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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is to inspire interest in genealogy, inform and educate the public, and maintain a growing sustainable library with a strong online presence.

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Happy New Year, 2023!

The RVGS eNews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



CLASSES & EVENTS

The following RVGS classes and events are all offered via Zoom unless noted otherwise. Most classes and events require online advanced registration, see the **Programs & Classes** menu on our [website](#). **Registration closes for most events the day before the event** unless capacity is reached before then.

- New members to Interest Groups will need to register by [clicking here](#) to find the interest group of your choice.
- For more details, [click here](#) to view our website calendar.
- [Click here to find Zoom help on our website.](#)
- All times listed are Pacific Time Zone.

Register
NOW!

Registration Now Open!



Thursday, January 5, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Class: "Immigration and Emigration in the 1800's"

In this class Loretta Barker will cover emigration ports of Europe and where our ancestors arrived in America or Canada. She will also discuss the travel conditions that had to be endured.

Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members

Friday, January 6, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Meeting (in person at RVGS Library): Crater Lake Chapter DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)

Daughters of the American Revolution promotes education, historical preservation, and patriotism. DAR meetings and programs are non-political. January's program is "Keepsakes, Amazing Things to Share." Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. Visit the DAR website at <http://www.craterlakedar.org>.

Monday, January 9, 9:30 AM - Noon, Board meeting (in person at library)

All members are welcome. Come to the library side door and ring the doorbell. Cost: Free to all.



Monday, January 9, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, Colonial America Interest Group

Jeanne Hoadley will be focusing on the original 13 colonies in this interest group. Join her and bring your stories and research experiences. The group

meets the second Monday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, January 10, 11:00 AM - Noon, German Interest Group

This interest group concentrates on German history and research. They meet the second Tuesday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, January 10, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group

This group is facilitated by Barbara MacMillen. Come with any questions about using “Family Tree Maker” software. They meet the second Tuesday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, January 11, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, January 12, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group

This group meets the second Thursday of the month and is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions. The interest group will start with the first 45 minutes for topical structured content and the last half of the session will be open for general questions.

Cost: Free to all.

Friday, January 13, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group

Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group

concentrating on Irish history, culture, and researching Irish ancestors. The group meets the second Friday of the month.

Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, January 17, 1:30 - 3:00 PM, Program and Member Meeting: “Who’s in Your Closet?” Member Sharing

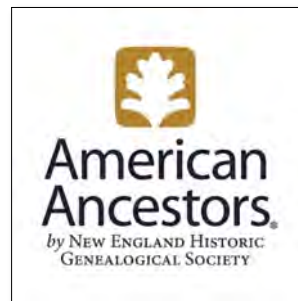


Every family has secrets that have been hidden away for generations and your research may have uncovered them. This meeting will be an opportunity to share those stories. If you are willing to spend 5-10 minutes telling us

about those long held secrets, please send an email to registration@rvgslibrary.org and let us know.

Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, January 19, 10:30 - Noon, Class: “NEHGS and American Ancestors”



In this class, Claire Vail introduces the viewer to American Ancestors – New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) – who they are, what they do, and how they can help us. With a focus on what is available to virtual

viewers, this class talks about navigating the AmericanAncestors.org website [one of the RVGS subscription websites], exploring their databases, finding genealogical records from the 17th to 21st century and spanning geographic locations from New England, the rest of the United States, as well as Canada and Europe.

Cost: \$10 for members; \$20 for non-members

Saturday, February 4, Seminar: “Migration in America from Colonial Times” with Annette Burke Lyttle of Heritage Detective, LLC. [Times to be announced]

Featuring three classes: Colonial American Migration Routes, The National Road: America’s First Federal Highway, and Following Migrating Ancestors: 3 case studies.

Coming Soon!

- Wednesday, February 15, Let's Talk Genealogy Roundtable
- Wednesday, February 15, Class: Researching the DAR Website
- Tuesday, February 21, FREE Program & Member Meeting, "William Green T'Vault"
- Thursday, February 23, Class: "Researching in Ohio"
- Tuesday, February 28, Class: Pennsylvania Resources



Festival, hundreds of Carpenter Foundation grants, and more.

February 2023, Time Travel To 1932 When Living History Returns to Jacksonville!



It's 1932! Depression era miners are digging up the streets. Hobos are hoping for handouts. Groucho Marx is on the radio. Franklin Roosevelt is running for President.

