



Classes and Meetings

All classes are held at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway. Where indicated please register in advance. Some classes and workshops are free but there are fees for others, please check for fees at the end of the class description.

Tue, May 5

Family Tree Maker "PC" User Group, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

This is an informal, casual group where everyone is encouraged to bring problems or concerns, etc. and as a group we try and resolve these issues. It is a great way to keep connected and share information, too. Please call (541)512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to register for this class. Free and Fun!

Thu, May 7

JCGL Quilt Documentation Day, 10:00 am – 1:30pm

Quilt owners are encouraged to bring in their quilts so that we can document and preserve information about the quilts and quilt makers for future generations. Knowing the "who, why, when and where" about a quilt adds meaning and richness to your family history. Please call (541)512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to schedule an appointment well in advance. We will send you a quilt history form for each quilt (limit 2 per owner) to complete and bring with you. The cost is \$10 per quilt.

Thu, May 7



"Digital Newspapers," 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Join us for a two part class on digital newspapers. The first hour is presented by Sheila Rabun of the University of Oregon on the *Oregon Digital Newspaper Project (ODNP)* and *Chronicling America* (the Library of Congress' free country-wide collection of historical digitized newspapers) and the second hour is a discussion of the three JCGL subscription websites, *Genealogy Bank*, *NewspaperArchive*, and *Newspapers.com* (collections of digitized newspapers both historical and recent) by Anne Billeter. This class will be extremely helpful to librarians, volunteers and those who are trying to use newspapers in their family history research. Please call (541)512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to register for this class. Free.

Sat, May 9

Family Tree Maker - Creating Charts and Reports, 10:30am – 12:30pm


FTM offers a wide variety of family tree charts to help you show off your work. You can add your own personal touches by customizing the charts with backgrounds, colors, photos, fonts, and more. FTM also includes a number of reports to help you organize and understand all the information you have entered in your tree. Charleen Brown is the instructor. Please call (541)512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to register for this class. Cost: \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members.

Wed, May 13

Family Tree Maker - MAC User Group, 10am – 11:30am

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You can read the eNews on our blog. Click the "Read Our Blog" link from either of our websites, <http://rvgslibrary.org> or <http://rvgsociety.org>. You can also check on times and dates for classes and events by clicking on the calendar link on the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society website (<http://rvgsociety.org>).

RVGS also publishes a quarterly genealogical periodical, *The Rogue Digger*. If you are an RVGS member you will receive a copy of the *The Rogue Digger* by email each quarter. Current

Family Tree Maker ~ MAC User Group, 10am - 11:30am

Family Tree Maker User Group (Mac computers). Barbara MacMillen is the facilitator of this informal group discussing FTM, Genealogy and Mac computers. Please either call (541)512-2340 or email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance for this workshop. Free.

Thu, May 14

"Genealogy on the Go!" 10:30am - 12:00pm

It's a mobile world, carry your family tree in your pocket. This class, taught by Rich Miles, will provide an overview of genealogy centric apps available for the iPhone and iPad. (Apps will be cross-referenced with Android devices, but presenter will not be able to assist with the Android operating system). You can bring your smart phone or tablet, but it is not necessary. Knowledge of how to purchase and download apps is preferred. Please either call (541)512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to sign up in advance. For members only. Free.

Sun, May 17 - Sun, May 24



RVGS Member Research Trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City

All reservations must be made individually, but we will gather at the Plaza Hotel in Salt Lake City and can walk together the few steps required to get to the Family History Library. We will have the opportunity to socialize as a group and share our finds during this research trip. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society for May 17 through May 24. Call the hotel at 801-521-0130 to reserve YOUR room within that block. Then arrange your travel to Salt Lake City. We recommend that you make flight reservations through Delta Airlines. Delta has a direct flight to Salt Lake City that leaves and returns at mid-day. The cost of the room is \$84/night for a single or a double. The estimated cost of the flight is \$450. Please contact Betty Miller, 541-245-3427 or millerba1@hotmail.com. Betty will schedule a meeting before the trip to answer questions and further explain the research trip. If you plan to go, please sign up at the library, call 541-512-2340, or email reception.JCGL@gmail.com so that Betty will know who is going.

For more information about doing research at the Family History Library, read this [blog post](#)

about your 1st trip to the Family History Library and what to do there.

