



Eastside Genealogical Society Newsletter

September, 2023

Calendar of Events: September – early October, 2023

Note: These meetings are via Zoom unless otherwise specified, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Friday, September 8 at 12:30 PM Pacific time: German Interest Group – “Wanting to travel to German archives? Hold up! Finesse and Know how Required” presented by Annette Unrau. Learn how to: established a prioritized research objective(s) list; leverage online archival finding aids to maximize your research time in physical archives; assess physical finding aids; anticipate key record types, and what they are; understand archival etiquette; and getting help with gathered data. You must register in advance for the meeting at: <https://tinyurl.com/p323wpt4>.

Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 PM Pacific time: September General Meeting – “Crafting Genealogical Proof” presented by Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi’s List. This program is an introduction to the What, the Why and the How of writing a genealogical proof statement, summary, or argument. Learn how to take your research and deductions from documents (and your brain) and put it together on paper for future generations and researchers. Members will receive the Zoom link via email or obtain it from the website a day or two prior to the meeting at eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org. Virtual meeting doors will open at 6:30 PM Pacific time with the program beginning at 7:00 PM.

Friday, September 15 at 10:30 AM Pacific time: Family Tree Maker Interest Group - Individuals using or interested in using the Family Tree Maker software program to record genealogical information are invited to join us to learn about the software. If you would like to attend and are not on the email distribution list, please send an email to ftmsig@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org no later than Thursday, September 14.

Calendar of Events (cont'd):

Saturday, September 16 at 1:30 PM Pacific time: Italian Interest Group – Explore the Capabilities of GPT, an advanced language model, using ChatGPT and Bing Chat for genealogy and family history research presented by Giovanna Angliss. Go to the IIG website at egs-iig.com and click on the September meeting to request the Zoom link.

Friday, October 6 at 12:30 PM Pacific time: German Interest Group – “The ABCs of the Old German Script” presented by Charlotte Noelle Champenois, AG® from the FamilySearch Library. Starting from the beginning—the alphabet—dive into how to decipher individual letters of the old German script. Learn how to use that knowledge to decipher key genealogical terms, based on context and expected record content, to start you on your own road to discovering the hidden treasures in your German-language records. You must register in advance for the meeting at: <https://tinyurl.com/39jrfwve>.

Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 PM Pacific time: October General Meeting – “SOLVED! Case Studies in Genetic Genealogy” presented by Leah Larkin, PhD, biologist-turned-genealogist. DNA is daunting! We know that it can be used to break through brick walls, but we may not always understand how to put that knowledge into practice. Join us to work through real-life case studies where DNA provided answers that couldn't be found any other way. We'll address strategies for solving brick walls, whether it's an unknown parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent. Members will receive the Zoom link via email or obtain it from the website a day or two prior to the meeting at eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org. Virtual meeting doors will open at 6:30 PM Pacific time with the program beginning at 7:00 PM.

Upcoming Help Desk opportunities:

Wednesday, September 6 at 1:00 PM or 2:00 PM Pacific time via Zoom: Genealogy Help – Genealogy questions? EGS offers one-on-one help with a volunteer. This is a one-hour appointment for an individual. Sign up on the King County Library System website: kcls.org.

Thursday, September 14 from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Pacific time at Bellevue Regional Library: Ancestry Help – An EGS volunteer will show you how to research your family history and genealogy with Ancestry Library Edition in the computer lab on the 2nd floor.

Wednesday, September 20 at 1:00 PM or 2:00 PM Pacific time via Zoom: Genealogy Help – Genealogy questions? EGS offers one-on-one help with a volunteer. This is a one-hour appointment for an individual. Sign up on the King County Library System website: kcls.org.

Thursday, September 28 from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Pacific time at Bellevue Regional Library: Ancestry Help – An EGS volunteer will show you how to research your family history and genealogy with Ancestry Library Edition in the computer lab on the 2nd floor.

