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



The RVGS eNews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

SAVE THE DATES!

RVGS has two great events coming up! Be sure to mark your calendar!

- **September 16 – 22, 2023, Genealogy Week!** FREE classes and FREE library use all week for EVERYONE! See the schedule later in this eNews. Registration opens soon. More details to follow.
- **Saturday, October 21, 2023, Seminar with Judy Russell, “The Legal Genealogist”**



CLASSES & EVENTS



The following RVGS classes and events are offered in a variety of ways. We are increasing the number of hybrid (in person AND via Zoom) events. Please note in the event description the ways you can attend.

- Unless noted otherwise, most classes and events require online advanced registration, see the **Programs & Classes** menu on our **website**. **Registration closes at noon 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.
- Event details are subject to change. Check our **website calendar** for the latest information. If an event registration is not available on the website, please check back.
- **Click here to find Zoom help on our website.**
- All times listed are Pacific Time Zone.

Registration Now Open!

Tuesday, August 8, 11:00 - Noon, German Interest Group

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

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Tuesday, August 8, 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.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, August 9, 10:30 AM - Noon, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

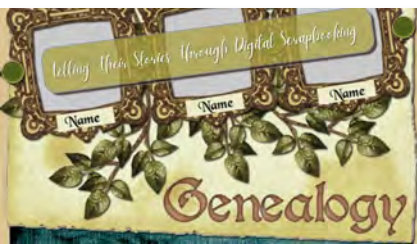
Barbara Halvorsen facilitates this interest group for everyone interested in genetic genealogy. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Wednesday, August 9, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Great Lakes Interest Group

Kim Thurman facilitates this Interest Group which meets the second Wednesday of every other month to discuss genealogy research in the Great Lakes region. Bring your stories and research experiences. Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Thursday, August 10, 10:30 - Noon, Class, Telling Stories Through Digital Scrapbooking



In this class, Jeanne Hoadley will introduce you to some tools and processes for telling your ancestors' stories

by creating a digital scrapbook which can be printed and shared.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Members \$10, Non-members \$20.

Thursday, August 10, 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.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all.

Friday, August 11, 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.

Hybrid - Zoom AND in person at the library. Cost: Free to all.

Monday, August 14, 9:30 AM - Noon, RVGS Board meeting



All members are welcome. Come to the library side door and ring the doorbell.

In person at the library. Cost: Free to all.



Wednesday, August 16, 1:30-3:00 PM, Roundtable: Let's Talk Genealogy

Let's Talk Genealogy meets the third Wednesday even numbered months. It is a chance to get together with

others who share the same interests. We will start with a focus and see where it goes from there.

Zoom only. Cost: Free to all

Calendar Notes:

- There will be no RVGS Program & Member Meeting in August.
- The Crater Lake Chapter of DAR does not meet in August.



	Morning Session 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Afternoon Session 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Saturday September 16	Your Genealogy Toolbox Part 1 Instructor: Katie Hauge	Intro to Genealogy Instructor: Anne Billeter
Monday September 18	Organizing Paper Files Instructor: Barbara Northrop	Organizing Digital Files Instructor: Rich Miles
Tuesday September 19	Researching Census Records Instructor: Barbara Northrop	Program & Member Meeting 175 th Anniversary of the 48ers Presented by Mary Robsman
Wednesday September 20	Researching with Ancestry Instructor: Rich Miles	Your Genealogy Toolbox Part 2 Instructor: Katie Hauge
Thursday September 21	Using Excel for Genealogy Instructor: Cheryl Johnson	Researching Jackson County People Instructor: Anne Billeter
Friday September 22	Using the News to Discover Family Events Instructor: Kim Thurman	Researching with FamilySearch Instructor: Barbara Northrop

- All classes are FREE to everyone.
- All classes will be hybrid, offered both via Zoom and in-person in the RVGS Library.
- Registration is required, register at rvgslibrary.org > Classes & Events dropdown menu.
- Registration closes at noon the day before each class.
- Registrants participating via Zoom will receive a link via email the day before each class.
- See our Calendar of Events for more details at rvgslibrary.org
- Classes will not be recorded.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS



