

The News & Notes

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SCGS BOARD APPROVES NEW MISSION STATEMENT

The Strategic Planning Committee has developed the Society's new Mission Statement. At the January 15th Board meeting the following Mission Statement was approved.

"The Southern California Genealogical Society exists to foster interest in family history and genealogy, preserve genealogical materials, and provide instruction in accepted and effective research techniques."

By the time you read this, the new Mission Statement will have been posted to the website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) for all their efforts in completing this milestone in the Society's strategic planning process. SPC members - Louise Calaway, Sally Emerson, Paula Hinkel, Vieve Metcalfe, and Pam Wiedenbeck. I must also thank Lynne Parmenter for leading the Committee through this process.

Lin LaRochelle

FRENCH CANADIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA

Our French-Canadian Heritage Group will hold our first meeting of 2009 on Sunday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SCGS library. The program will be Locating French-Canadian Research Resources at the Library and on the Internet. The program will run from 11:00 a.m. to noon and continue at 1:00 p.m.. Brown bag with your own lunch or join us for pizza for \$5.00. Any questions, call Doug Miller at 661-296-8740 or email djmill@earthlink.net.

Members of our group are responsible for staffing the library every Wednesday. We open it, close it and help anyone with their research. So if you are of French-Canadian heritage, Wednesday is a great day to visit. We have one of the largest French-Canadian research collections in the West.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome to re-elected board members Paula Hinkel, Leo Myers and Marge Rossini, as well as newly elected board member, Joan Phillips. Those of you who frequent the library on Wednesdays will know Joan as one of our expert French-Canadian researchers. If you are in the library on Wednesday, please stop by and say hello.

We are in the middle of our strategic planning process. Lin LaRochelle and Lynne Parmenter have completed a new mission statement and are working on the questionnaires that will be going out to the membership. Look for your opportunity to participate in setting the direction for the society late in the spring. If you want to participate in the planning process, please drop an e-mail to scgs@scgsgenealogy.com with a subject line of Strategic Planning. Your comments and information will be forwarded to them.

We have been very fortunate to have kept a large number of our Century Club members over the last year. We cannot continue to support the society and library without your very welcome financial support. We understand that the current economy is going to challenge all of us during the next year. If you cannot make a large donation now, please consider a smaller gift toward our well being now, and perhaps another small gift later in the year as the economy improves. If you cannot consider financial support at this time, please think about volunteering an hour or two a month, as you join President Obama's call to the army of service.

We look forward to seeing you in the library and at Jamboree this year.

Respectfully — Pam Wiedenbeck, President

ANCESTRY WORLD ARCHIVES PROJECT — PROGRESS

Thank you for your overwhelming support of SCGS's involvement in the Ancestry World Archives Project. As of this month we have completed about 27% of the records on over 100+ microfilms. Truly, you can accomplish miracles when everyone steps forward to do a little bit.

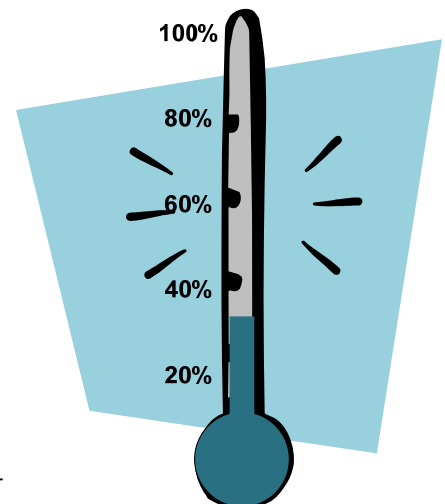
The SCGS project involves entering the Naturalization Index Cards of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Central Division (Los Angeles), 1915-1976 (NARA series M1525, 114 films).

Paula Hinkel is currently working with Ancestry to complete the tasks that will give full visibility to SCGS for tackling this huge project.

To learn more about the project or get involved, go to

www.ancestry.com/worldarchivesproject

and choose the Southern California Naturalization Index file. Other projects are also available and you are free to participate in any, all, or none of the projects.



To comment on SCGS involvement, please send e-mail to scgs@scgsgenealogy.com with a subject line of Ancestry World Archives Project.

