



Seattle Genealogical Society

March - May 2011

newsletter

SGS SPRING SEMINAR NEARS "CSI MEETS ROOTS" Saturday, 21 May 2011 Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, FSPiE

The SGS Spring Seminar, "CSI Meets Roots" will feature Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick. She will present four topics to help you in your research. The seminar, to be held at the Nordic Museum in Ballard on 21 May 2011, will begin with Session 1, "Genealogy and Six Degrees of Separation". This talk explains how to find almost anyone in the world. If you are interested in finding long-lost cousins or just want to overcome your "brick walls", come hear this presentation. On average any two people are connected by only six intermediate acquaintances. With rapid advances in technology it is much easier to "reach out and touch" someone. Perhaps that "someone" will have some answers to your genealogical puzzle!

Session 2, "Forensic Genealogy" will show new ways to look at the information gathered on an individual. Who, what, when and where? These are the questions every genealogist seeks to answer. By looking with fresh eyes at what you have found you will find clues to help solve your family mystery. You will arrive at this talk a genealogist and leave a forensic genealogist.

Session 3, "The Database Detective," this presentation will offer insight on how to use materials you might take for granted. Understanding how to mine databases is critical for genealogical success, since the size and number of online databases is growing rapidly.

Session 4, "A Different Kind of DNA Talk." DNA is not as difficult to understand as you may think! Connecting with other family members, understanding those DNA results and learning so much more about your family's history through DNA has become much easier. Dr. Fitzpatrick has authored two best sellers in genetic genealogy, *Forensic Genealogy* and *DNA & Genealogy*. Her books will be for sale at the seminar.

Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick is a forensic genealogist. She received her BA from Rice University, her MA and PhD in nuclear physics from Duke University and has 25 years experience working in the field of high resolution optical measurement techniques. She is a Fellow of

the Society of Photoinstrumentation Engineers (SPIE) optical society. She is the group administrator for the Fitzpatrick DNA study, which she founded in 2000.

Registration for the SGS Spring Seminar is now open. A flyer will be mailed to each SGS member very soon. Registration is \$35 for SGS members (\$50 after 14 May), \$45 for non-members (\$50 after 14 May). A choice from among four different Panera Bread box lunches will be available to order for \$12 (must be ordered by 14 May).

SGS will have the usual SGS Seminar Book Sale available for browsing. The contents of the book sale has changed with books being added. You may find just the book you need; please allow time to browse the expanded contents of this sale. More details will be found on the flyer. Please join the crowd; this should be a very interesting seminar!

CANDIDATES NEEDED

Do you like what's been happening at SGS the last 14 months? Do you hate how SGS is changing? Either way, now's the time to step up and become part of SGS's leadership team. Have you been thinking about becoming more involved at SGS? SGS membership for at least a year is a prerequisite for all positions; candidates for president must have been SGS members for at least 5 years. All positions are open. One sign of a healthy organization is competition for elective positions. Wouldn't it be great if we had multiple candidates for each Board position? Our Nominating Committee is also elected each year and needs 10 candidates.

Please help our nominating committee by volunteering to run or nominating someone you know. Now's the time to let our Nominating Committee know of your interest. Check out short job descriptions on our website at: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~was_eags/2011SGSElectionInformationPage.pdf Bruce Finlayson, Nominating Committee chair, has copies of our newly-revised Board job descriptions available. Email him at sgsnominate@gmail.com to obtain information on the jobs you are interested in.

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IRISH WEEK

The Seattle Genealogical Society is once again having an information booth at the Seattle Center's Irish Week Festival on Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13. The festival is from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. each day in the Center House (old Food Circus). We bring down part of our library's collection of Irish and Scottish books and help people look up their family names, talk about genealogy, talk about SGS and promote our Spring Seminar. Jean Roth, Director of Education, will be giving a beginning Irish genealogy talk each day.

Charles Hadrann is not coming this year with his books so we should be very busy.

