



# BETWEEN US DIGGERS

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## WE WELCOME OUR LATEST LIFE MEMBER OF RVGS— VICKI BRYDEN!



**We welcome Vicki and thank her for becoming a life member!**

**Here's what Vicki had to say about life membership:**

Life Membership in RVGS is the latest I have added to others I have acquired over the years. I look at joining at that level as a show of support for our community organizations, besides being a good investment for myself. Initially joining offers a tax deduction that is worthwhile, saving as through the years inflation might make the annual fees add up to more—and as aging becomes an issue, no matter what, I will always be a member. Though my own family ancestral history is not local, it is also a back-door way of saying thank you to other groups in other states who have been so helpful in my genealogy research.

My interest in family history has to be from all the times I sat with my Grandma Delaney and went through old family albums, listening to stories about the people in them. I became very interested in local history, and people who made it, through historic preservation efforts. Establishing Medford's South Oakdale Historic District was prompted by saving our parking strips and trees from a proposed street widening project. Writing the application in 1978 to become a district, we had to interview the "seniors" who were still around with early connections to the families who built the early homes. It was learning about the people and the family stories that went with the homes that was fascinating. RVGS has been a good source of information about those early families for the neighborhood files I still am adding to.

As a retired Library Media Specialist school teacher, loving books and history, my volunteer time is spent at the Southern Oregon Historical Society Research Library. When patrons come looking for family information, we try to also direct them to RVGS for additional and different types of resources. Our two organizations really complement each other in how we can service those on the genealogy treasure hunt.

**Vicki makes some great points about the benefits of life membership.**

**We hope you will take advantage of those benefits and become a life member, too!**

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## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

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Cheryl Luschen

## CLASSES & EVENTS

**Friday, 3 June 2011**—10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., JCGL, 95 Houston Rd., Phoenix, OR  
**Genealogy Workshop:** *Basic U.S. Internet Navigation for Genealogy*, Instructor: Andrea Patterson. **Cost:** \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members



**Saturday, 11 June 2011** — 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., JCGL, 95 Houston Rd., Phoenix, OR. **Genealogy Workshop:** *How to Use the New LDS Family Search Site*, Instructor: LaVonna Ness from Grants Pass Genealogical Society. **Cost:** Free.

**Wednesday, 15 June 2011**—10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., JCGL, 95 Houston Rd., Phoenix, OR. **Genealogy Workshop:** *Land Records*, Instructor: Chuck Eccleston. **Cost:** \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members

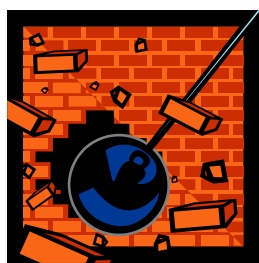
**Tuesday, 21 June 2011**—12 noon to 2 p.m., General Meeting Program, Phoenix Historical Society located at 607 North Church Street, Phoenix, OR  
**Event:** Potluck with the Phoenix Historical Society on the grounds of the Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery. Please bring a folding chair and table service for yourself and a dish to share.

**Saturday, 9 July 2011**—10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, JCGL, 95 Houston Rd., Phoenix, OR. **Genealogy Workshop:** *Brick Wall Roundtable*, Moderator: Charleen Brown. **Cost:** Free

**Friday, 12 August 2011**—10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, JCGL, 95 Houston Rd., Phoenix, OR. **Genealogy Workshop:** *Beyond the Grave: What You Can Learn From Estate Records*, Instructor: Karen Asche. **Cost:** \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members

## DO YOU WANT TO BE A GENEALOGY MENTOR?

Be a mentor to a family member, a student, a fellow family historian. To be a mentor it takes a high level of interest, commitment, and confidence in your own abilities. You must be sincerely interested in someone else's growth. You will not win any awards, or make any money, but you will have the satisfaction of having done an important job grooming the next generation of genealogists. Your own genealogy experience qualifies you to be a mentor. The best mentors are people whose own enthusiasm for their genealogy is so contagious that they inspire others just by doing what they enjoy most. Share your own interests with a person who is just beginning their genealogy journey and pay it forward.



