RVGS CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

The Annual RVGS Installation of Officers and Volunteer Recognition Christmas Luncheon, will be held December 17, 2011 at the Southern Oregon Uniserv Building at 2495 S. Pacific Hwy. Medford. The luncheon will start at 12:00 noon. This is our way of saying “thank you” to our volunteers for over 13,000 hours of work this past year. RVGS members and guests are invited to join us at no charge. Please RSVP by calling the Library at 541-512-2340 by December 12th if you and/or a guest(s) will be attending so we can plan the amount of food needed. Instead of a gift exchange we will have a “money tree” and give a gift to the RVGS BUILDING FUND.

We will hold our Annual Genealogy Gift Basket Raffle as our fundraiser to cover the expenses for this luncheon. To participate and help honor our volunteers, purchase the raffle tickets that are included in this issue. Copy the page on regular white paper, cut them apart and mail them with a check, bring them to the Library, or purchase them at the Library. Your support of this fundraiser for the “Thank You Luncheon” is very much appreciated. Two beautiful baskets will be given away and each is valued at approximately $150, plus there is a third prize that will be given away this year. You have three chances and need not be present to win. See the details on the next page!

Installation of Officers for 2012 will be held and the following Officers will be installed:

President --------------- Charleen Brown
Vice President---------- Connie Miller
Secretary------------- Andrea Patterson
Treasurer------------ Colista Bailey
Trustee--------------- Marie Fulbright

We hope you will be able to join us for a wonderful time!
HOLIDAY GIFT BASKET RAFFLES RAISE FUNDS
to sponsor the RVGS Volunteer Luncheon Dec. 17th
What you might if you have the winning ticket….

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Migration Maps by Carrie Eldridge  
Travel Bag—black/small  
Original Local Photographs on Stationery Cards by James & Victoria Jurs  
**GIFT CARDS**  
Subway  
Harry & David  
Papa Murphy  
Barnes Noble  
**AND**  
Christmas Ornaments  
Bon Bon Bear  
**BOOK:** Family Tree: A History of our Family  
Hardcover Deluxe Book  
Marking Pens; Pen from MADD  
**DVD:** Rogue River Valley (44 minutes) Publisher: SOHS  
Harry & David: Chocolate Covered Bing Cherries  
**AND, A MYSTERY GIFT!** | **Book:** What Did They Mean by That?: A Dictionary of History and Genealogical Terms Old and New by Paul Drake, J.D.  
Book: Courthouse Research by Christine Rose  
Life Journal Book  
Original Local Photographs on Stationery Cards by James & Victoria Jurs  
**GIFT CARDS**  
Best Buy  
Subway  
Papa Murphy  
**AND**  
Harry & David Moose Munch Coffee Samplers  
Christmas Ornaments  
Notepad and pen donated by MADD  
8 Pocket Notebooks  
**CD:** Royal Philharmonic Christmas Carols  
Book Marker  
**AND, A MYSTERY GIFT!** |

**Prize #3 Umpqua Bank Sports Bag**
Umpqua Bank donated a sports bag and a bagful of items including a keychain, memo pad, pen, coffee mug and coffee, drink container and other items.
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ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Drawing Dec. 17, 2011
PRIZES
2 GENEALOGY BASKETS
Purchase Gift Certificates
Rogue Valley Genealogical Society

$45.00 for a Family Membership
$30.00 for an Individual Membership
$10.00 for (a) six (6) guest passes or (b) one class at member rates
$15.00 for (a) “Hands on Help” for one hour in the library or
(b) one hour's expert research with email correspondence
$20.00 for (a) one non-member class or (b) two member classes
$?? for any amount if purchased in person at the library

Order in person at The Genealogy Library of Jackson County
95 Houston Road
Phoenix, Oregon
Or online with your credit card at
http://www.rvgsociety.org/giftcertificate.html
CLASSES

Tuesday, 24 January 2012 — 3:00 p.m. to 9 p.m., RVGS Library at 95 Houston Road, Phoenix, OR

Diggin’ in the Dark: Bring you family information and dig up your ancestors.