Local Happenings



Windows in Time: Wayward Girls of the Rogue Valley

- Wednesday, January 4, 2023, Noon – 1:00 PM **Medford Library**: Online or limited in-person.

[Click here to register](#)

- Wednesday, January 11, 2023, Noon – 1:00 PM **Ashland Library**

Jackson County has had its share of incorrigible girls. SOHS Archivist Jan Wright will explore case studies of girls from the 1880s to the 1920s who just wanted to have fun and break away from social restrictions. Learn more about the contributing factors of the girls' delinquency and society's response and attempted reforms to their behavior.

Windows in Time: Community Support 101 – What the Carpenter Family Gave Us

- Wednesday, February 1, 2023, Noon – 1:00 PM **Medford Library**: Online or limited in-person.

[Click here to register](#)

- Wednesday, February 8, 2023, Noon – 1:00 PM **Ashland Library**

One family that has contributed to the Southern Oregon community for generations is the Carpenter Family. Alice Mullaly will talk about this special family and their wonderful contributions to the Rogue Valley like USO clubs in WWII, the Red Cross, the Community Hospital, Oregon Shakespeare

Step back in time and become part of the "play" when you call on Carrie and Ben Beekman as they close up their 1873 family home. Interact with the adult Beekman children, family members and friends as they seek your advice on what household items to keep or give away, comment on Depression Era Jacksonville, and reminisce about life in the late 1800s in Jacksonville's most prominent pioneer family.

Beginning in February, these special Living History tours will be offered at Jacksonville's historic Beekman House Museum, located at 470 E. California Street in Jacksonville. The latest tour information will be available in January at <https://www.historicjacksonville.org/1932-living-history/>.

AppGen Institute Spring 2023 Courses



Continuing their offerings to meet the demand for strong intermediate and

advanced genealogy education, the Applied Genealogy Institute (AppGen) has announced five new topics for their **Spring 2023 virtual course offerings**.

Topics and instructors are:

- Applied Genetic Genealogy, Leah Larkin, Ph.D.
- Criminal Records, Michelle Bates

- Just Do It! Self-Publishing Your Family History, Jill Morelli, CG, CGL
- Ontario: Research in the Trillium Province, Kathryn Hogan
- Records After Death: Wills, Probate & the Process, Lisa Gorrell, CG

The registration window for courses will open January 18-24, 2023. Mark your calendars and make sure you are on the **mailing list**. As before, you will have the week to sign up with no preference for early signups. A lottery system will be used, if needed, to limit class size. To learn more, visit the **AppGen website**.

Advanced Skills in Genealogy: A Certificate Course

The National Genealogical Society designed the new Advanced Skills in Genealogy certificate course to meet the needs of all individuals looking for a professional level, standards-based education program that prepares intermediate to advanced researchers to accomplish their goals. Presales began on December 5, 2022, and the course opens to students on January 17, 2023. **Click here for more information and to register.**

Virtual Opportunities



Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 – 7:30 PM Eastern Time,

“Finding Female Figures: Strategies for Researching Women in Family History,” Legacy Family Trees

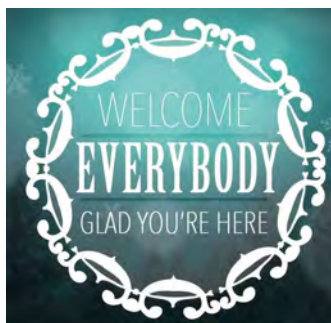
Women represent half of our ancestors, yet their identities

and life stories often prove much more difficult to find than those of men. In this engaging and interactive session, we’ll learn why women can be challenging to research and walk through a step-by-step plan to uncover more information about the mysterious ladies in your family tree. Full of interesting record examples, photographs, and methodology demonstrations, this presentation will equip and inspire you to find the stories of your

female ancestors! **Click here for more information and to register.**

SOCIETY NEWS

Welcome New Members!



Welcome to the newest members of RVGS: Shannon & Robert Haas, Debra Geesner, Nick Jacobson, Penny Jauregui, Deborah Sanford, and Timothy Coughlin! Welcome back to Donald Hogge!

Save the Date!



Registration is now open! Save the date for our first seminar of 2023. On Saturday, February 4, Annette Burke Lyttle of Heritage Detective, LLC, will present “Migration in America from Colonial Times” with three sessions. 1. Colonial American Migration Routes, 2.

