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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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### LIBRARY HOURS

RVGS Library is open  
Monday - Saturday  
10:00 AM — 4:00 PM



## CLASSES & EVENTS

The following RVGS classes and events are all offered via Zoom unless noted otherwise. We are increasing the number of hybrid (in person AND via Zoom) events. Hybrid events will be noted in the event description.

- Most classes and events require online advanced registration, see the **Programs & Classes** menu on our [website](#).
- **Registration closes 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.

## Registration Now Open!

**Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 AM – Noon, Class: VIDEO - Weaving History into Family Narratives**



If you missed the presentation by Clare Gebben, this video will assist you on how to bring your family narrative alive by capturing the events of your family's time in community and historical events. In person at the library OR receive a link to watch the video at home.

Cost: Members \$10, Non-Members \$20.

**Friday, May 5, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Crater Lake Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution).** The speaker will be Kim McQuoid presenting about teaching midwifery in India. Please note the Crater Lake Chapter of DAR does not meet in June, July, or August.

Cost: Free to all.



**Monday, May 8, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS 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, May 8, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, Colonial America Interest Group**

Jeanne Hoadley focuses on the original 13 colonies in this special 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, May 9, 11:00 - Noon, German Interest Group**

This interest group concentrates on German history and research. They meet the Second Tuesday of the month in the library and on Zoom. Cost: Free to all.

**Tuesday, May 9, 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, May 10, 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.

**Wednesday, May 10, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Class: Researching Female Ancestors in the USA**



Presenter Barbara Northrop will present tips and resources to add to your genealogical toolbox when researching your

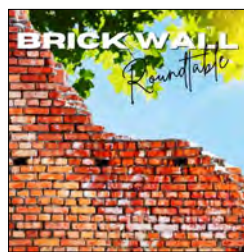
female ancestors. Cost: Members \$10, Non-Members \$20

**Thursday, May 11, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Genealogy Newbies Interest Group**

Barbara Northrop facilitates this group that 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, May 12, 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.



**Saturday, May 13, 10:30 – Noon, Brick Wall Roundtable**

Bring your questions, your puzzles, your brick walls and we will put our heads together to see if we can find a way to get you closer to your goal. You don't even have to have a "wall" to join us. We welcome you anyway and who knows? You may have a nugget that would help someone else. Cost: Free to all.

**Tuesday, May 16, 1:30-3:00 PM, Program and**



**Member Meeting: "Railroading in Southern Oregon"**

Robert Hirning will look at how railroads

in Jackson and Josephine Counties shaped our history from the earliest period of Western expansion right down to the present day. In person at the library and on Zoom. Cost: Free to all.

**Friday, May 19, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Class: Tracking Down Your Eastern European Ancestors**



In This class, Pam Vestal will explore strategies for locating ancestral places of origin, uncovering original names,

finding and requesting records, understanding the documents and coping with language challenges. Cost: Members \$10, Non-Members \$20.

**Thursday, June 1, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Class: The Genealogy Cha-Cha**

Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Is this genealogy or the Cha-Cha? Revisiting and reevaluating our early research and home sources of information might seem like a waste of time, but often, it's the key to getting past a roadblock in our research. We'll discuss techniques for finding new clues in records we already have and look at several small case studies to see the value of taking the time to go backward in order to go forward.

Cost: Members \$10, Non-Members \$20.



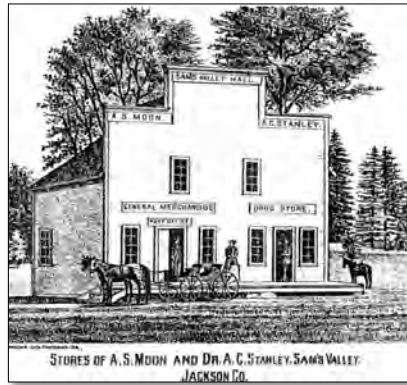
**Coming Soon!**

- Tuesday, June 20, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, FREE Program: Hidden Stories of Civil War in Oregon with Randy Fletcher
- Saturday, June 24, 10:30 – Noon, Class: “The Family Patchwork – Stitching Families Separated by History Back Together” with Jane Neff Rollins

