



# BETWEEN US DIGGERS

## ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

### NEWSLETTER



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## GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY!



**What: Big Celebration, Raffle Drawing, Food, and Entertainment**

**When: September 21, 2012—3 to 6 p.m.**

**Where: 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR**  
Click link for [Map](#).

**Cost: Free!**

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT \$5.00 WOULD DO?

We need your support. If every member of RVGS would pledge to donate just \$5.00 per month, that would cover our loan interest payment plus pay down the principal amount by .25% monthly. Our organization depends on the support of its members for the majority of its income. We have purchased a larger building that will allow members to have easier access to the collection, to allow more space for classes, and to hold general meetings in our own building. Volunteers are actively working on improving the building so the new library will be something to be proud of. If we knew that we would have the income on a monthly basis to cover our loan commitments, we could invest monies currently in our building fund in improvements to the new library rather than allocating a portion of those funds for loan payments.

What has RVGS and its library given you? Relatives? Documents? Classes? New skills?

### Other ways you can support RVGS and the new building:

- ◆ Donate to the Building Fund
- ◆ Volunteer to help remodeling the new building, packing library contents, moving, unpacking, etc.
- ◆ Create a Perpetual Memorial or Obituary Web Page on the JCGL website
- ◆ Spread the word that our current building is for sale
- ◆ Become a Life Member
- ◆ Sell and buy raffle tickets
- ◆ Share your fundraising ideas
- ◆ Attend programs and classes

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## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

DeEllen Baxter, rejoining  
 Amy Peil  
 Vickie Skinner, rejoining  
 Lou Stabler  
 Bobbie Shultz  
 Dwight George Barber, rejoining  
 Barbara Hoffman  
 Pat Shute, rejoining  
 Julie Swallow  
 Martha Gellermann  
 Prudence Marquardt  
 Norbert Leiberg  
 Sandra Orsini, rejoining  
 Leef Hafner  
 Charley & Jeanena Wilson, rejoining  
 Dorothy Davis  
 Laurelyn & William Furrow  
 Elizabeth Rees-Higgins  
 Tina R. Logan  
 Margaret Duggar, rejoining  
 Betty Henagin  
 Joni Brooks  
 Larry Piper  
 Doug & Sue Harris  
 Shelley Johnson  
 James & Karen Meade  
 Jolie Johnson  
 Gail Nicholson  
 Laura Graham-Prats  
 Erin O'Roarke-Meadors  
 Donald Stroud  
 Annabelle Wessels  
 Doug & Sue Harris

## CLASSES & EVENTS



### SEPTEMBER

**Tuesday, September 18, 2012 9:30 a.m.**

#### **Workshop with Connie Lenzen: Artifacts and Your Genealogy**

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

Description: Artifacts are a window into a person's past and a vital source of information about our ancestors. When we go to the next level and research those artifacts, we often uncover hidden clues that lead us to a new understanding of our ancestor. Sometimes we even find relatives. Fee is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Call 541-512-2340 or email [info@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:info@rvgslibrary.org) to reserve a space.

**Tuesday, September 18, 2012 11:00 a.m.**

#### **Workshop with Connie Lenzen: I Know They Existed, But I Can't Find Them: Twentieth Century Research**

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

Description: Genealogists have one, two, or three generations of ancestors to track through the 20th century; a century marked by an emphasis on privacy and the closure of records. What do you do if grandpa and grandma did not leave information about the family's birthplace? Or, what do you do if you don't even know grandpa and grandma's names? Where do you turn after you have exhausted your home records, your relatives have told you everything they know, and those elusive folks didn't leave tracks on the internet? Fee is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Call 541-512-2340 or email [info@rvgslibrary.org](mailto:info@rvgslibrary.org) to reserve a space.

**Tuesday, September 18, 2012 1:30 p.m.**

#### **Genealogy Program for the Public with Connie Lenzen: Location, Location, Location**

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

Description: Many of your research questions can be answered when you place your people on the land. That's easier said than done. How do you figure out where they lived, and how do you find a map? If this is something you want to do, this lecture is just what you need. Free and open to the public.

#### **Who Is Connie Lenzen?**

Connie Lenzen is a Board-certified genealogist. "CG" and "Certified Genealogist" are service marks of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, and are used by authorized associates following periodic, peer-reviewed competency evaluations. A Board-certified genealogist is proficient in all areas of genealogical research.

## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

(continued)

James & Karen Meade  
W. Jean Mellen  
Joyce Hailicka  
Terry Fischer  
Judith Stanford  
Kevin Arrington  
Sandra Elam  
Zellah Swartsley  
Colleen D. Searle  
Ann & Danny Sitton  
Mary Crandall  
Helen F. Smith  
Paula Brenner

### SEPTEMBER 10-21

**Jackson County Genealogical Society Library in Phoenix, OR, will be closed while we move to our new location at 3405 S. Pacific Highway in Medford, OR**

~~ REMEMBERING ~~

Nancy Leonard  
Born July 13, 1934  
Died July 26, 2012

## CLASSES & EVENTS (continued)



### OCTOBER

Monday, October 1, 2012, through Saturday, October 6, 2012

**Genealogy Week**  
(see schedule on Page 7)

Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 1:30am – 3:30pm

### **Genealogy Program for the Public with Bonnie Yates: Mothers and Daughters: Tracing the Maternal Line in Genealogy**

Where: Jackson County Genealogy Library at 3405 Pacific Hwy, Medford

Description: Bonnie Yates, DAR member, will be the guest lecturer on the topic, "Mothers and Daughters: Tracing the Maternal Line in Genealogy." My thoughts are to explain/explore the mitochondrial DNA line and connect the science of genetics (very light) with the art of genealogical inquiry and throw in some interesting stories of finding lineages of "First Daughters," who are the first generation offspring of veterans of the American Revolutionary War. Receive hints on finding leads and documents on female ancestors. **Free and open to the public.**

Bonnie C. Yates will retire this year as Mammal Unit Coordinator in the Morphology Section of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife's National Fish & Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon. Before that, from 1977 to 1992, she directed the Archaeozoology Lab at the University of North Texas. Her specialties include mammalian osteology, microscopic hair identification, and forensic taphonomy. Her favorite pastime is genealogy, and she is presently the Regent of Lat-gawa Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. As such, she helps prospective members investigate their personal lineages to see if they can trace back to someone who served the young nation during its War of Independence. Many DAR members continue to research their family trees for additional patriots, and Bonnie helps them with that by conducting workshops, usually at the RVGS Library, three or four times a year.

Thursday, October 18, 2012, 10:30am – 12:30pm

### **Introduction to Genealogy: Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How?**

Where: Jackson County Genealogy Library at 3405 Pacific Hwy, Medford

Description: First in a series of Beginning Genealogy Classes. Instructors Anne Billeter & Betty Miller will start you off with the basics of genealogy: how to start, forms to use, documentation, researching at libraries, court-houses and cemeteries. Fee is \$10.00 for Members, \$20.00 for non-members. Call 541-512-2340 for reservations.

## CLASSES & EVENTS (continued)



**Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

### **Diggin' in the Dark: Genealogy After Hours**

Where: Jackson County Genealogy Library at 3405 Pacific Hwy, Medford

Description: Join the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society staff and members for a free, full evening of family history fun. No previous genealogy experience is necessary. Bring your known family information, a USB flash drive for saving what we find and your supper. Please register by phone 541-512-2340 or in person at Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford, OR.

**Saturday, October 27, 2012, 10:30am – 12:30pm**

### **Second in a series of Beginning Genealogy Classes. Record Groups & Evidence Analysis: Where You'll Find Your Ancestors' Information**

Where: Jackson County Genealogy Library at 3405 Pacific Hwy, Medford

Description: Instructor Melinda Henningfield will teach you how to find the records you need. You will want to consult original records, if possible, to find information about your ancestors. The following record groups will be discussed: census, land, court, military, immigration/naturalization, church, newspaper, directories, business, and vital records, and how to document what you have located. Fee is \$10.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members. Call 541-512-2340 for reservations.

**Saturday, November 3, 2012, 10:30am – 12:30pm**

### **Third in a series of Beginning Genealogy Classes. Beginning U.S. Internet Navigation: Where You'll Find Information about Your Ancestors.**

Where: Jackson County Genealogy Library at 3405 Pacific Hwy, Medford

Description: Instructor Andrea Patterson will teach you how to use the internet as a tool, and what's new and what it can do for your research. You will learn ways of communicating with other researchers and using search strategies that go beyond just surnames. We will explore websites and directories for specific research areas of interest. Fee is \$10.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members. Call 541-512-2340 for reservations.

