

Welcome to our meeting!  
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Eastside Genealogical Society  
Bellevue, Washington  
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# Next Monthly Meeting

March 12, 2026



**Topic:** How to Write a Family History Book:  
It's Easier Than You Think

**Our speaker:** Rebecca Shamblin

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Eastside Genealogical Society presents: How to Write a Family History Book: It's Easier Than You Think

Our speaker: Rebecca Shamblin

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Networking and announcements at 6:30 pm Pacific; program at 7:00 pm

Via Zoom---watch for the link\*

**About our speaker:** Rebecca Shamblin is a passionate genealogist who helps families bridge the gap between research and storytelling. Building on her success with *Leaving a Legacy: Turn Your Family Tree Into a Family Book*, she now empowers researchers to unlock the full potential of their favorite genealogy tools. Her engaging seminars, presented across the country, make genealogy and authorship accessible to everyone.

**About our program:** Maybe it has always been a secret dream of yours to create a book out of your research. We will talk about the research process, what to include, how to turn facts into stories, how to organize your book, how to get it printed, and finally how to share it. You can choose any software for this project, but I will show you how

Family Tree Maker and Family Book Creator can make things faster and easier than you might think. A family history book really is achievable and can play an important role in preserving your research.

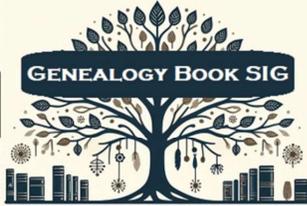
Everyone is welcome---we hope you will join us.

For more information about EGS, visit our website at [eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org](http://eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org)

\*The Zoom link will be sent to members, otherwise check the website close to the program date.

## SIG News

## Genealogy Book SIG



**Date/Time:** Friday, Feb 13, 10 AM PT via Zoom

**Book:** DNA Never Lies  
by Sue George

**Next Meeting:** March 13 – Three Times Removed  
by M.K. Jones

**Request Meeting Access:** Email  
[vicepresident@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org](mailto:vicepresident@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org)

Meetings are held by Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Friday of the month. No meetings in August and December. For Meeting Access: Email [vicepresident@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org](mailto:vicepresident@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org).

**DNA Never Lies** by Sue George -- As an ambitious young woman in the years following the Second World War, Barbara made some hard choices, decisions changing everything that came after. A continent away, and decades later, Barbara's daughter hires genealogist Karen Copperfield to make sense of the family's DNA tests. Nothing about the results ties in with what Barbara's children believed, and the shock is tearing the family apart. Barbara seems to prefer death to revealing the truth, and Karen soon discovers there is more than one secret she intends to take to her grave.

**March 13: Three Times Removed** by M.K. Jones -- Three Times Removed is a supernatural mystery and the first book in the "Maze Investigations - The Genealogy Detectives" series, where genealogist Maggie Gilbert uncovers a dark family secret involving a past drowning and disappearance that threatens her children in the present. The story, set in South Wales, blends historical details with paranormal elements as Maggie races to solve the mystery to save her family.

Future books:

- April 10, 2026, *Once You Were Mine* by Elizabeth Langston
- May 8, 2026, *Paper Love* by Sarah Wildman

## EGS Lunch Bunch and Research



**Date:** Thursday, February 19

**Time:** 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
(plus research time)

**Where:** Bellevue FamilySearch Center,  
10675 NE 20<sup>th</sup> St., Bellevue

**Topic:** Marriage Records

Bring your lunch and join us in-person on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM PT. We discuss what we are doing in genealogy and have a very short program on a topic such as a new feature in a genealogy program or a recent article or video of interest.

Topics vary.

The group meets at the LDS church at 10675 NE 20th Street, Bellevue. Additionally, attendees can walk over to the FamilySearch Center to do some research or try out what they learned with databases either available with a subscription or unavailable online. Bring your laptop. The library is open until 6:00 pm.

For more information, contact Celia McNay at [membership@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org](mailto:membership@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org).

## SIG News

## Family Tree Maker SIG



**Date:** Friday, February 20

**Time:** 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM PT via Zoom

**Topic:** Varies – topics relate to using Family Tree Maker software

**Request Meeting Access:** Email  
[ftmsig@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org](mailto:ftmsig@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org)

The Family Tree Maker SIG meets on the 3rd Friday of each month from 10:30AM to 12:30PM Pacific time via Zoom.

The next meeting is February 20.

If you are not on the distribution list and would like to attend, email [ftmsig@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org](mailto:ftmsig@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org) to request the Zoom link no later than the Thursday before the meeting.

## SIG News

## Italian Interest Group



**Date:** Saturday, February 21

**Time:** 1:30 PM PT via Zoom

**Topic:** Exploring Italian Catholic Parish Registers – Marriages Records, Processes and Dispensations

**Speaker:** Suzanne Russo Adams

**Request Meeting Access:** [egs-iig.com](https://egs-iig.com)

The Italian Interest Group meets virtually 1:30-3:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month Sept. through June excluding December.