Join us on Facebook! If you're part of the Facebook community you can:

1. Become a member of the SCGS group at <http://tinyurl.com/SCGSonFacebook>
2. Join the SCGS Jamboree Event at <http://tinyurl.com/JamboreeonFacebook>

LUNCH & LEARN

Lunch and Learn Monthly Meetings are free to the public

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

12-1pm Brown bag or purchase lunch from nearby eateries. Sit, chat and share your genealogy stories and questions while you eat.

For additional information contact: Charlotte Bocage rubymoon01@yahoo.com



Saturday, February 14, 2009 –12 noon – 4 p.m. (Library is closed for research)



Presenting: **What's a Blog — and Why Should You Care with Jay Holladay**

Blogs, feed readers, wikis, social networking — what's this stuff all about? How will it help me with my genealogy endeavors? Jay Holladay will introduce these topics and show examples illustrating how they can assist your research and facilitate the exchange of information with other family members.

The presentation is aimed at those who would like to learn about these new internet tools, but members who are already familiar with blogs, wikis, etc. are also encouraged to attend and share their experiences and favorite sites.

Jay Holladay leads the Computer Operations and Maintenance team at the SCGS Library and is a member of the Board of Directors. He has been doing genealogical research since 1993 and is in the process of setting up a blog to share results of his Holladay family research.

Saturday March 14, 2009 (Library is closed for researching)

Presenting: **Researching Your Catholic Ancestors with Pam Wiedenbeck**

Upcoming classes to be arranged for 2009:

Beginning French Canadian Research

Kentucky Research

Researching in Courthouses

Who's Your Daddy: Beginning DNA

Beginning Welsh Genealogy

Please check out our website www.scsgsgenealogy.com for more FREE 2009 Lunch and Learn meetings.

Whittier Area Genealogical Society presents its 26th Annual Seminar on February 28 from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. and features Curt B. Witcher, Manager for The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN. Mr. Witcher also serves as general curator for that institution's Rare and Fine Book Collection. He is the co-editor of the 1987 through 2008 editions of the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) and is a former president of both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society and is the founding president of the Indiana Genealogical Society. His presentations will be "Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries," "Using Periodical Literature for Genealogical Research," "Pain in the Access: Getting More from the Internet for Your Genealogy," and "All That Other Stuff!: Other Census Records Beyond Population Schedules." Visit the vendor/display area before and between presentations. Registration is \$32 until 21 February; if later, add \$3. For complete information and form, check the WAGS website, <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>. For questions, call or email: Judy Poole, Seminar director, at (909) 985-6657, judy-poole@verizon.net. Note: SCGS will have an exhibit booth at this conference.

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SCGS INTEREST GROUPS

DNA Interest Group

- 5th Saturday & other dates as announced
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Contact Alice Fairhurst at alicefairhurst@gmail.com for more information
- Next Meeting: Feb 7, 2009 at SCGS Library

Irish Interest Workshop

- 5th Sunday
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Contact Marge Rossini at marge4scgs@dslextre.me for more information
- Next Meeting: Mar 29, 2009 at SCGS Library

German Interest Group

- 3rd Saturday of every month
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Contact Lois Burlo at lhburlo@yahoo.com for more information
- Next Meeting: Feb 21, 2009 at SCGS Library

French Canadian Heritage Society of California (FCHSC)

- Twice a year (see calendar for details)
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Contact Doug Miller at djmill@earthlink.net for more information
- Next Meeting: Mar 15, 2009 at SCGS Library

Genealogical Society of Hispanic America—Southern California

- Quarterly (see calendar for details)
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Contact Donie Nelson at doniegsha@earthlink.net for more information
- Next Meeting: Feb 7, 2009 at SCGS Library
- Join us for Hispanic Tuesdays at the SCGS Library: 3rd Tuesday from Noon until 9 p.m.