**Saturday, November 10, 2012, 10:30am – 12:30pm**

### **Fourth in a series of Beginning Genealogy Classes: Accessing Genealogy Internet Sites at the Jackson County Genealogy Library**

Where: Jackson County Genealogy Library at 3405 Pacific Hwy, Medford

Description: Instructor Barbara Basden will present the kinds of records available and search techniques for the following websites: Ancestry, Fold3, Genealogy Bank, American Ancestors, World Vital Records, Heritage Quest, Family Search, and FindMyPast. Fee is \$10.00 for Members, \$20.00 for non-members. Call 541-512-2340 for reservations.

**Thursday, November 15, 2012, 10:30am – 12:30pm**

### **Fifth and last in a series of Beginning Genealogy Classes: Paper and Computer Organization**

Where Jackson County Genealogy Library at 3405 Pacific Hwy, Medford, OR.

Description: Instructors Colleen Eccleston and Andrea Patterson will teach you ways to organize and save your genealogy, and explore paper options and electronic methods. Genealogy software will be demonstrated. Fee is \$10.00 for Members, \$20.00 for non-members. Call 541-512-2340 for reservations.

**Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 1:30am – 3:30pm**

### **Genealogy Program for the Public: 2012 Writing Contest Winners**

Where: Jackson County Genealogy Library at 3405 Pacific Hwy, Medford

Description: Join us for the results of the 2012 Writing Contest. [Free and open to the public.](#)



## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

### CHARLOTTE HENRY



Charlotte Henry is a new **LIFE MEMBER**. She has been actively involved with the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society for over 15 years, joining in 1997. She has made many physical moves with the library from downtown Medford to Phoenix and soon to the new library location at 3405 S. Pacific

Highway, Medford.

Charlotte's husband, Gene Henry, has been an Honorary Member for many years serving as Accessions Director giving all new book donations and purchases call numbers. Sounds easy until you learn all the numbers and bookkeeping required to catalog this growing collection!

Charlotte has been involved in many projects over the years including the Bulletin Project and the Obituary and Marriage Project in the days of paper "cut and paste." She has held positions as Cashier, Vice-President and is and has been a long term librarian helping others. Charlotte is currently MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON on the Board, serving previously as Maintenance Director. We occasionally give her some time to do her own Genealogy!

Charlotte and Gene have remained dedicated members with their volunteer activities and financial contributions. We are grateful for their continued support. Welcome Charlotte as a new life member and THANK YOU!

### JOHN AND JANIE STEWART



John and Janie Stewart are among our latest **LIFE MEMBERS**. They first got involved in the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society about 12 years ago thanks to their friendship with Chuck and Colleen Eccleston. They are faithful volunteers and contributed the alarm system to our building. RVGS thanks them for

their confidence and support in our society and continually growing library. Janie tells us the following:

Someone in John's family had already completed a lot of work on his genealogy and we were curious to see where else that would lead. John even had two books on his paternal line! My family, on the other

hand, was a complete mystery. Like many of us, I had not asked anything about the family while mother was alive and she hadn't talked about it either, so I was really in the dark. Chuck helped me find my maternal great-grandfather in the 1860 Census and from there on I was hooked!!

Not too long after that I became involved as a volunteer librarian and a few years later when the library became a totally volunteer organization, I took the job of Office Manager. John also began to volunteer as a librarian around that time. We have enjoyed several trips to Utah with the RVGS group to research at the Salt Lake City Library.

We are really happy about moving to the new location and can hardly wait to see the completed renovation of the building. It will be wonderful to have all that additional space. We are totally committed to the future success of RVGS and plan to continue offering our time and financial support as we are able.

### NELL MATHERN

Among our newest **LIFE MEMBERS** is Nellie Marie Pielact Mathern. She goes by Nell ("only family calls me Nellie"). She was born in Billings, Montana on December 29, 1942. Her husband is Jerry Mathern and they have six children, three sons and

three daughters. One son is deceased. Nell worked most of her life in a medical laboratory, and retired as church secretary at the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, OR.



Nell reports that her hobbies include quilting and she has been a member of the Jacksonville Museum Quilters since 1979. She

enjoys doing research for her family's genealogy and historical quilt research. The photo shows the beautiful quilt Nell made for her granddaughter's wedding. Nell has been an RVGS member since 2009, and we are pleased to have her! Her contributions include scanning the original book of Session Minutes for the First Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville which were mostly hand-written by the church founders in Jacksonville. The church Session agreed to give RVGS a copy, so others can read these historical documents recording important church history local to our area.

Again, Nell, thank you for your continued support of the society.

## ROBERTA ORTEGA

There are many helping hands in our society. Roberta Ortega is a librarian, avid researcher, and valued volunteer at the Jackson County Genealogy Library. A Phoenix resident, Roberta is also an active volunteer of the Phoenix Historical Society and the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library.