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

**Windows in Time: Moonville Rediscovered: What History and Genealogy Reveal about a Once Thriving Community in Sams Valley, Oregon**  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library**: In-person and online. [Click here to register](#)  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023, Noon - 1:00 PM **Phoenix Library**

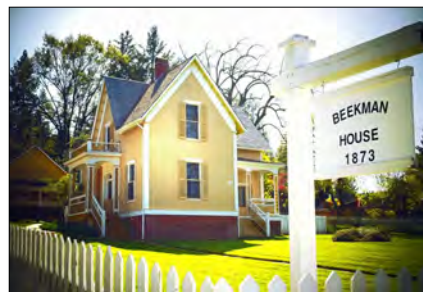
Sams Valley has had a number of small settlements over the years. When and how did Moonville flourish, and what led to its disappearance? What



resources to look for answers to these and other questions about the Moons and Moonville.

Anne Billeter is Library Director of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Library and has previously worked at the Southern Oregon Historical Society Research Library, Jackson County Library Services, Josephine County Library System, and the SOU Hannon Library. She has served on the Boards of RVGS, SOHS, and the Josephine County Historical Society. She has lived in Southern Oregon for over 44 years and enjoys researching local history and genealogy.

**Saturday, May 13, - 1932 Living History, Jacksonville**



Jacksonville, Inc.'s 1932 Living History “plays”!

Baseball is the national sport and an escape from the Great Depression. Home run king, Babe Ruth, is the “sultan of swat.” One-fourth of Americans are unemployed. Jacksonville residents are digging up the streets trying to find any residual gold from the 1800s. Franklin Roosevelt is promising a “New Deal.” And Ben and Carrie Beekman, the children of Jacksonville’s wealthiest and most prominent pioneer family, are closing up their 1870s family home, going through closets and cupboards, and commenting on 1932 current affairs and life in the late 1800s.

happened to the 13 Moon children, who were all born in Jackson County? Are their descendants here now? Anne Billeter uses a blend of historical and genealogical

The Beekmans will be “receiving guests” at 10:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM, and 2:00 PM at their family home at 470 E. California Street in Jacksonville, OR. During this 1-hour “social call,” visitors will be interacting with Carrie, Ben, family members, and friends. Tour admission is \$10, and guests can plan their visit at <https://historicjacksonville.org/1932-living-history/>.

### Windows in Time: Mining Camps in Oregon’s Early History



Wednesday, June 7, 2023, Noon - 1:00 PM  
**Medford Library:** In-person and online. [Click here to register](#)  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023, Noon - 1:00 PM

**Ashland Library,** Gresham Room

Discover how mining camps and miners have been at the forefront of the Oregon Chinese Diaspora Project since its founding in 2017. Archaeologist Tatiana Watkins will explain how discussions and knowledge learned from the two sites in the project enable researchers to look at comparable artifact assemblages across mining camps in the Pacific Northwest and use primary documents as a necessary instrument in interpreting the past.

Tatiana Watkins is a graduate of Southern Oregon University and studied Rogue Valley history focusing on the Rogue River War and Chinese railroad workers. Since graduating, Tatiana has continued to work in Southern Oregon as well as Eastern Oregon on the Malheur National Forest. She is finishing up her graduate degree at University of Idaho, with research into Chinese diaspora and gold mining sites in Eastern Oregon.

## SOCIETY NEWS



### Welcome New Members!

**Welcome** to the newest members of RVGS: Carole Karvis, Willitte Herman, Heather Wingate, Jean Smith, Lorraine Petro, and Troy

Ferguson! Welcome back to Ron Naumann, Deborah Carstens, Irene Harding, Carolyn Ramsey, and Colleen Mandala!

