

# eNEWS OCTOBER 2016

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The monthly eNewsletter (eNews) for the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) and Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) has three sections:

- (1) Classes and Events both at the library and elsewhere
- (2) RVGS News of member and society activities, and
- (3) JCGL News about our book collection and internet resources.

## Classes and Events, October 2016 Jackson County Genealogy Library

**Saturday, October 1: 10:30 - 12:30. Brick Wall Round Table.** Andrea Patterson and Ruth Wade will facilitate this group. Bring your questions for help with your brick wall and to further your genealogy research efforts. Free to members, \$5 non-members. To register call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Tuesday, October 4: 1:30-3. Family Tree Maker User Group for PC users.** Ongoing group meets to discuss their experience making the best use of this program for building their family trees. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Monday, October 10: 9:30-noon. Board Meeting.**

**Monday, October 10: 1-3. DNA Interest Group, Advanced.** Lorita Cushman facilitates this group for people who have had their DNA tested and are interested in sharing information about DNA and related topics. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Tuesday, October 11: 3:30-5. German Interest Group.** Mary Robsman facilitates this group for people interested in German Genealogy and History. It's Oktoberfest time; come and enjoy a fun afternoon among fellow German heritage researchers. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Wednesday, October 12: 10-11:30. Family Tree Maker User Group for MAC users.** Ongoing group meets to discuss their experience making the best use of this program for MAC computers in building their family trees. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Thursday, October 13: 1:30-3. Irish Interest Group.** Bruce McGarvey facilitates this ongoing Interest Group for people researching their Irish heritage or who are interested in starting their research. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Thursday, October 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m. A Community Discussion.** Join the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society and Southern Oregon Historical Society for a community discussion about the role of historical societies and heritage groups in connecting people with their communities and family histories. This event is part of This Place, a series of conversations presented by Oregon Humanities across the state this fall. Refreshments.

**Tuesday, October 18: 1:30-3. General Membership Meeting and Program for the Public.** This month's program is our Member Fair Affair. Those who entered the Society's 2016 Photo and Writing Contests will give the background of their photo or story. Free.

**Monday, October 24: 1-3. DNA Interest Group, Beginner.** Lorita Cushman facilitates this group for people who have not yet had their DNA tested or who are awaiting results and are interested in learning more about this fascinating subject. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Tuesday, October 25: 1:30-3. Quilts and Genealogy Talk. Quilt Tops from the Bin Box, by Nell Mathern and Sue Waldron.** Introducing Ester McFayden and her 1930's quilt tops, a recent donation to RVGS by descendant Don King. Free.



**From 3 p.m. October 25 through 1:25 p.m. November 22. Silent Auction Opportunity.** The quilt tops from the bin box will be displayed in the library and silent auction bidding slips made available. You will be able to bid on the items up until 1:25 pm on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, following the "Quilts and Genealogy" program about the SOHS quilt "Historic Jacksonville," winners of the Silent Auction will be announced.

**Wednesday, October 26: 10:30-12:30. My Heritage Website.** Christy Austermann will present an introduction to the RVGS library's My Heritage subscription website. How to connect to European and Asian records as well as Public Trees, including Geni, Family Search and WikiTree, and an introduction to the My Heritage website. My Heritage also has an extensive set of reports and charts for your use. Come and learn how to use this powerful search engine. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. To register call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

## A peek into November:

**Tuesday, November 1: 1:30-3. Family Tree Maker for PC Users.**

**Thursday, November 3: 1-2:30. Irish Interest Group.**

## Local Events

**Saturday, October 1: 3:00 at Medford Railroad Park, 799 Berrydale Avenue. Rally for the Rogue Valley Heritage District Ballot Measure 15-164.** Learn about this ballot measure to form the Rogue Valley Heritage District, which will benefit 15 local heritage organizations, including RVGS. Support Local History...it's worth it.

**Monday, October 3: 6:00 p.m. "Brews from the Past,"** speaker Tiah Edmunson-Morton, Director of the Oregon Hops and Brewing Archives. **Ashland Public Library.**

**Windows in Time: "Writers of the Rogue Valley," Speaker: Ed Battistella**

**Wednesday, October 5, 12 noon. Medford Public Library.**

**Wednesday, October 12, 12 noon. Ashland Public Library.**

## Oregon Classes and Events

### GRANTS PASS

**Tuesday, October 11: 1:30-3.** GRANTS PASS Genealogical Society, 1969 Williams Hwy, Grants Pass. (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.)

