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Regular Member Meetings:

Jan-May, Sep-Nov
3rd Thursday monthly
2:15pm - 4pm

Next Member Meeting:

March 17, 2022, 2:15pm
Family History Center or Zoom
RootsTech Favorites

March Program:

Officers Speak

Next Board Meeting:

April 17, 2022
In-Person or by Zoom
Email on.line@gte.net for date/time confirmation
and/or the Zoom link.

President's Message March 2022



Hello SMVGS Members & Friends,

This has been a tough couple of weeks for me and my family. My dad passed away suddenly, and it was, and is, heart-wrenching. He was such a good and kind man, a hard-working man with many talents. I love that my children and grandchildren knew and loved him and, even better, is that they knew he loved each one of them. All of this to say that I'm sorry that the newsletter is late.



Last month, we were delighted to hear from Corrine Ardoin, a local author, about her research process for writing her family-themed novels. She presented a wonderful slide show. Her maps and research notes were examples of fantastic research tools.

Also during our February meeting, we confirmed the new officers for 2022-2023: President, Sandy Peterson, Vice President, Stephanie Bishop, Secretary, Nancy Converse, Treasurer, Shirley Brady.

Annual membership dues (\$15 individual, \$25 family) should be brought to our March 17th meeting or sent ASAP to **SMVGS, c/o Shirley Brady, 1386 Solomon Rd, Orcutt, CA 93455.** Thank you!

THIS WEEK, on Thursday, March 17th at 2:15pm, we'll have our general meeting. Our officers will share with you their recommendations from RootsTech



and how to watch the many classes that are being offered throughout the year for FREE to all who register at RootsTech.org. You may watch in person at the Santa Maria Family History Center, 908 Sierra Madre, in Santa Maria, or you may join us via Zoom (we'll do better this time). Send an email to roots@smvgs.org to request a Zoom link. Masks are no longer required at the FHC, if you are vaccinated.

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The March board meeting was held on March 11th. Meeting info was on the SMVGS website.

SLOGCS is still planning a trip to Salt Lake City in May. They have secured a block of rooms at the Plaza Hotel at a discounted rate for the group. The main reason for the trip is to do hands-on research at the Family History Library. The information and registration flyer can be viewed here: <https://slogcs.org/event/salt-lake-city-trip/>. Contact SLOGCS as soon as possible if you are interested in going on the trip.



SAVE THE DATE items to add to your calendar:

March 17th – Program: RootsTech Favorites, 2:15pm, SMFHC or via Zoom.

April 15th – SMVGS Board Meeting, 2:30pm, via Zoom or in person at the SMFHC.

April 17th – Program: Charts and Forms by Nancy, 2:15pm, SMFHC or Zoom.

May 1st – 8th - SLOGCS trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. More info at www.slogcs.org.

Sincerely,

Sandy Peterson
President
SMVGS



Visit Our Website: Go to www.smvgs.org to see the updates. Calendar items, past newsletters, contact information, research links, and more can be found on our website.

The Santa Maria Family History Center hours are:

Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am – 2:00pm
Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
1st & 3rd Sundays, 1:30pm - 4:30pm
908 Sierra Madre, Santa Maria, CA
ca_santamaria@familyhistorymail.org
805-928-4722

The FHC costs nothing to use and is open to the public.

No mask needed if vaccinated.

Visit the Research Library at The Santa Maria Valley Historical Society Museum

Tuesday - Saturday
11:00am to 4:pm
616 South Broadway, Santa Maria, CA
santamariahistory.com
smvshmuseum@outlook.com
805-922-3130
Masks are not required.

ed note: I live in a tiny community of gnomes within Los Alamos called Gnomexico. During a time that I was doing some unrelated reseach, I came across the following death certificate. While some may disagree with me, I feel certain the Ida Sepulveda is identified as a gnome.

REPORT OF DEATH

Los Angeles, *California* 19 *19* 1900.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

The law requires this Certificate to be filled out in full by a legally qualified Physician according to Ordinance 176, sec. 1, or by the Coroner in cases which properly come within his jurisdiction.

NO INCOMPLETE RETURN WILL BE ACCEPTED.

1. Name, in full: *Ida Sepulveda*

2. Color: WHITE, BLACK (Negro or mixed), INDIAN, CHINESE, JAPANESE

3. Sex: MALE, FEMALE

4. Conjugal Condition: SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED

NOTE - For questions 2, 3 and 4, strike out words not applicable.

5. Date of Death: Year, *1900*; Month, *June*; Day, *19*

6. Of Birth: Year, *1898*; Month, *Sept*; Day, *29*

7. Age: Years, *2*; Months, *8*; Days, *20*

8. Occupation: *Gnome*

(Returns occupation for all persons 10 years of age and over.)

9. Place of Birth: *Los Angeles Cal*

10. Birthplace of Father: *California*

11. Birthplace of Mother: *California*

STATE OR COUNTRY.