## Volunteer Star of the Month



*By Leslie Compton*

I want to introduce Pam Reeves, one of our newest librarians. Pam grew up in Quartz Hill, a small community in Southern California. During her career she

worked for acute-care hospitals as a liaison and coordinator for doctors and medical staff to help them conform to the rules and regulations put forth by the government and accrediting agencies. Upon retirement she began writing a memoir about her childhood and the relationship with her father. She and her husband developed a desire to relocate to another small town and found that Rogue River fit the bill. Pam wanted to volunteer at the Jackson County Library after the COVID epidemic but there were too many people ahead of her. Doing her research for her book she came across a photo of her grandfather that needed restoring. To find someone to help her she looked online and located the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Library. On the website was also a request for volunteers. Pam had her photo refinished to her satisfaction and signed up as a member and volunteer in July 2022. Welcome Pam Reeves!

## Scholarship News, \$2,000 scholarship award announced.

*By Marilyn Ayres, Scholarship Committee Chairman*

The Scholarship committee is pleased to announce the award for this year’s scholarship to Ms. Diya Patel, a senior at North Medford High School. Diya is ranked first in her class, maintains an outstanding GPA, and has been inducted into the National Honor Society. She has served as captain of the Varsity



basketball team for two years; was awarded the Student-Athlete Award, Pride Award, and Varsity Captain Award; and was a part of the local HERricane Hoops Girls

Basketball program inspiring young girls to play basketball.

She has worked as a housekeeper at Quality Inn and Suites, and as a team member at Jamba Juice. As a Medford Schools Summer Experience Student Worker, she worked with children at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School.

In addition to her high school classes, Diya is currently attending classes to get her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license so that she can start working in the field right away and plans to continue working throughout her college years.

She will attend the University of Oregon as a Human Physiology major. After she receives her bachelor's degree, she intends to earn her master's degree and become a certified physician assistant specializing in pediatrics.

This is the eighth year of the RVGS scholarship program benefiting students in our community.

## NEW Volunteer Opportunity

RVGS is in need of a volunteer to serve as the In-House Surplus Book Sale Coordinator. This volunteer would manage the surplus books in the library including pricing, advertising in the eNews, and rotating books on the sale shelf. This is a great opportunity to get a sneak peek at our surplus books! No experience necessary! Training will be provided.



## Become an RVGS Volunteer!

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
- Technology Coordinator
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Building Maintenance Coordinator
- Education Committee
- Quilt Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Zoom Hosts

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

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Quilt in the Niche: The Local Pioneer Furry Family



Pioneer Samuel Furry and his wife Amelia Barneburg Furry arrived in the Rogue Valley in 1860 with three young children, including Frederick Enoch Furry. Frederick was born in Burlington, Iowa on 18 February just prior to the long journey.

Two children died in 1864, but the Furrys added two more daughters and one more son, all born in Phoenix between 1863 and 1870. Samuel operated a small hotel, farmed on his donation land claim, served two terms in the Oregon state legislature, and was a Jackson County Commissioner for several

terms. His son Frederick married another pioneer descendant, Mary Isabelle Caton. Did she make the Furry Double Wedding Ring Quilt?

The motif of two interlocking rings goes as far back as the fourth century when it was used to decorate Roman cups. The Double Wedding Ring quilt pattern was first published by Topeka, Kansas' *Capper's Weekly* in 1928. The pattern has around 40 different names, some of which are: Rainbow, Around the World, Pickle Dish, Coiled Rattlesnake, Endless Chain, King Tut, and Friendship Knot. A challenging pattern, it was usually made for special occasion use. Traditionally, the Double Wedding Ring quilt pattern keeps the curved edge, using bias binding to finish the quilt. There is a folklore belief that a newlywed couple will be protected from bad dreams and bad luck, and their marriage will be a blessed one, if they sleep under a Double Wedding Ring quilt received as a wedding gift.

## Typewriter Needed



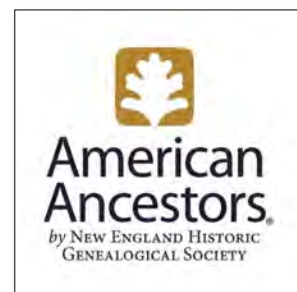
Are you downsizing and need to find a new home for that grand old IBM correcting typewriter you got as a retirement gift? Have you given up writing your memoirs on that well-loved

workhorse for the luxury of a laptop on the back porch? The Society's typewriter is on its last legs and needs to be replaced. We have a certain amount of repetitive typing that needs specialized printing – spine labels for books and magazines for example -- that a computer printer can't manage. The perfect answer would be a typewriter / word processor that can remember a line or two, manage label sheets and catalog cards, and has an erasing function. Let us know if you have one. Keep your ears open for friends closing their offices and disposing of equipment. If you have one, call the library at 541-512-2340 or email [reception@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:reception@rvgslibrary.org).