We need at least two, and preferably three people, for 2 - hour shifts each day; you will enjoy the music and other activities. It is coming soon, who is available and what day and time would they prefer?

Please let Jean Roth know as soon as possible if you will be able to help. Outreach activities like this have made it possible for SGS to receive several grants.

Contact Jean A. Roth, (206) 782-2629 <jeanaroth@juno.com> if you are willing to help.

TOUR THE GENEALOGY SECTION OF THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Do you want to know what resources are available in the Central Seattle Public Library for genealogical research? Darlene Hamilton, Sr. Librarian in Genealogy, will give a tour of the Genealogy Section located on Level 9 of the Central Library. Print and non-print materials will be discussed. Pre-registration is required.

When: Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Reference Desk, Level 9, History, Travel,

Maps Department, Central Seattle Public Library (206-386-4636)

SGS Library Closed

Saturday, 28 May – Monday, 30 May

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Please CALL the SGS Library
BEFORE you leave home
to make sure it is open.

(206) 522-8658

SGS QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH

Please plan on attending our annual nominating meeting on Sunday, March 20th, at 1:00 p.m. We hope to have a full slate of nominees by then (see "Candidates Needed" article), but will still be accepting nominations from the floor at this meeting. Come support your Society, meet the nominees, and consider adding your talents to those of the volunteers serving on the SGS Board and Nominating Committee.

Following the nominating meeting, Bob Mullins from Moonphoto, Seattle's premier custom photo lab, will share his insights and experience on using photographic technology to enhance genealogical research and writing. This is a chance to learn from a true professional about everything photographic, including digital editing (of old and new photos), enhancing and saving old photos and using digital cameras.

HELP WANTED

- Do you have web developer or technical writing skills? SGS has contracted for a new website, but we need people to help design it and write new text. The Board's #1 priority for this year is to get a new, redesigned SGS website up and running. If you're willing to help, please contact Director of Publications, Annette Dwyer, at <sgspublications@gmail.com>.

- Mentors to serve in our new SGS Mentoring Program. Contact Dorene Tully, Mentoring Coordinator, at <sgs-mentor@gmail.com>. Please see details in the article elsewhere in this *Newsletter*.

- Indexers. One project we'd like to complete this year is a comprehensive index for our SGS Bulletins. Several attempts have been made to do this in the past, but they did not create indexes that are easily searched or comprehensive. Please contact SGS Director of Volunteers, Becky Kaufman, at <sgsvolunteers@gmail.com> if you're willing to help with this important project.

- Do you have teaching experience? We'd like to develop family history curriculum packets for elementary and middle school students. Can you help? If so, please contact Ginny Sommarstrom, <sgspresident@gmail.com>. Most funding organizations look at how heritage non-profits are serving their communities; developing educational materials for children is a high priority to them.

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BOARD BUSINESS

We are pleased to report that our grant proposal to 4Culture of King County to fund a new high speed printer and computer to support and enhance our publications was successful. We have been awarded over \$13,000 to purchase this equipment. Director of Publications, Annette Dwyer, and SGS Printer, Ron Floyd, have been seeking and evaluating multiple bids for the new equipment and will soon be presenting a proposal to the Board.

In response to a request from the Washington State Archives, the SGS Board negotiated an agreement to allow them to digitize and post our "Washington Territory Donation Land Claims" abstract book on the Washington Digital Archives website. The Archives staff has completed scanning the book and is currently in the process of having volunteers index every name in the 350+ page volume. They will not post the index and pages to their website until January 2012. In the meantime, SGS is receiving copies of the scans to place on our own website for our members' benefit.