Windows in Time: Acorn Woman Mountain: New Names Honor Native American Culture

Wednesday, August 2,
Noon - 1:00 PM, **Medford Library**, in person and

online. [Click here to register.](#)

Wednesday, August 9, Noon - 1:00 PM, **Ashland Library**, Gresham Room

Last year, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced name changes for more than a dozen geographic features in Jackson and Josephine counties that used the word “squaw,” a derogatory slur applied to Native American women. Rogue Valley journalist Vickie Aldous will discuss these new names for lakes, rivers and mountains and their origins from Native American legends – like the tale of Acorn Woman, a powerful mythological figure for the Takelma people of the Rogue Valley.

Aldous has lived in the Rogue Valley since 1999. She was a reporter for the *Ashland Daily Tidings* and *Medford Mail Tribune*, and Vickie currently works for the *Grants Pass Daily Courier* — a newspaper founded in 1885 that continues to publish today.

Windows in Time: Forest Creek: Where is Forest Creek?

Wednesday, September 6, noon - 1:00 PM **Medford Library**: In Person and online.

[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, September 13, noon - 1:00 PM **Ashland Library**, Gresham Room, no registration required.

Forest Creek is a tributary of the Applegate River. From its origins to the confluence, people have settled, mined, logged, built barns and schools, and buried their dead in the Log Town Cemetery. Annice Black will tell a story of the neighbors who populated the places along the Creek. The talk will cover from the 1850s to current days: the geography; early settlers; and economics of mining, farming, and logging. Her presentation includes photos of Forest

Creek School, mining on Forest Creek in the 1930s and early 40s, and Mt Isabelle Forest Fire Lookout. As autos sped up access to town, the schools consolidated, Forest Creek changed from a farm community to a commuter community.



Jacksonville History Comes to Life this Summer!

Historic Jacksonville, Inc. is now offering four ways you can explore Historic Jacksonville in person this summer!

1. Take a morning stroll through Jacksonville history every Saturday while learning how a gold mining camp became the 19th Century hub of Southern Oregon.
2. Visit the oldest financial institution in the Pacific Northwest every weekend and hear about the \$40 million in gold that crossed its counters during Jacksonville’s heyday in the late 1800s.
3. Tour the home of the town’s wealthiest and most prominent pioneer family every Saturday and learn about local Victorian lifestyles.
4. Learn about the spirits that haunt Jacksonville’s historic buildings on the 2nd Friday night of each month.

Complete information on these and all other options for exploring Jacksonville history are available at <https://www.historicjacksonville.org>. You can also contact <mailto:info@historicjacksonville.org> or 541-245-3650 for specific details.

Special Interest Group News

Colonial America Interest Group

The Colonial America Interest Group is not meeting in August.

Let's Talk Genealogy Roundtable



Greetings from the new host of the "Let's Talk Genealogy" Roundtable. I'm Rich Cunningham, currently living in Portland. I thought I'd tell you a little about myself. I recently retired from Providence Health & Services after 28 years. I maintained and

repaired diagnostic imaging systems across the entire Providence system (including Medford). I was born and raised in Medford and Cave Junction prior to joining the Navy. My main interests are genealogy (I've been using Family Tree Maker for over 25 years, but only got serious about it last year), stamp collecting (dusting it off after being in the closet after 40 years), and my 3-year-old granddaughter. I'm also an ardent geocacher (meaning I use multi-million-dollar government satellites to find Tupperware containers in the woods), and did I mention my granddaughter, who is now 3?

I've been active at RVGS for a little over a year and have enjoyed the roundtables, seminars, and classes that I've participated in. So, I was honored when I was asked to take on the responsibility for this group. It's always had a wide range of discussions on a variety of topics, and I'd like to continue that. My approach is that we're just a group of friends sitting around the kitchen table with a cup of coffee, chatting about what we're doing with our genealogy tasks and research. I will have a topic for general discussion for each meeting but I'm open to letting the discussion flow wherever it takes us. I'm open to any and all suggestions so please reach out to me at my email, ivhs72@comcast.net with ideas. I'm looking forward to our next Zoom meeting!