**RootsMagic "Software to Unite Families."**

**Speaker: Jan Edwards McDermott.**

Jan has been doing family history research since 1994 and served a three-year mission in the Salt Lake City Research Support Department of FamilySearch. She also helped create the Facebook and Skype locality pages with emphasis on training to use the many facets of FamilySearch.

**Saturday, October 15: 8-4.** (Speaker starts at 9 a.m.)

**The Grants Pass Family History Community Seminar.** <http://fhsgp.weebly.com/>

If you want to assure a place in a class, sign up online NOW.

### EUGENE

**OREGON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, Saturday, Oct 22: 9:30 – 3:30**

**FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR: [October Seminar](#)**

Speaker: Pam Vestal

- Finding Your Eastern European Ancestors: If I Can Do It, So Can You!
- Beyond Names & Dates: Filling in the Stories of Our Female Ancestors
- Voting Records: Genealogy's Best Kept Secret
- Genealogical Pits I Have Fallen Into and How to Avoid Them

## RVGS NEWS



### Joy Durrett

#### SPOTLIGHT on EXCELLENCE

Joy has been chosen by the RVGS Board for our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Librarian-Volunteer Spotlight on Excellence.

Joy works as Librarian at least one day a week and substitutes, often at the last minute, when asked. She knows and cares about our library and its resources. She has a growing knowledge of genealogy research and DNA, making her a great teacher for our patrons. She has served on panels, Brick Wall Roundtables, conducted a class for Family Search Website and many other tasks that often go unnoticed. Joy has a demanding position handling email research requests, doing her best to provide the client with the information they are seeking. This often requires many phone calls and emails seeking clarity. Joy is dependable and dedicated. The Board was pleased to recommend Joy for this honor, representing the many librarian volunteers at JCGL.



### Chuck Carter

#### SPOTLIGHT on EXCELLENCE

Charles "Chuck" Carter has been chosen by the RVGS Board for our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Spotlight on Excellence to represent the Project volunteers at Jackson County Genealogy Library.

How often we, at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, comment about how nice the outside of the library looks and is maintained. Well, here is another of those "behind the scenes" volunteers! Chuck has been watering the plants, fixing sprinklers, cutting debris and dead shrubs and trees since the library opened. We find him on occasion drifting in to the library to do genealogy and visit with friends. He has been a dependable volunteer, friendly and dedicated to doing whatever he can. The Board wants to thank Chuck for his many years of service. He represents all project workers, especially those "behind the scenes"! THANK YOU CHUCK!!

## FINANCIAL NEWS

**Annual Fund Drive:** Now that the mortgage is paid off, we can once again focus on programs, services, and facility improvements. There are many projects in the works, such as a folding wall to separate our meeting rooms, which will allow two meetings to happen at the same time; a new website to better serve our members' research needs; other facility improvements; scholarships; subscription website maintenance; and more. Our Annual Fund Drive is only about halfway toward our goal for 2016, so any and all donations to keep our library and programs running smoothly are appreciated.

Your generous and faithful participation in our Society is vital. Contributions can be made in two ways:

- 1) Go to [www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html](http://www.rvgsociety.org/Donate.html) to make a donation online or click on the **Donate Now** link on our Facebook page.
- 2) You can drop off a donation at the library at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford.

All donations are tax deductible because RVGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, #93-0684590. 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 (maximum \$1,000 for a couple; \$500 single.) Just go to [www.culturaltrust.org/donate](http://www.culturaltrust.org/donate) for more details.

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 genealogy library between Portland and Sacramento. We hope you will consider making a generous donation to the RVGS Annual Fund this year.

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2016 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE DONORS THUS FAR!

