

The Digger

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society



Sept. 20 Speaker: *Researching Criminal Ancestors*

Ron Arons:

In this presentation,

Ron demonstrates how to research black sheep ancestors, those relatives who might be difficult to research for any one of a number of different reasons. Ron talks about using 'standard' genealogical records (census, vital records, city directories, etc.), but also talks about other specific records available only for those who broke the law or came close to doing so. Specific recommendations will be given regarding the methodology of researching such characters.



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UPcoming
MDGS EVENTS

18 OCT

TBA

15 NOV

Webinar with Janice Sellers: Finding & Using Newspapers in your Genealogy

It's not too late to sign up...

Mt. Diablo Genealogical Society is hosting **"Introduction to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy,"** taught by Mark McLaren.

The class is an introduction to DNA as an exciting new tool for genealogists. It will provide a basic understanding of all DNA tests and concepts and will examine the available tools and strategies to more effectively manage DNA matches. It will also create a solid foundation for those interested in taking classes in more advanced skills.

The class will cover: Understanding common DNA terms; DNA ethics and its role in the genealogical proof standard; understanding the various test types; overview of each testing company and their DNA tools; analyzing DNA match methods and uses in genealogical research; and an overview of 3rd party sites.

The class will meet for six sessions, from October 7 through November 18, from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Fairway Room at Creekside. There will be no class on November 11. The required text is "The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy, second edition, by Blaine Bettinger, available from Amazon.com for \$24.98. Cost of the class is \$25.

To enroll in the class, contact Margaret Ready, 925-954-8293, or mready001@yahoo.com. Class size is limited to 20, so early enrollment is recommended. The cut-off date for signing up is September 20th.



There is still time to sign up for the workshop....

2019 CCCGS Fall Seminar

**Angie Bush, Celebrated Genetic Genealogist,
Presents "A Day With DNA"**

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Pleasant Hill Senior Center, 233 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (doors open at 8:30 a.m.)

For more information or to Register

<https://cccgs.net/cpage.php?pt=21>



Spotlighting Other Societies

Contra Costa County Genealogical Society

12 SEP Brooke Schreier Ganz: Reclaims the Records

12 OCT FALL SEMINAR—A Day With DNA, Angie Bush Meetings* (different time/place-
See announcement above)

Meetings held Thurs. 7-9 p.m. at LDS Building, 1360 Alberta Way, Concord, CA

For reservations to October Fall Seminar go to <https://cccgs.net/cpage.php?pt=21>

San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society

17 SEP Sarah Clift: Finding the Unknown for the Adopted or Divorced

15 OCT Gay Scott: Witches in the Family

Meeting Tues. 10-12 at LDS Building, 2949 Stone Valley Rd @ Smith Rd., Alamo, CA

Genealogy Society of Vallejo-Benicia

5 SEP Sharon McGriff-Payne: How to Search African-American History
At Hall of History

3 OCT DVD Training: Extending Your Family Tree
At Heritage Chamber

Meetings Thurs. 1-2:30 p.m.

Vallejo Naval History Museum, 734 Marin St., Vallejo, CA

Solano County Genealogical Society

7 SEP Nancy Loe: Scottish Genealogy

5 OCT Melinda Kashuba: Genealogy 911: Protecting Your Genealogy from Disaster
Meetings Sat. at 11:00 a.m.

Fairfield Adult Recreation Center, 1200 Civic Dr., Fairfield, CA

Livermore-Amador Genealogy Society

9 Sep Karen LaDuca: Ciao to your Italian Civil Records

14 Oct Sean Conley: Irish Genealogy Resources

Meetings Mon. 7:30 p.m.

Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton, CA