She is now among our newest **LIFE MEMBERS**.

Thank you Roberta for your continuing dedication to our library and society. Your help and support is sincerely appreciated!

## PERPETUAL MEMORIAL AND OBITUARY WEB PAGES

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. is pleased to announce a program to honor our Rogue Valley ancestors through perpetual memorial and obituary pages on our



website. We envisage a memorial page as including vital statistics such as parents names, birthplace and date, siblings, marriage date and place, spouse's name, children's names, death date and place, and burial place. In addition we want to include a brief comment or anecdote that gives some insight into the honoree's character along with two or three pictures including a headstone

photo if possible. Follow this link for the Memorial Memories page <http://www.rvgslibrary.org/Memorials.html> to see examples of pages already created. Just click on a name at the bottom of that page. As you can imagine, a memorial page might be created at any time after the honoree's passing--even after many years have elapsed.

Our concept of a Jackson County Genealogy Library obituary page is more along the lines of a traditional newspaper obituary, which usually includes vital statistics along with funeral arrangements, survivors, and a single photo. An obituary is usually created at the time of an individual's death, although it could be created at any time.

Our recommended donation for creating a perpetual memorial and/or obituary page is \$100. To submit information to the webmaster for your own perpetual memorial or obituary page go to: <http://www.rvgslibrary.org/Memorials-Obits.html>

## ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Thanks to the support of our members, we are pleased to announce that the Annual Fund Drive has exceeded the goal of \$8,500 by \$230 for a grand total of \$8,730. This generosity and support by our members is greatly appreciated. This year, the Annual Fund Drive donations have been added to the building remodeling project to complete our new building. This has been a big help in meeting remodeling expenses.



However, we aren't finished yet! As you will read in other articles in this publication, work on the new building is progressing and when finished we will have a library that will be the pride of every member. We have received wonderful member support through volunteer workers and contributions of money to the building fund but, we still need more of both and we can't forget the ongoing mortgage payment. If you haven't volunteered or made your donation, it is not too late! We need your help now!

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

### LOCATION REMINDER!



*Just a reminder that our September classes/workshops and general meeting (open to the public) will be held at the OEA/Uniserv building in September, not at the new library. Activities in the new library will begin after the grand opening.*

## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY!

In order to better meet the needs of our membership, there is a ten-question survey online that will let you indicate when and what types of programs and classes you would like to have at the new building. Please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZY99FR3> to take the survey. We want to hear from YOU!

## Genealogy Week Schedule of Events

October 2012

Monday 1st	Tuesday 2nd	Wednesday 3d	Thursday 4th	Friday 5th	Saturday 6th
10:30 a.m. Beginning Genealogy Part I  Charleen Brown	10:30 a.m. Finding Genealogy Sites at JCGL  Barbara Basden	10:30 a.m. Ba- sic Internet Searching with Ancestry and Heritage Quest Andrea Patterson	10:30 a.m. Land Records  Chuck Eccleston	10:30 a.m. Memory Books  Charleen Brown	10:30 a.m. Identifying Old Photos  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. Using Library Resources and Online Library Catalog  Anne Billeter	1:00 p.m. Using Mocavo: A Search Engine for Genealogists  Barbara Basden	1:00 p.m. Just Websites  Andrea Patterson	1:00 p.m. If You Can Talk, You Can Write  Charleen Brown	1:00 p.m. Avoid Tunnel Vision While Using the Census  Betty Miller	1:00 p.m. Beginning Gene- alogy, Part II  Andrea Patterson
2:00 p.m. Research Time	2:00 p.m. Research Time	2:00 p.m. Research Time	2:00 p.m. Research Time	2:00 p.m. Research Time	2:00 p.m. Research Time

### Special table:

Using your family tree for special gifts. Great gift ideas on display for the upcoming holiday season.

## JACKSON COUNTY GENEALOGY LIBRARY

Sponsored by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society

3405 PACIFIC HWY, MEDFORD, OR

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IT'S FREE, IT'S FUN

GET YOUR GENEALOGY DONE!

*Open research time before and after classes*

## **Genealogy Week 2012, Class Descriptions**

**All Classes Will Be Held at 3405 S. Pacific Highway**

**Monday:****“Beginning Genealogy” by Charleen Brown, & “Using Library Resources and Online Library Catalog” with Anne Billeter, Library Director**

When: Mon, October 1, 2012, 10:30am-11:30pm and 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Description: To start Genealogy Week, this class is for everyone wanting to begin learning about genealogy. In the afternoon, Anne Billeter will show you how to use the Library Resources and online Library Catalog. Free research time in between classes.

