

RVGS-JCGL eNews December 2018



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**THE LIBRARY WILL
BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 15-25 AND
DECEMBER 31-
JANUARY 1**

CLASSES & EVENTS

JCGL Classes & Events

Registering in advance is requested for all events except public programs and Board meetings. To register in advance for classes and events:

- email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com,
- telephone: 541-512-2340,
- or stop by the library Mon-Sat, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Tuesdays until 9 p.m.

Event prices:

- Public Programs are FREE to all
- Interest Groups, FREE to members; \$5-day use fee for non-members
- Classes and seminars are priced as listed with the description



Classes and Events

Friday, December 7, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, World War II Records
\$20 for members, \$10 for non-members. Register in advance.

Monday, December 10, 9:30-12 Noon, Board Meeting

Members are welcome. Free to all.

Monday, December 10, 1:00-3:00 PM, Combined DNA Interest Group

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Tuesday, December 11, 1:30-3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group for PC & MAC Users

Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Wednesday, December 12, 1:30-3:00 PM, German Interest Group

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Thursday, December 13, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group

Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

Saturday, December 15, 12:00 Noon, Public Member Meeting

Installation of Officers and Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. [RSVP for Luncheon Required]

Saturday, December 15 through Monday, December 25,

The library will be closed in recognition of Christmas.

December 31, 2018 and January 1, 2019

The library will be closed in recognition of New Year's Day.

Dear Volunteer: Please Let Us Thank You

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society would like to recognize you for your contribution to our library's success.



Please attend our complimentary Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon this coming December 15, 2018, the third Saturday of the month, at 12 noon. This is our way of saying *Thank You* for your dedicated volunteer service to the Society and our Library.

This year the luncheon will continue our annual international theme, showcasing how different and yet the same winter festivals across the globe are. Come and enjoy our members' varied displays celebrating diverse winter holidays.

Please RSVP whether you will be attending or not by return email to reception.JCGL@gmail.com or call our library at 541-512-2340 no later than December 4, 2018. We also will need to know if you will be bringing a guest and their name (one guest per member, please). We have many honored guests and volunteers to celebrate and our space is limited to 85 so sign up as soon as possible.

We hope to see you there. It has been another terrific year!



Salt Lake City Here We Come!

RVGS members are now finalizing their plans to research at the amazing SLC Family History Library this coming March 3 to 10, 2019. There are still a few dedicated rooms available at the conveniently located Plaza Hotel for our attending members. Now is the time to reserve your room, just call the hotel at 1-800-366-3684.

Be sure to ask for your discounted 2019 RV Genealogical Society rate when you call.

Make your reservations directly with the Plaza Hotel before February 1, 2019 to qualify for the special rate. This discount will be honored even if you stay less than the entire week.

Great News! It looks like we have enough people going to Salt Lake to be able to take advantage of the free seminar offered through the Plaza. The list of topic choices will be emailed to all those listed in the trip binder at the library by December 15. All those attending should review and send their top three seminar choices to abaracker@gmail.com before January 1.

For Further Information: Add your name & contact info to the Salt Lake City Trip Binder at the Library Front Desk or contact Ann Baracker at 541-261-4874 or abaracker@gmail.com. Remember to make your flight and room reservations directly with the hotel and airline of your choice.



LOCAL HISTORY HAPPENINGS

Is something missing from this section? Let Dorothy Cotton know: dorothy@mind.net

December 4, Pub Talk, 4 Daughters Irish Pub at 126 W. Main, Medford. They Came at First Silently and Labored Quietly: The History and Archaeology of Southern Oregon's Chinese Residents. Presented by Chelsea Rose.

December 6, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Windows in Time at the Medford Public Library and Wednesday, December 12, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Ashland Public Library
Compass, Camera, Castle and Vine: The Legacy of Peter Britt. Presented by Stephanie Butler.

December 8 and 9, Guardians of Eagle Point Museum.
Holiday bazaar at the Eagle Point Grange, handmade buttons, ornaments, etc.