The Board continues to work diligently on establishing policies and procedures for conducting all SGS activities. At recent meetings, we have adopted policies for the following:

- Special Interest Groups
- Organizational Memberships
- Inclement Weather
- Materials Review

- Death of a Member (policy + procedure)
 - Write-in Votes (policy + procedure)
- and job descriptions for the following positions:
- Special Interest Group Chair
 - Materials Review Committee
 - Research Query Committee

Director of Membership, Jean Morton, and Secretary, Cary Bright, have been marketing our new Organizational Memberships to retirement homes in Seattle. Thus far, two of their contacts appear to have been successful. We are planning to send out SGS speakers to retirement homes, senior centers, and other group facilities, both to increase our outreach to the community and our financial bottom line. If you know of any places where we should target our marketing, please contact Cary at <sgssecretary@gmail.com>. If you know of any community events where SGS should be marketing our programs, please let Vice President, Bonnie Larson <sgsvicepresident@gmail.com>, know about them.

Finally, we are pleased to report that our landlady has informed us that she will not be increasing our rent this spring. We have not signed a contract extension, but can stay at our present location under our current lease terms. Vice President Bonnie Larson <sgsvicepresident@gmail.com> is leading a committee to evaluate our current and future space and locational needs. Do you like where we are? If not, where would you rather be? Do we need more space? ... less space? Please contact Bonnie to get involved in this very important effort.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

If you've been to SGS on a Tuesday anytime during the past 10 years, there's a good chance you've encountered the friendly, helpful desk volunteer Christine Schomaker. In addition to helping both seasoned and neophyte researchers find their way around SGS, she has held numerous Board positions, including Director of Operations (2001-03 and 2005-07); Treasurer (2003-05); and Director of Library (2007-10). This is only part of what Christine has given to the organization. "I'm not exaggerating when I say that Christine works herself silly on SGS work," said Director of Operations Linda Fitzgerald. "I get tired just thinking about all she does."

Fitzgerald says that in addition to her desk and Board duties, Christine organizes books to sell during seminars, transports them to and from and supervises the book sale, including keeping track of the money and paperwork. She gives tours to visitors, and "gets them really interested in genealogy," according to Fitzgerald. Christine also serves as the SGS webmaster and is currently serving on the Nominating Committee.

Christine says she enjoys her work at SGS because she enjoys helping people. "I learn a bunch of new things from helping others," she says. In between volunteering, she is researching "too many of my branches," including a German immigrant family in Missouri and another family in Maine. "I got interested in genealogy when I was a kid," she says. "My grandmother drew a family chart, and that got me going when I was very young." SGS runs on the efforts of volunteers such as Christine, who constantly go beyond the call of duty. "Christine is a volunteer who contributes her time, her intellect, her energy and her enthusiasm," said Linda Fitzgerald. "It's a really good thing we're an all-volunteer group because we certainly couldn't afford to pay her what she's worth to SGS." Thank you, Christine, for sharing your talents with SGS.

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KEEPING UP WITH SGS

Communication with our members is very important to the SGS Board. Since this *Newsletter* is only published quarterly, we've developed other means to keep you informed of SGS activities:

WA-SGS-MEMBERS listserv—email list used to communicate monthly calendar, mid-month updates, and occasional special announcements

SGS Facebook page: <<http://www.facebook.com#!/pages/Seattle-Genealogical-Society/11373795341411>> (or search for Seattle Genealogical Society on Facebook); weekly calendar reminders and photos of events

SGS President's Blog: <<http://seagensociety.blogspot.com/>> More in-depth announcements and discussions of what's happening at SGS

Surplus Book Sales on Ebay: <<http://shop.ebay.com/sewsewbecky/m.html>> Until we manage to get a new SGS Ebay account established, this link will lead you to our items for sale on Ebay. Becky and her team of Ebay indexers are continuously posting surplus books for sale. Please bookmark her site and check them out.

PUBLICATIONS

A lot has been happening recently with SGS publications. The printing press died in the middle of printing the last *Bulletin*. A repairman was able to get the press running long enough to finish the pages for the inside of the *Bulletin*, but the front and back covers had to be farmed out. The old press just could no longer print the heavier stock. A few months ago SGS President Ginny Sommarstrom had applied for a grant with 4Culture for a new printer for the Society. It is exciting to announce that the Society was selected to receive the grant. SGS will be now be able to purchase a new printer which will be used for all SGS publications. The Publications Committee is looking forward to printing the next *Bulletin* on a new printer, one that will be able to print images and photographs. Publications has tried before to do this and many times had to pull the images and reprint the pages. The post card images didn't print very well in the last *Bulletin*. This will no longer be a problem!

