

MARIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Society Newsletter, August 2011

Mark Your Calendars

August 20: CIG Meeting, Villa Marin, 10:00am
August 24: General Meeting, LDS Church, **7:00pm**
Sept. 10: Beginners Breakfast, Star, 9:00am
Sept. 14: Board Meeting, 7:00pm

Computer Interest Group (CIG)
Saturday, August 20, 2011
Villa Marin, San Rafael
10:00am - Noon

Topic: Ancestry.com - How to Access and Use!

We'll cover some of the basic features of Ancestry.com. How to search, how to use the "hint" feature and how to upload your own family tree. We'll also explore the many privacy safeguards available to Ancestry.com's members. **Presented by Gene Pennington.**

Family History Center and the Genealogical Society Library

Located at the LDS Church, 220 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael

Hours

Wed. & Fri. : 9:00AM to 1:00PM
Tuesday & Thurs.: 5:00PM to 9:00PM
Closed: Saturday and Monday

Open Sunday by Appointment

Northern California Family History Expo, San Mateo, CA October 7-8, 2011

Event Location
San Mateo Co. Event Center
2495 S. Delaware St.
San Mateo, CA
(605) 574-3247

This third annual Expo runs from 7:00am-5:00pm each day. It offers a myriad of classes (TBA) as well as exhibitors, advertisers, and local vendors. There will be many educational opportunities directed at the novice, as well as the experienced genealogists.

The registration fee schedule is:
Early Bird - \$75 (Expires August 31, 2011)
Registration Fee - \$95
Friday Only - \$60
Saturday Only - \$60
At the Door - \$120

Those not interested in classes may browse the hall without charge.

For more information, check out the website at:

<http://www.familyhistoryexpos.com/viewevent.aspx?eid=36>

California Genealogical Society Offering

Contact

California Genealogical Society
events@californiaancestors.org
510-663-1358

When

**Saturday August 27, 2011 from 1:00 PM to
4:00 PM PDT**

Where

California Genealogical Society and Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2
Oakland, CA 94612

I've Tested My DNA, Now What?

with **Katherine Borges**

- I have my results, what are the next steps I should take?
- How do I understand the results?
- What projects should I join?

Learn all of this and more!

This class is limited to 40 participants and is one of the free benefits for CGS members. Non-members fee is \$20.00 (non-refundable) and can be applied towards a CGS membership the day of the class.

Pre-registration is required.

Registration confirmations will be sent to the first 40 participants who register. Additional names will be collected and placed on a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Walk-ins will not be admitted.

Please remember to bring your recyclable items to our MCGS general meetings!

To all Patrons of the San Rafael (Marin) Family History Center

Effective immediately. You can now order microfilms and microfiche from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City into the San Rafael (Marin) Family History Center from any computer connected to the Internet.

Go to www.familysearch.org/films

Here are the details on how this will work: (at least it's our best guess at this point!)

DETAILS

1. FILM/FICHE ORDERS -- A Patron can now look up a film or fiche in the Family History Library Catalog at familysearch.org and order it on-line from any Internet-connected computer in the world at www.familysearch.org/films. Of course, patrons are welcome to use the computers at the SRFHC. However, our staff will not prepare your order. They will be delighted to show you how to order a film or fiche and can answer questions, but we do not want them privy to any credit card or paypal accounts, so you, the patron, must handle that part of your order yourself. Only MasterCard and Visa are accepted as credit/debit cards. No American Express. Patrons uncomfortable with online payment options could purchase a prepaid VISA to use from any dealer (Wells Fargo Bank, Safeway, Longs, USA Bank, etc).

2. MONEY -- We will still have the cash register and collect money for copies and other miscellaneous supplies, but we will not be handling payment for film orders or renewals.

3. PRICES -- Film prices are going down, sort of. Fiche prices are going up. Prices include sales tax.

Films: Price is \$5.98 (includes sales tax) for Short Term Loan (about 90 days at our Center---formerly was only 35 days) or \$14.95 for Extended Loan (indefinite period -- 'forever' or until it isn't needed anymore.) Any renewal of Short Term Loan for another 60 days is \$5.98. 2 or 3 short-term loans for \$5.98 never turn into an Extended Loan. You can

do 5 or 10 Short Term Loans, and the film will still have a fixed return date. So, if a patron knows that a film will be needed for more than 150 days it is less expensive to go with a \$14.95 extended Loan at the beginning. **NOTE:** All prices quoted are for the Oakland FHC; your price may or may not be the same because of the different taxes each city applies -- so please use this as a real close estimate.