Remote Opportunities

Learn the Polish language through The Polish American Foundation Polish Language School for Adults. Select from several levels of Polish language classes. [Click here for more information.](#)



SOCIETY NEWS

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to the newest members of RVGS: Rebecca Wulf, Connie Konn, Joan Bowen, Susan Christensen, Florence Merritt, Lynne Meiers, Roger Smalley, Sarah Tozier, Claire Young, Deborah & Leonard Flaherty, Alison Taufer, and Chuck Bramlet! Welcome back to Kay Teeters, Anita Ritchey, Doris & Lynn Sjolund, Charley & Jean Wilson, and Ed & Debi Sutton!

Oregon BottleDrop Hidden Bottle Hunt



Last month was the annual Oregon BottleDrop Hidden Bottle Hunt. RVGS member and treasurer and 2022 Bottle Hunt winner, Kim Thurman, worked with other members to solve the riddles for the Zone 3 bottle. Here's Kim's story.

I just arrived home from participating in the Oregon Bottle Drop Hidden Bottle Hunt in Zone 3 (Southern Oregon). I missed the \$1,000 donation prize by twenty yards! After receiving the last clue, a dead sprint across half of Moore Park in Klamath Falls led to picking the wrong tree to search. The successful treasure hunter selected the tree just past mine and lifted his trophy with an enthusiastic shout. Ah, the agony of "da feet," but I'm happy for him and his nonprofit recipient!



I became hooked on this worthwhile contest after locating the Zone 3 bottle in Jacksonville last year for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. This year, I worked with family, RVGS colleagues, and the GFO BottleSleuths to dissect the five days of clues. Solving the clues is similar to working on a brick wall question. And who's better suited for this type of contest than genealogists? We're master researchers and used to solving tough questions! I encourage you

to get involved in the 2024 contest, whether it's researching with the "hive mind" or volunteering your feet for the search. The broader the knowledge base we can field, the more successful we can be!"

[See this year's clues and solutions here!](#)

Volunteer Star of the Month

By Leslie Compton



This week I met a delightful librarian who has only been with us a short time, Susan Ball. Susan was originally from Illinois where she received a degree in English from U of I. She taught school for only a short time before she went to work for a couple of large companies

in San Francisco and Washington D.C. doing research in different capacities.

As with so many of us, Susan wanted to expand her horizons, so at 32 she decided to get her MLS degree from the University of Oregon library school. She became so fond of that city she wanted to stay, but there were no jobs for her in Eugene. She moved to Medina, Washington, where a job at the utility company headquartered in Bellevue was waiting for her as their corporate librarian.

Music has always held a special place in her heart as she was surrounded by music in her childhood home. The utility company in Bellevue was running low on funds and asked employees if they were able to take a leave of absence. What a great opportunity! Susan enrolled in the summer session at the Royal School of Church Music in London. She had always enjoyed singing in her church choir, this opportunity just added to that enjoyment. After retirement, Susan traveled. I asked her what countries she hadn't visited. Susan said she had missed quite a few.

Susan began coming to Southern Oregon in the 1970s for the OSF performances. When her friends began moving here, she decided to follow and

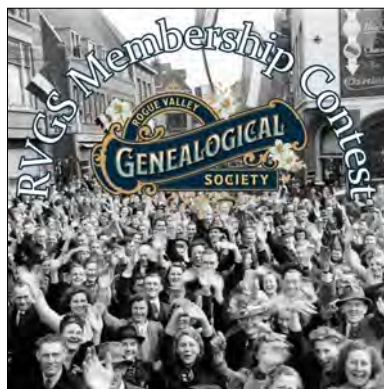
moved to Rogue Valley Manor in 2007.

