



# The Digger

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society



January 2021

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

*Dear Fellow Ancestor Searchers,*

*I very much enjoyed Madeline Yanov's presentation last month. When the zoom meeting was over, I went straight to my computer to follow up on her excellent suggestions. Three hours later I resurfaced to get some lunch. I wondered if any of you had also gotten pulled into what my husband used to call "Research Rapture". It's hard to avoid in our fascinating, if frustrating, search for our forbearers.*

*I don't know if I am any closer to finding out what happened to my grandmother who, family lore has it, was put into a convent (or orphanage) when she was quite small. However, I now have leads about where to look.*

*I am looking forward to Janice Seller's presentation this month on the census and where those records might lead us.*

*I hope you all had an enjoyable, if different, Holiday. Best wishes for a Happy and better New Year!*

*Margaret Ready, President*

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## 2021 UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS:

**January 15, 2021 ZOOM Meeting 10:00 a.m.**

**Janice Sellers—"So You Found Them in the Census; That's Only a Start"**

When you find someone in the census, you probably write down some (or maybe all?) of the information from the page, but have you thought of how that information can lead you further in your research? In this class we'll follow some of the many directions the census can take you.

We welcome back Janice Sellers, who is an established genealogist and researcher. She is a member of The Association of Professional Genealogists as well as numerous other genealogical organizations; is a well known speaker; and has published many articles, as well as conducting research. She specializes in Jewish and African American genealogy; newspaper research; dual citizenship; and forensic genealogy. She has been on the staff of LDS FamilySearch Centers since 2000.

*Watch for your email with the link to join the Zoom meeting.*

**February 19, 2021 Kathryn Marshall "Internet Archive and the Wayback Machine"**

**March 19, 2021 Janice Sellers "Irish Research Online"**



# Spotlighting Other Societies

**Contra Costa County Genealogical Society** Zoom Meeting & Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m. 2nd Thursday

14 JAN 2021 Thomas MacEntee “Did I Get Everything. Creating a Check List for Genealogy Research”

11 FEB 2021 Nancy Lee “ Think Like an Archivist & Archive Genealogy”

11 MAR 2021 Dr. Jan Joyce “Creative Hypothesis Development for Complex Genealogy Problems”

8 APR 2021 Mark McLaren “ Review of DNA Testing Company Differences & Tools”

13 MAY 2021 Business Meeting & Show & Tell

10 JUN 2021 Madeline Yanov “Coming to America: The Ellis Island Experience”

To Register go to CCCGS Events Page

If you are interested go to CCCGS Events page <https://cccgs.net/eventListings.php?nm=47>

**San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society** Zoom Meeting Tues. 10-12

19 JAN 2021 Dr. Jan M. Joyce “Creative Hypotheses Development to Solve Your Brick Wall Challenges”

If you would like to be a guest at this Zoom meeting please email President, [Steve Watty](mailto:steve.watty@srvgensoc.org) at

[president@srvgensoc.org](mailto:president@srvgensoc.org) <[president@srvgensoc.org](mailto:president@srvgensoc.org)>

**Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia** Zoom Meetings held Thurs. 1:30 p.m.

7 JAN 2021 Edyie Santomieri “Sole Italiano” (Training)

4 FEB 2021 Jim Kern “Vallejo Neighborhoods”

Please contact us at 707-334-0675 or [President@gsvb.org](mailto:President@gsvb.org) if you are interested in attending our ZOOM meeting.

**Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society** Zoom Meetings Monday at 7:00 p.m.

11 JAN 2021 Pam Vestal “How to Write Ancestral”

8 FEB 2021 TBA

8 MAR 2021 Susan G Johnston “The Records Behind the WWI Draft Registration”

12 APR 2021 Gena Philibert-Ortega “10 Databases You Didn’t Know Were on Ancestry.com

10 MAY 2021 TBA

14 JUN 2021 Ralph Severson “Family Search Sources”

Guests contact [Tom Mathews](mailto:Tom.Mathews@l-agc.org) at [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org)

**Solano County Genealogical Society** Zoom Meetings Sat. at 11:00 a.m.

6 Feb 2021 Cath Trindle “Irish Genealogy: Exploring Townlands”

6 Mar 2021 Brooke Schreier Ganz: “Reclaim the Records”

3Apr 2021 Stephanie West “Splitsville: Divorce Records and All the Hidden Gold Within”

Non-Members – can join us by contacting the society at [scgs@scgsca.org](mailto:scgs@scgsca.org) no later than 4 pm the day prior to the event.