Wednesday, October 4 at 1:00 PM or 2:00 PM Pacific time via Zoom: Genealogy Help – Genealogy questions? EGS offers one-on-one help with a volunteer. This is a one-hour appointment for an individual. Sign up on the King County Library System website: kcls.org.

We Need YOU! How You Can Get Involved

Would you like to get more involved in your genealogy society? Are you interested in what the Eastside Genealogical Society Board does? Learn how contributing a little of your time each month helps your fellow genealogists. Periodically, the newsletter will feature opportunities for members to become involved with EGS beyond attending monthly meetings.

The Eastside Genealogical Society has an open position on the board for a Vice President and is asking an EGS member to volunteer. The Vice President assumes the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President; shall become the President on the death, resignation, or permanent incapacity of the President; and shall assist the President, when called upon, to carry out the business of the Society. *The Vice President is not required to become President when the President's term of office is completed.*

Our board meets monthly, September through June (except December), at 10:00 AM Pacific time via Zoom on the first Thursday of each month. We discuss the business of the society and plan activities for our members. We would love to have your input and participation.

Please contact Janice Leitzke at Secretary@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.com or Celia McNay at egsgenealogyhelpers@yahoo.com to find out how easy it is to contribute a little of your time to strengthen your EGS Board. We look forward to hearing from you.

Did You Know We Have a Facebook Group?

Eastside Genealogical Society has a Facebook group open to anyone who has an interest in genealogy. In addition to information about our meetings, we post other genealogy-related items that might be of interest. Some examples are: sales on DNA kits and subscriptions to genealogy websites, information about presentations and meetings put on by other genealogy groups, news articles, and free access to records on subscription websites. We also welcome any member of the group to post genealogy-related content.

If you're not yet a member of the group, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/369653606807198>. On the right side of the screen opposite the group name, there is a blue button titled "Join group." Click there to request membership in the group. We hope you will join us and post items that your fellow genealogists might find of interest!

Other Events in the Seattle Area:

Friday, September 8 – Sunday, September 10 on South Angelo Street in Georgetown, Seattle: San Gennaro Festival of Seattle. Italian street fair with crafts, food, and entertainment. Website: <https://www.sangennarofestivalseattle.org/home>.

Monday, September 11 at 7:00 PM Pacific time: Jewish Genealogical Society of Washington State presents "What's in a Name? Trouble!" with speaker Ron Arons via Zoom. More information is available on their website at jgsws.org. (Note: His book, "Wanted! U.S. Criminal Records," is available at KCLS.)

Other Events (cont'd):

Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 PM Pacific time: King County Library System presents "Introduction to Genealogy" with the South King County Genealogical Society. Join professional genealogist, Winona Laird, for a series of programs to help you along your genealogical journey. This month's program is "Searching the U.S. Population Census Records." Register in advance to receive the Zoom link at: <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/events/6499c3446d11062800b781de>. See the King County Library website for additional topics being presented in October, November, and December.

Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 AM Pacific time: South King County Genealogical Society's general meeting will feature Julie Stoddard, an Accredited Genealogist professional for the U.S. Mid South, presenting "Seeing the Hidden Evidence: Strategies to Improve FAN Club Research." Everyone is welcome, and advance registration on their website is required to receive the Zoom link at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAldOmsrT0tG9bf1kH114MbubMgArIla0sf#/registration>.

Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24 at Seattle Center: Festa Italiana Seattle.

Saturday, September 23 at Asia Pacific Cultural Center, Tacoma: APCC Korean Chuseok Festival. Website: <https://lakewood-chamber.org/events/united-states/washington/tacoma/community-events/asia-pacific-cultural-centers-korean-chuseok-festival/>.

Sunday, October 1 at Seattle Center: CroatiaFest.

Friday, October 6 – Sunday, October 8 at Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyallup: Oktoberfest Northwest, a Munich-inspired Oktoberfest celebration.

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We are working towards making this a monthly newsletter, but we need your help! If you have ideas for articles or features you would like to see, suggestions for improvement, or would like to write a book review or article for the newsletter, please email us at publicity@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org.