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January Program

17 January 2012

6:00 PM Bits & Bytes	Medical Attention	Vicky Wolff
7:00 PM	January Program	David Wolff



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and your New Year will be bright. May the New Year's resolutions all work out just right.

GSSC had a great year and I am looking forward to this next year being even better.

Your new board is working on new ideas to present to you, and is looking forward to giving you every opportunity to further your genealogy endeavors, with new seminars, workshops, groups and programs. The more you can participate the more you will learn and be able to use in your own genealogical research and break down some of those brick walls we all seem to have.

I will be calling on different members to help out with committee work. I hope if you are called you will respond by giving a little of your time to help the society.

We again this year will have our Souper-Supper in February; Salt Lake City research trip in April; Memorial Day Cemetery in May; in June we will have the Highland Games, Yard Sale and Ice Cream Social. In July we are planning a trip to Sutro and the Archives; The International Festival will be the first Saturday in October, and of course we will have a Work Shop and Seminar, time to be determined. We will also have another trip to the Sacramento State Archives and Library. Also, we are planning on starting up again different research groups for you to participate in. We will continue to have Bits and Bytes prior to each meeting as well.

As you can see, there will be something for everyone. Finding those elusive ancestors is our goal and we are trying to help you with your research endeavors. We are constantly learning of new and different ways to reach

our goals.

I wish to thank all of the officers, committee members and board of directors for the 2011-year, for their support and hard work. They have been a terrific GSSC board to work with. I also want to welcome the 2012 GSSC board. May we serve you, the members, in any way we can. Don't hesitate to call any of us to ask questions, give advice, or suggestions. We look forward to seeing you in 2012. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Your President, Vicky Wolff

Bits and Bytes

By Vicky Wolff

The Bits and Bytes programs will continue in the New Year. The Bits and Bytes programs will start at 6PM prior to the general meeting each month.

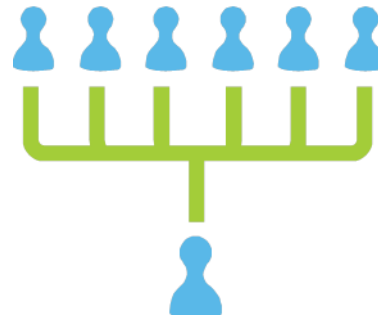
Our program for January 17th is entitled "Medical Attention." Learning about your ancestors maladies can help revive your research-and even improve your own health-will show how medical history can become your genealogical antidote.

The speaker for this segment will be Vicky Wolff.

New GSSC Board Members for 2012

President: Vicky Wolff
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 Research Trips-Salt Lake City: Lisa Bruk
 Seminar and Workshop: Jeff Wells
 Special Collections Room: Marilyn Belleville
 Sunshine:

2012 Membership Renewal

By Maybelle Allen

Maybelle asks, 'Can you believe?' IT's MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The year has passed so quickly and it is time to renew our memberships. As a reminder:

Annual dues are \$20.00 single membership, \$27.50 family (living at same address), and payable on or before January 31 of each year. **Dues not received by February 15 are delinquent and member will not receive the March newsletter.** New members joining after October 1 are paid for the remainder of the current year and the following calendar year.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL

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Jane Doe
1234 My Place Avenue
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If your label reads **2011** it is time to renew your membership. **Thank You.**

See the attached [2012 Membership Application](#) or go online for your renewal form

Early American Cookery

Native American Three Sisters

The Three Sisters wish you a Happy New Year!

The unfamiliar may wonder who these ladies are, but we know them to be Corn, Beans, and Squash. They are the foundation foods of many Native American groups since thousands of years ago and are still enjoyed today.



The New Year celebration for numerous Native American nations across the US includes the tradition of the Bean Planting Festival in which people plant beans at the beginning of the year to honor the traditional way of life and to give thanks for the three sisters and other foods. Thanksgiving, in that way, really extends year round with each festival, each harvest, and each hunt.