December 15, Holiday Night at the Eagle Point Museum. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

December, Every Weekend. Holiday events and tours in www.HistoricJacksonville.org



ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

President's End-of-Year Message 2018

For Rogue Valley Genealogical Society and Jackson County Genealogy Library, 2018 has been another year of consolidating our strengths, planning for the future and continuing to grow! We added a Smart TV to our Reading Room and have used it for our Tutorial Tuesdays program series, a Genealogy Week class and a number of other meetings, while our acoustic quality accordion doors allowed us to hold events simultaneously! Genealogy Week was exceptionally successful this year, with ground-breaking attendance of 360 nearly doubling 2017's attendance. Membership continues to grow, from 714 a year ago to 838, with the annual increase almost double the previous year's increase.

Rick and Pam Sayre shared lots of new research ideas to help answer questions about "Our Ancestors: Did They Serve? Did They Plow? Did They Move?" at our annual April Seminar and wowed us with the "The Power of Google Earth."

Our excellent monthly public programs and "Quilts and Genealogy Talks" are drawing larger audiences (also thanks to Pam Sasseen, our Publicity Director), and we offered at least one class most months. Our programs are now being video recorded by Maureen Battistella as part of "Stories of Southern Oregon" and are viewable on [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). We began a year-long Beginning DNA class series and we continue to offer an OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) Beginning Genealogy course each fall.

Two of our members have volunteered to sell surplus genealogy books for us on Amazon (after our members have first chance at them at JCGL.) As of November 1 they have netted over \$3,000.

We participated in the Oregon Quilt Documentation Project, which allows us to enter the quilts we own and quilts we document in the [National Quilt Index](#).

We lost a strong supporter this year with the death of Larry Horton. We also lost other members and past members: Dorothy Throne, Jerry Johnson, Robert Beckett and Janis Seaton. We miss them.

What does all of this mean? We are a strong, fiscally responsible, thriving, all-volunteer organization. 102 active volunteers have given us a total of over 12,000 volunteer hours from January through October 31. We are flourishing and will continue to flourish as we update our five year strategic plan and find ways to keep pace with future developments. We are especially looking forward to the launch of our new website in 2019. Congratulations: this is YOUR organization, and you are keeping it healthy...through your suggestions, your contributions, and your volunteering.

-- Anne Billeter

Financial News: Need a Tax Deduction for 2018?

Your donation before the end of this year can serve us both...you receive an Oregon state tax deduction just by donating to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Annual Fund Drive and we can continue to provide the programs and services you need to find your ancestors! Unlike other non-profit organizations, RVGS/JCGL is an all-volunteer organization, and every dollar you give goes to support the library. No funds are received from any government sources. It is because of YOU that the library has grown to be the largest privately-owned genealogical library between Portland and Sacramento.



Contributions can be made in two ways, 1) go to <http://www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html> to donate online or click on the Donate Now link on our Facebook page, or 2) you can drop off a donation or mail a donation to the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford. All donations are tax deductible for your Oregon state return as RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, #93-0684590. If you take Required Minimum Distributions, you can donate all or any part of the distribution directly; send your request to the administrator of your fund.

If you donate a matching amount to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you can receive an Oregon state tax credit for the ENTIRE amount of your donation (maximum \$1,000 for couple; \$500 single). Just go to www.culturaltrust.org/donate for more details.

Check with your tax preparer about new 2018 guidelines regarding deductions on federal returns.

Stay tuned for a complete list of 2018 donors early in 2019! Thank you for your support of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. We can't do it without you!

Andrea Patterson: 13 Years on the RVGS Board

Thank You | Farewell | Wait, You Can't Leave!



Memories from Colleen and Chuck Eccleston:

Colleen remembers that before Andrea became RVGS Secretary, she was Publicity. "Chuck and I were the co-Publicity Chairs, and we turned the job over to her, happily. I don't remember how long she had this position, but she did move to the Secretary spot from publicity. She took these positions seriously, and set high standards for those who followed. I see in our book, RVGS History 1966 – 2006, that she was Secretary beginning in 2005. She was instrumental in forming a computer committee to broaden our usage of computers and internet training.

Chuck recalls in early 2000, before leaving her position with State Children's Services, Andrea was instrumental in getting several used computer desks donated to the Society Library. She also facilitated the first computer desk being custom-made for the reception area at Phoenix.

Andrea began the popular program of annual seminars given by nationally known speakers. She also worked with Connie Miller's husband to establish the "Connie Miller Memorial Fund" which provides scholarships and financial assistance to members unable to afford costly seminars. It is also

important to note that she had husband, Jack, remodel the upstairs in the Phoenix building by removing a bathroom and shower facility to create another work station and a better storage area.

