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## Regular Member Meetings:

Jan-May, Sep-Nov  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly  
2:15pm - 4pm

## Next Member Meeting:

October 20, 2022, 2:15-4:00pm  
Family History Center and Zoom

## September Program:

“Researching Immigrants to the U.S.”  
Webinar by Joe Everett

## Next Board Meeting:

October 14, 2022, 2:30pm  
In-Person or by Zoom  
Email [on\\_line@gte.net](mailto:on_line@gte.net) for date/time confirmation  
and/or the Zoom link.



## October 2022



Hello SMVGS Members & Friends,

I hope you're enjoying the beautiful fall weather here on the Central Coast. We're looking forward to seeing you at either our October board meeting or our general meeting – or both!

Here's a little preview of what you will see when you visit our Santa Maria Public Library display during the month of October, beginning Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is Immigration and our display title is “Our Courageous Immigrant Ancestors.” Ignatz, Apolonia, and Thadeus Kolasinski are a few of my immigrant ancestors who traveled from Poland to America. Thadeus, my grandfather, was only ten years old when he made the over-land and over-sea journey with two of his brothers to meet their father in New York. Please stop by and invite your friends to see it.  
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Our next general meeting will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm. For our program, we'll watch a webinar about immigration to go along with our library display theme for this year. The webinar title is, “Researching Immigrants to the United States.” This class was recorded in February of 2020 and was taught by Joe Everett. The BYU FHL website gives this introduction about Mr. Everett: “Joe Everett, BYU Family History Librarian and producer of the BYU FHL webinar series, shares ideas on how to best research your U.S. immigrant ancestors.” Watch for the webinar link, plus a Zoom link for our meeting in your email a day or two ahead of time.



Last month, we heard from our own Nancy Converse about immigration. She is a wealth of knowledge, and we really enjoyed hearing from her. With Nancy's extensive background in teaching, in addition to her love of history, it's easy for her audience to glean much from her presentations. We're grateful for her and the time she takes to prepare for our events.

Hope you have a great month!

Sandy Peterson  
SMVGS President



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## \*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*

- Oct 5 to 25 – SMVGS “Immigration” display at the SM Public Library.
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – SMVGS Board Meeting, 2:30pm, FHC & via Zoom.
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – SMVGS General Mtg, 2:15-4:00pm, Webinar: Researching Immigrants to the U.S.
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – SMVGS General Mtg & Program, 2:15pm, Susie Marvos, PERSI.

### SLOCES

- Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm – Cemetery Tour of the SLO & Old Mission Cemeteries. Dan Krieger, Professor of History Emeritus at Cal Poly, will lead this very informative & fun tour. Tickets will be available at the October 1st meeting and are free to members, \$5 for non-members. Contact Vicki Book [vickibook@sbcglocal.net](mailto:vickibook@sbcglocal.net) for your ticket if you missed the Oct 1 meeting.
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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](http://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:

Happy birthday to me. This month I am five years old (*tempus fugit*).



ed note: Today most people don't even know what “tempus fugit” means, but when we were growing up, it was on the face of almost every clock and watch.

About 40 years ago, I was waiting for the store where I worked to open. A young gentleman, maybe eight or nine years old, ask me, “How do I wind this toy.” I answered, “Turn the key clockwise.” I realized when he showed me his digital wrist watch just how fast time was indeed flying.



**The Santa Maria Family History Center** hours are:  
Tuesday – Thursday, 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday, 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 1:30pm - 4:30pm  
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[ca\\_santamaria@familyhistorymail.org](mailto:ca_santamaria@familyhistorymail.org)  
805-928-4722  
The FHC costs nothing to use and is open to the public.

Visit the Research Library at  
**The Santa Maria Valley Historical Society Museum**  
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11:00am to 4:pm  
616 South Broadway, Santa Maria, CA  
[santamariahistory.com](http://santamariahistory.com)  
[smvshmuseum@outlook.com](mailto:smvshmuseum@outlook.com)  
805-922-3130  
Stop by and say “Hi” to our new curator, Shelley Klein