## BREAKING THE "BRICK WALL" IN YOUR FAMILY TREE

Do you think your relatives were in witness protection? RVGS will be holding "Brick Wall Roundtable" discussions quarterly to help you in your family research. Those elusive ancestors may be playing hide and seek now, but after the roundtable you will have new tools to help find them. A panel of fellow genealogy researchers will give you ideas on breaking through to continue with you quest. The next roundtable will be held on July 9, 2011. Then save these dates for future round-

tables: September 10, 2011; and December 10, 2011. Roundtables will be held from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 95 Houston Rd., Phoenix, OR.

Bring your problem, briefly explain what sources you have searched and any other pertinent information you might have and let the fun begin!

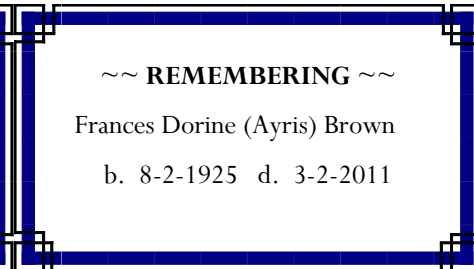
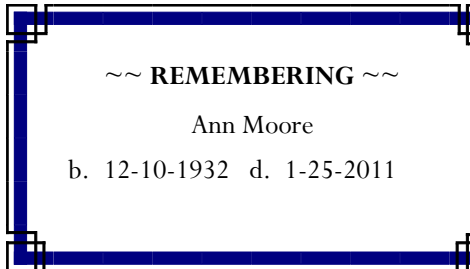
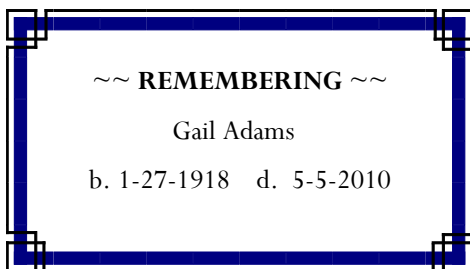
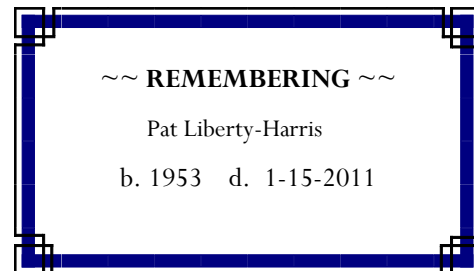


## TECH TALK

Are you researching the New England States and New York? If so, you should be accessing the subscription website at the Jackson County Genealogy Library called American Ancestors.org formerly known as New England

Ancestors. The website has added some great new features for you to check out including an improved Advanced Search (exact or wildcard searches). Some of the more popular databases include: Massachusetts Vital Records, The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, The American Genealogist, The Great Migration Begins: Immi-

grants to New England 1620-1633; The Great Migration: 1634-1635, vol. I-V (A-P), and Abstracts of Wills in New York State, 1787-1835. You can access some free databases from home as well as search tips, frequently asked questions and navigation help. However, you will find around 3,000 record collections from this website offered from New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) at Jackson County Genealogy Library. —Andrea Patterson





## FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

As a member of RVGS, you undoubtedly are aware of the size and quality of our collection and websites and the friendly help offered by the librarians. Our mission is to make genealogical and historical records available to our members and the public in a variety of ways.

And, thanks to our dedicated membership we are growing, and we are able to provide you with more and better access to genealogical materials. RVGS is financially well situated. We have no debt, we receive no federal or state funds, and we are an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Our financial support comes from three main sources: memberships, research fees and donations.