The printers on the market now print, collate and staple as the materials come out of the press. This will really be a major improvement for the Society, saving time, effort and hours of volunteer labor.

4Culture, the organization which provided the grant to SGS, is the cultural services agency for King Co. It provides financial support, programs and services for the

arts community, heritage and historic organizations within the county. 4Culture is a tax-exempt public corporation with a Board of Directors who are nominated by the King County Executive and confirmed by the King County Council. The Seattle Genealogical Society is grateful that this new model for public support for cultural programs is available to the organizations of King County.

NEW OFFICE EQUIPMENT

If you have been to the SGS Library this past week you probably have noticed all the printers, the computer and other equipment covering tables in the Library. SGS member Cindy Smith saw in the *Newsletter* that the Society was looking for a new printer for the *Bulletin* and *Newsletter*. Cindy's husband, Tom, works for a company that is downsizing and that had surplus office equipment available. Annette Dwyer, Director of Publications, walked through the company offices with Tom and he showed her the surplus equipment that was available. If it was equipment that the Society could use he placed a SGS label on it. Thanks to Tom, we now have a color printer that will print up to 11" x 17" sheets of paper and three new (to the Society) black and white printers. These printers will not be used to print the SGS publications but for the many other printing needs of the organization. The Society was also given a Windows 7 computer that has huge memory capacity, plus a router, mice, keyboards, monitors, bookshelves and the many necessary cords. It will be exciting to see where these pieces of equipment are placed at SGS and who lines up to use which piece first. A HUGE "thank you" to Cindy and Tom Smith for making such a generous donation possible! The Society membership will benefit for years to come.

AN OLD FASHIONED BARNRAISING

Have you ever been to an old fashioned barn raising? SGS is going to have one this spring and you're invited! We are up-dating our website with the help of the local Drupal Group. Drupal is a CMS (Content Management System) program that writes code for the web. The local Drupal Group meets regularly and is available to help create websites using the Drupal program. Our Website Committee is working with the Drupal Group. Goals are to create a website that is clean, clear and user-friendly. Navigation will be simple and the text will be easily read on any computer. The SGS website will be easy to find and easier to use.

You are going to want to attend the "barn raising" and be amazed as the reborn SGS website comes to life in its new home.

Watch your email for the date, time and place of this special event.

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SGS DONATIONS - JULY 14, 2010 - FEBURARY 26, 2011

\$50.00 and Under

Bainbridge, Winnifred
Burt, Darlene & Eugene
Cacharelis, D. Donna
Chapman, James L.
Chavelle, Anna
Complita, Maurina
Cook, Susan
Davidson, Carl
Davis, William & Mary
Ebel, Sally
Edwards, Irene M.
Foree, Sharon
Gates, Barbara
Hafterson, Marion
Halseth, Barbara
Hamilton, Darlene
Hevly, Nancy
Hoekstra, Susan
Holmes, John
Holmes, John & Judy
Howard, Don A.
Hughes, Vincent
Johnson, Alma
Johnson, Sandra
Johnson, Vivian
Keeley, Patricia
King, JoAnne
Knapp, Paul
Koerker, Donna
Larsen, Gary
Lawson, Jacqueline
Madigan, Ethel
McGhee, Barbara
McManus, Dean & Tomilynn
Meador, Robert Lee
Merritt, Gordon & Carolyn
Meyer, James
Milligan, Don
Olson, Janice K.