Tue, May 19



3rd TUESDAY Public Programs and Members Meeting, 1:30pm - 3:00pm

This month's public program and general membership meeting features a presentation on Native American Genealogy by David West, Director, Native American Studies Program at Southern Oregon University, Ashland, Oregon. Mr. West discusses the seven generation genealogy standard for Native Americans who are researching their family history and offers insights into historical perspectives as well as contemporary issues. Focus areas will be "removal rolls", "allotment rolls", "enrollment rolls", blood quantum requirements, and descendancy-based enrollments. Free.

Tue, May 19

DIGGIN' IN THE DARK: Genealogy after Hours, 3pm - 9pm

How's your Family History? Do you have missing puzzle pieces? Come join the fantastic volunteers who are here to assist you when the library remains open until 9 PM! Show up anytime that evening and use our computers with subscriptions to all the best genealogy research sites or our worldwide book collection. Come join us for an evening of family history FUN! Bring your known family information, a USB flash drive for saving what we find, and your dinner and leave blurry-eyed at 9 PM! This will be the last in this series of free public programs, but JCGL will remain open until 9 pm on all subsequent Tuesday evenings.

Wed, May 20

each quarter. Current and past issues can be found online on the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Website under the [News](#) heading.

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that operates the Jackson County Genealogy Library. Obituaries, vital records, court records, etc. can be purchased for a nominal fee from the JCGL website (<http://rvgslibrary.org>). The JCGL website also contains a complete listing of deaths/burials in Jackson County with vital statistics for all decedents as well as headstone photos where available. Come visit us online or in person when you can!



DAR Lineage Workshop, 10am -12 pm
Shirley O'Neil, state lineage chair will explain how to get your lineage certified and stored by the DAR. Free.

Tue, May 26



QUILTS AND GENEALOGY TALKS: "Butterflies in Time," 1:30pm – 2:30pm

"Butterflies in Time" by Cheryl Luschen and Sue Waldron – Twelve embroidered butterfly quilt blocks were found soiled and stained in a box of old fabrics. We began knowing of only a single family connection to the Brockway family and ended with new information about long-time residents of Jackson and Josephine counties. This is a one-hour talk, come and learn about how these quilts can be connected to genealogy. Free.

Fri, May 29

Irish Scots-Irish Roots Interest Group Planning Meeting, 10:30-11:30

A large number of attendees at the recent Irish Scots-Irish Roots seminar expressed an interest in forming an interest group of people researching this topic. The initial planning session will be held on Friday, May 29, at 10:30-11:30 at the library. Are YOU interested? Please attend and give your ideas on what you want to see in this interest group. Register by email: Reception.JCGL@gmail.com, telephone 541-512-2340, or in person. Free.

Sat, May 30



"The Why and How of Property Research," 10:00am –2:30pm

Scharri Brennan, from Klamath Basin Genealogical Society, shares her knowledge of property research. This two-part class starts with the 10-11:30 morning session as a broad overview of why you should tackle finding the property records of your ancestors, and how you might start to search for those records. The afternoon session from 1:00 to 2:30 will include exploring a few websites along with a question and answer period. Bring your lunch or enjoy the nearby restaurants or cafe. Sign up today, call: 541-512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library. Cost: \$20 for members, and \$30 for non-members.

Tue, June 2

Family Tree Maker "PC" User Group, 1:30pm –3:00pm

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Sat, June 6

Brick Wall Roundtable, 10:30am–12:30pm

Bring your questions and get suggestions and answers to break through your brick walls. Please call (541)512-2340, email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com or drop by the library to register for this class. Free.

Upcoming Events at JCGL:

1. **RVGS Member Fair: Tue, Sept 15th.** Submit and share *your* story! Please see details in the RVGS News Section of this issue of the *eNews*.
2. **Scandinavian Interest Group Meeting will be Wednesday, 17 June, from 10-11:30am.** [Note the Webinar on Swedish Research scheduled for May 6!]

Out of Town

May 12

Grants Pass, Oregon

Grants Pass Genealogical Society. Diana Hale will be speaking about the DAR. She will explain how to join it. Her talk will begin at 1:30 pm after the business meeting. GPGS meets at the LDS Church - corner of Williams Hwy and West Harbeck Road in Grants Pass. Free.

