

# COLORADO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

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Meeting Locally, Researching Globally

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## Meeting Location

Central Denver Public Library  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Each Month  
(no meeting in July, Aug., and Dec.)  
9:30 am, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room

The Colorado Genealogical Society holds its monthly meetings on the third Saturday morning of each month except July, August, and December at the Central Denver Public Library, on the corner of Broadway and 13<sup>th</sup> St.

## Parking Downtown

### Rates subject to change without notice.

Cultural Center Parking Garage Early Bird = \$9  
Cultural Center Parking Garage 0-59 minutes = \$2  
Cultural Center Parking Garage 1-2 hrs = \$4  
Cultural Center Parking Garage 2-3 hrs = \$6  
Cultural Center Parking Garage 3-5 hrs = \$8  
Cultural Center Parking Garage 5-7 hrs = \$12  
Cultural Center Parking Garage 7-12 hrs = \$22  
Cultural Center Parking Garage 12-24 hrs = \$30  
History Colorado Garage (Sat. & Sun) = \$5/day  
Flat Lots on 14<sup>th</sup> St. = \$5/day

## NOTIFY CGS OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your home address or email address changes, please notify Sandy Ronayne at [sandyronayne@comcast.net](mailto:sandyronayne@comcast.net). We want to keep in touch with you!

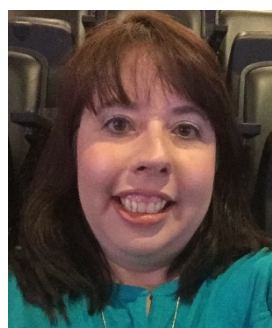
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## A Note from Your Editor



Happy New Year.

My puppy is now 11 months old. She has finally settled into the household routine and has become buddies with my kitty. She's learning to sleep at my feet instead of trying to climb

into my lap while I'm using my computer.

Let's talk about organizing. Whether we like it or not organizing our research and documents is part of genealogy. Start small. I recommend first sorting all your documents into smaller piles: 1) family documents, 2) handouts from classes and seminars, 3) personal documents, 4) business documents (if you own your own business), etc. From there focus on each pile. Sort your family documents by family line. Sort personal documents by: bank statements, utilities, credit cards, medical, taxes, pets, etc. This concept applies whether your documents are hard copy or electronic. Eventually you'll see your piles diminish.

It's tax season. I use this time of year to deep clean my personal documents. I box up for shredding any documents that are old and don't need to be kept. Doing so once a year keeps everything from piling up and having a larger clean up job years from now.

If you wish to contribute an article please email it to me at [cgsnews@cogensoc.us](mailto:cgsnews@cogensoc.us) for consideration. Articles are due by the last day of each month.

- Kim Smith, Editor

## Next CGS Program Meeting is February 17, 2018

Come down to the Downtown Denver Public Library and join us at 9:30 a.m. to socialize with other local genealogists. The meeting will start at 10:00 and end at noon.

### Save the Date

On **April 14, 2018** Colorado Genealogical Society and the CGS-Computer Interest Group will present a joint seminar. Diahan Southard will speak on genetic genealogy.



Diahan will present four programs on genetic genealogy at this joint seminar:

- **Five Tips to Make Sense of Your DNA Testing:** So you have had your autosomal DNA tested. Now what? Come learn in 45 minutes what would take you hours to read about online, and leave armed with enough information to start making your DNA work for you.
- **Making Y-DNA and mtDNA Part of Your Family History:** Y-DNA and mtDNA are often overlooked in this autosomal-centered industry. Come learn how both of these tests can enliven your family history work.
- **Three Powerful Ways to Find Your Best Matches:** Not all of the thousands of matches on your DNA match list are important. Learn how to leverage your admixture results, the reports from your testing company, and the Shared Matches tool to slim down your match list into a more manageable, and useful number.
- **A Day Out With Your DNA:** While DNA testing for genealogy is no longer a new idea, many companies are offering a new way to look at your DNA. This lecture will cover the biggest and brightest options, and help you decide where you should take your DNA, and how to make the most of it.

A microbiology graduate, Diahan Southard worked before and after graduation for the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. Growing up with the budding genetic genealogy industry lead her to her current position at Your DNA Guide, where she writes and lectures about genetic genealogy as well as provides personalized, interactive experiences to assist individuals and families in interpreting their genetic results in the context of their genealogical information.

[Click here to register.](#) There's a materials fee of \$35.00.

Diahan's lectures are always fun, upbeat, and full of energy. She has a passion for genetic genealogy, a genuine love for people, and a gift for making the technical understandable.

### Parking

Note: The Cultural Center Parking Garage has made some changes to its pricing structure. I made the changes on page 1 of the newsletter, but failed to mention it last month. It is still \$5 to park on Saturday's and Sunday's at the History Colorado Garage.