Following are some of the opportunities for you to consider in making tax-deductible donations to RVGS:

RVGS has an **annual fund drive** to support general operating expenses which is usually launched each spring. We also have designated funds which are restricted to specific purposes. Currently, the designated funds are:

**Book Fund** used to purchase books for the library collection beyond the annual budgeted amount. If a memorial donation is made to this fund, a book plate will be placed in a book to honor that person and his/her name added to the Memorial Plaque in the Library. This fund also includes donations collected at RVGS general meetings.

**Technical Equipment Fund** is used to purchase technical equipment beyond the annual budgeted amount.

**Volunteer Recognition Fund** is used to thank volunteers at a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in December and on other important occasions. It is the Society's way of saying *thank you* to the many volunteers who donate hundreds of hours of work.

**RVGS Endowment Fund** is a permanent fund invested with The Oregon Community Foundation and only earnings may be withdrawn by RVGS. The Board has decided that no distributions will be taken from the Endowment Fund until after May 2012. The Endowment is a **permanent fund** and your gifts to it will be held in perpetuity for the sole benefit of RVGS. Endowment support is one of the most important ways to guarantee the future of RVGS and the Jackson County Genealogy Library for generations to come. Memorial donations may be made to this fund and the honored person's name will be entered in the Endowment Record and on the Memorial Plaque in the Library.

**Pledge for the Future Building Fund** is a five-year campaign to raise \$100,000 to fund building expansion or purchase of another building by 2015 so that we can begin to address the **challenges** of our current facility:

- Dwindling space for our growing collection
- Increasing demand for research computers
- Lack of quiet areas for reading, studying, researching
- Very limited parking
- Limited room for programs, classes and meetings
- Crowded work spaces for members and volunteers
- No sprinkler system in event of fire

By planning ahead, as we have done in the past, RVGS will be able to expand our services for our growing membership.

If you have any questions about the financial aspects of RVGS or wish to make a donation now or in the future, please contact our Treasurer, Colista Bailey ([cm Bailey74@msn.com](mailto:cm Bailey74@msn.com); 541-772-8318, or the Finance Director, Karen Asche ([kfasche@gmail.com](mailto:kfasche@gmail.com); 541-734-3147)

## [RVGS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR](#) [CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL!!!](#)

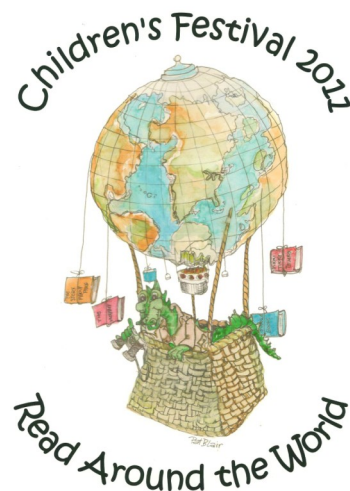
IF YOU CAN WORK A SHIFT (listed below),  
PLEASE CONTACT CONNIE MILLER at  
541-601-0012 OR [CJMILLER52@AOL.COM](mailto:CJMILLER52@AOL.COM)

**1. Sunday, July 10, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.** First Session, Britt Grounds. First Session begins at 5:30, so volunteer should arrive 1/2 hour early in order to be ready. Session ends at 8:30 and volunteer can leave almost immediately.

**2. Monday, July 11, 8:30 a.m. - noon.** Second Session begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon.

**3. Monday, July 11, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** NOTE: Third Session begins at 6 p.m., so volunteer should arrive at 5:30.