May 13-16

St. Charles, Missouri

National Genealogical Society Family History Conference: Crossroads of America

As people traveled the waterways, trails, and eventually railroads in search of new homes, the Midwest became the crossroads of the nation. Some settlers arrived from their first American homes in the East while others traveled directly from abroad. Some migrated via east coast ports while others sailed to New Orleans then made their way up the Mississippi River to reach points north and west. All traveled with their families, their hopes and dreams, customs, occupations, and religious beliefs. Regardless of their final destinations, those early travelers left many footprints along the way as they crossed America. Explore these migration records at the 2015 NGS Conference. RVGS/JCGL will be represented by professional genealogist member Melinda Henningfield, who will discuss migration via the Oregon Trail. Please click on this link, [NGS 2015](#), to bring up the conference brochure.

June 5-7

Burbank, California

Southern California Genealogical Society Jamboree: Genealogy FANfare

Los Angeles Marriott Burbank, Burbank, CA.

100 + Lectures

- Workshops | Exhibit Hall
- Free Sessions Friday AM
- Speakers include Craig Scott, Judy Russell, Tom Jones
- 2015 Genetic Genealogy: DNA Day Plus! Thursday, June 4, 2014 from 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Go to <http://genealogyjamboree.com/> for registration and more information.

August 13-15

Arlington, WA

Northwest Genealogy Conference 2015

The annual Northwest Genealogy Conference is dedicated to bringing high quality, national level genealogical education to the Pacific Northwest. NWGC is also committed to supporting local experts and speakers with our incredible venue. The 2015 conference will build upon the success of 2014. Located about one hour north of Seattle, this genealogy conference is right between Seattle and Vancouver British Columbia. Featured speakers include Judy Russell (Courthouse Day), Angela Packer McGhie (General Genealogy Day), and CeCe Moore (DNA Day). Go to <http://www.nwgc.org/> to learn more.

September 17-19

Syracuse, NY

New York State Family History Conference

The New York State Family History Conference will be held in Syracuse, NY. For more information the website is:

<http://www.nysfhc.org/index.html>

September 19

Klamath Falls, OR

Full Day Seminar with Cyndi Ingle, Founder of Cyndi's List

Klamath Community College Program Room

Topics:

- 1) A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0.
- 2) Ten Resources I Use Every Day: Miscellaneous Tips for the Online Researcher
- 3) Pin Your Ancestors Down with Google Maps & Google Earth
- 4) Evernote for Every Genealogist

Members: \$35 Non Members: \$50

Visit the [Klamath Basin Genealogical Society Website](#) for more information.

Genealogy Webinars

For a complete listing of free webinars, Dear Myrt provides a website listing ALL genealogy webinars available on the internet. To access the calendar go to <http://blog.geneawebinars.com/p/calendar.html> and check back frequently for topics of interest to you. You can add the geneawebinars calendar to your personal calendar to avoid missing classes of interest to you. I've listed some May 2015 webinars of interest below:

Around Brick Walls Sideways: Using Collateral Lines to Further Your Genealogical Research

Sat, May 2, 1pm – 2pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8701737695101695746>

HOSTED by Southern California Genealogical Society PRESENTED by Paula Stuart-Warren, CG, FMGS, FUGA REGISTRATION:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8701737695101695746>

'What is a collateral line, and what use is that to me?' Collaterals can be a great help in working around brick walls. In genealogical terms, a collateral line is any line of descent from one or more of your ancestors through any other than your own direct line. Gary M. Smith is President, GSG and Second Vice President/National Conference Coordinator, ISFHWE. He was a founding member, Great Lakes Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists (APG). He has written for numerous genealogical publications and enjoys speaking across the US and at sea.

Researching Your Swedish Ancestry in the 21st Century

Wed, May 6, 8pm – 9pm

HOSTED BY: Minnesota Genealogical Society PRESENTED BY: Ginny Sharp Sommarstrom REGISTRATION:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8237036802111806721> TIME ZONE CONVERTER:

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html>

Researching your Swedish-American ancestors has become much easier in the last ten years, thanks to the availability of numerous Swedish and American resources in digital format, all accessible from the comforts of your home. This presentation will provide a framework for tracing Swedish-American ancestry that is based on four essential questions that must be answered. Resources for answering those questions are illustrated and discussed. With answers to those four questions in hand, we will delve into U.S. immigration, Swedish emigration, and Swedish church records. Clear step-by-step examples will help the listener find their own ancestors in these records.