The National Road: America’s First Federal Highway, and 3. Following Migrating Ancestors: Three Case Studies. Join us for a day of genealogical learning! See you there!

RVGS at the Railroad Show!

For many years RVGS has had an exhibit booth at the annual Railroad Show on Thanksgiving Weekend. RVGS member and volunteer Bruce McGarvey has made sure that we are invited each year and that our booth is in an advantageous location. He prepared and donated to RVGS a two-fold display of

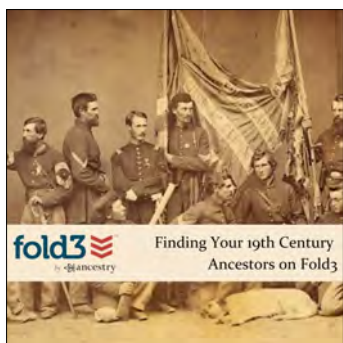


his genealogical research about his railroad-worker ancestor. 2019 was the last year the show was held, due to the pandemic. Each year RVGS volunteers converse with over 100 people who are drawn to our booth by the quilts we display and by our “Genealogy Library” banner. This year’s volunteers were Ruth Wade, Dorothy Cotton, Mary Robsman, Chris Galligan, Anne Billeter, Kaye Ferrara, and Steven Hoolko. The Medford Centennial Quilt (left, made by the Jacksonville Museum Quilters) and the Ashland Railroad Centennial Quilt (made by Sue Waldron) were displayed in our booth. Bruce McGarvey’s display is on the right.

A Helpful RVGS Class: “Researching Your 19th Century Ancestors on Fold3”

By Patty Bunch

Instructor: Brian Rhinehart, Wednesday, December 7, on Zoom



Going into the class, I thought I was familiar with Fold3. I couldn’t have been more wrong! I only wish the class had been a little longer to give us more examples of how to search. But, given the tools that Brian provided, I was able to

get onto the website the next day and achieve some success finding some ancestors who fought in the War of 1812 and some who fought in the Civil War.

The main trick that I learned in the class was to first go to the “browse” function at the top of the screen – NOT search! It really helps if you have some basic information on your ancestor such as the spouse’s name, and, if you know it, what war, regiment, and Confederate or Union army. Sometimes you don’t have much information, but, if you just use the “search” function, you will get too many hits. By going to “browse” and choosing the conflict first, you can then enter your ancestor’s name and get fewer hits.

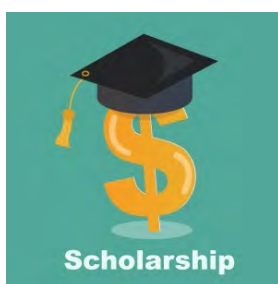
Let’s take a peek at one of my searches:

- Browse – War of 1812; scroll down to Pension files. The pension files are subdivided if you look to your right. Note the various files with locations.
- Where did my ancestor, Nathaniel Bunch live? – Tennessee. Click on Tennessee. You will see an alphabet pop up on the right.
- I went to surname B. There is an option up at the top to search within that file, so I inserted “Bunch” and didn’t have to scroll through all those B surnames.
- Once I had the name “Bunch” entered, I started looking at the list. Nathaniel was the 6th name on the list. And there were 53 pages of information. I knew I had the correct Nathaniel because his wife was Sarah Ray.

I have just started reading through all these documents. They are images of original papers. I found one which was written by an acting commissioner which includes Nathaniel’s children’s names and dates of birth, also Nathaniel’s birth and death dates! Important information!

This is just the beginning of my searching on Fold 3. I want to do more! And all because I took a Zoom class offered by RVGS.

Scholarship News



Hello members and friends. The RVGS scholarship committee wants to make you aware that this year we are again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior who plans

to attend a college or university within the state of Oregon. The scholarship will be \$2,000. It is open to students who are residents of Jackson County, Oregon, who are either home-schooled or attend a Jackson County area high school. High school counselors have information at the schools and the application is on the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society’s website rvgslibrary.org (scroll down to the News section on the homepage).

Over the past seven years RVGS has awarded scholarships to seven deserving students. Maybe some young person you know will appreciate you letting them know of this opportunity. The deadline for applying is March 10, 2023. Thanks for your help in getting the word out to your friends and neighbors. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Ayres, scholarship chairman, through reception at the library: (reception@rvgslibrary.org, 541-512-2340).