**4. Tuesday, July 12, 8:30 a.m. - noon.** Fourth Session begins at 9 a.m.



## ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS



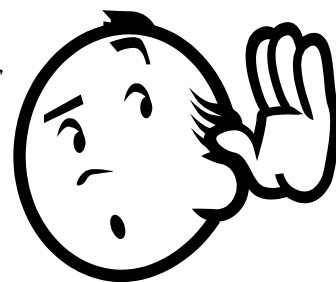
Periodicals published by RVGS include the *Between Us Diggers*, containing society news and events, and the *Rogue Digger*, containing articles of genealogical interest. Each quarter (March, June, September, December) members receive an email message notifying them that current issues of the *BUD*, *Digger*, and a list of new additions to the library are available online under the [News](#) tab on the Rogue Valley Genealogy Society website. You can read them online or you can print off cop-

ies to read and keep if you prefer. Members who do not have email receive the publications by post. We would **prefer** that members read the publications online if possible because printing and mailing costs can be more than \$2 per issue. If you do have email and are receiving the *BUD/Digger* by post please email us at [rvgslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:rvgslibrary@gmail.com) to provide us with your email address. For those who have a dialup connection, note that you do not have to download the periodicals into your email so opening the email will not be a problem for you. The *BUD*, *Rogue Digger*, and notification of library additions are mailed from [rvgslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:rvgslibrary@gmail.com); please add this address to your list of contacts if you have not already done this. Note that the official email address of the society remains [info@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:info@rvgslibrary.org). For communication related to topics other than publications please use the "info" address.

Recently, RVGS has begun publishing a blog and an email newsletter to supplement the *Between Us Digger* (BUD) and *Rogue Digger* (RD) publications. The purpose of these is to keep members better informed of upcoming events and to discuss website and internet resources. If you do not have email you will NOT receive the *News and Events Newsletter*, but you will receive a complete listing for each quarter's events in each issue of the *BUD*. The email *News and Events Newsletter* can be read online by going to [www.rvgsociety.org](http://www.rvgsociety.org) and clicking on [Read our Blog](#). If you have not been receiving the *News and Events Newsletter* please email us at [rvgslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:rvgslibrary@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list. The *News and Events Newsletter/Blog* is scheduled for publication on or about the first of each month that the *BUD/Digger* is not published. We hope to serve you better, providing timely updates less expensively, with these changes.

*Listen to the Experts*

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is proud to present a new series of classes taught by experts in the genealogical field. Have you ever wanted to attend a national conference so you could hear the national experts? This is the next best thing—listen to the experts on CD. All classes will be held in the Library classroom on Thursdays.



Here is the upcoming schedule for *Listen to the Experts*:

**June**

2 June 2011	11 a.m. Elizabeth Shown Mills	<i>The Identity Crises: Right Name, Wrong Man? Wrong Name, Right Man?</i>
9 June 2011	11 a.m. Elizabeth Shown Mills	<i>Genealogical Problem Solving: Professional Techniques for Everyday Success</i>
16 June 2011	11 a.m. Tom Jones	<i>Five Proven Techniques for Finding Your ancestor's European Roots</i>
23 June 2011	11 a.m. Tom Jones	<i>Solutions for Missing or Scarce Records</i>

# "Reckless Potluck"

That's right, we are reviving the RVGS "Reckless Potluck" for our final General Meeting before summer break. But this one will be a little different. We will be joining the Phoenix Historical Society for a combined potluck on June 21<sup>st</sup> followed by a tour of the Phoenix Pioneer Cemetery. We will get to know our neighbors and learn a little more about Pioneer Cemeteries.

The Potluck will be held on the Phoenix Historical Society grounds located at 607 N. Church St., Phoenix, OR. Bring a potluck dish to share, your table service and a folding chair. Drinks will be provided. Since June weather can be unpredictable, a sweater or jacket would be advisable.

# 2011 SCL RESEARCH TRIP

Earlier this spring, 19 RVGS members and friends traveled to Salt Lake City for several intense days of researching at the LDS Family History Center Library. We had a wonderful time in spite of the unpredictable weather. Many of us celebrated great success in breaking down a few of those "brick walls." It was particularly interesting for two RVGS Board members who boarded the bus on March 20<sup>th</sup> as friends and returned on March 27<sup>th</sup> as relatives. Yes, they discovered that they share a common ancestor, "Squire" Boone, the father of Daniel Boone and his younger brother Edward "Neddy" Boone. It's a small world isn't it?

