

# MARIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Society Newsletter, February 2011

### Mark Your Calendars

Feb. 19: CIG, Villa Marin, 10:00am  
Feb. 23: General Meeting, 7:00pm  
March 5: Beginners Breakfast, Star, 9:00am  
March 9: Board Meeting, 7:00pm

**Reminder: General Meetings now start at 7:00pm!!!**

### General Meeting

**February 23, 2011, 7:00pm**

***“Lesser-Known Gems”***

**Presented by Dr. Stephen Morse**

When **Dr. Stephen Morse** first tried to use the Ellis Island website, he was frustrated by the inability to accomplish a powerful search in a single step. Out of necessity he created a **“One Step”** Ellis Island search form that issued one or more searches to the Ellis Island website, combining and filtering the results.

Soon Dr. Morse had established an entire collection of **“One Step”** web pages that provided **“One Step”** searches of databases on [Ellisland.org](http://Ellisland.org), [CastleGarden.org](http://CastleGarden.org), [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) and more. He allows anyone to use these **“One Step Webpages”** at his website, <http://www.stevemorse.org> without charge as a public service. Over the years hundreds of thou-

sands have benefited from his wonderful site, including the insider himself.

At our meeting he will be speaking on his **“One Step Webpages”** topics that he did not cover in his talk to us in February, 2008. He calls these **“Lesser-Known Gems”**. They range from problems with genealogical searches, to problems with identity theft, to problems with DNA.

MCGS members who have used his website in the past have had very satisfying results.

**Computer Interest Group (CIG)**

**Saturday, February 19, 2011  
10:00am - Noon**

**Villa Marin, 100 Thorndale Drive  
San Rafael**

**Presenter: Gene Pennington**

**Topic:** Creating, exporting and printing basic genealogy reports

How to create, export and print basic genealogy reports. (varies for each genealogy software program).

Villa Marin has wireless Internet access! Be sure to bring your laptop computer and wireless network card so you can follow along with the presentation.

The Meeting will be held in the Auditorium, which is to the left and down the hall from the entrance.

**Sonoma Co. Genealogy Society  
Offering**

**Christine Rose**  
**All-Day Genealogy Seminar in Santa  
Rosa**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

*Christine Rose* is a Certified Genealogist, Certified Genealogical Lecturer, and Fellow, American Society of Genealogists. Her lecturing experience includes national conferences, many regional seminars, and local seminars, including New York, Chicago, and San Francisco.

Her topics on April 16, in order of presentation, will be:

***Addicted to Courthouses***

***Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions***

***Using Little-Known and Neglected Sources: A Potpourri***

***Solving the Problem in 25 Hours or Less***

For additional information click on the following link: <http://www.scgs.org/calendar.html> and then on: [Christine Rose](#)

**MCGS Board Member Extremely  
Helpful**

At our January General Meeting MCGS Treasurer, **Jeffrey Vaillant**, announced a number of workshops and conferences that are to take place in the coming months that are of interest. Included were the conference described above and the following events. **Many Thanks, Jeffrey!!**

Living History Day on Alcatraz Island May 7, 2011  
Need Facebook Account:  
[http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=111604205523542&v=app\\_2344061033&ref=ts#!/event.php?eid=178693888816571&index=1](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=111604205523542&v=app_2344061033&ref=ts#!/event.php?eid=178693888816571&index=1)

National Genealogical Society Family History Conference in Charleston, SC May 11-14, 2011

[http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info)

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

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

**Interesting Websites Available**

**Cemeteries**

<http://www.findagrave.com/>

This website has access to 50,000 graves, and counting! It also includes a good listing of cemeteries and has easy maneuverability. You may also find a picture on the tombstone.

<http://www.interment.net/>

This website has access to regional cemeteries throughout the the United States and includes National Cemeteries and those of California Missions. In addition, information on cemeteries throughout the world is available, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, and other countries.

**Newspapers**

<<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/pages/>>

This website has access to newspapers throughout the United States and is part of the **Library of Congress and National Endowment for the Humanities collection.**