Susan keeps very busy running a little Google-based news service on the Manor resident listserv. It features local news that affects the residents plus elder housing-related information. It's great fun, she claims. Before that she ran the TV station at the Manor and sold books donated to the Friends of the Library on Amazon, as well as sang with the Rogue Valley Choral.

With all this going on in Susan's life, why join RVGS, I asked. She just wanted to support this library, was her response.

Susan and I both agreed, as fellow volunteers at RVGS, it is a great place to meet interesting, thoughtful, kind, and intelligent people and feel that we are doing a great service for the community.

Boost Our Membership Contest



Who do you know who could benefit from membership at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society? Help spread the word about our wonderful resources! On July 1, 2023, we launched our "Boost Our

Membership" contest. Tell your friends!! Each month from July through November, 2023, our Membership Director, Margaret Clark-Mayfield, will track the number of new members who joined because a current member referred them. The member who refers the most new members each month will receive a prize! Who do you know? Questions? Contact Margaret at 541-292-9053.

Annual Fund Drive Launched

The Annual Fund Drive allows RVGS to continue the operation of the library while keeping our membership dues affordable. Membership dues only

cover about a third of our financial needs. Through other donations we have grown our library collection to over 26,000 items, offer access to eight genealogical websites at no cost to members, and provide educational classes and programs.

Your generous and faithful participation in our society is vital. Contributions can be made in three ways. You can:

1. Return the donation slip attached to the letter you received in the mail with your check in the envelope provided.

Go to our website (<http://www.rvgslibrary.org>) under Support Us > Annual Fund Drive to donate online with a credit/debit card or PayPal account. Drop off a donation at the library at 3405 South Pacific Hwy, Medford, during library open hours: Monday – Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM.

All donations are tax deductible 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. In addition, if you donate a matching amount to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you can receive a 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.

Thank You to these 2023 RVGS Annual Fund Drive Donors!

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Vega, Maureen "MK"
Wade, Ruth
Watkins, Becky
Weaver, Vernon & Evelyn
Williams, Evelyn
Wonser, Dixie
Yamasaki, Jerri

Become an RVGS Volunteer!

We are planning lots of fun things at RVGS! As you know, we are 100% volunteer run. Without volunteers there would be no society or library. Do you enjoy planning events? Fixing little things around the house? Know how computers and tech things work? Enjoy greeting people, learning about genealogy, teaching, or assisting others? Enjoy organizing things? RVGS would love your input and enthusiasm. Please consider volunteering! We need you! Some of our volunteers work independently and some work closely with others. Come meet new friends and join the fun. Please consider volunteering by completing a volunteer application on our website by [clicking here](#). Below are a few positions that need a few extra hands:

- Finance Director
- Classes and Programs Registration Coordinator
- Technology Coordinator

- Public Relations Coordinator
- Building Maintenance Coordinator
- Grounds Keeper
- Education Committee members
- Quilt Committee members
- Scholarship Committee members
- Zoom and Class Hosts

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Don't Discount Historical Museums

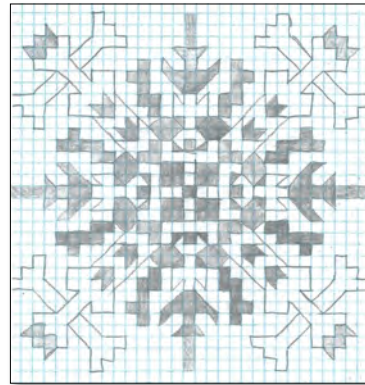


By Rich Miles
In July this year, I took my parents back to their hometown, Kellogg, Idaho, for an all-class high school reunion. They are from the