Chuck recalls inviting Andi to lunch five years ago to discuss the new slate of Officers, which was filled except for the President's position. At the end of his report she asked Chuck who was being nominated for the President position. After a long pause Chuck told her Karen Asche had agreed to take the VP spot provided Andi would agree to take the new President slot. She said "no way" and went home to tell Jack what Chuck had tried to con her into. Jack was taking another 3 year term as President of the Fly Fisherman's Club and suggested she take the RVGS Board President job while he was occupied with his new job. Chuck suspects Jack also promised to help at the new library, which he certainly has done and continues to do.

Andrea did NOT expect to be President for 3 years, but she was, and she was a terrific President. She plowed through all of the RVGS policies so that they are up-to-date. She and Chloe Sternola are organizing RVGS's records both digital and paper, which is an enormous job.

Andi has also spear-headed our hugely successful annual Seminars, which have energized our genealogy research and enlarged our membership and our breadth of knowledge. She has already booked our 2020 Seminar speaker, John Philip Colletta!

THANK YOU, ANDREA for all of this and for the many other ways in which you have improved and enhanced RVGS and JCGL!

Holiday Gift from the Heart



Mary Tsui has done another spectacular job restoring family photos. This is Grandma Mamie with her older sister Sophia. What a wonderful gift to my cousins this holiday season! For the minimum \$15 an hour, a family heirloom will be in your hands.

If you have a worn photo that you would like restored, contact Mary. You get a treasure and the genealogy society gets your fundraising assistance. Contact Mary at marytsui@hughes.net for details.

New Members

Welcome to newest members, those who have joined up since the October newsletter, and thank you to membership coordinator Terry Fischer and membership director Marie Fulbright.

Celeste Pestlin, Candace & Frank Lucas, Kimberly Rutter, Nora Wolfe, Marcia Couey, Denise Galit Maki, Carroll Albert & Stephen Beman, Cathleen A. & Janice Godfrey and Roxanne Brown.



Valuable Collectibles for \$10

The family of Connie Miller, long-time member of RVGS, recently donated her top-of-the-line collections to use in a fundraiser. The society is offering the items to you for the reasonable price of \$10 each. Her choices of Boyds Bears & Friends in holiday attire and clever intricate miniatures will charm everyone. The collection of Harmony Kingdom's colorful flower baskets has hidden items underneath in the baskets. There are Angelique angels and animals, Santa Clauses, skiers, an Irish couple and a St. Patrick's Day celebrator, and frog figures in seasonal outfits. Many are Limited Editions made in England. The items are priced to sell. Suitable for a Secret Santa gift, a hostess gift, a holiday centerpiece or just lovely to look at and appreciate, think gifts! Buy one for you.



A Silent Auction for three highly prized items from the collection will run October 18 through December 15.



Item #1 is a hand painted plate, Goebel's 1985 Valentine Gift Hum 737 boy (box included.)

Item #2 is the matching hand painted plate, Goebel's 1985 Valentine Gift Hum 738 girl (box included.) They make a lovely set so bid on both.

Wendt und Kühn's an array of children bunny toy on wheels, girl holding flowers, girl and girl with yellow hat collection comes in a case with mirror.



Item #3 is a vintage collection of German wood figures, Erzgebirge Pied Piper of Hamelin with rats and who followed him: young child, child with doll buggy, boy with horn, with balloon, girl with scarf and stick, and pole (missing red ribbon.) The tabletop glass-and-brass display

Minimum bids were determined by research of sales online. As you place your bid, remember you do not pay SHIPPING COSTS. Winning bidders will be announced at the volunteer luncheon on December 15. You need not be present to win. You will be notified if you win so be sure your name and phone number are written clearly.

This is a SPECIAL EVENT HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER. Come to the library to see the display. Compare prices on Amazon and eBay to see what a deal you get! Additional items such as the Tombstone Rubbing Kit donated by Barbara Grimes and decorative pillows handmade by Evelyn Byrne Williams are on display and for sale. There are many Holiday Gifts at JCGL readily available for reasonable prices.

Surplus Books for Sale to Benefit RVGS

The Surplus Book Sale continues as new books are added monthly. Most are donations of books already in the collection. A few are discards from the collection. Each book is priced separately at less than the current list price on selected Internet sites. Sale books priced at \$1.00 are not listed.