Fiche: All Fiche orders now have a fixed price of \$5.17, no matter how many fiche are in the set. Fiche will continue to be 'permanent' at our Center.

4. PATRON ACCOUNTS -- When a Patron orders a film/fiche on-line it is tied to an e-mail address. A patron can see all the films and fiche ever ordered on the new system using that account. Under the new system, each patron will receive an e-mail when the film leaves the SL Distribution Center, and again when it is checked into our Center. You will not receive a letter. You, the patron, will also receive an e-mail about 10 days before a film is due to be returned to Salt Lake. You then have the option to go on-line and renew the film for 60 days for \$5.94, or change the film to an extended loan for \$14.95, or do nothing and the film will be returned on the return date.

5. HOME FHC -- The first time you place a film or fiche request, you will be given the opportunity to select a home Family History Center. **Be sure you select San Rafael (Marin) as your default center or films may be sent to your closest center by your address.** The "home" FHC is where all films/fiche will be sent -- not to your personal home.

6. E-MAIL ADDRESS -- What if a patron does not have an e-mail address? Anyone can set up a free E-mail account at gmail, yahoo or hotmail. That e-mail can then be checked on any computer with an internet link, ie. at a friend's house, at the public library or senior center, or in any Family History Center.

7. TRANSITION --

a. All Films that are ordered at SRFHC before Aug 2 are registered under the new system with SRFHC as the patron who ordered the film. We will

process these films as we have always done and you will receive a call when they arrive as always. However, if you would like them renewed so as to be kept for a longer period you need only let us know. For the short term films now in the SRFHC or ordered before Aug 2, there will be no renewal fee.

b. All Films that were ordered from our Center by Fri. July 29th will be considered by Salt Lake to be an Extended Loan -- that is they will have no fixed return date in the Salt Lake FHL system. **HOWEVER** -- we will still send them back on the due date unless the patron requests an extension!!! This means that Patrons who want to extend a film don't have to pay for it, but they do have to request the renewal.

We are excited about this new opportunity and hope you will be patient with us as we implement it.

Sincerely,

Sonja Jensen,
Director, Marin Family History Center

Also, we'd like to announce that the new hours on Tuesdays will begin on September 6th. The new hours are Tuesdays from 1 to 9 pm! (That is the only day we have afternoon hours).

Site for MCGS General Meetings

LDS Church

220 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael

Fourth Wednesday of every month at **7:00pm**
except for May and December

Board of Directors Meetings

Same location

Second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm
except December

GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.
“FAMILYSEARCH .org”

Learn new tips. *Sonja Jensen, Director of the Marin Family History Center*, where the Marin County Genealogical Society has their library, will share new tips to help you get the most out of FamilySearch.org – the free counterpart of Ancestry.com. She will tell you how to easily update your searches where you last left off (thus saving you time), how to productively browse new collections that are available, use wikipedia, learn about free online classes, and how to order materials online from the Family History Library in Salt Lake from any computer, any device that uses the internet. That means from home or your Smart phone! She will share some of her favorite success stories gathered during her life-long interest in Family History.

Just recently Sonja found her own great grandfather’s will, containing previously unknown family members in two minutes on FamilySearch.org. Come learn about this vital site for genealogy, present and future.

On August 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., come to the L.D.S Church 220 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael. Come early for refreshments, to ask your genealogical questions, and to socialize.

No charge. All are welcome.

For more information and a map check our website:

www.maringensoc.org

A Look At Our Future
General Meeting, Wednesday, September 28, 2011
“Our Yearly Workshop”

Four classes will be available:

Beginners Come and invite friends who are curious about genealogy. This workshop will run all evening. Presented by veteran genealogist, ***Jeffrey Valliant***

Sort Your Story Software to excite family interested in family but not just in dates and names. Presented by the software’s creator, ***Lorel Kapke***

Genealogical Conferences The many benefits of attending genealogical conferences. Presented by ***Phyllis Garratt***

Possibly, Taxes What use to genealogists? Presenter TBA

We Give a Warm Welcome To Our Newest Members

Lenora Hart of San Rafael---searching for : Daly and Hart

Albert “Al” Mendoza of Novato---searching for: Mendoza, Rodriguez, Zelink, Holmes, and Hartly