Join us on **Zoom**

Encourage former members & your friends who are housebound to join our Zoom meetings. Since it doesn’t require coming to a meeting, you can join us from home. It’s a good way to connect with people without leaving home. You might get some helpful suggestions during out pre-meeting chats.

Let Mary Ellis, Susan Rush or Anne Winter know whom to invite & we can send the meeting link to them.

# Up Coming Event

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**25 - 27 FEBRUARY, 2021**

Introducing RootsTech Connect: A **Free Online Conference Experience**

For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual and completely free. Get ready to celebrate shared connections with people from around the world. Connect with friends, your family, your past, and your heritage and homelands—all from the comfort of your home and in your browser.

Keynote Speakers:



**Lorena Ochoa**

Former Mexican professional golfer,  
mother & entrepreneur



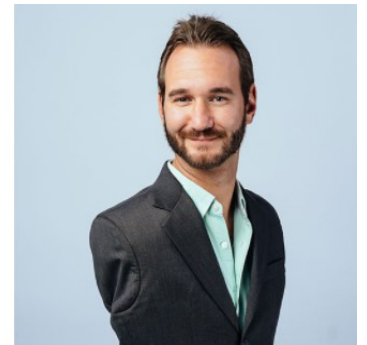
**Francesco Lotoro**

Italian musicologist



**Sharon Morgan**

Founder of OurBlackAncestry.com;  
writer and genealogist



**Nick Vujicic**

International motivational speaker and  
New York best-selling author.

Register for free at <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng#save-my-seat>

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In Memory of MDGS member  
Jackie Reising





This year's board members have agreed to continue their service into 2021. The board also agreed to extend all 2020 memberships through 2021.

**Current (2020) Members do not have to pay dues for the coming year!**

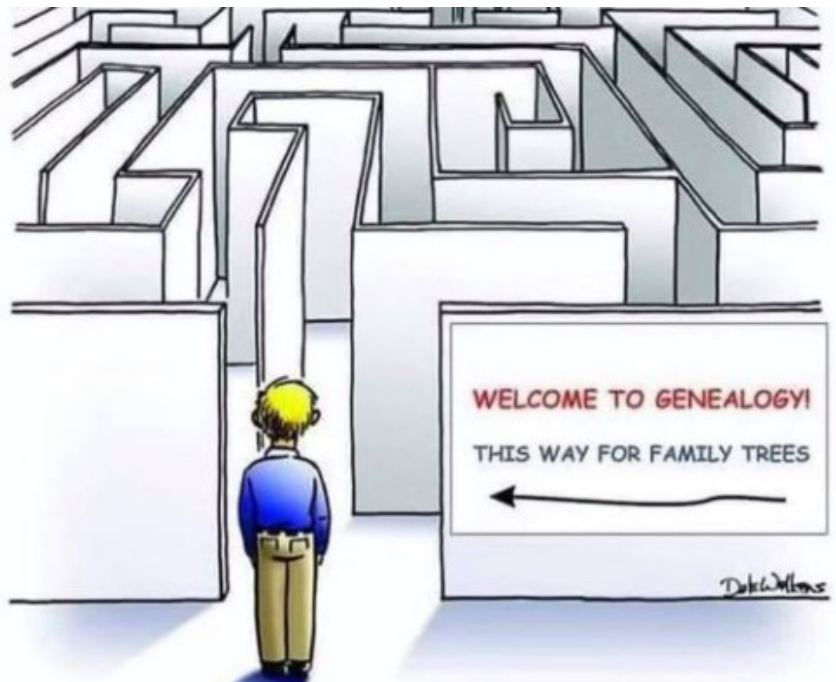
### **Making resolutions for 2021?**

It could be a good time to revisit the list of genealogy projects you did not finish. If you haven't, try organizing your family photographs, scanning, saving and sharing. Many websites offer suggestions on how best to do that. You could also make a list of family heirlooms that you have to share with relatives, hoping you learn what they might have. From this, you may make some great discoveries.

### **Reunion 13**



Questions about using Reunion Software, check out this website:  
<https://www.leisterpro.com/>



### **Other News & Online Resources:**

**Bay Area Genealogy Calendar** <https://www.library.ca.gov/sutro/genealogy/calendar/>

**California Genealogical Society** <https://www.californiaancestors.org/>

***Reminder that the Family History Libraries are closed***