classes of 1953 and 1954. It was a great trip down memory lane for them and they told me stories of their life I had never heard. While there, we visited the little town of Mullan, Idaho, where my grandfather was born. Mom wanted to visit the little town historical museum while we were there as she wanted to meet the person who had recently published a book about the historic Finn population in Mullan. (According to the book, my great-great-grandfather was the first Finn to settle in Mullan!) The person wasn't working that day, but the docent on duty gave him a call and he rushed down to meet us. While talking to him about our family history in Mullan, he said that he had some of our ancestors' family photos on his computer. He fired the computer up, and sure enough, he showed me a trove of photos of my family members from the area. Unfortunately, I didn't have a flash drive with me (always carry one when on the hunt), but I was able to take photos with my phone as he brought up each picture on the screen, not the best quality, but better than nothing. I also took some time going through binders of photos of the town and found a

photo of my great-great-grandfather's homestead and dairy that I had never seen before. I wish I had had more time to explore the museum, as I'm sure there were more family treasures to unbury!

Quilt in the Niche: A Child's Doodle Becomes Grandma's Dream



In January 2016, my grandson Zach came to my house after school with a handful of doodles, eager to show me what he'd drawn. One of those drawings tugged at me and invited me to make it into a quilt and a wonderful memory. I

asked Zach if I could have a copy of his design. He was 14 years old and in four years he'd be graduating from high school. Could Grandma figure out how to accomplish making the doodle into a quilt for a graduation gift?



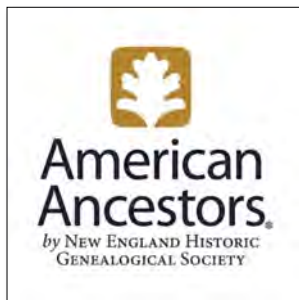
In 2019 I found a fabric collection with a lot of colors, all in the same print, sort of stripy and definitely a wise choice for a "male" quilt. I ordered the fabric and started to figure out how to accomplish what I had envisioned. "Zach's Imagination" is only 4

identical blocks, but each block contains 264 squares, each turned to make it look woven. My husband and I designed and added the top and bottom borders. Then the real work began. Graduation day arrived in May 2020 and the quilt was complete. When presented with his gift at graduation, Zach said, "Grandma, you did it!" The smile on his face was all the thanks I needed. The hug was extra!

New Records Added to Our Subscription Websites (partial list)

American Ancestors

- Cambridge, MA: Wyeth Funeral Service Records, 1904-1964
- *The Genealogist*: 21 new volumes. The latest update added more than 134,000 records. This database is now complete.



Ancestry

- Australia, Adelaide, Burials and Cremations, 1840-2022
- Australia, Brisbane, Burials and Cremations, 1831-2023
- Northern Ireland, Valuation Revision Books, 1864-1933
- Oregon, U.S., County Court Naturalization Records, 1840-1982
- Pennsylvania, U.S., Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania Church Records, 1759-1970



FamilySearch

- Canada, Chinese Immigration Act Records, 1923-1946
- Hawaii, Hawaii State Archives, Probate Packet Records, 1814-1917
- Hawaii, Registrar of Bureau of Conveyances, Deed Records, 1846-1900
- United States, Missouri, Naturalization Records, 1843-1991
- United States, Oklahoma, School Records, 1895-1968



MyHeritage

- Canada, British Columbia Marriage Records, 1800-1946
- Hawaii, Death Records,



1909-

- Hawaii, Marriage and Civil Union Records, 1909-
- Idaho, Death Records
- Indiana, Marriage Records
- North Dakota Deaths, 1893-
- North Dakota Marriages, 1770-
- Oregon, Marriages and Divorces, 1841-1964
- South Dakota Births, 1843-1919
- U.S., City Directories, 1860-1960 (25,468 city directories)

22 Items Added to the RVGS Library

21 books and 1 CD were added in July 2023, 14 about Alabama (976.1) and 6 about Iowa (977.7).

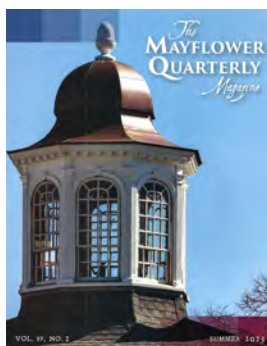
[Click here for the complete 22 item list.](#)

New Periodicals on the Shelf



American Spirit, Daughters of the American Revolution
Circ 929.05 AmS July/August 2023

WWII fighter-bomber Corsair (pilots and builders); Ellis Island; DAR archival collections; Travel to California, Valley Forge and Great Smoky Mountains NP; and Letitia Green Stevenson (DAR President, 1894 and 1897).