Need Direction? Try City Directories! - Jean Wilcox Hibben

Tue, May 12, 9pm – 10pm

<http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234>

Presenter: Jean Wilcox Hibben Date: May 12, 2015, 8:00 pm Central Description: More accessible than ever, City Directories can fill in blanks between census years, opening new chapters in your family history research. Learn how to find, navigate, and cite this valuable record source. Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6094939660972982529> This webinar is presented by the Illinois State Genealogical Society This webinar is sponsored by FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org>)

Wednesday, May 13

9:00pm –10:30pm

GenealogyBank - The Power of Finding Our Ancestor's Stories by Tom Kemp

<http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com> ([map](#))

Families often have one or two family traditions passed down over centuries – but how do we document them? Do we have old family letters or journals? If not – we need to focus on newspapers to discover and document our stories. About the presenter: Thomas Jay Kemp, a well-known genealogist, librarian and speaker, Tom has been working in libraries for the past 50 years. He is the author of more than 40 books and has lectured around the world. He is the Director, Genealogy Products NewsBank, Inc. He has served as the Library Director of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Time zones: 9PM Eastern, 8PM Central, 7PM Mountain, 6PM Pacific, 1AM GMT (May 14).

Martha Benshura - Enemy Alien by Judy Russell

Wed, May 20, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Where <http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com>

Not all our ancestors were naturalized. The ones who didn't become citizens suddenly became suspect when war divided their native countries from their new residences, creating the kinds of records genealogists love. A genealogist with a law degree, Judy G. Russell is a lecturer, educator and writer who enjoys helping others understand a wide variety of genealogical issues, including the interplay between genealogy and the law. Visit her website at www.legalgenealogist.com.

Ticked Off! Those Pesky Pre-1850 "Tic Marks"

Thu, May 21, 8pm – 9pm

PRESENTED BY: Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG®

REGISTRATION: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2886846207302530818> TIME ZONE CONVERTER:

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html>

It's exciting when we are able to find our ancestors on every census they appeared on, until we reach 1840 and beyond. Those pesky tic marks seem to get in our way as we work to extend our pedigrees. Just what do they mean, and how can they help me? Are they throwing us into a dead end, or can they tell us more? This lecture provides a case study following an eastern Kentucky family back into the area of Germantown,

Pennsylvania.

Migration Patterns East of the Mississippi Prior to 1860 by Mary Hill

Wed, May 27, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Where <http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com>

Why did people migrate from one location to another? What routes did they follow, and how can identifying migration trails help you find your ancestors? Learn from maps and historical details how to follow the trail of your ancestors.

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society News

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! RVGS Makes the Front Page!

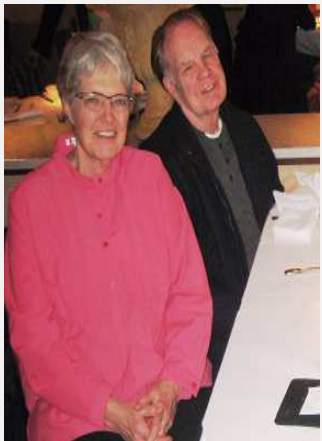
On April 15th, the *Medford Mail Tribune* featured an article written about a successful genealogy sleuthing task performed by Anne Billeter. Read the article by clicking this link, [Genealogy Sleuth](#). It's nice to get good press!



Spotlight for Excellence 2nd Quarter 2015

DAVE AND BARBARA BASDEN

Chosen by the RVGS board for Spotlight for Excellence, Projects Division.



Dave and Barbara are both retired professors who moved to Oregon over 10 years ago from Fresno, California. They have two children a daughter in California and a son in Amsterdam....a long distance to visit grandchildren.

They enjoy travel, learning, music, participating in the AAUW garden club, and their church. Their love, however, is technology and RVGS is the benefactor. The Spotlight of Excellence for Projects was easy to agree on with the many years of help Barbara and Dave have committed to the technology growth for JCGL. They have supervised projects, developed two websites, added many social media sites, and made many donations for equipment and subscription sites. Dave continually fixes, updates and adds to the sites. Barbara has served many years on our board, taught classes throughout the years, fixed equipment, compiled and edited a society newsletter and the list goes on and on. Thank you Basdens---You are deserving. You are valued!!!!

CHUCK ECCLESTON

Chosen by the RVGS board for Spotlight for Excellence, Volunteer Division.



Chuck had to miss a board meeting which gave us an opportunity to unanimously vote him our spotlight choice as outstanding volunteer. A retired engineer, he married Colleen, a genealogist, and became bitten by the bug! RVGS was the winner! As he searched for Eggelston, Eccleston and others, he turned his energy to helping others and everyone appreciates him. Even in trips to SLC, his time is spent assisting those struggling or even lost in that large library.