Check the Book Sale Bookcase for the newest offerings.

- The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* by Eakle and Cerny 1984 \$3.50
The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy by Szucs and Luebking 1997 \$7.50
The Handy Book for Genealogists 7th ed 1981 #3.50
The Handybook for Genealogists 8th ed 1991 \$9.00
The Handybook for Genealogists 10th ed 2002 \$12.50
Immigrants to America Appearing in English Records by Frank Smith 1976 \$3.00
Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland: Parishes of County Donegal I, 1833-5 \$24.00
Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland: Parishes of County Donegal II, 1835-1836 \$75.00
Story of the Irish Race by Seumas MacManus 1921; 1978 printing \$4.00
Gravestone Inscriptions: County Down, vol. 17, Barony of Ards \$21.00
Roger Williams: Prophet and Pioneer by Emily Easton 1930; reprint 1969 \$3.00
Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration by Walter Knittle 1937; reprint 1970 \$27.00
Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England by J. Farmer. 1829; reprint 1976 \$12.00
Beginnings of New England or the Puritan Theocracy by John Fiske 1899 \$12.00
History of the Indian Wars by Samuel Penhallow. 1726; reprint 1973 \$9.00
What's in a Name? Surnames of America by La Reina Rule \$6.00
Nieuwe Kerk Amsterdam by Ernest Kurpershoek \$9.00
Nicknames Past and Present by Christine Rose \$3.00
Aspects of Irish Genealogy, Proceedings of the First Irish Genealogical Congress 1993 \$27.00
Aspects of Irish Genealogy, Proceedings of the Second Irish Genealogical Congress 1996 \$15.00
Tracing Your Irish Ancestors by Peggy Magee 1986 \$9.00
Passenger Lists from Ireland by Hackett and Early 1929-31 \$10.00
Irish Records: Sources for Family and Local History by James Ryan 1988 \$3.00
A Concise History of Ireland by O'Brien \$6.00
Burke's American Families with British Ancestry 1939 \$15.00
Guide to Cartographic Records in the National Archives 1971 \$9.00



JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY NEWS

Annual Inventory Scheduled

It's time to take our annual inventory of the library collection. This is an opportunity to discover treasures in the library...and help with an essential task. We will start on Wednesday, Dec. 12, continue on the 13th and 14th (even though the Library is open, it is usually quiet this time of year, so we aren't very disruptive to researchers), and continue the following week while we are closed, the 17th through the 21st. If we haven't finished, we will continue on Dec. 26 through the 28th. Inventory is done by teams of two people working together, so if you have a friend you would like to spend time with, sign up together. If you don't, we'll pair you with a new friend! Training is provided...no previous experience is necessary. Email reception.jcgl@gmail.com or call 541-512-2340 or come to the Reception Desk to sign up. Questions? Email annebilleteroregon@gmail.com

Sign Wizard Needed

Want to help out a bit, but don't quite know how? The Library is looking for a new "Sign Wizard" to change the signs on the big signboard out front of the Library. Each month you will receive a list of the new announcements and the dates on which to put them up on the board, and whether it's the "North Bound" or "South Bound" sign! The job only takes a few hours each month, and is sort of a mix between jigsaw puzzles and Scrabble as you compose and set out the letters. Plus our signboard is one of the most important parts of our library, as many patrons and guests count on it to notify them of upcoming events. Be a hero – and have fun doing it! Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Ann Baracker, or Denise Salthouse on the Education Committee if you are interested.