SCGS Writers Group

- Twice a month on scheduled Tuesdays and Sundays (See calendar for details)
- Tuesday: Noon to 2 p.m. & Sunday: 1 to 3 p.m.
- Contact Jean Snow at jcs2007@snowstarjean.com for more details
- Next Meetings: Feb 10, 22 & Mar 10, 22, 2009 at SCGS Library

SCGS COMPUTER USERS GROUPS

Family Tree Maker (FTM) Users Group

- 4th Sunday of every month
- 2 to 4 p.m.
- Contact Beverly Truesdale at btruesdale2001@yahoo.com for more information
- Next Meeting: Feb 22, 2009 at SCGS Library

Legacy Users Group

- 2nd Monday of every month
- 7 to 9 p.m.
- Contact Rich Schulties at fourpartz@verizon.net for more information
- Next Meeting: Feb 9, 2009 at SCGS Library

The Master Genealogist (TMG) Users Group

- 1st Saturday of every month
- 2 to 4 p.m.
- Contact Evelyn Maynard at evmaynard@social.rr.com for more information
- Next Meeting: Mar 7, 2009 at SCGS Library

SCGS WRITERS GROUP

Upcoming Meetings

Our first November meeting was just past Halloween - a good time to discuss skeletons in the closet. How do you handle skeletons in writing memoir or family history? One person's "bad" may be another's fascinating or amusing. We spent December and January on Time Lines for our own lives or an ancestor's life. Time Lines and lists of Chronological Events are great basics for writing both memoir and family history. They show where you need more research. Adding a list of schools or houses lived in to the census and military service records you already have, will firmly place you or your ancestor in a particular time and space. Then add details from histories of the town, state or country. What was happening then and there that affected you or that ancestor?

Research local newspapers. I'd mentioned (N& N Aug-Sep-Oct) finding information I hadn't had about my father and grandfather in social notes in newspapers <<http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>> There are more and more similar online resources.

Can you find a hidden pattern in your life or an ancestor's? That may give you the focus or slant for your tale or for a collection of tales.

Sketch a map or diagram of a house you lived in – perhaps your favorite (or un-favorite) room in a house. What made it so? Write a tale of why you remember it that way. Read Robert Frost's The Road Not Taken once again, then ponder the places where your own life changed. Write about one change.

Tuesday Feb. 10, Noon-2 p.m.	Tuesday Mar. 10, Noon-2 p.m.	Tuesday Apr. 7, Noon-2 p.m.
Sunday Feb. 22, 1-3 p.m.	Sunday Mar. 22, 1-3 p.m.	Sunday Apr 19, 1-3 p.m.

If you are an SCGS member and would like to join the group, please e-mail me to make sure that a date has not changed.

Jean Chapman Snow (jcs2007@snowstarjean.com)

NEWLY ACQUIRED BOOKS ON CD

Thanks to the generosity of an SCGS member, our library has acquired digital copies of 34 reference books that were originally published in the 19th or early 20th century. They are in the form of searchable images on the following compact disks:

Compendium of New England Pioneers is described by the publisher as “a collection of 14 classical dictionaries of early New England settlers”. The books range in publication date from 1809 to 1930. (CD acquisition #42455)

Compendium of New England Gazetteers is a collection of 10 books ranging in publication date from 1817 to 1898. These books contain descriptions of New England states, counties and towns as well as some information on early settlers and prominent citizens. Six early New England maps are also included. (CD acquisition #42456)

Genealogy and History of Long Island, New York is a collection of nine books published between 1845 and 1918 on the early history of Long Island, with mentions of some residents. (CD acquisition #42471)

The Western Gazetteer or Emigrant's Directory was originally published in 1817 as a guide for pioneers venturing west to the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Ohio, Tennessee, and “The New State” [Mississippi] as well as the Territories of Alabama, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, and North-Western. It contains practical advice for the adventurous traveler. (CD acquisition #42457)

Vieve Metcalf

What's New in the World of DNA?

Presenters: DNA Project Administrators who attended the 5th
International Conference on Genetic Genealogy

Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 10 AM to 2 PM

SCGS Library at 417 Irving Drive, Burbank, CA

(818) 843-7247 www.scsgsgenealogy.com. Contact: Alice M. Fairhurst,
(626) 331-4791, alicefairhurst@gmail.com

Presenters will talk about the various presentations given at the conference with special emphasis on material that is important to the individual tester. Individualized help will be available after the formal presentation for those who want to order DNA tests or who have received DNA results and need help managing their personal page or interpreting their results. A drawing will be held for a \$30 discount certificate for ordering a DNA test. Brown bag or join us for pizza (\$5.00).

While many of our early DNA testers were of European origin, we now have more testers who have African, Native American and Asian roots. The DNA Interest Team has 5 members who speak on DNA to genealogical societies and other groups, such as reunions. Contact Charlotte Bocage rubymoon01@yahoo.com or Alice Fairhurst, DNA Interest Chair (626) 331-4791 to arrange for a speaker.

