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Regular Member Meetings:

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

Next Member Meeting:

September 15, 2022, 2:15-4:00pm
Family History Center and Zoom

September Program:

“Immigration Resources”
by Nancy Converse

Next Board Meeting:

2:30pm September 9, 2022

In-Person or by Zoom

Email on_line@gte.net for date/time confirmation
and/or the Zoom link.



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Hello SMVGS Members & Friends,

Welcome back from our summer break! Our board and general meetings are starting back up again this month, and we hope that we'll see you in-person or virtually at one or both.

We were hoping for some intriguing family history mysteries to be shared in this issue, but so far none have been submitted. From our June newsletter I'd like to reiterate: "Many of us have family history "brick walls" and mysteries that need solving. Let's try to help each other out! We can't wait to hear about your mysteries!" Send information to Sandy Peterson at roots@smvgs.org.

At our next general meeting on September 15th at 2:15pm, we'll hear from Nancy Converse as she shares resources for finding your immigrant ancestors. This subject matter was not chosen by coincidence but will help us transition smoothly into our society's October display at the Santa Maria Public Library. Please join us for a very informative program by our society's very knowledgeable secretary, Nancy.

Our friends at the San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society have kindly, once again, invited our members and friends to join them for their program on Saturday, Sep 3rd, starting at 11am. It will be a virtual meeting with the Zoom link being sent out about two days in advance. Jean Hibben will be presenting in three sessions. Go to their website at slocgs.org for more information.

Annually, our society sets up an informative and interesting display at the Santa Maria Public Library for the month of October, which is "Family History Month." Who decided that? I'm not sure! Well, this year our board has decided to focus our efforts on the theme of "Immigration." Each of us on the board has immigrant ancestors whom we've researched and learned to appreciate. Some of us have discovered more information than others. Many documents associated with immigration can help you find your ancestors' country or town of origin, which can be vitally important when you want to begin research in a foreign land. How to find them and where to look are the tricky details. Our display will show some examples, tips, photos of ships and ancestors, plus some documents. Please stop by and take a peak; just inside and to the left of the second set of glass doors on the main floor.

Hope you have a great month!

Sandy Peterson
SMVGS President



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SAVE THE DATE

- Sep 3rd – SLOCGS Zoom meeting, 11am, Jean Hibben – watch for Zoom link.
- Sep 9th – SMVGS Board Meeting, 2:30pm at the Family History Center and via Zoom.
- Sep 15th – SMVGS general meeting & program, 2:15pm, Nancy Converse, Immigration.
- 4-25 Oct – SMVGS “Immigration” display at the SM Public Library.
- Oct 14th – SMVGS Board Meeting, 2:30pm, Family History Center.
- Oct 20th – SMVGS general meeting & program, 2:15pm, Susie Marvos, PERSI.

Annual membership dues & new memberships (\$15 individual, \$25 family) should be sent to:

SMVGS, c/o Shirley Brady, 1386 Solomon Rd, Orcutt, CA 93455.

Thank you!

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.



Genie says:

I'm here to grant your wish. I know you have a broken branch in your family tree. Send the details to Sandy or Mike, and they will share your wish to mend it with the members of the Society.

From Shirley: We've had questions about website copyright laws from members, so I thought maybe you would want to read:

<https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/understanding-website-copyright-laws/>

Here's a link that might be helpful:

<https://imagerestorationcenter.com/old-photos-stuck-together/>

ed note: Our own Mike Farris has been selected to be the Grand Marshall of the Los Alamos Old Days parade on September 25th at 10am. Come join in the festivities.



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