## New Records Added to Our Subscription Websites (partial list)

### AmericanAncestors.org

- Massachusetts, Roman Catholic Parish Cemetery Records, 1866-1940. Cemeteries administered by local parishes. This initial launch releases the following cemeteries:
- St. Mary (Ayer), St. Mary (Canton), Annunciation (Danvers), St. Mary (Middleborough), St. Joseph (Plymouth), St. Mary (Quincy), St. Joseph (Roxbury) and St. Anthony of Padua (Shirley).
- *The Essex Genealogist*, vol. 37. Relating to Essex County, Massachusetts.



### Ancestry.com

- Canada, Royal Canadian Air Force Crash Cards, 1939-1945.
- New York, New York, U.S., Tax Photos, 1940. Photographs taken in 1940 of buildings located in the 5 boroughs of NYC.
- Oregon, U.S., County Divorce Records, 1917-1948. [Hood River, Jackson, and Josephine Counties]
- Washington, U.S., Catholic Diocese of Spokane, 1850-1971.



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

- Russia, Lutheran Church Book Duplicates, 1833-1885.



## 28 Books and 16 Maps Added to the RVGS Library

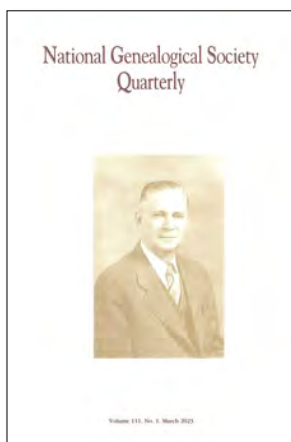
Historical geography is the partial theme of this month's additions to the library collection. 15 folded maps of northern and western France (Oversize 944 M168 Mic), plus a map of Alaska (MAP 979.8 Sta)

enhance our map collection. Several new atlases greatly expand our historical understanding of how successive generations migrated within what is now the United States: *Atlas of Settlement Between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi-Missouri Valleys, 1760-1880* AND *Atlas of Northern Trails Westward from New England*, both by Carrie Eldridge (Atlas 973 M327 Eld), and Stephen A. Flanders' *Atlas of American Migration* (973 M327 Fla). Two atlases graphically present specific topics: *Historical Atlas of World War II* by Alexander Swanston (940.54 A841 Swa) AND *Routledge Historical Atlas of Religion in America* by Bret E. Carroll (200.973 H388 Car). Several books were purchased thanks to recommendations from recent class instructors on researching Michigan and Pennsylvania. [Click here for the complete list.](#)

## New Periodicals on the Shelf



*Genealogist*, American Society of Genealogists  
 Circ 929.05 Gen v.37(1)  
 Spring 2023  
 American descendants of Rudolf Wilkin; English origin of Rev. Daniel Sturges of VA and GA; Murray family (MO, MT); Two Samuel Vincents, ropemakers of Boston; Williford Jenkins (KY); Barons of Wodhull; Daughters of Liberty, (1774 NH).



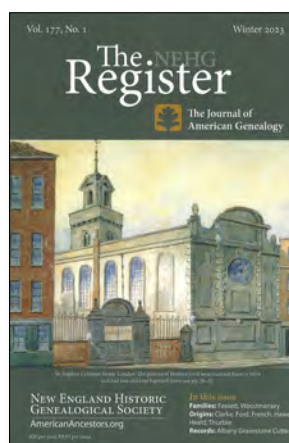
National Genealogical Society *Quarterly*  
 Circ 929.05 NGSQ v.111(1)  
 March 2023  
 "Reasonably Exhaustive Research" in the Carolinas; Parents for Salome (Krichbaum) Amey (PA); Birth family for Sophia Corine (Dyches) Rowell (SC); Kirstin Pehrshotter (17<sup>th</sup> century Sweden).