No one enters JCGL without getting to know Chuck and his many contributions... Where do we start? He is a life member, with membership number 43! He has been involved since 1978. Currently, he is our volunteer coordinator, board member, and helper in whatever we ask of him. He has taught classes, served on committees, helped individuals with their genealogy projects, and was a daily worker during the new library renovation project in our current location. He is the reason we have a great library, a working team, and an "all volunteer" organization! Chuck said this picture of him taken during the library renovation cleanup was the best he'd ever seen! Thank you Chuck for the years of service.

New Members, RVGS Board of Directors

Public Relations Director: Barbara Northrop



Barbara replaces Rhonda Rockwell on the board and brings good PR training to the job. Here is Barbara's brief autobiography:
Barbara Northrop, MSW

I have worked for social service agencies in the Rogue Valley for the last twenty-five years. I received my undergraduate degree in Criminology at Southern Oregon University and master's degree in Social Work at Portland State University in 2005. While in graduate school, I became interested in my family genealogy. I have had the "bug" ever since. I am currently working on my Genealogy Certificate through Salt Lake City Community College. I plan to become a Certified Genealogist. I have been married for nearly 40 years, have two children and two fabulous grandchildren.

Barbara works with other volunteers who contribute to this big job, including Amy Spieler, David Hodson, and Rhonda Rockwell.

Welcome to the team Barbara!

Finance Director: Rich Miles

Rich Miles replaces Barbara MacMillen on the board and brings good tech skills to job. This month he is teaching a class on mobile apps for genealogy. Here is Rich's brief biography:

Our new Finance Director, Rich Miles, moved to the Rogue Valley in 1975 from Klamath Falls to attend college at Southern Oregon State College. After graduating, he was hired as an elementary teacher in the Central Point School district where he taught at Jewett and Richardson Elementary Schools. He taught one year at SOSC in the Education Department. After completing his master's degree at SOSC and his administrative credentials at University of Oregon in 1990, Rich was hired as an elementary school principal in the Medford School District at Jacksonville Elementary School. In 1997, Rich was transferred to be the principal at Lone Pine Elementary, and in 2005 he was made Director of Elementary Education for the school District. Rich retired after 33 years in education in 2012. He and his partner opened Togo's Great Sandwiches in Medford in 2011 and recently sold the restaurant allowing Rich to fully retire from business and join our board. Rich has two children. His daughter, Stacy, and her husband Florin, live in Seattle, where she is an orthodontic technician. His son, Zach, and his wife Mandy, live in Medford. Zach works in Special Education at North Medford High School. In addition to genealogy, Rich is a fan of Star Trek, Disney, and comic books. He travels frequently to Comicon and Star Trek conventions, as well as destinations around the country. He has made one Europe visit and hopes to return soon.

Welcome Rich, glad to have you on board!



Rogue Valley Genealogical Society: 2ND Annual Member Fair

Plan ahead and participate on Sept. 15, 2015. Last year we had a lot of fun at our Member Fair. Members shared



... stories on a wide variety of interesting topics about their research and experiences. This is your society; join in the fun yourself at this year's fair. We would like to have five to six presentations featuring you, our members. Think about what you have found, interesting places you visited doing your research (or plan to visit during the summer perhaps), new family members you met, or tips you can offer to others.

A sign-up sheet for presenters is in the class sign-up binder at the library. If you want to be one of our presenters, contact us at the library by email: Reception.JCGL@gmail.com, telephone 541-512-2340, or in person. Please provide your name, member number, and contact information, in addition to a short summary of what you would like to talk about. The deadline to sign up is August 1st.

From the list of potential presenters, the Education Committee will select five or six. We will contact you by August 15th. At the Member Fair you will have 10 minutes for your presentation. The details about the presentation will be finalized once the presenters have been selected. Questions? Send an e-mail to Marilyn Ayres, Education Director at: ayres@aol.com.

Welcome New and Returning Members!

Robert Lyn Allen
S. B. Bolt
Leota Cantrall
Susan Duncan
Julia Eastes
Kendall Engelund
Wendy Fountain
Elaine Goodner
Patrick Graham
George M. Hansen
Elizabeth Hellman
Nancy L. Hunt
John Olson

Philis Garcia
Anita Ritchey
Tana Smith

Financial News

• Annual Fund Drive

By now, every RVGS member should have received their copy of the Annual Fund Drive letter with donation card and return envelope. (If you haven't received yours, just contact the library and we'll make sure you get a copy.)

