email lists just like you used to in the past. In addition to making the site more secure, we've upgraded our backend system to provide an easier-to-use interface to manage your email list subscriptions.

To get started managing your subscriptions, go to Setting Up My New Mailman Login and if you are an administrator you will find more info at Setting Up My New Mailman Admin Login.

<http://www.rootswab.ancestry.com>

Donate to the Treasures Raffle ~ Spring Seminar

What's In Your Closet?

Do you have a gently used item that we can raffle at the spring seminar? Some ideas include genealogically related books, household decorations, carry bags, certificates toward GFO membership or research costs, and computer items. Please bring the item(s) to the reception desk in the library with a note that it's a donation to the seminar treasures raffle.

Raffle tickets are sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and they are placed in separate paper sacks for each prize so you win only something you want!

Thanks!



Special Interest Group Meetings

GFO DNA Advanced

Saturday, April 28th, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Presenter: Tim Janzen

Maximizing One's Use of AncestryDNA

There are now over six million people who have taken the AncestryDNA test at Ancestry.com. This makes it by far the largest autosomal DNA database used by genetic genealogists. Unfortunately, Ancestry.com doesn't provide a chromosome browser for AncestryDNA testers and has very limited tools to help the genetic genealogist, the primary one, and the most beneficial is the shared matches tool. Tim will discuss in detail how he maximizes the information he gathers about his matches at Ancestry.com. He will describe how he figures out the matching segment data for his matches there, and how he uses DNAGEDCOM to gather his match lists and the family tree data for his matches at Ancestry.com.

As usual, download and print any handouts and the feedback/evaluation form from GFO's online calendar prior to coming to class. Class is free to anyone, so bring a friend or family member.

Virginia

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Exploring the Draper Manuscripts: Lyman Draper's manuscript collection covers primarily the period between the French and Indian War and the War of 1812. The geographic area is on what he called the "Trans-Allegheny West," which included the western Carolinas and Virginia, some portions of Georgia and Alabama, the entire Ohio River valley, and parts of the Mississippi River valley. Included in the collection are various original documents, correspondence, his research notes, and handwritten copies of many records, journals, etc. that he encountered on his travels.

Saturday, May 5, 2018, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Virginia Genealogy Trivia Quiz: Come to our meeting to test your knowledge of Virginia history and research, and see how much you know and where there are gaps. We will have a list of questions taken from past meeting presentations. Then we will devote the remainder of our time for sharing and give everyone a chance to talk about their research problems, to ask questions, to share a new discovery, a research technique, or record group.

Judi Scot judiscot@gmail.com

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,
DNA_EA@gfo.org

DNA – Advanced

4th Saturday in Jan., Apr., July, and
Oct., 9 a.m.–noon; Emily Aulicino
DNA_EA@gfo.org

DNA – Q & A

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

Family Tree Maker

Quarterly, please check calendar for
days, 1–3 p.m.; Laurel Smith
FTM@gfo.org

French Canada

3rd Sundays, 3:30–5 p.m.;
Bob LaMarche FrCan@gfo.org

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 and Tia Cobb
German@gfo.org

Great Lakes Region

2nd Saturdays monthly (except Jul./
Aug./Dec.), 9:30–11:30 a.m.; Lynn
Rossing GreatLakes@gfo.org

Irish

3rd Wednesdays even months
(Feb./Apr./June/Aug./Oct.), 6–8 p.m.;
Kate Eakman irish@gfo.org, and
Tom O'Brien

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

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly, Sep.–Jun.,
10 a.m.–noon; Judi Scott
judiscot@gmail.com and
Carol Surrency lsurr@gmail.com

Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep.–May.,
1–3 p.m.; Peggy Baldwin
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GFO Calendar

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Library Work Parties ~ Sundays 9 a.m.–12 p.m. every month, all welcome.
 Map project on 2nd Sunday, other projects on remaining Sundays

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**Sun 4/1** LIBRARY CLOSED ~ **Easter**  
 Mon 4/2 *Free to Non-members*  
 Wed 4/4 *Open until 8 p.m.*  
 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat  
 1–3 p.m. DNA Q&A  
 Sat 4/7 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Virginia Group–Draper Manuscripts  
 1–3 p.m. German Group  
 Tues 4/10 6:10– 8:10 p.m. Board Meeting  
 Wed 4/11 *Open until 8 p.m.*  
 Fri 4/13 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Mexican Ancestry Group  
**Sat 4/14 LIBRARY CLOSED**  
 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Spring Seminar–Michael Strauss  
 Sun 4/15 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Spring Workshop–Michael Strauss  
 1–3 p.m. Family Tree Maker for Beginners  
 3:30–5 p.m. French Canadian Group  
 Wed 4/18 *Open until 8 p.m.*  
 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat  
 1–3 p.m. DNA Q&A  
 6–8 p.m. Irish Group  
 Sat 4/21 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Genealogy Problem Solvers–  
 A Monthly Support Group  
 12–2 p.m. Italian Interest Group  
 2–3 p.m. GenTalk–Locating People in the 20th C.  
 Wed 4/25 *Open until 8 p.m.*  
 Sat 4/28 9–11 a.m. DNA Advance Group  
 12:30–2:30 p.m. African American Ancestry Group

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Wed 5/2 *Open until 8 p.m.*
 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat
 1–3 p.m. DNA Q&A
 Sat 5/5 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Virginia Group
 1–3 p.m. German Group
 Mon 5/7 *Free to Non-members*
 Tues 5/8 6:10 p.m. Board Meeting
 Wed 5/9 *Open until 8 p.m.*
 Fri 5/11 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Mexican Ancestry Group
 Sat 5/12 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Great Lakes Region Group
 1–3 p.m. Writers' Forum
 Wed 5/16 *Open until 8 p.m.*
 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat
 1–3 p.m. DNA Q&A
 Sat 5/19 9:30– 11:30 a.m. Genealogy Problem Solvers
 12–2 p.m. Italian Interest Group
 2–3 p.m. GenTalk - My Cuban Cousins
 Sun 5/20 1–3 p.m. Family Tree Maker Users Lab
 3:30–5 p.m. French Canadian Group
 Wed 5/23 *Open until 8 p.m.*
Sat 5/26 12:45 LIBRARY CLOSED TO RESEARCH, CLASSES ONLY
 9 a.m.–12 p.m. DNA Beginners
 12:30–2:30 p.m. African American Ancestry Group
 1–3 p.m. British Group
Mon 5/28 LIBRARY CLOSED ~ Memorial Day holiday
 Wed 5/30 *Open until 8 p.m.*