Green Valley (AZ) Genealogical Society's annual seminar is on Saturday, 21 February 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 2951 S. Camino Mercado, Green Valley. The featured speaker is Elissa Scalise Powell, CG.

Topics:

- . Rubik's Cube Genealogy: A New Twist on Your Old Data
- . The Research Cycle: Don't Pedal Backwards
- . Thinking Outside the Index: Online Search Techniques
- . Sharing Your Data in an Internet Age

Cost is \$37.50 for members and \$40 for non-members including a buffet lunch. For further information or a registration form to download please see the society's Web site at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~azgvgs/>.

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Websites of Note

Professional genealogist, lecturer and author Barbara Renick of Orange County has created two online tutorials that will help you navigate and search Ancestry.com. If you subscribe to Ancestry.com, take a few minutes and let Barbara give you the tips and techniques you need to search Ancestry's millions of records. The tutorials are free.

You can find both Part 1 and Part 2 tutorials at: <http://www.zroots.com/tutorials1.htm>

If your 2009 resolution is to get organized, don't start without taking time to review DearMYRTLE's January 2009 Organization Checklist at <http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/2009/01/finally-get-organized-jan-2009.html>. DearMYRTLE will be one of the featured speakers at the 2009 Jamboree, and we encourage you to become acquainted with her very helpful blog and podcast. Check it out!

jamboree

Southern California Genealogical Society

Here's your official update on Jamboree 2009. Due to the rousing success of the recent Jamborees, SCGS has gained a well-deserved reputation as producers of one of the leading genealogy conferences in the United States. The aim of the Jamboree Committee is to deliver exceptional educational opportunities, as well as social and networking events, at a reasonable cost for attendees and exhibitors.

Due to a mix-up with the hotel, the dates for 2009 have been changed to the last weekend in June -- June 26-28, 2009. The dates for 2010 remain June 11-13, 2010.

What's new for 2009?

The construction at the Marriott is completed and the hotel is simply beautiful. We think that all of last year's dust and aggravation was certainly worth it, and we are confident that you will feel the same. We have expanded into the main hotel's ballroom for the entire weekend. This will provide more comfortable seating and enable us to offer even more top-notch speakers. That's very good, because our Call for Papers has drawn submissions from nearly 50 nationally and internationally noted speakers. Be on the lookout for registration forms in *The Searcher*, online, and in the mail any time now.

Leo has nearly filled the exhibit hall already! As of January 16, the following vendors had already reserved their tables for 2009:

Ancestry.com	Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)	Legacy Family Tree
Antelope Valley Gen. Soc./S.F.V. Gen. Society	French Canadian Heritage Society California	Light Impressions
British Isles Family History Society USA	Gaylord Brothers (Archival Solutions/Supplies)	Martin Severance Chapter DAR
California State Genealogical Alliance (CSGA)	Genealogical Institute, Inc. (Arlene Eakle)	New England Historic Genealogical Society
Carlberg Press	Generation Maps	Photos Made Perfect
Colonial Dames 17th Century	Genlighten	RootsMagic
Creative Continuum	Geni.com	Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society
DearMYRTLE	Heritage Makers	The Family History Store (Kindred Trails)
Delphic Press (Elaine Alexander)	Immigrant Genealogical Society	The Genealogy Shelf (Bookseller)
Family Roots Publishing/Everton Publishing	ISOGG International Society of Genetic Genealogy	United Daughters of the Confederacy
Family Tree Magazine	JAMB Tapes & Duplicating*	World Vital Records
FamilySearch (LDS)	Jamestowne Society 1st California Company	
FamilyTreeDNA	Kater-Craft Bookbinder (A real bookbinder)	

* Speaker talks will be taped for all speakers granting permission.

If there is a vendor that you would like to see represented in the exhibit hall, please forward the contact information to Leo Myers (ltmyers44@gmail.com). While you're at it, drop a note to that exhibitor and tell them how much you would like them to attend.

Brea, CA - A one day Seminar on March 14, 2009 sponsored by the **Genealogical Society of North Orange County California** entitled One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools featuring Stephen Morse, Ph.D., creator of the One-Step Website (www.stevemorse.org) in his first Orange County appearance. Dr. Morse has been honored by both the National Genealogical Society and Association of Professional Genealogists for his work.

