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Regular Member Meetings:

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

Next Member Meeting:

November 17, 2022, 2:15-4:00pm
Family History Center and Zoom

September Program:

“Periodical Source Index (PERSI)”
by Susie Marvos

Next Board Meeting:

November 10, 2022, 2:30pm
In-Person or by Zoom
Email on_line@gte.net for date/time confirmation
and/or the Zoom link.



October 2022



Hello SMVGS Members & Friends,

October seemed to whoosh by! It went by especially quickly for me since I took a trip with my sister and brother to visit cousins in Massachusetts. In 1959, our dad moved from his little town there to the central coast of California, leaving most of his family (and the snow) behind. Our week in the Amherst area was filled with cousin visits, apple picking, enjoying the fall colors, and visiting cemeteries. One thing that I enjoyed the most was

that two of my cousins planned our visits to a few cemeteries, that they were interested in walking the rows with me, and that they wanted to honor our loved ones who've passed on. It was a beautiful tribute to see the six of us searching for our ancestors' names together.

Since 2011, October has been set aside as National Family History month. Our Society has for many years reserved a spot in October for one of the Santa Maria Public Library display cases. This year our theme was Immigration, and our display title was “Our Courageous Immigrant Ancestors.” Stephanie Bishop did a great job creating most of the items and information cards. The cut-out ships from different eras of immigration are my favorite part! We hope you were able to enjoy our display and ponder the courage of YOUR ancestors.



Our next general meeting will be held on November 17th at 2:15pm. For our program, we'll hear from Susie Marvos about a fantastic resource called PERSI. The acronym is an abbreviation for Periodical Source Index. PERSI has been around a long time, but in a few different formats, so we're glad that we'll learn how it can assist us and how to use it. We're very sure that you'll find Susie's presentation helpful to you and your family history research.

Oh, this month, we will need to choose a nominating committee, so you might get a call from me! We sure could use your attendance at this meeting, in-person or virtual!

Last month, we watched a very informative webinar called, “Researching Immigrants to the United States.” Joe Everett's recorded 2020 presentation was very well done. If you missed it, or want to watch it again, you'll want this link: <https://youtu.be/q2cgzrqsZTU>

Take care,
Sandy Peterson
SMVGS President



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SAVE THE DATE

- Nov 10th – SMVGS Board Mtg, 2:30pm, Santa Maria FHC and via Zoom.
- Nov 17th – SMVGS General Mtg & Program, 2:15pm, Susie Marvos, PERSI.
- Dec 8th – SMVGS Holiday Luncheon, 11:30am, Giovanni’s Pizza in Orcutt.
- RootsTech 2023 (Mar 2nd-4th) registration is open! You may register for virtual attendance for FREE or for in-person attendance for \$98. You’ll need a FamilySearch account; here’s the link: <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/event/rt2023>

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.



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.

Genie says:



I hope you had a great Halloween. I dressed up like a genie. Ok, I cheated...no one knew I was cheating but me, and I got lots of good wishes as well as a lantern full of candy.



ed note: Once again, I am going to try to get input from Genie’s readers. Maureen, in reaction to my “time flies” story last month, suggested I should ask you to submit your favorite adage to Genie, possibly one that gets a stir from someone. Her initial submission is “You left the phone off the hook.” Most of your grandchildren, possibly your children, have know idea what this is about. For the internet addicts out there, perhaps this play on a old adage works for you, “Out of site, out of my mind.” My absolute favorite, because it is always said backwards, is “You can’t eat your cake and have it too.” What I always hear is “You can’t have your cake and eat it too.” Actually, you can only eat your cake if you have it.

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

Stop by to see our local artists display. We have artwork by local artists including a new painting by world-famous Margie Bowker, a Santa Maria resident.