

# MARIN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## Society Newsletter, January 2011

### Mark Your Calendars

Jan. 15: CIG, Villa Marin, 10:00am  
Jan. 26: General Meeting, **7:00pm**  
Feb. 5: Beginners Breakfast, Star, 9:00am  
Feb. 9: Board Meeting, 7:00pm

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

### It's membership renewal time!

You can download the MCGS 2011 membership application below or by visiting our "[Join MCGS](#)" [web page](#).

You can also renew your membership by going to your Profile page after you sign in to our website.

Click on "View Profile" in the box that shows your login name. Then follow the directions to renew for 2011. You can print an invoice for your records and an invoice will be sent by e-mail. Your renewal will not be valid until you send in your check with your dues for 2011.

[Click Here to Download a Membership Application for 2011\\*](#)

You can also join the Society at the General Meetings.

In October, **Ken Wiltz**, a **Life Member** of our society passed away. In lieu of flowers he suggested a donation to the Marin Co. Genealogy Society. So far, we have received over \$200 in his memory. We would like to thank all of you who have contributed.

### 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**  
**January 26, 2011, 7:00pm**

**Destination Genealogy - Glimpses from the Road**

**Presenter: Susan Trumbull**

Recently back from three months "on the road" our **Program Chairperson, Susan Trumbull**, hopes to tempt you to temporarily shut down your computers and enter into the thrill of Genealogy done in **Nationally** famous libraries with original documents, rare books, and an atmosphere of "how can we help **You** find **Your** family?"

**Susan** was curious about **Nationally** famous libraries she had never visited so when planning her and her husband John's RV road trip she made sure they scheduled into their itinerary the **ALLEN**

COUNTY LIBRARY, Fort Wayne , Indiana, THE GODFREY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, in Middletown, Connecticut, and the “MOTHER OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES” in Washington, D.C. In between these giants were cemeteries and small local libraries, and cousins with pictures and family bibles where their ancestors have left footprints.

She will show you (visually) where these repositories are, what can be found in them, how you can get there, and why you would want to go. More than you ever wanted to know, but you might decide a genealogy trip would be more fun than a cruise with days of water views.

### Computer Interest Group (CIG)

**Saturday, January 15, 2011  
10:00am - Noon**

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

**Topic:** Features and resources available on the MCGS website, presented by *Gene Pennington*.

*Gene* will cover how to login to the website and how to find and use the great features available to MCGS members.

### Family Search Conference

We are excited that *FamilySearch* is sponsoring a brand-new conference that aims to encourage innovation in genealogy through technology. The first annual *RootsTech Conference* will be held **February 10-12, 2011 in Salt Lake City, Utah.**

**Purpose:** FamilySearch believes that new advancements in genealogy can come about through technology. By bringing genealogists and technologists together, we create a forum for discussion, collaboration, and innovation. The conference will have something for everyone. Genealogists of all skill levels will learn new technology-based approaches to their research. Researchers with a strong interest in technology will have the opportunity to test new products and provide feedback for technology creators.

**Program:** The conference will be held at the **Salt Palace Convention Center** and will feature an exciting blend of speakers, workshops, and demonstrations. The speakers will include *Josh Taylor*,

*Barbara Rennick, Steve Morse, Dan Lynch, Geoff Rasmussen*, as well as many experts from FamilySearch. There will also be several evening events where participants can socialize and have fun.

Additional information is available on the conference website, [www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org). Questions about the conference can be directed to [info@rootstech.familysearch.org](mailto:info@rootstech.familysearch.org).

### California Genealogical Society German Genealogy Offering

**Getting Started in German Genealogy!  
Presenter: Shirley Riemer**

**Saturday, January 29, 2011  
1:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m.**

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

This session will focus on the first steps the German family historian must take to gain an understanding of the cultural, historical and genealogical facts essential to German ancestral research. The basics of the Second German Empire as they are relative to German research will be laid out so as to create an understanding of the basic organization of German and German-American records. A brief overview of German church and civil records, some peculiarities of such records, and several other basic research tools will be discussed.

Registration confirmations will be sent to the first 20 participants who register. Additional names will be collected and placed on a waiting list in case of cancellations. Walk-ins will not be admitted.

Register at:

<[http://californiaancestors.org/index.php?option=com\\_breezingforms&Itemid=113](http://californiaancestors.org/index.php?option=com_breezingforms&Itemid=113)>

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