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society accomplished a great deal in 2014. Membership grew to over 709 single and family memberships, over 17,667 volunteer hours were recorded, and thanks to the Leave A Legacy drive, the 5/60 Club, and the sale of our old building, our mortgage has been reduced to \$74,763 from the original \$325,000! Members donated over \$11,740 to the Annual Fund last year. With your assistance, we can accomplish even more in 2015!

This year, our Annual Fund goal is \$20,000. Although we have made great strides in paying down our mortgage, the payment adds to our operating expenses and reduces the programs and services we can provide to our members. The sooner the mortgage is paid off, the sooner we can expand existing programs and services.

Your contribution to the Annual Fund will allow RVGS to keep our membership dues low as well as assist in covering operating expenses.

Membership dues only cover about 33% of our operating expenses. The remaining expenses are covered by monies raised through our Annual Fund Drive. Any amount you give will help to provide support to RVGS and continue the current level of programming. By financially supporting the RVGS and the Jackson County Genealogy Library, you are investing in your own family history research and the preservation of historical records.

Your generous and faithful participation in our Society is vital. Contributions can be made in three ways. 1) You can return the enclosed donation card with your check in the envelope provided, 2) go to www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html to make a donation online, or 3) you can drop off a donation at the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford. When donating, please designate that funds are to go the Annual Fund. All donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. If you take Required Minimum Distributions, you can donate all or

Donations are tax deductible as RVGS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. If you take required minimum distributions, you can donate all or any part of the distribution directly; send your request to the administrator of your fund. In addition, if you donate a matching amount to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you can receive a tax credit for the ENTIRE amount of your donation. Just go to www.culturaltrust.org/donate for more details. (Note, the RVGS/JCGL address still shows as Phoenix on their web site, we are working to get that changed.) As an all-volunteer organization, all donations are put into the operation and improvement of the library. No funds are received from any government sources. It is because of YOU that the library has grown to be the largest genealogical library between Portland and Sacramento. We hope you will consider making a generous donation to the RVGS Annual Fund this year.

Rich Miles, RVGS Financial Director

April 2015 Donations to Leave a Legacy; 5/60 Club; and the Annual Fund Drive. A Big Thank You to All Our Donors!

- **5/60 Club**

Beron, Albert; Engelund, Kendall; Kious, Steve; Leibeg, Norbert; Pocan, Bob & Judi; Shrewsberry, Barbara

- **Leave a Legacy**

Benke, Michael; Culmer, Carita; Gilmore, Beth; Horton, Larry S.; Vaughan, Nancy; Williams, Evelyn

- **Annual Fund**

Asche, Karen; Bartlett, Gloria; Billeter, Anne; Brannick, Ellen; Brewer, Pat; Brown, Darlene; Bryden, Vicki Anne; Carlson, Edith; Collins, William & Marion; Craig, Carolyn; Croly, Richard; Culmer, Carita; D'Allura, P. J.; Eccleston, Chuck & Colleen; Fulbright, Marie & Bryan; Haas, Cheryl; Hawk, Robert; Herzberg, Alice; Horton, Bruce; Horton, Larry S.; Pruitt, Ida; Kelly, Ken; Lamoree, Lynn; Leiberg, Norbert; Leissler, Lynn; Matchett, Barbara; McCown, Margaret; Middaugh, Barbara; Montes, Virginia; Noble, Helaine; Patterson, Dennis; Patterson, Jack & Andrea; Perdue, Wanda; Rodkey, David; Rhodes, Shirley; Ritchie, Richard & Sonya; Rugg, David & Carol; Scott, Karen; Sindt, Linda; Throne, Dorothy; Williams, James; Wolf, Gene & Carol.

Your Opportunity to Honor YOUR ANCESTOR or Any Prominent Jackson County Resident.