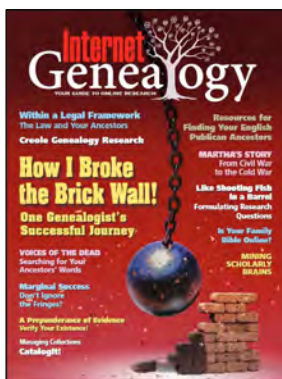
Mayflower Quarterly Magazine, General Society of Mayflower Descendants
Circ 929.3 MayQ Summer 2023
Society business and upcoming congress; and Pilgrim history -- Mary Churchill of Plymouth Colony.

Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society

Circ 979.5 P273 OHQ Summer 2023

"Helping each other to help ourselves" (Agrarian upbuilding in Albina, a Portland neighborhood); The Valley Migrant League (archives and photographs);

Documenting Black history in Portland; and Making beaver coins in Oregon (1849).



Don't forget to look at our online periodical, *Internet Genealogy*. June/July 2023 is the first on-line only edition. Topics in this issue include solving a brick wall; a case-study about a grandmother; English pubs; the law and your ancestor; audio collections that might include

your ancestor's voice; using Google Scholar and other academic databases; verifying evidence; asking good questions; Creole genealogy; CatalogIt – a collections management tool; family bibles on-line; and websites of note. To view *Internet Genealogy*, log on to our website and navigate to the home page. You'll find a link under the list of subscription websites.

Surplus Sale books

Price does not include shipping costs.

BOOK SALE



- *Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records Book 1 1648-1725* by F. Edward Wright, 1993. \$18
- *Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records Book 2 1726-1750* by F. Edward Wright, 1993. \$15
- *Civil War Poetry and Prose* by Walt Whitman, 1995. \$3
- *Civil War Stories* by Ambrose Bierce, 1994. \$2
- *This Mighty Scourge: Perspectives on the Civil War* by James M. McPherson, 2007. \$7
- *The Civil War Quiz & Fact Book* by Rod Gragg, 1985. \$12
- *Wild True Tales: the Early Settlers of Southern Oregon* by Barbara Hegne, 2002. \$18
- *Here Rolled the Covered Wagons* by Albert and Jane Salisbury, 1948. \$13
- *As it Was: Stories from the History of Southern Oregon and Northern California* by Carol Barrett,

1998. \$4

- *Applegate Trail: 54-40 or Fight* by Walter Meacham, 1947. \$9
- *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Oregon Women* by Gayle C. Shirley, 1998. \$3
- *Historic Jacksonville: Alive and Well* by Bert and Margie Webber, 1990. \$15
- *Jacksonville Oregon: The Making of a National Historic Landmark* by Bert and Margie Webber, 1982. \$22
- *Mill Creek Journal: Ashland Oregon 1850-1860* by Kay Atwood, 1987. \$9
- *Ruch and the Upper Applegate Valley (An Oregon Documentary)* by John and Marguerite Black, 1989. \$21
- *Saga of the Mask Plantation North Carolina: Slaves Journey to Oregon* by Barbara Hegne, 2014. \$36
- *150 Years of Oregon Veterans* by the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs, 2010. \$60
- *The State of Jefferson and Other Yarns of the Klamaths, Siskiyou, Southern Cascades and Northern Sierra...* by Thomas K. Worcester, 1982. \$12
- *Historic Houses of the Pacific Northwest* by Daphne Reece, 1985. \$12
- *14,000 Miles Through the Air* by Ross Smith, 2018. \$15
- *Jacksonville's Lost Treasure* by Jane Henry, 2010. \$8



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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

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The RVGS eNews

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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 and hybrid 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