Peak, Edna
Peters, Mary
Peterson, Ingrid
Provancha, Laura
Price, Juanita
Range, Rita
Ravenholt, Betty
Shaffer, Jamie
Spangler, Maryann
Standish, Dana
Strelow, Karen
Sullivan, Joseph
Van Droof, Barbara & Kurt
Van Hise, Marilynn
Vosper, James M.
Walker, Carolyn
Walker, Mary-Jo
Welch, Irene
Welsh, Robert
Wilson, Clarice
Wixon, Charlotte
Yates, Roberta
Younie, Patricia

\$51.00 - \$100

Ambur, Richard
Bawsen, Elizabeth
Campbell, Gretchen
Cummins, Jenny (consulting from Ginny S.)
Davis, Daphne
Egge, Jon
Floyd, Ronald W.
Hansberry, Verda
Hoffman, William
Knudson, Steven E. & Karen
Kunsch, Lois
Lehman, Rosemary
Parks, Nancy & Leo
Poitras, Liz
Tomassene, Judy

Who Needs A Mentor?

Do you have boxes of handwritten notes from Aunt Katherine and no idea how to turn them into neat family group sheets? Ancestry.com a mystery? We have a mentor for that.

The good news, you've discovered that missing branch

of your family settled in Australia. The bad news, Australian censuses are private documents, destroyed after compilation. Need help finding other documents? We have a mentor for that.

If you are interested in finding a mentor, contact Dorene Tully at sgsmentor@gmail.com

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Calendar of Events

All events held at the Seattle Genealogical Society Library, unless stated otherwise.

MARCH 2011

- 5 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
Research in Quebec for French and English resources. Chair: Dave Robert
- 6 Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. SGS OPEN HOUSE SGS Library
It's a FREE DAY at the SGS Library so invite your friends to come visit. Volunteers will be available to help direct you in your family research efforts. Come and spend the afternoon getting reacquainted with your research and all of our many SGS resources including Ancestry.com World edition and the other databases available to members at the SGS Library.
- 9 Wednesday, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. MAC COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP Fiske Library
"How Do You Know What You've Got – Pile or File?" Co-Chair Lou Daly will lead a discussion on timelines, calendar, naming patterns and organization. \$3.00 use fee. 1644 43rd Ave E Seattle (Madison Pk)
- 12-13 Saturday-Sunday, 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. IRISH FESTIVAL Seattle Center's
The Festival features non-stop Irish music, singing and dancing with booths selling Irish and Celtic products, Irish workshops, lectures, cultural displays, children's contests and activities, Irish Language, Genealogy and History Workshops, Admission to all activities on all the days of the Festival is FREE. For more information, email <IrishWeek@irishclub.org> or call (206) 427-3027. SGS will have an information booth at the festival and will give workshops on Beginning Irish Research. Interested SGS members are invited to volunteer for shifts to help visitors learn about researching their ancestry and becoming members of SGS. Contact Director of Education Jean A. Roth for more information at <jeanaroth@juno.com> or call (206) 792-2629. Center House
- 15 Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. HERITAGE CRAFT TUESDAYS SGS Library
Last Fall's successful series continues with four new topics. This class features how to make a picture wall or small vignettes with your family history items to decorate your home. You will also learn how to make a silhouette that would look perfect as part of your "new" picture wall grouping. Limited to 10 attendees. Presented by Cary Bright
Email Cary Bright at <clbright@comcast.net> for a supply list.
- 16 Wednesday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. BRICK WALL PANEL SGS Library
Hear how our panelists have solved their brick walls and bring yours to share. These popular sessions have opened doors for many researchers as they get personal research assistance and suggestions on how to break through those pesky "brick walls".
- 19 Saturday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. SOUTH KING CO. GEN SOCIETY First Baptist Church
HALF DAY SPRING SEMINAR 11420 SE 248th St.
Featuring Steven W. Morrison speaking about "OUTLAW GENEALOGY – Finding the Outlaw in Your Family" and "DETOURS AROUND – Irish Roadblocks and Stone Walls." Kent, WA.
Details at <<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waskcgs/>>.
- 19 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. IRISH INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
St. Patrick's Day is over – now let's get down to work on our Irish heritage research. Chair: Jean A. Roth.
What have you accomplished? Where to go next?
- 19 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. GERMAN INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
Open Discussion on solving German genealogy problems and using on-line resources. Chair: Jean A. Roth

