



# BETWEEN US DIGGERS

## ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

### NEWSLETTER



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## WE WELCOME OUR LATEST RVGS LIFE MEMBERS !



**CAROLYN  
BERON**

After retirement from my own business, I was in search of an opportunity to volunteer at a place that I could enjoy learning, helping others and doing what I loved to do. The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society offered all of these opportunities. It is a great way to enhance my own skills.

I started doing my own family tree in 1985. I found it fascinating to locate and record our history. Genealogy personalizes this history for me; I feel a closer connection to the events that happened in my own family. It gives me a perspective of the hardships, tragedies, and triumphs of my ancestors. It made me realize how relatively easy I have it and how fortunate I am. I get a real sense of debt and gratitude.

While visiting the Jackson County Genealogy Library, I became aware that this active organization had wonderful volunteers, willing to train, assist and support the organization. I wanted to be part of this kind of group. A life-time membership is a tribute to all these past and current volunteers that have helped create this library.

*Carolyn is a Board Member and active volunteer. Thank you, Carolyn, for your continued investment in our society and library.*



**KAREN SCOTT**

I chose to be a *life member* of RVGS because of the wonderful helpers (volunteers) who work there. My ancestry is not from the Rogue Valley, however, this library has BIG resources. Carolyn Beron and Kathy Edwards were instrumental in helping me, not only to get organized with my genealogy work, but at figuring out how to use websites and very old microfilm. All of which I had zero skills in to begin with.

Even though I currently am taking a break from research, I feel comforted in knowing I can pick it up any time and there will someone at Rogue Valley Genealogy Library to help me. I am extremely grateful to Carolyn and Kathy for their help and therefore want to make sure I do my part in keeping the library going by supporting it financially when I can. The Life Membership is a financial "*thank you*" for all the volunteers.

*Thank you, Karen, for your continued investment in our society and library.*

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## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

Barbara Hanel  
 Barbara Clauson  
 Meredith A . Pech  
 Bill Robe  
 William Mathers  
 Delbert Littrell  
 Janice Kennedy  
 Pamela Olsen  
 Nancy Skei  
 George Winther  
 Mona R. Mitchell  
 Hope Tilton  
 Lois Brown  
 Judy Mayfield  
 Marie A. Rosenzweig  
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 Fredric Berger  
 Wylene & Larry Rogers  
 Ed & Nancy Vaughn  
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 Deanna Russell  
 Charlotte Redfield  
 Margie Farber  
 Debra Gates  
 Albert Lee  
 Betty Drake  
 Marita Ann Ulrich  
 Evelyn Weaver  
 Marlene M. Coleman  
 Marilyn Steele  
 Harriet J. Dorris  
 Patty Frantz  
 Sharon McChrystal  
 Daniel Mark  
 Sharan Newman  
 Patricia J. Glidwell  
 Robert Casebeer



## CLASSES & EVENTS

Saturday, September 10, 2011

### Brick Wall Roundtable

**When:** Sat, September 10, 10:30am – 12:00pm

**Where:** Jackson County Genealogy Library 95 Houston Rd.,  
Phoenix, OR

**Description:** Charleen Brown will lead a round table discussion to help you find ways to find that elusive ancestor. Bring your question e.g., "Who was Violet Pepperdine's mother?" and the list of the sources you have used to try to solve your problem. **FREE** to members and non-members.

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

### General Meeting Program

**When:** Tue, September 20, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

**Where:** OEA Building OEA/Uniserv Building located at 2495 S. Pacific Hwy. Medford

**Description:** Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Expert Russ Kautz will present "Civil War Strategy and Leadership." Mr. Kautz, is a West Point graduate and a local businessman who will offer his perspective regarding the strategy and leadership of the Civil War. Russ was born and raised in Medford, enlisted in the Army right out of high school, and was offered an appointment to West Point after attending the United States Military Academy Preparatory School. He graduated from West Point in 1982 with a BS with an area of concentration in Western European History. He was selected to become a Foreign Area Officer of the Soviet Union and spent one year at the Defense Language Institute and one year at the Naval Postgraduate School, both in Monterey, CA, to earn a masters degree in National Security Affairs. After 13 years on active duty as an Airborne Ranger Infantry Officer he took a voluntary separation from the Army, since all of the combat arms officers in his Russian Institute class were passed over for promotion to Major. This was right after the Berlin Wall came down, and the need for Soviet Union Foreign Area Officers was greatly diminished. Russ moved back to Medford and started a career as a Financial Consultant. He also joined the Oregon Army National Guard and is now a retired Lieutenant Colonel. He currently is an independent Certified Financial Planning Professional with over 17 years in the financial services industry and is a volunteer West Point Admissions Coordinator for Greg Walden's Congressional District. His love for the Civil War period began when he was in junior high school. **FREE**

## FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR . . .

We have reached about 64% of the \$100,000 goal for the five-year *Pledge for the Future* Building Fund campaign. This is the seed money necessary for RVGS to purchase or remodel a facility that will enable us to continue providing you with more and better access to genealogical records and to meet the Society's goals as stated in our Mission Statement.