## CGS Meets at the Library

Regular monthly meetings of the Colorado Genealogical Society meet at the Central Denver Public Library (DPL) in the 7th Floor Training Room. Meetings will be **held on the third Saturday of each month** except July, August, and December. Come to socialize at 9:30 am and stay for the meeting from 10 am - noon.

**February 17, 2018** – Dr. Steve Beaty will speak on “Cyber Security for Genealogy Societies.”

Dr. Steven Beaty, computer science professor at Metropolitan State University of Denver, explains about "Cyber Security for Genealogy Societies." He will provide several examples of hacking and phishing schemes, how it affects you, and prevention methods.

Dr. Steve Beaty has an extensive background in both the theoretic and pragmatic aspects of computer science. He wrote compilers at Cray Computer, and both managed a large group of developers and was a software test architect at Hewlett-Packard. He is a professor, was chair and interim vice-president at the Metropolitan State University of Denver. He was the security team lead at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder. He works on a number of open-source projects and consults with a variety of businesses.



## Lunch Bunch is Your Invitation

Lunch Bunch is a fun way to enjoy conversations, stories, and good food with fellow family researchers. Keep an eye on your email for January's location. RSVP to Sandy at [sandyronayne@comcast.net](mailto:sandyronayne@comcast.net) if you wish to attend.

## Free CGS Classes Meet at Denver Public Library

CGS conducts its **Beginning Genealogy** classes at the Central Denver Public Library on the **second Saturday of each month**. (There is no class in July, August, or December.) The class is held in the Gates Room on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor. The instructor is Carol Darrow. Classes run from 10 am to noon.

The next Beginning Genealogy class is **February 10, 2018**. This is a basic course for the beginner, repeated each month. However, feel free to come for a refresher as desired. Attendees will be introduced to thinking genealogically through the exploration of the following:

- Introduction to the census using Ancestry.com
- Pedigree Charts and Family Group Sheets
- Other Major Record Groups

The **CGS Special Interest** classes meet on the **fourth Saturday of the month** in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor training room, Denver Central Public Library.

The next CGS Special Interest class is January 24, 2018.

The **WriteNOW** writing group meets on the **second Sunday of the month** to work on writing family history. The group offers ideas, technical information, and support for anyone trying to preserve their family history in writing.

- Group is open to all beginners and more experienced writers who want to put their genealogy into a written document.
- Assignments for various levels of experience.
- Opportunity to share your writing with the group as you wish.
- Shape your writing to the goal of the month.

The next WriteNOW meeting is **February 11, 2018** from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Downtown Denver Public Library. The meeting is usually held in the Gates Room (5<sup>th</sup> Level) or the Rockwell Room (4<sup>th</sup> Level).

February Topic: Discuss formatting issues for your project. Share your first draft and compare to outline.

Assignment for March: Continue writing on your project.

## Computer Interest Group

Be sure to check out the Computer Interest Group (CIG). [Click here](#) for a link to its website.

Next meeting is February 17, 2018 at 1:30 pm in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor training room, Denver Central Public Library. It will feature workshops on DNA discussion group, scanning and digital imaging, and internet researching.

## New Members

Kathleen Encinias  
Joel Jones  
Cheryl Lydyard  
Laurie Spurling  
Barbara Wagner

June Everett  
Laura Lunde  
Carol Sooter  
Sherri Steele

## Photography During Presentations

If you wish to take photographs of the speaker's presentations please ask the speaker first. Some speakers copyright their presentations and as a result do not allow photographs to be taken.

## Cell Phones

Please remember to turn off your cell phones when the meetings or classes start.

## January CGS Meeting Recap

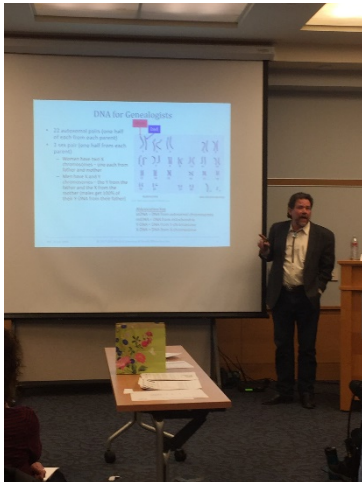
Vice-President, Christine Cochran, took everyone through a discussion on various genealogy tips: naming conventions, surnames, given names, and middle names.



Cina Johnson presented on “Using FamilySearch, Basic Methods to Enhance Your Genealogy.”