Cost: Free to members and non-members

Saturday, 11 February 2012 — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RVGS Library at 95 Houston Road, Phoenix, OR

Brick Wall Roundtable: Let our experts help you solve your tough problems.

Cost: Free to members and non-members

FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

After the first of the year, the Board will publish its annual report for 2011 describing what RVGS has accomplished in meeting long-range goals based on our mission statement. Your gifts and participation make it all possible, and we will acknowledge donations to our various funds next year as well.

Our ability to grow in quality and reputation can be directly related to our financial resources, which mainly come from memberships, research fees and donations. We can all agree that RVGS plays an important role in the pursuit of our family histories, and we ask you to consider an end-of-year gift. Your participation is very important to us.

Please tear off the coupon below and send it in today. From all of the volunteers at RVGS, thank you for your holiday generosity.

I am happy to make an end-of-year donation to RVGS!

Name___________________________________________________________________________________
Address__________________________________________________________________________________
Email______________________________________________
Phone____________________________________

Please apply my gift to:

___ General operating expenses
___ Endowment fund
___ Building fund
___ Other: ________________________________________________

Mail to the Library (P.O. Box 1468, Phoenix, OR 97535), drop it off at the Library (95 Houston Road in Phoenix), or you navigate to rvgsociety.org and click on “Donate” at the bottom of the home page to use your credit card. Follow this link to donate now.
GET YOUR RED-HOT
E-NEWS, BLOG, AND PRINT NEWS HERE!

Between Us Diggers and The Rogue Digger are published and posted online on the www.rvgsociety.org website on the following months: Mar., Jun., Sept., and Dec. (Remember, our other website is the library website: www.rvgslibrary.org.) Notification of the posting is emailed only to RVGS members. You can read these two publications online on the Society website. To access them online, click on the link for News and then on the News page, click on BUD or Digger. When Between Us Diggers and The Rogue Digger are posted online, a list of new additions to the library collection is also posted. Click on the Additions link on the News page to access that list. You can also check for events by clicking on the Calendar link on the Society website.

RVGS eNews is emailed to RVGS members and also to non-members who have visited the library or attended RVGS-sponsored events. The eNews is emailed on or about the first of each of the months in which Between Us Diggers is not published. If you have a slow (dial-up) internet connection, please request that eNews be sent to you in text format rather than html format. Make this request by directing an email to rvgslibrary@gmail.com. (For communications with the society that do not concern emailing the eNews, Between Us Diggers, or The Rogue Digger, please email info@rvgslibrary.org.)

The eNews is supplemented by the RVGS blog housed on the Society website. The RVGS blog contains much the same content as the eNews but is periodically updated and corrected during the month. To access the RVGS blog, go to www.rvgsociety.org and click on Read Our Blog on the home page. If you want to be notified of updates and corrections please visit the blog and subscribe to it by following the link provided. Please feel free to post comments or questions about eNews on the blog.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN
BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S DAY!

In order to make our library more accessible than ever, the library will be open its usual hours from Tuesday the 27th of December through Saturday the 31st of December. Come on in and close the year out with a burst of research! The library will be closed from the 17th of December through the 26th of December for the Christmas holiday.

GENEALOGY WEBSITES AT THE LIBRARY

Learn more about the genealogy sites on Website Menu on patron computers at the library by going to the Jackson County Genealogy Library website (www.rvgslibrary.org). Then click on the link, Library Resources, and scroll down that page to the link Using the Website Menu at JCGL. The presentation will open in Adobe Reader. The presentation includes a description of the kinds of records available on each site and how to print or save images from each site to a flash drive.