**Tuesday:****“Finding Genealogy Sites at JCGL” & “Using Mocavo: A Search Engine for Genealogists,” by Barbara Basden**

When: Tue, October 2, 2012, 10:30am-11:30am and 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Description: Learn how to quickly access major and minor genealogy websites at JCGL as well as how to conduct effective searches and print records from major sites. In the afternoon Barbara will cover Mocavo, a search engine specially designed to find surnames and places where your ancestors lived. You're more likely to have success with Mocavo than Google.

**Wednesday:****“Basic Internet Searching with Ancestry and Heritage Quest” & “Just Websites,” by Andrea Patterson**

When: Wed, October 3, 2012, 10:30am-11:30am and 1:00pm-2:00pm

Description: Ancestry and Heritage Quest for beginners. We will focus on learning basic searches on these sites, which will help with your Internet navigation on many other genealogy websites. With the class called “Just Websites”, we will look at some US regional sites and categories helping you to think “outside the box” or outside of the large, popular websites.

**Thursday:****“Land Records” by Chuck Eccleston, & “If You Can Talk, You Can Write” by Charleen Brown**

When: Thu, October 4, 2012, 10:30am-11:30am and 1:00pm-2:00pm

Description: Chuck Eccleston will show you how to obtain and read land records to your advantage in location those elusive ancestors. In the afternoon, Charleen Brown will give you guidelines in writing your family history stories. Leave a legacy for your grandchildren.

**Friday:****“Memory Books” by Charleen Brown, & “Avoiding Tunnel Vision” by Betty Miller**

When: Fri, October 5, 2012, 10:30am-11:30am and 1:00pm-2:00pm

Description: Inexpensive self publishing of your own simple “Memory Books” using your photos, stories and/or recipes to create a lasting memory will be discussed. In the afternoon Betty Miller will describe using census records to support your genealogy work and how to really “read” the census.

**Saturday:****“Identifying Old Photos” & “Beginning Genealogy Part II,” by Andrea Patterson**

When: Sat, October 6, 2012, 10:30am-11:30am and 1:00pm-2:00pm

Description: Do you have unidentified photos that you would like to have more information on? This first morning class will help you determine their origin. In the afternoon, people who want help continuing to get started doing genealogy research will appreciate the information in this “beginning” class. (Goes beyond the first beginning class.)



## CHANGE IS COMING TO JCGL

by Anne Billeter

Change is coming to RVGS and the Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL). Whenever change happens, both bad change AND good change, we have to adjust. Adjusting can take time...so forewarning can be helpful.

### INTERFILING LIBRARY MATERIALS

One change that is coming to JCGL with the move to the new building is the interfiling of the Reference books (most of the book collection), the Circulating books (mostly duplicate copies, but not all), AND the bulletins.

### BULLETINS

For years the bulletins have been shelved separately in the classroom, arranged alphabetically by state, and within state by title. Bulletins that are about multiple states have been arranged after the individual states, labeled "MU" (for "Multiple") and alphabetized by title. Bulletins about a single surname (often with variant spellings) have been labeled "FAM" and arranged alphabetically by surname. Finally, bulletins about other countries have been labeled by the country's name, alphabetized first by country, then by title.

Our bulletins have languished in the classroom. Many library patrons have not realized the bulletins were there and available for checkout by Society members. Many have not realized the treasures hidden within the bulletins.

This will change, as Dewey Decimal numbers are being assigned to the bulletins so that they can be shelved with books on the same subject. If you are researching your ancestors in Buffalo County, Nebraska, after the JCGL

move you will find all 24 volumes of issues of *Buffalo Chips* shelved with books about Buffalo County, Nebraska. (Years ago I had a major breakthrough regarding my grandmother's birthplace as a result of checking out 4 volumes of the "Buffalo Chips" at a time, taking them home, and reading them page by page. Now I realize I need to check out the more recent issues, which JCGL did not then own: I may find more information about my family!) The information in the "Buffalo Chips" and our other bulletins is NOT easily available anywhere else. Most of it is NOT on the internet. It simply doesn't exist anywhere except in the pages of these bulletins (or in some cases in the basement of a courthouse or church or....)