Topics to be covered include: in-depth review of many of the 150+ one-step tools created by Dr. Morse; DNA and Genetic Genealogy; and US Census tools. The seminar will run from 8AM to 4PM and will take place at the Brea United Methodist Church, 480 N. State College Blvd., Brea, CA 92821. Member donation is \$25, non-member donation is \$30 and at the door donation is \$35. A professionally catered box lunch is available for \$9 by pre-registration only before 6 March 2009. For more information, go to www.gsnocc.org for registration and map.

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 Michele Pfister, Family Tree Maker
 Larry Proctor, Light Impressions
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 D. Brenton Simons, President and CEO, NEHGS
 Drew Smith, MLS, The Genealogy Guys
 Juliana Smith, Ancestry.com
 Tim Sullivan, President and CEO, Ancestry.com (TGN)
 Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective
 Cath Trindle, CG
 Beverly Truesdale
 Tom Underhill, Creative Continuum
 Marston Watson
 Peggy Wishon, BIFHS
 [speaker list subject to change]

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June 26, 27, 28

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GENEALOGY RESEARCH WEB SITES as of December 31, 2008

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\$ = Fee-based or may require membership

Search Engines:

Google	www.google.com
Yahoo	www.yahoo.com
Google Web Page Translator	www.google.com, click language tools
Locating People and Businesses	www.switchboard.com

Genealogy databases:

Family History Center		www.familysearch.org
Rootsweb		www.rootsweb.com
USGenWeb		www.usgenweb.org
WorldGenWeb		www.worldgenweb.org
HeritageQuest Online		www.heritagequestonline.com
Footnote	\$	www.footnote.com
GenealogyBank	\$	www.genealogybank.com
Ancestry	\$	www.ancestry.com
U.S. Census Bureau		www.census.gov/genealogy/
Census Online		www.census-online.com
U.S. Vital Records		www.vitalrec.com
Vital Records		www.vitalrec.com/links2.html
Ellis Island Records		www.ellislandrecords.org; www.ellisland.org
Castle Garden		www.castlegarden.org
One Step Form		www.stevemorse.org
The Ships List		www.theshipslist.com
Social Security Death Index records		ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi
U.S. Railroad Retirement Board		www.rrb.gov/geneal.html
Distant Cousins		www.distantcousin.com
Kindred Trails		www.kindredtrails.com
My Trees		www.mytrees.com
Last Name Meanings Dictionary		www.last-names.net
World Vital Records	\$	www.worldvitalrecords.com
One Great Family	\$	www.onegreatfamily.com
My Genealogy		www.genealogy.com
Family History Search Online	\$	www.familyhistory.com
My Family	\$	www.myfamily.com
Find My Past	\$	www.findmypast.com
Family History Online	\$	www.familyhistoryonline.net
GenCircles		www.gencircles.com

The SCGS Board is pleased to announce its Volunteer Recognition Program, "You Made My Day." Literally anyone associated with SCGS -- library patrons, at-distant website and research team users, SCGS volunteers -- can participate in this program. "You Made My Day" provides a method for our volunteers to receive well-deserved pats on the back.

Just fill out a "You Made My Day" card and drop it in the fishbowl in the entry way to the Library, or email it or snail-mail it to the SCGS Library. Some guidelines:

1. Recognize a positive attitude, a special effort, a problem solved, or consistent support of SCGS.
2. Keep your comments short and sweet.
3. You can sign your name, or you can choose to be anonymous.
4. Provide immediate feedback
5. Handwritten notes are best, but email is fine too.

GERMAN INTEREST GROUP — 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Program	Description
February 21	Alphabets, Umlauts, & Abbreviations	Beginning to read, write & use vocabulary needed to do family history research
March 21	Maps & Terminology	Terms used in geographic studies of maps relating to states, communities, etc.
April 18	Relationships	Terminology of relationships, parents, grandparents & cousins, legitimate or not
May 16	Telephone Directories	CDs, books & Internet directories used for reports and how to read terminology
June 20	Terminology & Symbols	Symbols used to describe major events in a person's life, calendar dates, etc.
July 18	Calendar	Days of the week, months of the year, festivals: terms found on German calendars
August 15	German Research Guides	Add new information to our study guides in order to make these more useful to German researchers
September 19	Illnesses	Causes of death in death records; spotting an ailment in family lines
October 17	Occupations	Identifying occupations to help differentiate two people with the same name
November 21	Potluck & Traditions	11:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
December 19	No Meeting – Happy Holidays	SCGS Annual Meeting – December 12