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**DUANE MURRAY**  
**LIFE MEMBER**

Duane Murray has continued his support of RVGS by taking a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Duane was a key player in setting up the computer system in the current library location. He has purchased & donated software, equipment, established the library network and even managed the RVGS website for one year. He continues to serve on the Technology Committee as we move our library into the 21st Century. He has been a member for over 10 years.

Duane retired as an executive in the computer industry; his schooling and initial work experience was in computer hardware and software design. Duane says, “computers have always been one of my hobbies. In 1998 I started researching my family history. I love logic puzzles, and genealogy is an almost a perfect puzzle for me. Every time you solve a problem, two more appear! Anyway, after it became possible to do at least some research via the internet, I was hooked.”

“When my wife and I moved to the Rogue Valley part-time in 2000, I started looking for voluntary opportunities in the area, and discovered RVGS. Emilee Brazill, RVGS Librarian, quickly drafted me to help out with things tech, and I started volunteering for the organization. Although I still try to help out when I can, my travel prevents me from being too active in the organization these days, but my heart is still there.”

“I strongly support the goals and ambitions of RVGS, and am very proud of how the organization has navigated through the very rough waters of economic turmoil that has had a disastrous effect on other local non-profits, and is now thriving, with more members, higher income, and more proprietary collections in-house. RVGS has embraced the digital age, and charged to the forefront of genealogical societies nationwide. I am happy to be the newest life member.”

The Board, volunteer staff and general membership thank Duane for his investment in RVGS.

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**ALAN MARION**  
**LIFE MEMBER**

Alan Marion has continued his support of RVGS by taking a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Alan notes that “I was born, grew up, and lived most of my adult life in our area some call The State of Jefferson. Growing up on the ranch in Northern California, I became aware of the value of a close family and the respect awarded our deceased elders. My mother was the family sexton and I helped her for many years take care of family grave sites in various cemeteries in California and Oregon.”

“Now living in Phoenix, Oregon, my first visit to the Genealogical Library (RVGS), about three years ago, I met Chuck, and it didn’t take long to realize the value of becoming a member. I joined up that day. With the great resources available there and friendly volunteers eager to assist me, I felt confident I was ready to look for my ancestors.”

“Having parents who were married and divorced during WWII, I grew up without knowing my birth father and very little about his family. The RVGS and resources in this library were instrumental in my search and discovery of my Grandparents, Great Grandparents, and Great Great Grandparents, all who lived and died in Oregon.”

“My picture is at the gravesite of my Great-Great Grandfather, Tipton Marion, a Civil War veteran buried in Tigard, Oregon.”

“The ability to find this information was enhanced by the great volunteers and library at RVGS. This is why I renewed my membership as a Life Member.”

The Board, volunteer staff and general membership thank Alan for his investment in RVGS.

Life Membership includes all membership privileges as well as special recognition in society publications. The fee is $500 for each individual, $300 toward fees and $200 to the Endowment Fund.
SALT LAKE CITY TRIP SCHEDULED

Have you heard? The annual RVGS-Raindance bus trip to Salt Lake City is set for April 9-16, 2012. That is correct, we will be leaving on Monday, April 9th (the day after Easter) and returning on Monday, April 16th. We will spend Monday night in Winnemucca and will arrive in SLC around 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Remember the Family History Library closes early on Mondays but stays open until 9:00 p.m. on all other evenings so we will gain about 5 hours of research time. We will have Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and a full day on Saturday for research. We will leave on Sunday morning and spend Sunday night in Winnemucca, arriving back in Medford on Monday afternoon.

Rhonda at Raindance is working on our itinerary and will have it to us soon. NOW FOR THE REALLY GOOD NEWS! The cost of this trip will be $749.00 per person for double occupancy if 20 or more participate. Single occupancy will be approximately $300.00 more. As last year, the price will be adjusted if fewer than 20 sign up. Sign up on the list at the Library if you plan to go so we can keep you personally informed as reservation details become available. You may also call Rhonda to reserve your spot at 541-479-8217.