Become an RVGS Volunteer in 2023!



RVGS is 100% volunteer run. We have no paid employees. Without volunteers there would be no society or library. Over the last two years, we have lost volunteers in key Society positions. RVGS is looking for

volunteers for the following positions:

- *Rogue Digger* Editor
- Librarians
- Education Committee
- Quilt Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Maintenance Coordinator
- Zoom Hosts
- eNews submissions

For more information on these vital positions, see the **Support Us** menu > Volunteers Needed on our [website](#).

Last Month to Sign Up for Our RVGS Family History Library Trip



Time certainly has flown by. Our group of researchers will be heading to the Family History Library this coming March 5 to March

12. The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society discounted room rate at the Salt Lake City Plaza Hotel must be reserved before February 2, 2023.

Our researchers should use the next two months to make their preparations to explore the most extensive genealogy library in the world. Review your family tree and make sure you have several generations loaded to your personal familysearch.org account, including as much detail as possible. Make a list of who and where, along with time periods you want to explore. Don't waste valuable time doing that after you are at the library. Remember to bring printed copies of key data and a flash drive to upload your newfound information.

Be sure to search the familysearch.org catalog and create a list of records, books, and microfilm that you want to review. Remember that some items are held off site and so they may need to be ordered prior to the trip. You will see where the documents are held in the familysearch.org catalog listing.

Add your name to our Salt Lake City Trip participants list by emailing Ann Baracker. If you have any questions, please contact her at abrvg@gmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS



Library Closed for Holiday

The RVGS Library will be closed on the following days for the upcoming New Year holiday.

- Saturday, December 31 – Monday, January 2

RVGS Library: A Brief Tour

By Anne Billeter

Libraries are treasure houses and the RVGS Library is no exception. Resources abound for both new and experienced genealogists.

The RVGS Library collection is organized by the Dewey Decimal system, which places books, magazines, CD's, videos, and thumb drives with similar subjects adjacent to each other on the shelves. For example, family genealogies have the



call number 929.2, and then are arranged alphabetically by surname. Books (and other materials) about places are grouped together. For example, books about the Great Basin and Pacific Slope states have the call number 979, and books on individual states within that region have subdivision call numbers, such as Arizona (979.1), California (979.4), Oregon (979.5), and Washington (979.7). States are further subdivided by regions and then by counties. Southern Oregon is 979.52 and Jackson County is 979.527.

Most of the books in the RVGS Library are considered Reference and cannot be checked out, although some, labeled “Circ” (for circulating) at the top of the call number, are available for check out. For example, a number of how-to-do-genealogy books in 929.1 may be checked out. Most of the magazines may be checked out. Magazines range from how-to to multiple issues from genealogy societies, often with detailed information that is NOT on the Internet. A maximum of four items may be checked out at a time, for two weeks, and may be renewed in person, by phone (541-512-2340), or by email (reception@rvgslibrary.org).

Wondering whether we have a specific book, or books about a specific place or subject? Go to our website: rvgslibrary.org, hover over “Library” and in the drop-down menu click on “Library Catalog.” All searches are keyword searches. You may narrow your search by author, title, or subject.

- **Maps** are shelved in the map cases and are also organized using the Dewey Decimal System.
- **Microfilms**, including an enormous run of the *Oregonian* newspaper (1964-2008), are in the

microfilm cabinets.

- **Microfiche** are shelved in binders on top of the microfilm cabinets.
- **Pioneer Files** are in filing cabinets adjacent to the front doors, alphabetical by surname. Anyone in Jackson County by 100 years ago is eligible to have a Pioneer File. Whether or not there is a file depends on donations of information, or requests for information, about a specific pioneer.
- **Databases** are of two kinds:
 - * The first kind was created by RVGS volunteers and contains indexes and images of Jackson County and some Josephine County research sources, such as obituaries, death certificates, marriage records, and much more. Go to the website: rvgslibrary.org, hover over “SEARCH” to see the drop-down menu. You may narrow your search or you may “Search All Records.” Except for Cemetery Records, which often will provide you with a gravestone photo, your results will be index entries. For full index information, be sure to click on the hyperlink to the entry you are interested in. You may either come to the library and find the image in a book or ask a librarian for a digital image OR you may order the image to be emailed, for a fee.
 - * The second kind of databases are subscription websites. RVGS pays a hefty fee for each one, which saves RVGS members a great deal of money. With the exception of Ancestry.com, all of the subscription websites are currently available to RVGS members remotely by logging in to the website, scrolling down on the Homepage

and clicking on the website you wish to access. Some of the websites will remain available remotely (NewspaperArchive, HistoryGeo, and Fold3) while the others may become accessible ONLY at the RVGS Library at any time (American Ancestors, FindMyPast, MyHeritage, and Newspapers.com Oregon Collection.) Ancestry.com Library Edition is only accessible at the RVGS Library now.

