



The Digger

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society

JUNE 2021

Dear MDGS members,

As we begin to ramp up for the coming club year, the nominating committee is seeking members who might like to be on the Board. I urge any of you who would like to be a part of this amazing group, which plans for speakers and events, to call me at 925-797-8738. Several of the current board members have agreed to be nominated again, so there are only three officers needed and they are important ones. We will have elections in a few months via zoom. In planning for the coming year, the Board would appreciate your input as to what activities you would like to see the club undertake. To that end, please return the questionnaire sent to you by our wonderful Newsletter editor, Susan Rush, so that she can tally the answers and give the board an idea of your preferences on meeting locations (zoom and/or in our usual club rooms)? Speakers? traveling to other clubs? (And if so where?). We would be grateful for your ideas.

With thanks for your help,

Margaret Ready, President

UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS:

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

June 18, 2021—Thomas MacEntee, “The Genealogy Pit Stop”

You have 15 minutes before you need to pick up the grandchildren / wash the dog / make dinner. Is it really possible to do meaningful genealogy research in that short time period? Are you putting off researching an ancestor because you believe you need a two or three hour block of time? Learn how to use the Genealogy Pit Stop concept to succeed in the research race!

Participants will learn what race car driving teams already know: you can accomplish important, detail-oriented work in a short amount of time. You'll learn how to leverage to-do lists, research logs, tracking systems, clue gathering tricks and more to actually do genealogy research every day! No more saving that research for when you have a large block of time . . . which never seems to happen.

MacEntee will tell us:

- Why the Genealogy Pit Stop concept works
- Case Study: 15 Minute Solution to John Ralph Austin's World War I Draft Card
- Solid Research Tools Win the Race
- Get In and Get Out: Triage Your Research Findings
- Resource List



We welcome back Thomas MacEntee, the popular founder and CEO at GenealogyBargains.com. He has built his own genealogy-related business called High Definition Genealogy and also created an online community of bloggers known as GeneaBloggers. His most recent endeavour, Hack Genealogy, is an attempt to “re-purpose today's technology for tomorrow's genealogy.” Thomas describes himself as a lifelong learner with a background in a multitude of topics who likes to teach, inspire, instigate, and serve as a curator and go-to-guy for concept nurturing and inspiration. He offers a variety of skills and services to others: speaking and lecturing, education, self-publishing, marketing, networking, market analysis, coaching, mentoring, and entrepreneurship.

UPCOMING MDGS ZOOM MEETINGS *continued:*

July 16, 2021—Gena Philibert Ortega “TBA”

August, 2021 No Meeting

September 17, 2021 James Baker “TBA”



to serve as Board Members

Positions to be filled

President, Vice President

Membership Chair & Publicity Chair

Haven't you always wanted to be involved?

The *future success of the Society* depends upon the contribution of its members, so please consider participating if you are approached by our nominating committee.

See the next page for job descriptions.

For more information contact

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BOARD POSITIONS, OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Election of officers and board members of the society will be held in June. The success of the Society depends upon the degree of participation by our members. If the administration and planning activities are shared by many, then the time demand on all becomes less. Support the society by volunteering to participate.

The Board of Directors is composed of the four elected Officers, two Directors elected from the general membership, the immediate Past President, the Newsletter editor, and the chairpersons of the three Standing Committees. The following is a brief description of the duties of the Officers and Board positions:

- ★ 1. President - The president is the principal executive officer and official spokesperson for the Society.
Duties include:
 - Preside at all meetings.
 - Sign all contracts and other non-financial instruments.
 - Appoint ad-hoc committees as required, and serve as an ex-officio member of each.
- ★ 2. Vice-President Duties include:
 - Assist the President as required;
 - In the absence of the President shall assume the office of the President and perform its duties;
 - Act as an ex-officio member of the Program Committee.
- Filled 3. Recording Secretary Duties include:
 - Record the minutes of the business portion of all general meetings and Board of Directors meetings;
 - Maintain custody of all important non-financial documents;
 - Make reports requested by the Board of Directors and sign official documents when required.
- 4. Treasurer Duties include:
 - Have custody of all funds derived from dues and other sources and keep an accurate record;
 - Disburse monies in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Directors;
 - Prepare a budget and reports as required by the Board of Directors.
 - Act as an ex-officio member of the Membership Committee.
- 5. Program Committee Duties include:
 - Research and plan all speaker presentations for meetings based on member interest;
 - Plan and arrange speaker travel, AV and handouts;
 - Disburse speaker bio/topic information to Publicity and the Digger.
- ★ 6. Membership Committee Duties include:
 - Maintenance of membership applications and information;
 - Recruitment of new members;
- ★ 7. Publicity Committee Duties include:
 - Publicize all MDGS activities;
 - Develop and post flyers and displays regarding MDGS activities;
 - Communicate MDGS news and programs to other genealogical societies in the area;
 - Develop a society website.
- 8. Hospitality Duties include:
 - Maintain membership badge program;
 - Provide greeter and staff reception table at meetings.