### ASSIGNING DEWEY NUMBERS

It has been both fascinating and a challenge to assign Dewey Decimal numbers to the bulletins. Fascinating, because there are so many really interesting bulletins—often about places I have been researching, but for which I hadn't remembered to check to see if we had a bulletin. For example, when I was researching the "Mystery of the Hatbox and the Suitcase," I discovered that Fanny Kindig and her family lived in South Bend, Indiana, during part of Fanny's life. I did not know we had 8 volumes of issues of the *South Bend Indiana Genealogical Society Newsletter*. There may be answers in those bulletins to questions I still have about Fanny and her family!

It has been a challenge to assign Dewey Decimal numbers because often it is difficult to discern WHERE the bulletin is focused: Is it about a specific city?



An entire county? A region of a state? A multi-state region, and if so, which states? Many, many times the title does not provide a clue. If you lived in Indiana, what area would you think the "Rogue Digger" was about? Yes, there's a map of the county on the cover page of each issue, but the county isn't named. Yes, our address is on the cover of each issue...but our address doesn't name our county. As a result, I spent a lot of time reading portions of the bulletins in an effort to find out what areas they were about!

Several bulletins provided a serious challenge. Where should bulletins published by the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia be shelved? I discovered that our catalogers had placed all of the bulletins by this society in "Germany," but our books about Germans from Russia can be found in the following Dewey Decimal numbers:

325 (International migration and colonization)

929.2 (Family history)

947 (General history of Europe: Eastern Europe: Soviet Union)

978.3394 (Yankton County, South Dakota)

Some of the articles are about the places in Russia where the immigrants came from. Some are about the places

in the United States where the immigrants settled. Some are about the immigrants themselves. It is a puzzle not yet resolved...so look in our online catalog to find out where we decided to locate them!

#### CARD CATALOG

The card catalog has been discontinued. We are no longer adding catalog cards for new materials. The card catalog

will continue to be available in the new library, but will become less and less useful as we add more new materials to the library collection. Also, the card catalog cannot be searched by keyword!

#### ONLINE CATALOG

Please use the online catalog to be sure you find ALL of the library materials on your subject! We have microfilm, microfiche, CDs, a few DVDs and videos,

AND we have books which are assigned Dewey numbers other than those indicative of the place they are about. A good example of this is the *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, a multi-volume set by William Wade Hinshaw. Some of the volumes are about a single state, but rather than separating the set and placing some of the volumes with books about their individual state, they are all shelved in 289.6/Hinshaw.

*The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society  
cordially invites you  
to the*

**GRAND OPENING**  
*of the new  
Jackson County Genealogy Library*

*September 21, 2012 from 3-6 PM  
Ribbon Cutting at 3 PM*

*Raffle Drawings & Door Prizes  
Punch and Dessert  
Tours of our Beautiful New Library  
Music by 4th Wednesday String Band  
3405 South Pacific Highway  
Medford, Oregon*



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**GENERAL MEETING**

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

**September 2012 location:**

OEA Uniserv Building  
2495 S. Pacific Highway  
Medford, OR

**Starting in October 2012, location:**

Jackson County Genealogical Library  
3405 S. Pacific Highway  
Medford, OR

(Map to come in the next issue!)

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**LIBRARY HOURS**

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

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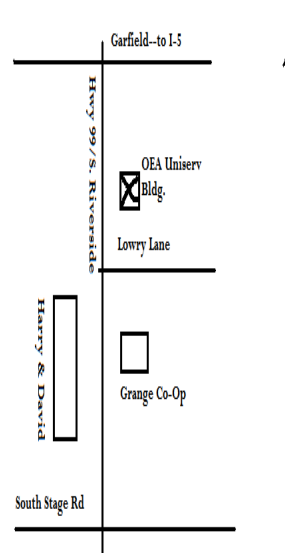
**MEMBERSHIP**

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

**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)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

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| 10    | Monday  | Regular Board of Directors Meeting, early time 8 a.m., old Jackson County Genealogical Library in Phoenix, Oregon |
| 10-21 |         | <a href="#">Phoenix Library location closed for move to the new library location</a>                              |
| 18    | Tuesday | General Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m. OEA Uniserv Bldg. , 2495 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR                    |

### October

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| 8  | Monday  | Regular Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., <a href="#">new Jackson County Genealogical Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR</a> |
| 16 | Tuesday | General Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Jackson County Genealogical Library  |

### November

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| 12 | Monday  | Regular Board of Directors Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Jackson County Genealogical Library |
| 20 | Tuesday | General Membership Meeting, 1:30 p.m. Jackson County Genealogical Library          |

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