- Sharing and collaborating
- Preserving memories
- Connecting yourself to ancestors who are already on FamilySearch Family Tree
- Training through FamilySearch and using the Family History Guide
- Sharing information using a certified third-party software (Legacy, Roots Magic, and Ancestry – only vital information is downloaded, nothing else and not sources)
- Using tasks or to-do lists
- Printing charts
- Descendant research
- Hints – searching on other websites
- “watch record” for changes or to facilitate collaboration

## January CGS Special Interest Class Recap



On January 27, 2018 Greg Liverman gave a wonderful presentation on “Analyzing DNA Test Results at Family Tree DNA.” Greg gave an overview on:

- DNA testing
- Y-DNA
- Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)
- Autosomal DNA

Special thanks to Doug Wiskos, Sandy Carter-Duff, Pat Wales, and Jeryl Vogeyty for all their help.



## FamilySearch Spotlight

By: Cina Johnson



### FamilySearch Research Wiki

Family history research is more than going to a website, entering a name, and looking at the possible matches in the search results list. That can be very rewarding but what do you do when the questions that you have about a person or family aren't answered by the documents that you find? What do you do when nothing is found on your person or family? How can you learn what records are available for the place where and the time when your ancestors lived? Where can you get the training you need?

Try the FamilySearch Wiki. "When you search in the Wiki you can search for places your ancestors lived, but also for subjects and research methods to help you understand and learn about the history of your families." It has pages for the United States and "244 countries, territories, and islands." The Wiki is where you go to learn and from there you can follow links to do your research. These quotations were taken from [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/FamilySearch\\_Wiki:About\\_Us](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/FamilySearch_Wiki:About_Us). The "About Us" page also has links to "Researching in the FamilySearch Wiki" where you can watch videos to learn how to use the Wiki. There are also case-study videos to teach you how the Wiki can help you with your research.

To find the FamilySearch Wiki go to FamilySearch.org. Hover your cursor over the "Search" heading and select "Research Wiki" at the bottom of the menu. On the Research Wiki home page, check the left panel menu under "Getting Started" and the bottom of the main page for "New to Genealogy" and "New to Wiki" to begin your learning process. You can also jump right in by entering a search term under "Search by place or topic". However, you choose to explore the Wiki, I'm sure you'll learn something new about research, records, methodology, places, language, handwriting, and anything else that has to do with family history. Have fun learning!

You can email Cina at [familysearch@cogensoc.us](mailto:familysearch@cogensoc.us) if you have questions on using FamilySearch.org and the FamilySearch family tree searching, archiving photos, stories and memories. There is also a link in the [research tab](#) of the website. Remember that FamilySearch.org is the most trusted and significant organization to keep or materials for future generations to view.

## Update on the Colorado Digital Newspaper Project

There are three new additions to the Colorado Digital Newspaper Project. The following have been digitized and are free to access and search on Chronicling America (<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>).

- 1) 3500 pages of the *Jewish Outlook* (1904 to 1909)
- 2) *Denver Jewish News* (1918 to 1922)
- 3) 5800 pages of the *Bent County Register/Lamar Register* (1886 to 1903)

The above titles will also soon be uploaded to Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection. In the future the *Cheyenne Record* (later known as the *Cheyenne Wells Record*), the *Delta Chief/Delta Independent*, and the *Fremont Record/Canon City Record* will be added to Chronicling America. The *La Junta Tribune* is being processed with an anticipated delivery date to the Library of Congress by the end of January. After that the

*Rocky Ford Enterprise*, the *Ordway New Era*, the *Elk Mountain Pilot*, and the *Daily Sentinel* will be scanned and digitized for delivery to the Library of Congress by late-winter and early-spring.

## **In Case of Snow**

In the case of snow check your email for notification of cancellation of any meeting or class.

## **Membership Renewal**

It's that time of year again. CGS membership is from January 1 through December 31. Memberships are \$25.00 for an individual or \$30.00 for two or more people in the same household. As a member you have access to the Members only web page, including all issues of *The Colorado Genealogist*; speaker handouts; current membership list; Index of Pioneers Born in Colorado Before 1900; and Index of Declaration of Intention, Arapahoe County Court, 1880-1906. Your membership also helps support the educational activities of CGS. Membership information is available at <http://www.cogensoc.us/membership.php>. You can renew [online](#) or download the membership form and mail it. If you have questions about your membership, please contact Sandy Ronayne at [sandyronayne@comcast.net](mailto:sandyronayne@comcast.net).

## **Book Donations from CGS to DPL/WHG**

When joining CGS (or renewing their membership) members can elect to contribute to the fund that is used to purchase books for Denver Public Library's Western History and Genealogy collection.

Members are encouraged to submit suggestions for books to be donated to Beth Benko, Library Liaison, at [bethbenko@gmail.com](mailto:bethbenko@gmail.com).