OCTOBER SEMINAR A GREAT SUCCESS!

2011's October Seminar featured Stephen Morse, author of the One Step Method that enables genealogists to search the internet efficiently for many kinds of records. The Grants Pass Genealogy Society joined with the Rogue Valley Genealogy Society to bring Dr. Morse to Medford on October 21st and 22nd where he presented an evening workshop on DNA research and a day-long seminar on a variety of One Step Methods, including techniques to help us find our ancestors in the soon-to-be-released 1940 census. Those who were able to attend learned much from Dr. Morse and were grateful for his expertise. Attendees also enjoyed morning snacks and drinks and a delicious lunch. Many wonderful door prizes were handed out as well.

If you have an interest in bringing in a particular speaker or having an expert present on a given topic for our next joint seminar in 2013 please let us know by email info@rvgslibrary.org, by telephone (541) 512-2340, or in person at the library.
MYSTERIES IN OUR BACKYARD

Are you interested in local history? Now you can be the researcher in this new local history project! See the details below and contribute or solve a mystery! To solve a mystery, pick up an entry form at any of a number of locations (see details and the sponsor-organizations list below) and submit your form by January 1, 2012!

Examples of mysteries include:

• Did a brother of Jefferson Davis live in Jackson County before the Civil War?
• Why did Jacob Ish, a Jacksonville farmer, buy three slaves in 1857, and what became of them?
• What’s the story behind a bomb sent to Huey Long being wrapped in a Medford Mail Tribune newspaper?

Researching Your Mystery

In January 2012, you will be able to claim a mystery to solve! For a $10 fee, you will receive online access to a research toolbox including research guides, maps, and much more to help you along the way.

Your $10 fee also includes unlimited access to the SOHS and RVGS research libraries to help you in your research!

We are looking for mysteries

From October through December 2011, local history mysteries will be collected.

Do you have a local history mystery question to share?

Visit our website at www.mysteries.jcheritage.org to submit your local history mystery, or mail the attached form to:

Mysteries in Our Backyard
Southern Oregon Historical Society
106 W. Central Ave.
Medford, OR 97501

Discovery

The Mysteries in Our Backyard website will be an interactive presence throughout your research. Upload the answers to the website and share with other researchers!

On May 19, 2012 there will be a final event to share all the local history mystery solutions, and to share your research experiences.

WORKSHOPS

To further aid the mystery detectives, the following workshops will be available.

January 7, 2012, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
How to begin solving a local history mystery
JCLS Medford Library, Adams Room
205 S. Central Avenue, Medford

January 17, 1:30 p.m.
Sarah Ann, a Jackson County Mystery
Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
CEA Univeris Building
2495 S. Pacific Highway, Medford

January 21, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
The ins and outs of genealogy research
Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
95 Houston Road, Phoenix

February 4, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
How to access treasures of the SOHS archives
Southern Oregon Historical Society Library
106 N. Central Avenue, Medford

February 25, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Using the local library for research, including old newspapers
JCLS Medford Library

March 10, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Property searches and what can be found
JCLS Medford Library

April 21, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Cemeteries as research sites for local history
Jacksonville Cemetery

Questions?
library@sohs.org
Or SOHS Library, 541-858-1724
Or RVGS, 541-512-2340

Mysteries in Your Own Backyard is a collaborative project of the Southern Oregon Historical Society and the Rogue Valley Genealogy Society. With participation by members of Jackson County Heritage Association (JCHA), Jackson County Library System, Southern Oregon University, and individual cemetery groups and Jackson County organizations.

Mysteries in Our Backyard: actively involving residents of Jackson County in preserving local history by offering an opportunity where participants research historical “mysteries” of local significance.

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. is a non-profit corporation organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
Welcome New AND Returning Members!