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2016. To commemorate that event, The Quilt Committee will create an Anniversary Quilt for RVGS and its supporters. Deadline to submit Book Names is May 31stth. The name of the person you choose to honor will be embroidered on a fabric patch cut to represent a book spine, so that the person's name is the "Book Name" (title) of the book. The "Books" will be arranged on "Book Shelves," similar to the example shown here:

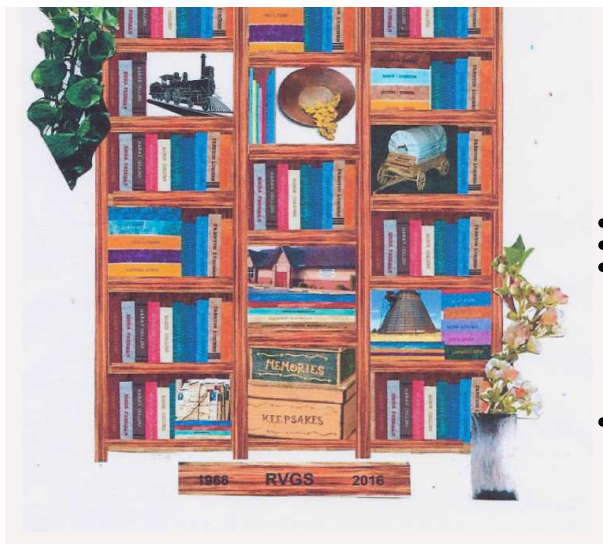
Only 110 Books will be depicted so don't miss your opportunity to select a person to be honored in the Quilt. The price of each Book Name is \$50. Mail the Book Name Application along with your check to JCGL, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR 97501 or drop it off at the library. You can also purchase Book Names online by making a donation to RVGS using the Donate Button on the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society website. Send a copy of the Book Name Application to RVGS, 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford OR 97501, specifying that you donated online. Click here [Book Name Application](#) to obtain a printable copy of the application.

Jackson County Genealogy Library News

Great Publicity for JCGL/RVGS; Kudos to Anne Billeter

The front page of the Sunday, April 19th *Medford Mail Tribune* contained a very friendly-to-JCGL and thorough report called, "Unsung Sleuths," by Vickie Aldous. Vickie told the





use of the *Buy Now* button.

story of Anne Billeter's successful search for Larry Dean Root's biological parents. Larry Root fathered Margueritte Hickman, who is currently Ashland Fire & Rescue's fire marshal. Anne Billeter's work is described as a local version of "Who Do You Think You Are." Anne is the director of Jackson County Genealogy Library. Please see picture below of this article. Click [this link](#) to read that story.

JCGL Expanded Hours Adopted Beginning June 1

- Mon 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Tue 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Wed – Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Note: With the new hours we will discontinue offering the free evening service, "Diggin' in the Dark."

New Resources Added to JCGL Website

- **Obituaries.** We recently added indexes to scanned obituaries from the Medford Mail Tribune for the years 1941-1943. With this addition, the JCGL website now has a complete collection of obituaries for the years 1941-1970. There are two advantages to this collection over the obituaries published in books at JCGL: (1) the collections are complete, not hit and miss, and (2) publication dates are available. The obituaries can be ordered online by selecting a year from the [obituaries page](#). You can order the obituaries from the website by providing the name, year, and scan number by mail or by

- **Pioneer Records.** The Pioneer Records link on the JCGL website contains a variety of records dating back to the early 19th century. If you are looking for vital records collected before governmental and newspaper accounts were available, please check under Pioneer Records. Indexes recently added to this collection are (1) Catholic Church Records for the Jacksonville area (broadly defined) and the Roseburg area; (2) an account of pioneers in the Eagle Point area, including Brownsboro, LakeCreek, Climax provided in a book titled, *A Journey Back*.

New Subscription Website Now Available at JCGL



My Heritage has been added to the Website Menu on patron computers at JCGL. Just click on the link in the menu to search records or trees on this international site. *My Heritage* provides access to US, UK, Scandinavian and other censuses, access to 1.5 billion records in *My Heritage* family trees as well as family tree records from *Geni*, *Family Search*, *Wikitree* and others. Vital records are available from a variety of European countries as well as US and UK. Some of the more amazing features of *My Heritage* are its Smart Matches and Instant Discoveries tools. Read this [blog post](#) from FamilySearch blog to learn more about My Heritage and [this post](#) to learn about Instant Discoveries.