Already in the planning stages is a trip for the spring of 2012 so it isn't too early to start making plans to go with us. We will get the information out as soon as we have a date and price. Hope you will join us!

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**GENERAL MEETING**

The third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.  
(Except July, Aug., and Dec.)

Usual location:  
OEA Uniserv Building  
2495 S. Pacific Highway  
Medford

**MEMBERSHIP**

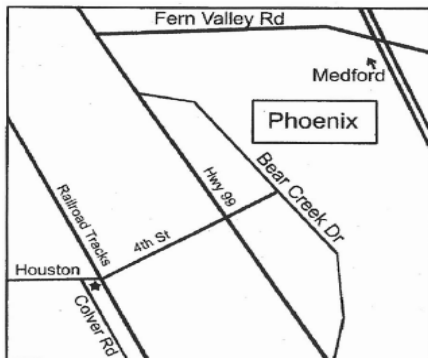
**Annual dues are \$30 for an individual and \$15 for each additional member of the same household. This includes library checkout privileges.**

**LIBRARY HOURS**

**Monday - Saturday  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Directions to the Library**

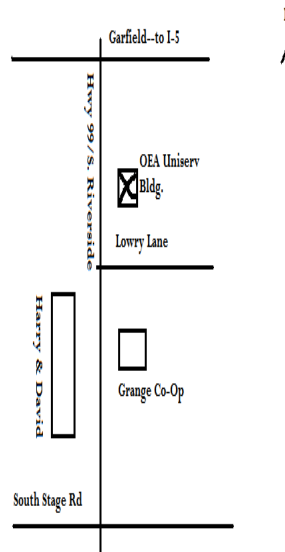
Enter Phoenix from I-5 or Hwy 99 and drive South on Hwy 99; Turn right on 4th, and continue until crossing the railroad tracks. Jackson County Genealogy Library is on the left.



**Directions to the OEA Uniserv Building 2495 South Pacific Hwy**

**From Medford (north):** drive south on Hwy 99. Turn left at the light on Lowry Lane. The building is on your left.

**From Ashland (south):** drive north on Hwy 99. Turn right at the light on Lowry Lane. The building is on your left.



**ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership: \$30 for an individual and \$15 for each additional household member
- \_\_\_\_\_ Life Membership: \$500 for an individual (\$200 is tax deductible)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Life Benefactor Membership: \$5,000 for an individual (\$4,700 is tax deductible)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you learn about the Society & Library? \_\_\_\_\_

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June

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| 3  | Friday    | Genealogy Workshop, 10:30 a.m., JCGL, <i>Basic Internet Navigation for Genealogy</i>                                |
| 11 | Saturday  | Genealogy Workshop, 10:30 a.m., JCGL, <i>How to Use the New LDS Family Search Site.</i>                             |
| 13 | Monday    | Regular Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., JCGL   |
| 15 | Wednesday | Genealogy Workshop, 10 a.m., OEA Uniserv Bldg., <i>Land Records</i>   |
| 21 | Tuesday   | General Membership Meeting and Potluck, Noon, Phoenix Historical Society, 607 North Church Street, Phoenix, Oregon. |

### July

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| 9  | Saturday | Genealogy Workshop, 10:30 a.m., JCGL, <i>Brick Wall Roundtable</i> |
| 11 | Monday   | Regular Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., JCGL                |

### August

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| 8  | Monday | Regular Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., JCGL   |
| 12 | Friday | Genealogy Workshop, 10:30 a.m., JCGL, <i>Beyond the Grave: What You Can Learn From Estate Records</i> |

See inside for additional details. Current and recent back issues of *The Rogue Digger* and *Between Us Diggers* are available at our society webpage: [www.rvgsociety.org](http://www.rvgsociety.org). You can access information about our library at [www.rvgslibrary.org](http://www.rvgslibrary.org).