We still need at least \$40,000 for the Building Fund. It's not too late to send us a check or visit our website to donate through PayPal. With three years remaining for the Building Fund campaign, please consider making an annual pledge that is comfortable for you. If you use PayPal, please remember to tell us you would like us to use your gift for the Building Fund.

*Thanks for each and every one of you for your generous support!*



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## GENEALOGY WEEK

September 26th through October 1st, 2011

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Oct 1
10:30 a.m. <b>Beginning Genealogy Part I</b>  Charleen Brown	10:30 a.m. <b>Accessing Major Genealogy Sites at JCGL</b>  Barbara Basden	10:30 a.m. <b>Basic Internet Searching with Ancestry, and Heritage Quest</b>  Andrea Patterson	10:30 a.m. <b>Using Land Records to Further Your Research</b>  Chuck Eccleston	10:30 a.m. <b>Techniques for Breaking Down Brick Walls</b>  Carolyn Beron	10:30 a.m. <b>Identifying Old Photos</b>  Andrea Patterson
Lunch Break Research time	Lunch Break Research time	Lunch Break Research time	Lunch Break Research time	Lunch Break Research time	Lunch Break Research time
1:00 p.m. <b>Using Library Resources and Online Library Catalog</b>  Anne Billeter	1:00 p.m. <b>What's New in Family Search</b>  Barbara Basden	1:00 p.m. <b>Just Websites</b>  Andrea Patterson	1:00 p.m. <b>If You Can Talk, You Can Write</b>  Charleen Brown	1:00 p.m. <b>Avoid Tunnel Vision While Using the Census</b>  Betty Miller	1:00 p.m. <b>Beginning Genealogy Part II</b>  Andrea Patterson
2:00 p.m. <b>Research Time</b>	2:00 p.m. <b>Research Time</b>	2:00 p.m. <b>Research Time</b>	2:00 p.m. <b>Research Time</b>	2:00 p.m. <b>Research Time</b>	2:00 p.m. <b>Research Time</b>

Genealogy Week will take place Monday, Sept. 26th through Saturday, October 1st and will feature a full schedule of free classes. Free research is available to those not attending mini-classes. Computers will be available except when being used for a mini-class. Bring a lunch and stay all day!



**Family History**

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## ON SEPTEMBER 10TH, BREAK DOWN BRICK WALLS



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### GENEALOGY BANK SUBSCRIPTION WEBSITE AT JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY

GenealogyBank’s archive contains five different collections of materials for family history research: Historical Newspapers, Historical Books, Historical Documents and Recent Newspaper Obituaries and the Social Security Death Index.

#### Historical Family History Records

**Historical Newspapers (1680-2007)** features over 300 years of fully-searchable historical newspapers printed in small towns and big cities throughout the U.S.

**Historical Books (1801-1900)** include hard-to-find printed items such as family genealogies, local histories, funeral sermons and biographies.

**Historical Documents (1789-1984)** include military records, causality lists, Revolutionary and Civil War pension requests, widow’s claims, orphan petitions, land grants and much more.

#### Recent Family History Records

**Newspaper Obituaries ( 1977 to current)** and free access to the up-to-date **Social Security Index**.

Newspapers are added on a regular basis. **Come to the library and check out this valuable site .**

~~ REMEMBERING ~~

Charlotte Marie (Collins) Bigelow  
b. 12-9-1937 d. 7-22-2011

~~ REMEMBERING ~~

Leona May Borough  
b. 2-3-1920 d. 5-23-2011

~~ REMEMBERING ~~

Allan A Alsing  
b. 1928 d. 5-22-2011

~~ REMEMBERING ~~

Ric Sayre  
b. 1953 d. 6-21-2011

~~ REMEMBERING ~~

Marion Gill  
b. 8-7-1909 d. 6-23-2011



GRANTS PASS AND ROGUE VALLEY  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES PRESENT



# OCTOBER GENEALOGY SEMINAR

## SAVE THE DATES



### DR. STEPHEN MORSE, PH.D.

Dr. Stephen Morse is a computer professional with a doctoral degree in electrical engineering from New York University. He is best known as the architect of the Intel 8086 (the granddaddy of today's Pentium processor).

Besides working in the fields of research, product development and teaching, he holds four patents and has written four textbooks and many technical papers.

Several years ago in the course of doing his own web-based genealogy research, Dr. Morse developed the One-Step searching aids on which the Saturday seminar is based. At the Friday evening workshop, he will draw from his scientific knowledge to present genetic genealogy concepts in an easy-to-understand manner.