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MARCH Continued

20 Sunday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & PROGRAM SGS Library

All members are encouraged to attend the presentation of the Nominating Committee's Slate for the 2011 Elections. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Come meet the candidates and stay for the program "Photography for Genealogists – Where are We Now?" by Bob Mullins of Moonphoto. Confused about the changes in photographic technology? Want to learn how to use your camera to record and share your family history? Have old photos that need to be restored? Bob Mullins of Moonphoto-- Seattle's premier custom photo lab-- will discuss various things you should know about photography and photographs and answer your questions.

26 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERIES SGS Library

"Introduction to LEGACY" SGS Volunteer Sharyl Swope will show you how to make the most of this versatile genealogy software and using Legacy to organize your family history data. Download a free trial version at <<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/downloadlegacy.asp>>.

27 Sunday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. INTERMEDIATE RESEARCH SERIES SGS Library

"Bouncing Boundaries - the Bane of Researchers". Your ancestors may have lived in the same place through the years, but State and County lines may have moved and sometimes even disappeared. Are you looking in the right place for your records?

Speaker:
Dr. Alan McCool
of Geneagraphy

APRIL 2011

1-3 Friday & Saturday ANTIQUE ROAD SHOW
Sponsored by Puget Sound Genealogical Society and Kitsap Historical Society at Kitsap Fairgrounds Complex, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd., Bremerton, WA
More information at <<http://www.antiqueshowkitsap.com>>. Kitsap Co.
Fairgrounds

2 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
"Canadian Obituaries" Chair: Dave Robert

2 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. INTERMEDIATE RESEARCH SERIES SGS Library
"Petticoats and Dowries, the Women in Our Families." Half our ancestors were women - but finding details on their family history can be difficult for a variety of reasons. Clues CAN be found if you are creative in your searching. Speaker: Karen Sipe

3 Sunday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. ETHNIC RESEARCH SERIES SGS Library
"Researching Your Swedish Ancestors" In the last five years, finding Swedish ancestors has gotten much easier—if you know how and where to search. Come learn the basics and some "tricks of the trade." Speaker: SGS President
Ginny Sommarstrom

9 Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. SGS PROGRAM MEETING SGS Library
"Accessing Digital Books On-Line" New modern technology allows you to use reference books from a variety of sources...for free. Explore the many sites available. Speaker: Dr. Gary A.
Zimmerman
President Fiske Gen Lib

11 Monday, 10:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. FOCUS ON GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES SGS Library
This all-day class for beginners and intermediate researchers will introduce family history methods and review resources for those who are already doing research, plus help you organize your findings. Space limited - SGS Members only. Register with SGS Director of Education Jean A. Roth at <jeanaroth@juno.com>.

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APRIL Continued

- 12 Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. HERITAGE CRAFT TUESDAYS SGS Library
This class focuses on creating an annual calendar with one sheet per month that Presented by
features your family's important dates and photos. Limited to 10 attendees. Email SGS Member
<clbright@comcast.net> for a supply list. Mary Roddy
- 13 Wednesday, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. MAC COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP Fiske Library
"The Scourge of Sourcing" Co-Chair Lou Daly will define the thing that causes 1644 43rd Ave E
the most trouble and most suffering- sourcing your records. \$3.00 use fee. Seattle (Madison Pk)
- 16 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. IRISH INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
"Exploring the Irish Heritage Club Website Links" Visit a wide variety of sites from Chair: Jean A. Roth
genealogy links, government sites, to national and regional newspapers.
- 16 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. GERMAN INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
"Exploring the German Section of the Cyndi's List Website." Chair: Jean A. Roth
- 23 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. PENNSYLVANIA INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
"Pennsylvania's Railroads." Chair: Karen Portzer
- 30 Saturday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. DNA INTEREST GROUP Aljoya Thornton Place
This month we continue learning about DNA Test Results with presentations by (South of Northgate
many of our members. If you would like to present your information and story, Mall by Group Health
contact us at <sgsdnasig@gmail.com> Co-Chairs: Cary Bright and Herb McDaniel. Clinic) at 450 Northeast
100th Street; Seattle,
WA 98125