Katherine Alsing, Vernon & Marti Arnold, Al and Marilyn Ayres, Colista Bailey, Roberta Becker, Robb Beckett, Arthur Bigelow, Anne Billeter, Stephen Bosbach, RE & Donna Brewer, Patricia Brewer, Glen Briggs, Warren & Charleen Brown, Bill & Marion Collins, Sheila Couey, Carolyn Craig, Julie Drengson, Chuck & Colleen Eccleston, John & Lorraine Ferrell, Sharon Freeburne, Marie Fulbright, Norbert Leiberg, Rich Miles, Ginger Montes, Janet Gleaves, Janet Gregory, Dorothea Hatch, Robert Hawk, Gene & Charlotte Henry, Monty & Carol Holst, Horton Family Foundation, Larry & Ann Horton, Thomas Hunt, Barbara Jarvis, Jackson & Caroline Jones, Florence Kemp, Sheila Kimball, Mary Lynn Lucas, Barbara & Dick MacMillen, James Maize Jr., Barbara Middaugh, Sharan Newman, Dennis Patterson, Jack & Andrea Patterson, Charlotte Redfield, Shirley Rhodes, Richard Ritchie, Roger & Nancy Roberts, David Rodkey, Deanna Russell, Anita Seulean, Shalom Spendthrift Thrust, Barbara Shrewsberry, Vanya Sloan, J. Stevens, John & Janie Stewart, Dorothy Throne, Kim Thurman, Linda Turner, Ron & Jackie Wagner, William Walker, Muriel Williams.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

By Andrea Patterson, President

Our OPENING CEREMONY EVENT, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, included RVGS History 1966-2016; Guest speaker Larry Horton with some highlights from his and his wife Ann's ancestry dating back to 1619 & 1620, and many "**thank yous**" to "Our 50th Year Heritage" Celebration committee.

The building-remodel-of-3405 volunteer crew, and the many donors who contributed to the retirement of the 3405 mortgage were specifically acknowledged. President Andrea Patterson also read Proclamations honoring this 50th Anniversary of the Society from the Jackson County Commissioners and the Oregon Governor. Our Anniversary Quilt was presented. (See the separate article.) Of special interest was the symbolic "shredding" of the just-retired mortgage for our current library building.



During this week of celebration there were 10 free genealogy classes, a Q & A panel, a Wine and Cheese Reception honoring our volunteers (complete with a photo of each volunteer), and an Ice Cream Social for members and donors. The library was open its usual 41 weekly hours M, Tu, W, Th, F, & Sat 10-4 PM and Tuesdays until 9 PM. Many new attendees found this library treasure and our many services.

The celebration culminated in a banquet Sept. 26 at the Inn at the Commons with guest speaker, Judy Russell, "The Legal Genealogist" giving an entertaining lecture on "The Lighter Side of the Law," with humorous examples of our history of laws on the books! She conducted a daylong seminar Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> with four classes providing researchers with information on DNA, women and the law, court records that tell a story, and widows and orphans. After visiting our library she told the audience how impressed she was with our library, and how she was overwhelmed by the beautiful Anniversary Quilt. It immediately went on her blog and Facebook page (along with photos of Crater Lake later in the week.)

We had over 16 door prizes and a very successful raffle, which raised over \$1,400 towards our celebration expenses. (See list of winners.)

RVGS would like to thank all who worked on the many committees and contributed items for the door prizes and raffle. You are too many to name. We are so proud of our library, our accomplishments, and a successful celebration. Stay tuned for more great opportunities.

## **And the Winners Are...**

### **RAFFLE PRIZES**

Linda Turner, Genealogy Bookbag #1  
Rosalie Godfrey, Genealogy Bookbag #2  
Barbara Mumblo, Entertainment Gift Basket  
Diana Livingstone Painting "Fall Quail" by local artist Gerald (Jerry) Pettitt