Subscription Websites at JCGL

In reviewing subscription website usage, we have determined that several are not being used. In order to keep within our budget and continue to offer the best resources to our members, we have made the following decisions. Dropped when the subscriptions run out will be: *World Vital Records* (continues through middle of 2016), *Archives.com* (terminates end of April 2015), and *NewspaperArchives* (continues through the end of 2015) as well as the dormant subscription to *Genealogy Today*. Continued will be: *Ancestry Library Edition*, *Genealogy Bank*, *Fold3*, *Find My Past*, *American Ancestors*, and *Newspapers.com*. To be added in 2015: *My Heritage* and *ArkivDigital* [a subscription donation added for one year to assist Swedish researchers.] All Scandinavian and other international researchers will find new material at My Heritage-- census records, international newspaper records and much more. My Heritage will be available to members for at-home use. Watch for an email to RVGS members only from rvgslibrary@gmail.com.

Classroom Visit to JCGL

On March 12 we received an inquiry from Ashland High School teacher Lindsay McNeill asking if we might provide a beginning genealogy presentation to her high school class. Anne Billeter responded to the inquiry telling Lindsay there would be no charge for the tour/visit and that there is no charge for grades 7-12 students using the library to do genealogical research. Anne also described the facilities available to the students at JCGL. With Lindsay's prompting, the students arrived with their ancestor charts filled in as far as able, and at least one student had a Family Search account and her family tree loaded on familysearch.org.

The class visit by four special Ashland High School students was a great success. "AD" was so eager that he came two days early, and arrived early on the day of the event. He needed very little assistance Monday and none today. He's very bright and totally "psyched" and will undoubtedly be back on his own to continue his research.

AB has local roots and was very pleased to find marriage and 60th wedding anniversary *Medford Mail Tribune* story for her still-living grandmother, plus more...she worked well on her own after being shown our rich Jackson County resources and how to find them. Another student has Italian roots and was helped greatly by Joy Durrett, who also has Italian roots. He, too, was deeply engaged in this research project. This leaves the 4th very reluctant and disengaged student, who needed constant attention from his teacher, but who near the very end of his time found new information. One of the accompanying teachers found 12 pages of useful information for her personal research.

Anne was quite impressed with how effective their two-hour visit was.

It will be interesting to see whether we receive requests from more teachers in the future, as a result of teachers sharing with other teachers their positive experience with us. (There were three teachers and/or teaching assistants on this field trip.) REMINDER: It is RVGS policy that students in grades 7-12 may use JCGL free for genealogical research. We will see AD for sure...and maybe others. Welcome them...they are our future!

Wanted: Volunteer Librarians

JCGL is increasing library hours on June 1st, and needs more volunteer librarians. Day shifts are 9:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Monday through Saturday); 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Tuesdays).

Volunteers are asked to work at least 2 shifts per month. Tuesday evening and Saturday shifts are especially available. A few partial shifts may also be available, depending on schedule compatibility: 9:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.; 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.; 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Volunteer Librarians work in pairs, perform receptionist duties, and assist library patrons in using the library effectively. Training is provided by Library Director Anne Billeter and includes an introduction to the library collection, the online catalog, and the subscription databases. [This is an opportunity to become a more effective genealogy researcher...and to help others.](#)

Please email or call Anne Billeter: annebilleteroregon@gmail.com 541-944-3802.

New Ancestry Discoveries with Ancestry DNA (This article was re-posted from the Ancestry blog and was written by Anna Swayne.)



Early in April, Ancestry announced a new AncestryDNA experience called "New Ancestor Discoveries" based on years of research and development by our science team that is revolutionizing the way people discover, preserve, and share their family history. New Ancestor Discoveries combines DNA testing with the power of 65 million trees to help you discover your story in a way never before possible—until now. Learn more about the announcement [here](#).

How can New Ancestor Discoveries help you?

- Find ancestors you may have never known, even if you know absolutely *nothing* about your family history, through this high-tech combination of DNA, family trees, and family history expertise.
- Cross the pond in your research with new ancestors from England, Ireland, Germany, Denmark, and more.
- Go back as far as the 1700s in an instant through your AncestryDNA test.
- Find relatives that you may never have found with family trees or historical records alone.
- Grow your family tree with genetic evidence.

New Ancestor Discoveries represents the next BIG step for unlocking the family stories in your DNA. Your DNA knows something that you don't. It's time to discover it.

Check out our new step-by-step guide on "[Getting the Most from Your New Ancestor Discoveries](#)."

FREEBIE: Free Online Genealogy Education Resources

This past January Thomas MacEntee was honored to give a presentation entitled Free Online Genealogy Education Resources to the American Library Association Mid-Winter Conference in Chicago. Now he is making [his handout](#) with over 25 FREE resources available to you!

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