Native American Corn, Bean and Squash Casserole

INGREDIENTS

Serves 6 or 8

Bottom and Topping Layer (Polenta)

- 4.5 Cups water
- 1.5 Cups yellow cornmeal
- 1 Tbsp. ground red pepper or chili powder
- 1 tsp salt

Vegetable Layer

- 1/2 Cup water
- Pastry Brush
- 8x11 casserole dish

3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil (EVOO)
 1 Cup of chopped onion, half each red and white
 1 Red bell pepper, chopped
 1 Pound yellow squash, cut into bite sized pieces
 1 Can (14-16 oz) diced tomatoes with chiles
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 1 tsp coriander
 1 tsp cumin
 2 tsp cilantro
 1 tsp salt
 1 Can lima or pinto beans, drained and rinsed - keep the juice for gravy
 1 Cup fresh or frozen (thawed) corn kernels, thawed

INSTRUCTIONS

Mix cornmeal, chili powder or ground red pepper, salt, and 4.5 Cups water in double boiler or a metal bowl set over a pot of boiling water.

Cook the cornmeal polenta 40 minutes until stiff. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 375F.

Heat 2 Tbsp EVOO over medium heat in a pot.

Add in chopped onions and cook and stir until soft.

Add bell pepper and cook 3-5 5 minutes, until pepper begins to soften.

Add squash, tomatoes, garlic, coriander, cumin, and cilantro. Mix well.

Cook 5 minutes and add 1/2 Cup water and salt.

Bring the pot to the boil and reduce heat to medium-low.

Simmer the pot 15 minutes until squash is fork tender.

Add beans and corn and cook 5-7 minutes until thickened.

Coating spray an 8x11-inch casserole dish.

Place 2 Cups topping evenly over the bottom of the casserole.

Scoop the vegetable mixture over topping.

Scoop the rest of the topping smoothly over the top of the vegetables.

With a sharp knife, lightly score the top of the polenta into 6 or 8 sections.

Brush the scored topping with 1 Tbsp EVOO.

Bake 30 minutes or until set and golden brown.

Enjoy this Iroquois Confederacy dish!

Spring Genealogy Seminar in Calaveras County

There will be a Spring Genealogy Seminar sponsored by the Calaveras Genealogy Society on April 28, 2012 at the Calaveras Senior Center, 955 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA. The seminar will start at 9:30 AM and run through 2:30 PM.

Topics are: Brick Walls 10 AM-12 PM
 Irish Research 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
 Good Research Gone Bad 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Cost for CGS members \$25 Advance and \$30 at the door. Non members \$27.50 advance and \$30 at the door. Lunch is included in the price and a raffle will also be held

Registrations can be sent to: CGS, PO Box 184, Angles Camp, CA 95222

Former GSSC Member Alice Carpenter

By Millie Starr

"Many long time members, and Salt Lake City travelers, will remember Alice Carpenter. Alice roomed in Salt Lake with Dorothy DeMers. We were sorry when she moved from Modesto. Those who knew her will be saddened to learn that she has lost her husband and sister recently and so has moved again, this time to Tyler, Texas. Her address is 5550 Old Jacksonville Road, Tyler Texas, 75703. If you wish to call her, her phone number is 903 561-9617."

Genealogy Resource

By Lewis M. Ruddick

Family Tree Maker 2012 rated number one of the top ten family history software programs.

TopTen REVIEWS - Gold Award - Awarded for excellence in design, useability and feature set

Four Stars Overall Rating

Much of what we can report about Family Tree Maker 2012 also could be said about a handful of the top genealogy software products. They are effective and have all of the features you will need to organize a family history heirloom that generations will enjoy. They will help you organize pictures, and music and all your treasured memories in one place. Family Tree Maker 2012 sets itself apart in one noticeable way – it is incredibly easy to use. This product earned our TopTenREVIEWS Gold Award when we were able to just sit down and started using it. That was not our experience with any other genealogy software products.

Feature Set:

Family Tree Maker 2012 genealogy software is a program designed to assist those of any age in doing family research. The workspace is easy to navigate and provides the user with a wide variety of tools to create a detailed family tree. The majority of the work in this genealogy software will be done on the People Workspace. From this screen you can do three things: customize an individual's profile, view a list of all the names currently entered and view the family tree chart. When shared facts are in play, the genealogy software will link the information with all of the individuals who are associated with it, such as viewing both spouses in a marriage. To aid the user in entering correct information, Family Tree Maker genealogy software has an automated system that will alert you of any duplicate records or unlikely dates. Designers of this genealogy software thought of some great ways to make the data entry process easy, including an automatic relationship display and a way to link single source citations to multiple facts.