Magazines Recently Received

The most recent issue is shelved at the end of the 929.2 stacks

Circ 929.05 AmS

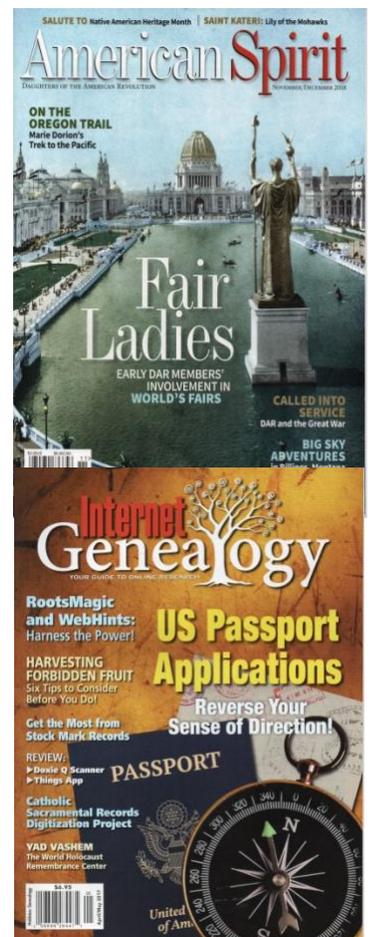
American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution, v.152 (6), Nov-Dec, 2018. DAR in World War I and worlds' fairs; Marie Dorion on the Oregon Trail; 'Lily of the Mohawks', the first American Indian canonized. [Indexed in PERSI on Find my Past.]

Circ 929.05 Cro

Crossroads, Utah Genealogical Association, Winter and Summer 2018. (2 issues) History of the movies; researching records from the Spanish Flu (1918-19), British suffragettes, and celebrities in your family tree; and a case study.

Circ 929.05 NGSQ

National Genealogical Society Quarterly, v. 106 (3), Sept. 2018. Hiram Cochran (South Carolina), Thomas Tidball (Devon), Simmons Family (Humboldt County, California), and Ida May Chamberlain and her six husbands. Several recent back issues have also been added. [Indexed in PERSI.]



NGS Magazine, National Genealogical Society, v. 44 (3), July-Sept 2018. Records of court-martial, divorce, mental illness and prostitution, and 'Researching 18th-century German immigrants.' No comment on how they relate!

Circ 929.1 Int

Internet Genealogy, back issues from 2016, 2017, and 2018 (incomplete) This bi-monthly commercial periodical concentrates on computer applications (ex. Roots Magic and TreeShare) and gadgets (Doxie Q scanner), on-line resources (Records of North Dakota settlers, Tasmanian convicts), and advice (Organizing family photos.) It's a great place to be reminded of on-line resources you've forgotten or never knew about. [Indexed in PERSI.]



NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

Thanks to our two hard-working catalogers, Sharon Freeburne and Diane Brenner, we added more than 100 books to the JCGL collection in November...too many to list in the eNews.

[Click here to view the complete list of new books added in December](#), which includes lots of Family Histories (929.2), books about Scotland (941.1), New York state (974.7) and Tuscarawas County, Ohio (977.166). Several other states and subjects are also included.

Of special note is the addition of the first ever *Birth Certificates for Jackson County, Oregon*, for the years 1916 and 1917 (979.527 B378 Bir). Birth certificates are not released for 100 years in Oregon, and these are the first years to be made available. Special thanks to our longtime volunteer in Salem, Elizabeth Kelly, who scanned these and the ongoing series of *Death Certificates for Jackson County, Oregon* (released after 50 years.) We currently have 1903-1966 in our collection (979.527 D218 Dea). They are a boon to researchers with Jackson County ancestors.

Save the Date – Tuesday January 15, 2019

"Be Talented"

At our January 15, 2019 membership meeting and program for the public, the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is pleased to present Rod Medinger, Board President of the Talent Historical Society. He will share the history, current status and future plans of their hometown museum in Talent where artifacts, local family histories, and historical archives are kept. Their mission is to research and preserve the history of the Talent area in Southern Oregon. Join us at 1:30, January 15th to hear Ron. He may even tell us a bit about their famous tomatoes.

RVGS 2019 High School Scholarship Program

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is pleased to again offer a \$1,500 scholarship to a Jackson County, Oregon graduating senior for study at an Oregon college or university in the 2019-2020 school year. Application packets are sent to area high schools in early November. Also, a copy of the application and guidelines will be found on the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society's website.

Students have until February 22, 2019 to complete and return the applications with their supporting documents and letters of recommendation either by mail or in person to the Scholarship Chairman at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, located at 3405 So. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR 97501. Please note that we do not accept online applications. Home schooled students can contact the high school through which they will receive their diploma for details.

This is the fourth year of the society's scholarship program. Funding is provided by donations from its members, and if you would like to donate to the high school scholarship program, please indicate your intention by writing on your donation that you wish monies donated to be used for the high school scholarship. Thank you.

A copy of the application and guidelines may be downloaded from our website by [clicking here](#). For questions please contact Marilyn Ayres, Scholarship Chairman, 541-488-9547.

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