The RVGS Library also provides access to many free genealogy websites on the Internet, including the very resource-rich FamilySearch.org, Cyndi's List, Findagrave, and many other websites you can also access at home. You may use our wireless access to the Internet on your electronic devices.

Please ask the librarians for a tour when you come to the library. They can show you where a list of the Dewey Decimal System numbers for each state is posted, where the **Jean Maack collection** (England and Wales resources) is shelved, where the microfilm reader is, and where the lunch room is (bring your lunch, store it in the refrigerator, and stay all day!) The RVGS Library is open Monday – Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM.

- 13,107 Books
- 8,628 Periodicals
- 186 CDs
- 5 Videos
- 4 Thumb drives
- 1,991 Microfilms (rolls)
- 1,571 Microfiche (sheets)
- 350 Maps
- 18 Quilts

Quilt in Library Niche



This month's "Quilt in the Niche" is the Gin Lin Dragon Quilt, a wall hanging which commemorates the early day Chinese miners of

Jacksonville. Gin Lin, a Chinese "boss," lived in Jacksonville for 30 years from 1864-1894. He became successful enough to own a hydraulic mining operation near where the Little Applegate River flows into the Applegate River. Although he never became a citizen, he owned almost 200 acres of land. He was accepted by most white people and attained a certain amount of respect from the people of Jacksonville. In 1894 Gin Lin returned to China where he died three years later.

Dora Scheidecker created the designs and patterns for the Gin Lin Dragon Quilt in 1978, completing the appliquéd top in March 1979. It was quilted and bound by the Jacksonville Museum Quilters in May 1979.

Chinese dragons symbolize good luck. The wavy, pieced border of pinks and blues represents the ocean. The circular quilting represents waves and foam where dragons live. The stuffed satin circle each dragon holds is a Pearl of Wisdom. The quilted mountain is for worship.

New Records Added to Our Subscription Websites (partial list)

Ancestry.com

- Oregon, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1849-1967
- Washington, U.S., State Corrections and Jail Records, 1877-1970
- U.S. Index to Alien Case Files, 1944-2003



MyHeritage.com

- Germany, North Rhine-Westphalia, Death Index 1874-1938
- We are pleased to announce an update to the Germany, North Rhine-Westphalia, Death Index 1874-1938 collection: we added 9 million death records from the districts of Düsseldorf and Köln. The collection includes scanned images.





FamilySearch.org (not a subscription; free, just open an account)

- Wisconsin, County Naturalization Records, 1807-1992

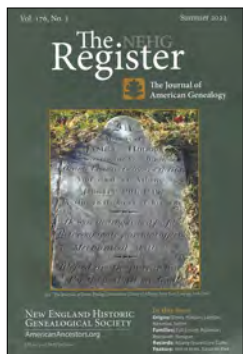
24 Books Added to the RVGS Library

24 books about 23 topics, including 5 countries, 8 states, an index to the Iowa 1836 Territorial Census (317 Iowa 1836), a 515-page 1941 Encyclopedia of Northwest Biography, and more! [Click here for the complete list.](#)

New Periodicals on the Shelf

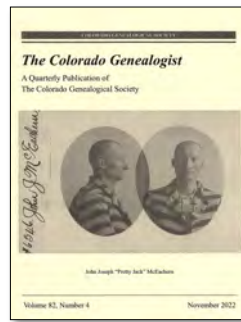


NGS Magazine, National Genealogical Society
 Circ 929.05 NGSM October/December 2022
 Ancestral Places: Overcoming obstacles in a search for ancestral locations (records to look for); Public land records online; Using Google “My Maps”; Searching for a home’s history; Agricultural Census Schedules (and where to find them); The Genealogy Center at Allen County Public Library (where PERSI is generated); Creating a family website; Online membership surveys (how to); and Tools for evaluating shared centimorgans.