Keep an eye out for an important new questionnaire
coming your way next month.....

Spotlighting Other Societies

MDGS participates in a Networking Group with the following Genealogical Societies:

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

- June 10 Madeline Yanov "Coming to America: The Ellis Island Experience"
July 8 Laurie Werner Castillo "The Life & Times of Our Ancestors: Historic Disasters, Epidemics, Politics and Other Calamities"
Sep 9 Lisa Gorrell "Down on the Farm: Records to Document Your Farming Ancestor"
OCT 2021 CCCGS Fall Webinar—see page 3
Nov 11 Judie & Joseph Palmer "Making History Personal"

To Register go to CCCGS Events Page

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

Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia (Zoom Meetings) **1st Thursday 1:30 p.m.**

- June 3 Round Table Discussion (training) (Via Zoom)
July 1 Nancy Loe, "Picture This: Cataloging Digital Family Photographs"
Please contact us at 707-334-0675 or President@gsvb.org if you are interested in attending our ZOOM meeting.

Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society (Zoom Meeting) **2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.**

- June 14 Ralph Severson "Family Search Sources"
July 12 Jackie Stevens "Blogging"
Aug 9 Jeff Valant
Sep 13/Oct 11 Gina Philibert-Oretga
Nov 8 Kathryn Madden Trindle
Dec 13 Janice Sellars "Irish Genealogy"
Guests contact Tom Mathews at program@L-AGS.org

Marin County Genealogical Society (Zoom meeting) **4th Thursday 7:00 p.m.**

- June 24 James Tanner "Family Search"
July 22 Gina Philibert-Ortega "Jello Molds, Peacocks & Turtle Soup: Family & Food History"

Napa County Genealogical Society (Zoom meeting) **3rd Thursday 1:30 p.m.**

- June 17 Kelly Wheaton "Using 'My Maps' on Google Maps"

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society (Zoom Meeting) **3rd Tues. 10-a.m. -12**

- June 15 Stephanie West - Canadian Genealogical Research
If you would like to be a guest at this Zoom meeting please email President, Steve Watty at president@srvgensoc.org <president@srvgensoc.org>:

Solano County Genealogical Society (Zoom Meeting) **1st Sat. at 11:00 a.m.**

- June 5: Beverly Lane: Women's Suffrage Movement in the West
Sep 4: Nicka Smith: Held in the Balance: The Trask 250
Oct 2: Annette Burke Lytle: Our Quaker Ancestors: Their History and the Records They Left "
Nov 6: Christopher Diaz Vacaville's Historic Japanese Community
Dec 4: Ron Arons Sex, Lies, and Genealogical Tape
Non-Members – can join us by contacting the society at scgs@scgsca.org no later than 4 pm the day prior to the event.

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Sonoma County Genealogical Society (Zoom meeting) **4th Thursday 7:00 p.m.**

June 23 Lisa Louise Cook "Google Search"

No July Meeting

Nov 20 Roberta Whitman Koford "Pension Records"

Please register for these presentations at scsgonline.org



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FALL WEBINAR

A Genealogy Dynamic Duo!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**Saturday
October 9**

CRAIG R SCOTT
Military Historian





**Saturday
October 16**

MAUREEN TAYLOR
The Photo Detective



2 SPEAKERS
2 SATURDAYS
5 GENEALOGY LECTURES

1. Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors
2. Researching Your Civil War Ancestors
3. Researching Your WW 1 Ancestors

4. Who's Little Joe: Photo Detecting 101
5. 20th Century Pictures

To Register:

<https://cccgs.net/store.php?sid=7>



Oakland Family History Center is reopening June 15th.

Maximum 18 persons (including staff) in the building at the same time.

Call to make reservations. [\(510\) 531-3905](tel:5105313905)

Computers are spaced apart. Patrons must clean after use (supplies provided)

No vaccination required. Face masks are required (no matter what State's rules are).

No food allowed. Lunch Room for Staff only.

Hours: Sunday & Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10-5
Wednesday & Thursday: 10-8
Friday & Saturday: 10-4

They have had 5 vehicle break-ins at the parking lot, so reminder don't have anything valuable visible in your car.