Please contact Lois Burlo for more information or to volunteer to help out. (LHBurlo@yahoo.com) All programs start at 1 p.m. and are at the SCGS Library, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank, CA 91504. 818-843-7247

Websites of Note

On her blog January 10, DearMYRTLE noted changes to the FamilySearch website, particularly online tutorials that are available from the Family History Library Catalog page at http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp. The tutorials include:

Lesson 1: Family History Library Catalog Navigation

<http://ldschurch1.na3.acrobat.com/fhlc1/>

Lesson 2: How to use the Catalog

<http://ldschurch1.na3.acrobat.com/fhlc2/>

Lesson 3: Tips for using Catalog

<http://ldschurch1.na3.acrobat.com/fhlc3/>

The recognition program was introduced at the annual meeting in December, and attendees were encouraged to kick off the program by filling out the first batch of "You Made My Day" cards. To help launch the program, the Jamboree Committee selected a YMMD card at random and awarded both the recipient and the author with free registration to Jamborees. Both Marva Grove and Peggy Schulz received free registrations for this YMMD comment:

Marva, You are always available for almost everything. Whether it means coming into the library day after day or your help with the latest flood crisis, you are here. When somebody needs a person to call or appear, who do they contact? You! Thank you, Peggy

In no particular order, these YMMD notes were also submitted:

Lee Archer, Thank you so much for taking down and putting up the bookcases after the November rains in time for the Annual Meeting. Ann Cowley.

The entire Thursday crew of volunteers who are always ready to take on extra needed chores, including the ballot counting. This is in addition to their "regular" jobs of cataloging, shelving, binding of books; assisting patrons with research, etc. Great team! Fran

Lee Archer, you do a fabulous job of keeping the library facility kept up. I've seen you doing so many maintenance jobs and then the massive job on the bookcases when we had the flood. You're an unsung hero. Alice Fairhurst.

Linda Mustion has made my day several times. I am not familiar with the programs on our computers. Linda really knows them and has given me instruction. I couldn't have done it without her. She is always cheerful and friendly. Thanks, Linda. Jacquie Meyer

Leo Myers, what would we do without you? You do so much work for Jamboree and for the library in general. Good thing we've got a super salesman like you! Alice Fairhurst.

You Made My Day Lin LaRochelle. The number of hours you have given to reorganize the supplies and paperwork and other materials for the library has made a massive improvement. You're an organizing genius! Also your chairing of the Long Range Planning Committee will give our organization a more promising future. Alice Fairhurst.

I thank Sally Emerson (Thursdays) for answering my endless questions. ____ Jones.

Thanks for all your help with my Blackwell genealogy. (anonymous)

Marva Grove, Without all of your work to keep the facility operating and staffed with volunteers, we'd be hard-pressed to keep our library working. You're invaluable! Alice Fairhurst.

Paula - Thank you! Your Iowa "Maid-Rites" at the annual potluck Made My Day! Luciann.

You've Made My Day Pam Wiedenbeck. You've been a great president. I've enjoyed working with you on the Board. You've helped to keep our society moving forward and remaining healthy. Alice Fairhurst.

To Charlotte Bocage, for your untiring efforts on behalf of SCGS - all over the area, state and nation. We benefit greatly from your dedication. Thanks. Dennis McCargar.

To Paula Hinkel and Leo Myers: For their efforts to remake the Jamboree into a nationally recognized event. In the process, they have inspired and energized many SCGS members. Thank you, Vieve Metcalfe.

Jay [Holladay], thank you for stepping up to handle the work with the contractor and landlord re the water damage and for keeping the Board updated. Great work! Paula

To Lee Archer - You Made My Day when I called to ask you about taking down the bookcases that were in the water damage area. You said no problem. And then you were available again on short notice to put them up again. Thanks so much. Marva.

Paula Hinkel, What a great communicator, hard worker you are! I love your enthusiasm and sense of humor. We owe you a lot for everything - especially Jamboree - a full time job! Alice Fairhurst.

Dear Ann Cowley, Thank you so much for helping me in so many ways at the Appraisal Faire. I am so fortunate to have you in my life. Lynn Poole.