**Description:** Exploring Italian Catholic Parish Registers – Marriages Records, Processes and Dispensations

Discover how Italian Catholic marriage processes generated rich valuable records for genealogical research. Learn about the steps leading to marriage, the documentation created, and when and why couples might need a bishop's dispensation.

**Speaker Bio:** Suzanne Russo Adams, MA, AG®, is an Associate Professor of family history and the Director of the Center for Family History and Genealogy at Brigham Young University. An Accredited Genealogist® specializing in Italian research, she holds degrees in Family History/Genealogy and Sociology, as well as a master's degree in History. With over 25 years of experience in the genealogy field, Suzanne has worked extensively in record acquisition, strategy, and content digitization for Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. She is the author of "Finding Your Italian Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide."

For more information or to request a Zoom link, please visit our website at: <https://egs-iig.com>

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## German Interest Group



**Date:** Friday, March 6

**Time:** 12:30 to 2:30 PM PT via Zoom

**Topic:** Using Genealogy.net/Compgen.de

**Speaker:** Fritz Juengling

**More information and registration:**

[gig.eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org/meetings](http://gig.eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org/meetings)

We meet virtually on the first Friday of each month except July and August at 12:30 pm Pacific Time or 10:30 am PT, if the speaker lives outside of the United States.

The next meeting of the German Interest Group of The Eastside Genealogical Society will be virtual and take place on: Friday, January 9, from 12:30-2:30pm PT

**Zoom Registration Required:** <https://gig.eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org/meetings>

**Topic:** Using Genealogy.net/Compgen.de

Compgen.de (Verein für Computergenealogie) is Germany's largest non-profit organization for computer-aided genealogy, offering a vast, free, collaborative online platform with extensive searchable databases, historical records (like address books, death lists), wiki, gazetteer and tools for German family history research. It is accessible via URLs like genealogy.net and compgen.de, and is an indispensable tool for German research.

**Presenter: Fritz Juengling** Ph.D., AG®, AGL™. Doctor Juengling received his Bachelor's degrees in German Studies and Secondary Education at Western Oregon University, his Master's and Doctorate in Germanic Philology with minors in both English and Linguistics at the University of Minnesota. Germanic Philology is a highly specialized field of study, combining languages, linguistics, paleography and history. For his graduate degrees, Dr. Juengling was required to demonstrate competence in English, German, Medieval Latin and two other modern languages. He chose Dutch and Norwegian. He also took courses in Old, Middle, and Early Modern English, Old and Middle High German, Old Norse (Old Icelandic), Gothic, Old Frisian, Old Saxon, and Middle Dutch, history of the English, German, Dutch, and Scandinavian languages, Latin and Greek philology, Latin paleography, and Middle English paleography. He also took a number of courses on English dialects and wrote his dissertation on the formation of Southern Hemisphere dialects of English. He has taught German, English, Latin and Old English (Anglo-Saxon) at the high school and university levels.

Visitors are always welcome.



## Twisted Branches

Request for newsletter articles

### **March Topic: Related to a Witch?**

- Does your genealogy database include anyone from the Salem Witch trials/time period?
- It could be an accused, a judge, or an accuser.
- Send us the names and your relationship.
  - **Deadline:** February 21

**Send to:** [newsletter@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org](mailto:newsletter@eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org)

### **February Twisted Branches Topic: Related to a Witch?**

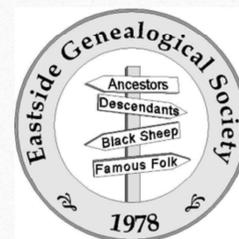
March Twisted Branches - Related to a Witch?

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## It's Time for a New Logo!

- Share YOUR inspiration – open to everyone
- Designs should reflect our mission of education, family history and community building
- Submission deadline: February 26
- See Dec/Jan newsletter for more details



## Upcoming Help Desk Opportunities

Volunteer assistance with your research



**In-Person:** Bellevue Library, Computer Lab  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

**Upcoming dates:** February 26 & March 12

**Time:** 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Drop-in.

Volunteers from EGS provide assistance to genealogy researchers in conjunction with the King County Library System. Upcoming dates: February 26 & March 12.

EGS volunteers are available in the computer lab on the 2nd floor of the Bellevue Regional Library (1111 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue) from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. They can show you how to get started with Ancestry Library Edition (available free in the library branches) or provide suggestions about resources to address your genealogy question. No registration required for In-Person help.

Want to help? Email: Jane Wickert at [jcwickert@hotmail.com](mailto:jcwickert@hotmail.com)

## Change is coming for our April meeting!

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## Stick around for the Post-Meeting Discussion

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- What Naturalization documents have you used in your genealogy research?
- How?
- What brick walls did Naturalization documents solve?
- After tonight's presentation, will you use them?
- How do you think they will help you?
- What challenges do you have?

# **BECOME A MEMBER**

If you get value out of our meetings and/or Special Interest Groups, please consider joining (\$20 for 12 months) or donating to Eastside Genealogical Society.

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