[Click here](#) to donate money to:

- To purchase books for Denver Public Library Western History and Genealogy Collection
- The Malcolm H. Stern NARA Gift Fund to produce microfilms for the National Archive (currently working on the War of 1812 pensions)
- The Colorado Genealogical Society general operating fund

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Kimberly Smith, Editor

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## Upcoming CGS Programs and Education Classes

- Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018: Free CGS Beginning Genealogy Class, 10 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Gates Room. Carol Darrow, CG, Instructor.
- Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018: Free WriteNOW! Writing Group.** 1:30-3:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gates Room, Carol Darrow, CG, facilitator.
- Monday, Feb. 12, 2018: CGS Board Meeting,** 5-7 pm. Englewood Library. All CGS members welcome.
- Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018: CGS Program Meeting, 9:30 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room.
- Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am – noon.** Downtown Denver Public Library, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room, Sandy Ronayne, facilitator.
- Saturday, Mar. 10, 2018: Free CGS Beginning Genealogy Class, 10 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Gates Room. Carol Darrow, CG, Instructor.
- Sunday, Mar. 11, 2018: Free WriteNOW! Writing Group.** 1:30-3:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gates Room, Carol Darrow, CG, facilitator.
- Monday, Mar. 12, 2018: CGS Board Meeting,** 5-7 pm. Englewood Library. All CGS members welcome.
- Saturday, Mar. 17, 2018: CGS Program Meeting, 9:30 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room.
- Saturday, Mar. 24, 2018: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am – noon.** Downtown Denver Public Library, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room, Sandy Ronayne, facilitator.
- Sunday, Apr. 8, 2018: Free WriteNOW! Writing Group.** 1:30-3:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gates Room, Carol Darrow, CG, facilitator.
- Monday, Apr. 9, 2018: CGS Board Meeting,** 5-7 pm. Englewood Library. All CGS members welcome.
- Saturday, Apr. 14, 2018: Free CGS Beginning Genealogy Class, 10 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Gates Room. Carol Darrow, CG, Instructor.
- Saturday, Apr. 14, 2018: CGS/CIG Spring Seminar,** Downtown Denver Public Library, Basement, Diahn Southard.
- Saturday, May 12, 2018: Free CGS Beginning Genealogy Class, 10 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Gates Room. Carol Darrow, CG, Instructor.
- Sunday, May 13, 2018: Free WriteNOW! Writing Group.** 1:30-3:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gates Room, Carol Darrow, CG, facilitator.
- Monday, May 14, 2018: CGS Board Meeting,** 5-7 pm. Englewood Library. All CGS members welcome.
- Saturday, May 19, 2018: CGS Program Meeting, 9:30 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room.
- Saturday, May 26, 2018: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am – noon.** Downtown Denver Public Library, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room, Sandy Ronayne, facilitator.
- Saturday, June 9, 2018: Free CGS Beginning Genealogy Class, 10 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Gates Room. Carol Darrow, CG, Instructor.
- Sunday, June 10, 2018: Free WriteNOW! Writing Group.** 1:30-3:30 pm. Downtown Denver Public Library, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gates Room, Carol Darrow, CG, facilitator.
- Monday, June 11, 2018: CGS Board Meeting,** 5-7 pm. Englewood Library. All CGS members welcome.
- Saturday, June 16, 2018: CGS Program Meeting, 9:30 am – noon.** Central Denver Public Library, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room.
- Saturday, June 23, 2018: CGS Special Interest Class, 10:00 am – noon.** Downtown Denver



Public Library, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room, Sandy Ronayne, facilitator.

\* **There are no CGS Program Meetings or CGS Special Interest Classes in July or August.** \*

## **Free Genealogy Classes**

CGS member, Leah Klocek, will be teaching a series of beginning and intermediate genealogy classes. The classes will take place at the Englewood Public Library, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, CO 80110. The classes will be from 10:30 to 12:30. They are free to attend.

March 17, 2018 – Beginning  
March 24, 2018 – Beginning  
June 16, 2018 - Intermediate  
June 23, 2018 – Intermediate  
September 15, 2018 - Beginning  
September 22, 2018 – Beginning  
January 19, 2019 – Intermediate  
January 26, 2019 – Intermediate

## **Other upcoming genealogy events:**

Registration is open for [RootsTech 2018](#) on February 28-March 3, 2018.

Registration is open for the [NGS 2018 Family History Conference](#) on May 2-5, 2018 in Grand Rapids, MI.

Three members of CGS may attend the conference at a discounted rate. The savings is \$70 per person or \$210 for all three attendees. If you wish to receive the discount, contact Courtney at [cholmes@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:cholmes@ngsgenealogy.org)

History Camp has been announced for October 13, 2018. See [www.HistoryCamp.org/Colorado](http://www.HistoryCamp.org/Colorado) for more information.