Lee Archer, Thank you so much for your efforts in reinstalling the book cases and helping the library recover from our flooding problem. You are always there to install another network cable or a needed shelf. December 13, 2008. Jay Holladay and the computer team.

Marva Grove - For her cheerful, unselfish self. Terry McVeigh.

Thanks, John [Poole] for the hearty clam chowder all these years. Thanks Beverly [Truesdale] for all beginning classes and the states and countries info sheets, especially on Missouri. Thanks again. E. R.

We will post the comments in the News and Notes, Searcher, and on the website. Why not make it a resolution to fill out a YMMD card whenever you're in the Library. Help us recognize the invaluable contributions made by all members of our SCGS volunteer community.

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February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	2 Closed 	3 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.	4 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	5 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	6 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	7 Closed GSHA-SC Meeting: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
8 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. UDC Meeting: 4-6 p.m.	9 Closed Librarians Workshop: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Legacy Users Group: 7-9 p.m.	10 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Writers Group: Noon-2 p.m.	11 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	12 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  German Research Group LRP Committee: 6-8PM	13 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	14 Closed for Research Jamboree: 9-11 a.m. Lunch & Learn Noon-3 p.m. 
15 Closed	16 Closed 	17 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Hispanic Tuesdays: Noon -9 p.m.	18 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	19 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group SCGS Board: 6-8 p.m.	20 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	21 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Interest Group: 1-4 PM
22 Closed Writers Group: 1-3 p.m. FTM Users Group: 2-4 p.m.	23 Closed	24 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.	25 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group 	26 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group	27 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	28 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. UDC Meeting: 4-6 p.m.	2 Closed	3 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.	4 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	5 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group	6 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	7 Closed TMG Users Group: 2-4 p.m.
8 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 	9 Closed Legacy Users Group: 7-9 p.m.	10 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Writers Group: Noon-2 p.m.	11 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	12 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group LRP Committee: 6-8 p.m.	13 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	14 Closed for Research Jamboree: 9-11 a.m. Lunch & Learn Noon-3 p.m.
15 Closed French Canadian Interest Group: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	16 Closed	17 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  Hispanic Tuesdays: Noon-9 p.m.	18 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	19 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group SCGS Board: 6-8 p.m.	20 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. First Day of Spring 	21 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Interest Group: 1-4 p.m.
22 Closed Writers Group: 1-3 p.m. FTM Users Group: 2-4 p.m.	23 Closed	24 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.	25 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	26 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group	27 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	28 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
29 Closed Irish Workshop: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	30 Closed	31 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.				

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			1 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	2 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group	3 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	4 Closed DNA Interest Group: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. TMG Users Group: 2-4 p.m.
5 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. UDC Meeting: 4-6 p.m.	6 Closed	7 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Writers Group[: Noon-2 p.m.	8 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	9 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. First Day of Passover German Research Group LRP Committee: 6-8PM	10 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Good Friday	11 Closed for Research Jamboree: 9-11 a.m. Lunch & Learn Noon-3 p.m.
12 Closed Easter 	13 Closed Legacy Users Group: 7-9 p.m.	14 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.	15 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	16 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group SCGS Board: 6-8 p.m.	17 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	18 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Interest Group: 1-4 p.m.
19 Closed Writers Group: 1-3 p.m.	20 Closed	21 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Hispanic Tuesdays: Noon -9 p.m.	22 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group Earth Day 	23 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group	24 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Arbor Day 	25 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jamboree: 9-11 a.m.
26 Closed FTM Users Group: 2-4 p.m.	27 Closed	28 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.	29 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	30 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group	Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	2 Closed TMG Users Group: 2-4 p.m.
3 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. UDC Meeting: 4-6 p.m.	4 Closed	5 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Writers Group[: Noon-2 p.m.	6 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	7 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group	8 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	9 Closed for Research Lunch & Learn Noon-3 p.m.
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24 Closed	25 Closed Memorial Day 	26 Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m.	27 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. French Canadian Research Group	28 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. German Research Group	29 Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	30 Closed DNA Interest Group: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
31 Closed Irish Workshop: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.						

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Seeking Gold Rush Stories

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Internet Wayback Machine

Paula just remembered that there is something called the Internet Archives WayBack Machine. You go to the WayBack website and then you type in the web address (URL) for a site that used to exist in the past. Then it brings up those past pages. This site captures and archives past websites.

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