### FRIDAY EVENING WORKSHOP

October 21, 2011, 7-9 PM

\$20.00 through 9/30/11

\$25.00 after 9/30/11

- DNA to Genetic Genealogy
- Genealogy Beyond the Y Chromosome: Autosomes Exposed

### SATURDAY SEMINAR

October 22, 2011, 9-4 PM

\$25.00 through 9/30/11

\$30.00 after 9/30/11

- One-Step Website: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools
- One-Step Website: A Hodgepodge of Lesser Known Gems

### LUNCH BREAK

- Creating One-Step Search Application
- Phonetic Matching—Soundex with Fewer False Hits

To be held at the Jackson County Library Services  
Medford Branch

205 South Central Avenue

Medford, Oregon

Information and Registration for  
October Seminar:  
(541) 512-2340

[www.rvgsociety.org](http://www.rvgsociety.org)

or

[gpgenealogy.org](http://gpgenealogy.org)

**RVGS ENDOWMENT**

Our Endowment Fund invested with The Oregon Community Foundation now totals approximately **\$36,000**. The Endowment is a permanent fund and gifts to it will be held in perpetuity for the sole benefit of RVGS. Endowment support guarantees the future of RVGS and the Jackson County Genealogy Library for generations to come. One of the easiest ways for you to help build this fund is to **let your family and friends know that gifts (during your lifetime) and memorials (after your death) can be made in your honor to the RVGS Endowment Fund** and they are tax deductible for income tax purposes. Also, please consider mentioning RVGS in your Will or Trust Agreement.



**DON'T MISS THE 2ND ANNUAL ANCESTOR PHOTO CONTEST**



The competition is open to both members and non-members of the Society. The deadline for entries December 1, 2011. Prizes will be awarded in every category and winners will be announced at the General Meeting January 17, 2012.

This year's categories: *Wedding, Military, Group, Children, Funniest Ancestor, Transportation & Travel, Oldest Photo, Occupation, Outrageous Hair/Hats/Headpieces, Interesting Headstone of an Ancestor (new category), Most Handsome, Most Beautiful, Open Class*

Bring in or mail a copy of your photo with the entry fee to the Jackson County Genealogy Library. Label the back with your name, address and phone number and any information pertaining to the photo. All entries become the property of Rogue Valley Genealogical Society and will not be returned.

There is no limit on the number of entries. (Because these photos are displayed, no electronic submissions, please. Sorry, due to liability issues, no photos of live people should be entered.)

Winners will also be published in the Rogue Digger.

**Submit photos with fee (members \$5.00 per photo, non members \$7.50 per photo)**

**Mail to: RVGS Photo Contest, P. O. Box 1468, Phoenix, Oregon 97535**

**Bring to: Jackson County Genealogy Library, 95 Houston Road, Phoenix, Oregon.**



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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**

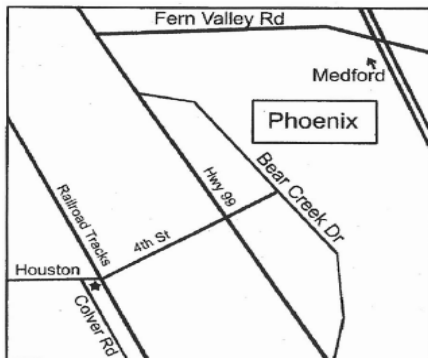
**Annual dues are \$30 for an individual and \$15 for each additional member of the same household. This includes library checkout privileges.**

**LIBRARY HOURS**

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

**Directions to the Library**

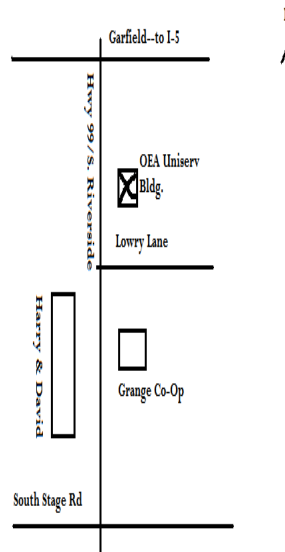
Enter Phoenix from I-5 or Hwy 99 and drive South on Hwy 99; Turn right on 4th, and continue until crossing the railroad tracks. Jackson County Genealogy Library is on the left.



**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? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to RVGS, (95 Houston Rd.), Mail to: P.O. Box 1468, Phoenix, OR 97535.**

**Please call 541-512-2340 if you must receive our newsletter by postal mail.**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

- 5 **Monday** **Closed for Labor Day**  
12 **Monday** Regular Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., JCGL  
20 **Tuesday** General Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m. OEA Uniserv Bldg.  
26 **Monday** **Genealogy Week Begins at RVGS Library! SEE INSIDE!**

### October

- 10 **Monday** Regular Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., JCGL  
18 **Tuesday** General Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m. OEA Uniserv Bldg.

### November

- 14 **Monday** Regular Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., JCGL  
15 **Tuesday** General Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m. OEA Uniserv Bldg.  
24 **Thursday** **Closed November 24-27 for Thanksgiving**

### December

- 12 **Monday** Regular Board of Directors meeting, 9:30 a.m., JCGL  
16 **Friday** **Last day open in 2011. We will reopen January 2nd, 2012.**

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