By registering to Ancestry.com, the user will be able to do family research online. This opens up many opportunities to find sources throughout the world. However, there is no guarantee that the information will match the family member exactly. To prevent this problem from occurring, a rating scale from one to five has been installed to give the source credibility. A green leaf icon will appear on the name of people that have more information available through the genealogical sources online. When you find facts about your family members through the web, you can simply click and drag the information onto the workspace and it will automatically link as a source.

As your family tree becomes larger, you may want to use the Places Workspace. This allows you to review all of the locations that are linked to your family members. A simple click on the location will reveal all the facts associated with that site such as marriages, deaths or births. The map is powered by Microsoft Bing. It may be viewed in three different ways; road map, satellite photograph (Bird's Eye), or a combination of the two.

Bonus Features:

It's easy to view all of the family members associated with a specific place, and Family Tree maker allows you to easily consolidate all of the spelling variations for each location.

Customized narratives update automatically when you change an individual's information.

Significant world events may be added to an individual's timelines that will help you get a glimpse of what may have shaped their lives. To ease this process; wars, natural disasters, and monumental events are organized by year listing the individual's age at the time of occurrence.

Merging data will be easier for you by using the Web clipper to retrieve online information concerning your family members.

To help you get a feel for what the locations really look like, there is a 3D option that allows you to see the height of buildings and other surrounding objects. This will help you feel like you are really there, but will save you the price of a plane ticket.

Ease of Use:

With help boxes at every step, Family Tree Maker 2012 genealogy software has a layout and design that will aid any person through their genealogy research no matter how much experience they may or may not have. The way this program makes it possible for you to view and organize all tree media in one place and all tree sources and citations in one place also adds to ease of use.

Already have a family tree set up with another type of genealogy software? No problem. You can import it into Family Tree Maker 2012. The People Workspace is a unique feature that is not found with other genealogy software that allows you to have a combined view of the family and pedigree. Even beginning genealogists will find themselves very comfortable in using Family Tree Maker.

Reporting & Publishing:

There are a wide variety of charts and reports to choose from when printing from this genealogy software. Here are some of the charts to choose from:

- Pedigree
- Descendant
- Relationship

To create a personalized chart, there are a variety of backgrounds to choose from. For example you may choose a mountain meadow scene, an image of old-town England or you can use your own photo. A picture of your family member may be placed next to their name. That will help create a meaningful display of your ancestors. Within minutes, you will have an artistic family chart that will be enjoyable for folks of all ages.

Reports can be created for people, relationships, places, media and sources. You may also publish books. Doing so will require that you visit Ancestry Press, the online publishing site.

Help/Documentation:

By visiting FamilyTreeMaker.com, you will have access to a number of tutorials that can walk you through all of the latest genealogy software features. You will receive a full length DVD with your software. Built-in prompts will aid you along your path as you create your family history. Online, you can search through the knowledge base for helpful hints of any subject and if that doesn't help you, there is customer service contact information provided.

Summary:

Family Tree Maker 2012 is wonderfully-designed genealogy software with a database that will inspire any genealogist. The cost is not in the software, but in the membership to Ancestry.com. Whether you are just beginning or have plenty of experience, you will find this genealogy software far superior to the other programs. It is fast and easy. Its unique design will get you well on your way to a better understanding of your heritage, and you will find that there are no limits when it comes to ancestry, especially when you are working with Family Tree Maker 2012 genealogy software.

Genealogy Software Review

Rank

1 Family Tree Maker	6 The Master Genealogist
2 Legacy	7 DoroTree
3 RootsMagic	8 Genbox Family History
4 Ancestral Quest	9 WinFamily
5 Family Historian	10 Famtree

Commodore Sloat Chapter National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution
and
Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
present the

31st Annual Genealogical Seminar

Saturday January 28, 2012

8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

1024 Noche Buena at Plumas Avenue, Seaside CA



ANCESTOR ROUNDUP 2012

Keynote Speaker: Claire V. Brisson-Banks

"The Perfect Social Media: Family History & Genealogy"

Claire is a nationally known genealogist, researcher and teacher. She has worked at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City since 2003. She is a member of The International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists.