The Register, New England Historic Genealogical Society
 Circ 974 G242 NEHGS Summer 2022
 Rodolphus Elmes (MA); James Hodge (NY); Samuel Newman (MA); Increase Robinson family (MA); William Hudson (MA); Samuel and Abigail Sprague Call (MA and Nova Scotia); Cynthia Lovett and family (RI, NY); and George Redmonds (England).

Colorado Genealogist, Colorado Genealogical Society
 Circ 978.8 P273 Col November 2022



Cripple Creek, Helen Ramsey Turtle’s letters from Belfast during WWII, and index to the volume.



Bulletin, Quarterly Magazine of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon (Portland)
 Circ 979.549 P273 Bul December 2022
 Short articles on grandparents or great-grandparents submitted by Forum members to the prompt “Everyone has a story.” Surnames include Sassorossi, Quigley, Heare, Brawand, Swearingen, Maes, Torgeson, Beaty, and Brewster.

January Surplus Sale Books

- Marylanders to Carolina: Migration of Marylanders to North Carolina and South Carolina Prior to 1800* by Henry C. Peden, Jr., 1994. \$9.00
- More Marylanders to Carolina: Migration of Marylanders to North Carolina and South Carolina Prior to 1800* by Henry C. Peden, Jr., orig. 1999; reprint 2006. \$9.00
- Carmack’s Guide to Copyright & Contracts* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, 2005. \$5.00
- Irish Passenger Lists, 1803-1806* by Brian Mitchell, 1995. \$7.00
- Records of Marriages and Burials in the Monocacy Church in Frederick County, Maryland and in the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in the City of Frederick, Maryland, 1743-1811*, translated and edited by Frederick Sheely Weiser, 1972. \$13.00
- Montgomery County, Virginia – Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study – Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration*, transcribed and edited by Netti Schreiner-Yantis, 1972. \$15.00
- Let the Mountains Remember: The Campaign Against the Northern Paiute, Eastern Oregon 1861-1869* by Dj Lesniak, 2014. \$18.00

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Membership is available to all interested persons.

Membership privileges include:

- Free use of library
- Volunteer opportunities
- Reduced fees for genealogy classes and seminars
- Check out of materials
- Free access to subscription websites
- Society publications
- Interest groups
- Free mentoring
- Access to members-only web content

Visit our website at rvgslibrary.org to join today.

The RVGS eNews

Editor: Rich Miles

Submissions due 20th of Month to enews@rvgslibrary.org

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, tax identification number: 93-0684590.

Join a Special Interest Group Today



The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society sponsors a variety of virtual interest groups each month. Members and patrons with a common interest gather to share information and strategies, and to help each other with troubleshooting. Interest groups are free to attend. For more information and to register for any of the following groups and receive the meeting Zoom link, [click here](#).

Colonial America Interest Group

Led by Jeanne Hoadley, it meets 2:00 - 3:30 PM on the second Monday of every month to discuss genealogy research in the original 13 colonies.

Family Tree Maker User Group

Led by Barbara MacMillen, it meets from 1:30 - 3:00 PM on the second Tuesday of every month to discuss the Family Tree Maker software program.

Genealogy Newbies Interest Group

Led by Barbara Northrop, it meets from 6:00—7:30 PM on the second Thursday of every month. This group is for new genealogists who want a small group setting to ask questions.

Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Led by Barbara Halvorsen, it meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM. This group is for everyone interested in genetic genealogy.

German Interest Group (GIG)

This group meets the second Tuesday of the month from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The group focuses on German history and research.

Great Lakes Interest Group—Joint RVGS & GFO Group

Led by Kim Thurman, it meets from 1:30 - 3:00 PM **every even numbered month** on the second Wednesday. The group meets to share, discuss, and learn about the Great Lakes states.

Irish Interest Group

Led by Barbara Halvorsen, it meets on the second Friday of the month from 1:30 - 3:00 PM. The group focuses on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) Special Interest Groups

Are we missing a Special Interest Group that you'd love to join? You may wish to [check the available FREE offerings from GFO here](#), or contact the group facilitator by clicking on the group name below.

- African American Group
- British Group
- DNA-Advanced
- DNA Q&A—The Basics
- Family Tree Maker
- French Canada Group
- Genealogy Problem Solvers
- German Group
- Irish Group
- Italian Group
- Learn & Chat
- The Q Review
- RootsMagic
- Virginia Group
- The Writers' Room