### **PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS**

People's Choice Award

Dave Hodson, "Most Interesting" – gift certificate for a year's membership

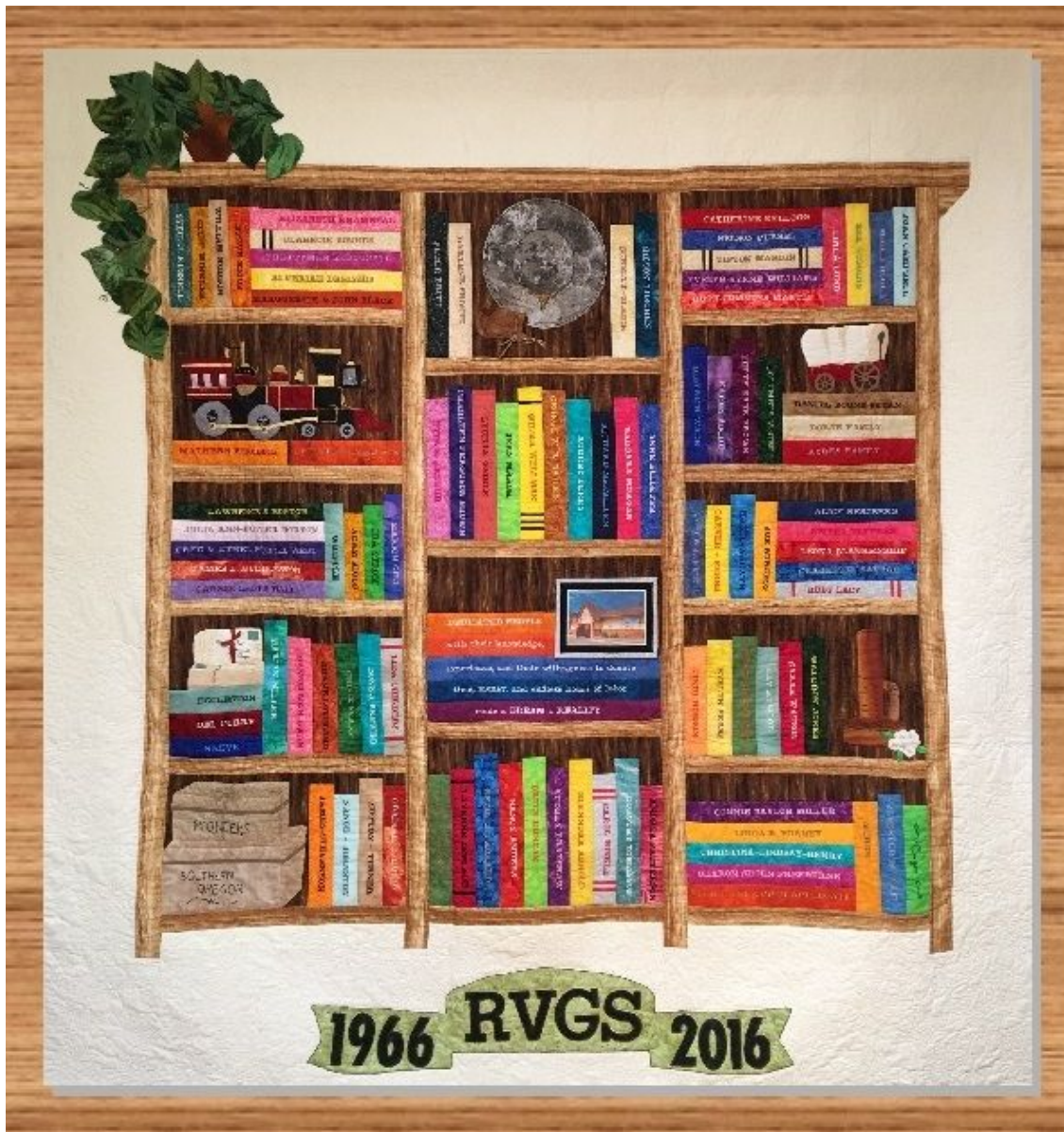
Category winners received an RVGS \$10.00 gift certificate:

Carolyn Beron, Funniest, Best Children, Most Beautiful, Wedding  
Dave Hodson, Military, Open Category, Best Group, Most Interesting  
Steve Good, Occupation  
Anne Billeter, Oldest Photo  
Cheryl Haas, Transportation

### **WRITING CONTEST WINNERS**

Diane Mueller "My Journey into the Past," First Prize  
Lynn Leissler "The Marriage that Almost Didn't Happen," Second Prize  
Mary L. Bertrand "The Wedding Ring," Third Prize

## RVGS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY QUILT



The above quilt was presented Monday, September 26, 2016, as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Opening Ceremony. The idea of a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary quilt was proposed more than two years ago. Sue Waldron designed it, Cheryl Luschen sewed and embroidered the quilt top, Ginny Manning machine quilted it, Nell Mathern and Karen Asche added many finishing touches, and RVGS members donated to honor the people whose names they selected to be embroidered on the spines of the books.