In addition to her Keynote Address at Ancestor Roundup 2012, Claire will teach four classes:
New England Research, Scotland Research Strategies, Preserving your Records and Attacking those Brick Walls

\$30.00 Pre-Registration by JANUARY 21st Guarantees A Syllabus and Includes Lunch.

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DAR/FHC GENEALOGY SEMINAR SCHEDULE / SAT. JANUARY 28, 2012 / Noche Buena & Plumas - Seaside, CA

Registration DAR and Lineage Societies Information Available in Room A-5 throughout the day

8:00	Registration															
8:30	Keynote Presentation					CLAIRE V. BRISSON-BANKS					"The Perfect Social Media: Family History & Genealogy"					
9:45	15 minute break															
10:00	Claire V. Brisson-Banks "New England Research"	Pat Miljarak "Persi" Periodical Source Index	Shelly McFadden "Genealogybank Newspaper Website"	Rosemarie Capodici "Oceans Apart. Tracing your Ancestors"	Junel Davidsen, C.G. "Sources in Local Land Records"	Sue Woodburn "Beginning Genealogy"	Lenora Branca, Kathleen Nevin, Neal Hotelling - "Lineage Societies - What and Why"	Dayna Jacobs "Legacy-Adding Sources and Photos "								
11:00	Claire V. Brisson-Banks "Scotland: Research Strategies"	Junel Davidsen, C.G. "Resources of Early Settlers Organizations"	Shelly McFadden "Animap Mapping Software"	Dayna Jacobs "Even Key Record Groups - What's in Them for You"	Carol Steed "Writing your Personal History in One Hour"	Pamela Erickson "Define and Use Primary and Secondary Research"	Kathleen Nevin "Don't Know much about History?"	Pat Miljarak "Beginning Legacy Software"								
12:10	Lunch															
1:00	Claire Brisson-Banks - "Are Your Ancestors Frozen in Time? Preserving your Records"	Junel Davidsen, C.G. "Native American Sources through Link To Partners"	Richard Rands "U.S. Military Records"	Janet Brigham-Rands "Old Photos: Scanning & Retouching"	Linda Avakian, A.G. "Immigration"	Pamela Erickson "How to Get the Most out of Library Research"	Rob Chapman "Locating my Distant Cousins using DNA Marker Patterns"	Dayna Jacobs "Legacy" Printing Reports and Books"								
2:20				10 minute break												
2:30	Claire V. Bisson-Banks "Attacking those Brick Walls"	Dayna Jacobs "Free Subscription Sites at the FHC"	Richard Rands "British Parish Records"	Janet Brigham-Rands "Identifying Old Photos"	Linda Avakian, A.G. "Naturalization"	Pamela Erickson "Locate & Use Church Records"	Rob Chapman "Genetics & Genealogy"	Open Computer Lab Legacy Software								
Location	Chapel	Family History Computer Room	Primary Room	Multi-Purpose Room	Nursery Room	Relief Society Room	High Council Room	Film Room								

Please note: Wear warm Clothing Schedule subject to change

Directions to the Seminar: From Highway 1 take the Del Rey Oaks/Seaside/Highway 218 Exit. Turn East at the stop sign at the exit. You will now be on Canyon Del Rey. Turn left at the fifth stop light (Fremont Blvd.) and get in the right lane. Turn right at the first stop light (Kimball Ave.). Turn right at the first stop sign (Noche Buena). Go one-half block to the church which will be on your left. The address is **1024 Noche Buena**. Park anywhere in the large parking lot and enter the front doors.

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 Telephone: 209-523-0593 (Maybelle Allen)
- GSSC web page: <http://www.cagenweb.com/lr/stanislaus/gssc.html>.
 The newsletter is posted at this website, along with other interesting society-related items.
- General meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.
- Board meeting: 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.

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