MAY 2011

- 1 Sunday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. INTERMEDIATE RESEARCH SERIES SGS Library
"Navigating FIND A GRAVE" – there is much more to this popular free website Speaker: Karen Sipe
than may be apparent and can help you in your cemetery research and in
sharing information.
- 7 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
"Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan - Life on the Prairies" Chair: David Robert
- 7 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. COMPUTER WORKSHOP PROGRAM SGS Library
"Manipulating Data Between Computers." Do you have both a desktop and a Speaker:
laptop computer? Learn how to copy data between your machines or storage Michelle Khuon
devices and methodology for synchronizing your files.
- 7 Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY La Quinta Inn & Suites
2011 Spring Seminar. Cost: \$40. Registration information at 1425 East 27th St
<<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/seminar.html>> Tacoma, WA
Speaker: Laura Prescott
- 10 Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. HERITAGE CRAFT TUESDAYS SGS Library
This class will be all about jewelry. Learn how to make a button bracelet Presented by
with some of your vintage buttons or make a pin with pieces of your Cary Bright
costume jewelry. Limited to 10 attendees. Email <clbright@comcast.net> for
a supply list.

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11 Wednesday, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. MAC COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP Fiske Library
"It's No Good Unless Someone Else Knows About It" Lou Daly will lead a 1644 43rd Ave E
discussion on sharing your work. \$3.00 use fee. Seattle (Madison Pk)
Co-Chairs: Lou Daly and Diane Hettrick

11-14 Wednesday – Saturday NGS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
In Charleston, SC. Information at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info>

*Note: Because of the SGS Spring Seminar – The Irish and German Interest Groups
will meet one week early this month.*

14 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. IRISH INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
"Irish Names and Surnames" We'll discuss the origins of Irish families and the Chair: Jean A. Roth
findings of the Rev. Patrick Woulfe in his 1923 study.

14 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. GERMAN INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
"German Names: Origins and Meanings" Chair: Jean A. Roth

14 *Saturday Last day pre-registration will be accepted for the Spring Seminar before the late fee starts.*

15 Sunday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. ETHNIC RESEARCH SERIES SGS Library
"Researching Your Norwegian Ancestors" Speaker:
Sarah Thorson Little

21 *Saturday The SGS Library will be closed during the seminar*

21 Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. SGS SPRING SEMINAR, DR. COLLEEN FITZPATRICK
Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, FSPIE, is the American forensic genealogist for major Nordic Heritage
military and civilian organizations. Her topics are: "Genealogy and the Six Museum
Degrees of Separation: How to find Anyone in the World"; "Forensic Genealogy – 3014 NW 67th Street
CSI Meets Roots", "The Database Detective", and "A Difference Kind of DNA Talk." Seattle (Ballard)
Registration information at <<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waseags>>

25 Wednesday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. BRICK WALL PANEL SGS Library
Come bring your "Brick Wall" and see if we can help you get over, under, around
or through it. Meet with other researchers to help get ideas on new places to search.

28 Saturday – 30 Monday *SGS LIBRARY is closed for MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND*

JUNE 2011

4 Saturday, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP SGS Library
"New Brunswick Research" Chair: Dave Robert

4 Saturday, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. PROGRAM MEETING SGS Library
"Finding Family Treasures - Antiquing for the Genealogist" Do you love to browse Speaker: Jean A. Roth
in antique stores? Look for unique items that relate to your heritage. From coins
and stamps with your ancestor's picture... to postcards, silver spoons, rare books
and commemorative china.

5 Sunday, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. SGS ANNUAL MEETING SGS Library
Installation of the SGS Board for 2011-2012 and the presentation of the Annual
Report for 2010-2011. Your feedback is important to the future of SGS. Please honor
us by attending this important meeting.

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