For more details see the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt binder at JCGL. Details include the location on the quilt of each embroidered name and the explanation of the symbols and objects depicted on the quilt. The quilt will be on display at JCGL through October 24th and on future occasions.



## JCGL NEWS

### NEW ADDITIONS TO JCGL, September 2016

#### **FAMILY GENEALOGIES**

929.2 Howland

*John Howland, A Mayflower Pilgrim*

Circ 929.2 P273 Paisley

*Journal of the Paisley Family Society*

v. 6-9

#### **GERMANY**

943 A101 Bei

Beidler, James M.

*Trace Your German Roots Online: A Complete Guide to German Genealogy Websites*

#### **NATIVE AMERICANS**

970.004 A101 Kav

Kavasch, E. Barrie

*Student's Guide to Native American Genealogy*

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

975.662 C242 Gui

*Guilford County Cemeteries, volume II, Eastern Section [North Carolina]*

#### **ILLINOIS**

977.38 H388 His

*History of Bond and Montgomery Counties, Illinois*

Atlas 977.382 A841 Ill

*Illustrated Atlas Map of Montgomery County, Ill.*

Atlas 977.387 A841 Com

*Combined Atlases of Bond County, Illinois, 1875+1900*

#### **OHIO**

977.1815 M177 Pic

*Pickaway County Ohio, A to Z Marriage Records 1810-1862*

977.1815 M177 Pic

*Pickaway County Ohio, A to Z Probate Court Marriage Records, volumes 6-11, 1862-1898*

#### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

978.3144 H388 Bro

*Brown County [South Dakota] History*

#### **OREGON**

Circ 979.578 H388 Oli

Oliver, Herman

*Gold and Cattle Country*

## WASHINGTON

Circ 979.773 H388 Jef  
Jeffcott, P. R.  
*Nooksack Tales and Trails*

## MAGAZINES RECENTLY RECEIVED

The most recent issue is shelved in the wire rack at the end of the 929.2 book stack

***American Ancestors***, New England Historic Genealogical Society, v.17, #3, Fall 2016.  
(Circ 974 P273 AA)

- \* "Researching Irish Ancestors Using American Gravestones, Newspapers, and Specialized Records." NEHGS introduces a new guidebook.
- \* "The Famine-Era Quarantine Station on Boston's Deer Island." Between 1845 and 1852, the period of the Great Hunger (An Gorta Mor) in Ireland, one million people died of starvation and illness and an additional two million emigrated to United States and Canada ports, simple hoping to survive.

***American Spirit***, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), v.150, #5, Sep/Oct 2016.

(Circ 929.05 AmS)

- \* "Visions of America: Union Stations." Train stations are historic architectural beauties from New York to Portland, Oregon.
- \* "Noah Webster: Uniting America in the Language of Patriotism." After the Revolutionary War through his work to create enduring schoolbooks and dictionaries, Webster worked to support a unified, definitively American culture.

***Friends of the Talent Church of the Brethren Cemetery***, v.2, #5, September 2016.  
(979.527 C242 TalN)

***The Heritage Newsletter***, Linn Genealogy Society, v.30, #7, September 2016.  
(979.535 P273 Her)

- \* "The Ladies Brass Band: Oregon's First!" with photo of band and instruments.

***Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly***, v.61, #3, September 2016.

(Circ 976.6 P273 OGS)

- \* "The Lineage Book of the First Families of the Twin Territories." (Available from OGS.)

***Oregon Humanities***, Summer 2016.

(Newsletter Rack)

- \* "The Farmers of Tanner Creek." History of Chinese farming and vegetable peddlers in Portland began as early as 1879.

***Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter***, v.38, #9, September 2016.

(Newsletter Rack)

"The Wilhoit Springs in Oregon." The Wilhoits arrived in 1852 and acquired land with mineral springs in Clackamas County. Bottled water was sold for medicinal purposes.