April Thomas
Richard T. Davis
Stephanie Warren
Arlene Scharich
Judy Hall Hashii
Diane Heaney
Cheri White
Darlene Brown
Grant Cachran
Debby & Nita Birdsong
Samuel A. McCrary
Bernadine Arnold
Marianne Kostal
Carolyn Anderson
Tom Doyle
Cyndi V. Dion
Janice Carlon
Elizabeth Diane Ross
Carolyn G. Craig
Jack Bird
Robert George Worrell
Baldwin Frank Myers
Carol Wilder
Julia Woosnam
Pamela J. Spence
Rachele Johnson
Mary C. Mitchell
Scot McLean
John & Jean Frye
Chris Galligan
Robert Cook
Brian May
Robin O’Dell
Jean Francis
Betty & Marion Jack
Thomas E. Gilley

Meetings & Events

Saturday, 17 December 2011—12:00 p.m. OEA/Uniserv Building located at 2495 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR

Event: Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Cost: Free to all of our members and volunteers. See article in this issue.

Tuesday, 17 January 2012—1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., General Meeting Program, OEA/Uniserv Building located at 2495 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR

Event: Sarah Anne: A Jackson County Mystery by Anne Billeter. Anne Billeter, RVGS Library Director, shares her storytelling talents and research skills, bringing richness and color to this delightful story.

Cost: Free and open to the public! Call your friends to join you for this informative event! Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, 21 February 2012—1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., General Meeting Program, OEA/Uniserv Building located at 2495 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR

Event: Winners of the 2011-2012 Photo Contest. Winners will be announced, prizes given, and winners will tell about their winning photos!

Cost: Free and open to the public! Call your friends to join you for this informative and entertaining event! Refreshments will be served.

Monday, April 9, 2012, through Monday, April 16, 2012

Research Trip: Salt Lake City Genealogy Research Trip

Cost: $749/person double occupancy if 20 or more participate; $300 single supplement

Details: Monday night (Apr. 9) and Sunday night (Apr. 15) in Winnemucca, remaining days and nights in Salt Lake City in or near the Family History Library. Travel is by bus through Raindance Tours. Call Rhonda at Raindance, 541-479-8217 to reserve your spot. Sign up on the list at JCGL, 95 Houston Road, Phoenix, to be kept informed of trip costs and details.
BETWEEN US DIGGERS  
VOLUME 13, NUMBER 4  
OFFICERS  
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Finance  
Karen Asche  
Public Relations  
Carolyn Beron  
Maintenance  
Al Beron  
Electronic Publications  
Barbara Basden  
GENERAL MEETING  
The third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.  
(Except July, Aug., and Dec.)  
Usual location:  
OEA Uniserv Building  
2495 S. Pacific Highway  
Medford  
MEMBERSHIP  
Annual dues are $30 for an individual and $15 for each additional member of the same household. This includes library checkout privileges.  
LIBRARY HOURS  
Monday - Saturday  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Directions to the Library  
Enter Phoenix from I-5 or Hwy 99 and drive South on Hwy 99; Turn right on 4th, and continue until crossing the railroad tracks. Jackson County Genealogy Library is on the left.  
Directions to the OEA Uniserv Building  
2495 South Pacific Hwy  
From Medford (north): drive south on Hwy 99. Turn left at the light on Lowry Lane. The building is on your left.  
From Ashland (south): drive north on Hwy 99. Turn right at the light on Lowry Lane. The building is on your left.  
ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
Annual Membership: $30 for an individual and $15 for each additional household member  
Life Membership: $500 for an individual ($200 is tax deductible)  
Life Benefactor Membership: $5,000 for an individual ($4,700 is tax deductible)  
Name(s)  
Phone No.  
Address  
City  
State  
Zip Code  
Email address  
Where did you learn about the Society & Library?  
Please make your check payable to RVGS, (95 Houston Rd.), Mail to: P.O. Box 1468, Phoenix, OR 97535.  
Please call 541-512-2340 if you must receive our newsletter by postal mail.
# Calendar of Events

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*Winners of the 2011-2012 Photo Contest*

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