*Family Tree Magazine*  
 Circ 929.1 FTM May/June 2023  
 Researching American ancestors who arrived before the Revolution; Tips for writing your family history; Avoiding distractions in research; Researching French-Canadian ancestors; Genealogy libraries to know about; Naturalizations. Research guides : New Mexico, South Carolina. Cheat Sheet : Google for genealogy.



*Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, General Society of Mayflower Descendants  
 Circ 929.3 MayQ v.89(1)  
 Spring 2023  
 The entire issue is devoted to society business and restoration of its building in Plymouth, MA.

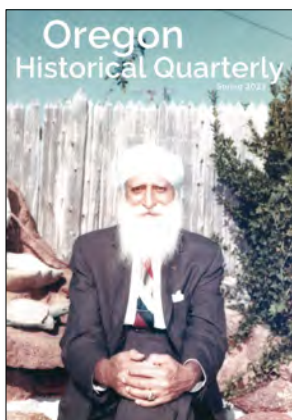


*Register*, New England Historic Genealogical Society  
 Circ 974 G242 NEHGS v.177 (1) Winter 2023  
 John Thurber (Plymouth Colony); Barbara Ford, 1635 (New England arrival); William and John French (MA); Patrick and Sarah Fassett (MA); Richard Hawes (Buckinghamshire, MA); Anne, first wife of Robert Woodmansey (MA, MD); John Heald (MA); and James Hodge, gravestone cutter (NY).



*New York Researcher*, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society  
 Circ 974.7 P2373 NYR v.33(4)  
 Winter 2022 [and] Spring 2023

[Winter] Sailors' Snug Harbor Hospital (Staten Island) and how to find documents; Finding NYC marriage records; Records of Brooklyn's Greenwood Cemetery; Property records; and new access and databases. Featured county – Tioga.  
 [Spring] Finding New York State death records; County clerk miscellaneous records, and a handy list of some county sites; New databases for members. Featured county – Putnam.



*Oregon Historical Quarterly*, Oregon Historical Society  
 Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ v.124  
 (1) Spring 2023  
 Dr Bhagat Singh Thind, lumber mill worker (Astoria) to political activist to US Supreme Court petition for citizenship based on 'whiteness'; "Our unfinished past" – a meditation on the Society's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and the Chinese community of early Klamath Falls, including list of residents and businesses.



*Southern Oregon Historical Society Quarterly*  
 Circ 979.527 P273 SOHSQ  
 Spring 2023  
 The Medford Mail Tribune's Pulitzer; William L Finley, "Oregon's Birdman"; the SOHS Archives; Prescott Park and trails, Medford's 'mountain top park;' and Spotlight on volunteer Cyndi Noyes.

### Surplus Sale books

- *Witter's Deutsch-Englische Schreib-und Lese-Fibel fur Amerikanische Freischulen*, Reprint, 1987. \$105.00
- *German Maps & Facts for Genealogy* by Wendy K. Uncapher and Linda M. Herrick, 2nd ed., 2002, \$18.00
- *How to Use Evernote for Genealogy* by Kerry

- Scott. \$3.00
- *German Genealogical Research* by George R. Schweitzer, 1995. \$4.50
- *They Came in Ships* by John P. Colletta, 1989. \$3.00

## BOOK SALE



### Fred Meyer Community Rewards Supports RVGS



Do you use a Fred Meyer Rewards Card? Did you know you can "donate" to RVGS without it costing you a dime? Just

follow these simple steps:

- Go to [fredmeyer.com](https://fredmeyer.com).
- In the top right corner, click the **Sign In** button. If you have not previously created an account, you can do it here.
- After signing in, click in the same place, only now it displays your name, and choose **My Account**.
- Under **My Account**, on the left side of the screen, click on **Community Rewards**.
- Here you can search for and choose your charity. We are listed as **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society**, organization number **PC623**. Click **Enroll**. For more information about Fred Meyer Rewards, [click here](#). **Note**, previous enrollees may need to re-enroll in Community Rewards. Follow the steps above to verify.



**Rogue Valley  
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**RVGS Membership**

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

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**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 - Noon. 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 - Noon. 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

