

# SGS FAMILY LINES

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Genealogy Gems and News for Sunflower Genealogy Society



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO  
RENEW!  
FOR 2025  
FORM ON LAST PAGE**

**MEETING TUES  
JANUARY 28**

We'll start the year of genealogy programming with one of my favorite speakers, Robert Wilbanks IV! We last saw him in 2021 via Zoom, but now he is coming in person, which will be even better. He'll talk about organizing your genealogy chaos. If you are unlike me, and totally organized, please come anyway and share your tips :)

Join your fellow club members on **Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m.** in the Fiesta Room.

**NEWSPAPERS.  
COM  
AVAILABLE!**

Just a reminder: if you find an article that you need from newspapers.com and don't have a subscription, you can ask Kim Gunyou for the clipping. SGS is trying out a 6-month subscription. (Send newspaper name, date, page if known). We will see how it goes, whether it is utilized, then decide in 6 months whether to renew! And if you just want a date and newspaper checked for an obituary or other event, that's OK, too!

Please don't hesitate to send your request to **kim@gunyou.com** or just call me at **952-237-7501** and leave a message.

**ALSO! 2025 PASSWORDS  
ARE AT FRONT DESK!**



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## Here's another look at the 2025 Program for Sunflower Genealogists!


You can have a big say in the speakers for 2026 -- just join the Program Committee. It's pretty easy and rewarding. Eileen will head it up. Thanks in advance.

Date	Presentation/Topic	Presenter
28 Jan	<b>Genealogy in Chaos: Getting and Staying Organized</b> - Before getting started, or before getting too far along, have an effective and efficient organization system in place, from filing cabinets to software, from research to a presentable end product to share.	<b>Robert Wilbanks IV</b> has been a genealogist for 40 years and is the principal of Ancestral Pride Professional Genealogy Services. He has a history degree and attended the Samford University's Institute Genealogy and Historical Research. He is a member of many organizations, holding office and leading groups to the Family History Library in Utah. He has published two books and has been a columnist.
25 Feb	<b>Wills and Probate</b> - As genealogists we depend on clues to aid our trek along the ancestral trail. Wills and probate records can be a mother lode of clues. Decedent's date of death, names of spouse and children, in-laws, places of residence, land ownership, religion and military service are just a few of the juicy tidbits these records can reveal. Suzanne will provide strategies and sources to help analyze probate records and reconstruct family relationships.	<b>Suzanne Brayer</b> is an educator, researcher and avid genealogist with degrees in history and education from ASU. Her family research began working with her father. From Mayflower ancestors to Revolutionary War patriots to 19 <sup>th</sup> century German immigrants and a few criminals, she represents the "melting pot" of American culture. She has been very active in and has had leadership positions in several genealogical organizations and has taught for 30 yrs.
25 Mar	<b>Tracing Your Italian Roots</b> - Over 4 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1880 and 1920. Now more than 17 million Americans are descended from Italian ancestors. This presentation will help you discover your ancestor's place of origin, what Italian records are available and where to find them, and tips for hiring a professional genealogist in Italy or doing your own research.	<b>Joey Caccarozzo</b> is a federal trial attorney by day, and a speaker and researcher on night and weekends, with a focus in DNA, Italian, Louisianan, Slovak, and Ukrainian studies. She has completed advanced studies and certification in Italian, Eastern European, DNA, and investigative genetic genealogy. She spoke to us on DNA in February 2023.
22 Apr	<b>Tracing Your Norwegian (and Swedish) Roots</b> – The resources for Norwegian genealogy are amazing. They go back to the 1500s, they are online, and they are free. Our speaker has been tracing his Norwegian ancestry since his teens (Roan was Raaen, a Norwegian farm name). He will share resources and tips for finding info on your ancestors and will also include some Swedish resources.	<b>Duane Roen</b> has been tracing his roots since his teen years, building a database with more than 32,000 ancestors. He and his wife Maureen have also been recording their family history since 1978 by writing more than 19,000 daily journal entries on their extended family. He worked with colleagues at ASU to establish courses on writing and recording family history, recently retiring as the founding coordinator.

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27 May	<b>Building a Family Website - <a href="http://www.tribalpages.com">www.tribalpages.com</a></b> Tribal Pages is designed so anyone can create a website for their family tree to share with others. There are many others, but I found this one to be very user friendly. You can create your website with family pictures, personal stories and of course your family tree.	<b>Kathryn Smith</b> had a career with the Federal Government testing computer programs to ensure any changes were running correctly. Throughout her career she instructed others on how to use computers, helped maintain existing webpages and created instructional aids. Her family research began easily because ancestors did most of the research and created a book showing what they found. An uncle asked her to take it over and gave her a notebook with the research he had gathered. She was able to trace my ancestors to the 1700s and became more interested in finding out how they lived and what their world was like, hardships and all.
Summer	<b>Summer off</b>	
23 Sep	<b>United States Military Records: A General Overview -</b> General overview of U.S. military history and records from colonial period to present as tool for furthering family history. Learn about America's military history, how records created, how to obtain them, and other general publications and sources regarding military history and records.	<b>Robert Wilbanks</b> has been a genealogist for 40 years and is the principal of Ancestral Pride Professional Genealogy Services. He has a history degree and attended the Samford University's Institute Genealogy and Historical Research. He is a member of many organizations, holding office and leading groups to the Family History Library in Utah. He has published two books and has been a columnist.
28 Oct	<b>Unearthing Lineage: Navigating Genealogy Through Digital Archives -</b> The talk will include explanations of and how to use DPLA (Digital Public Library of America), Worldcat, Wayback Machine, NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) and maybe a few more.	<b>Amy Urman</b> is a private investigator, professional genealogist, and speaker, has dedicated her professional life to uncovering hidden stories, tracing ancestral threads, and locating elusive assets. As the founder of Nosy Wilma LLC, Amy has utilized her skills to search for both the living and the dead. As a co-founder and former president of the Pima County Genealogy Society she serves on several committees. She also volunteers on the Arizona DAR State Lineage Committee. Amy is certificated in Genealogical Research from Boston University.
18 Nov	<b>Dos and Don'ts of Family Treasures</b> – what to do and NOT to do to care for your family documents, photos, quilts, clothing and the like. Preserve your family treasures for generations to come.	<b>Paulette Weiser</b> – a retired archivist, curator and historian, Paulette has worked with archives and museum collections, as well as family materials, for 40 years in ND, WY, and OH. Her heritage includes Germany, France, Luxembourg, Norway, and Sweden and has visited family in Germany and Sweden.
16 Dec	 <b>Sharing Genealogy and Holiday Party</b>	<b>Everyone</b> present can participate by talking about our own research stories, asking research questions, and enjoying holiday treats and beverages.

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WEBSITE, TOO, ON THE  
ACTIVITIES PAGE!

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Some great free learning for your calendar

### **Clean Your Family Tree: Fix Common Mistakes**

Confidently prune your family tree with fixes for common issues, including merging duplicate people, correcting relationship links, and resolving conflicting information.

**Level:** All

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 15

**Time:** 10:00 AM PST / 11:00 AM MST / 1:00 PM EST

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR 1/15](#)

### **Ancestry® Pro Tools: Taking Your Family Tree to the Next Level**

Learn how to use Ancestry Pro Tools to navigate the information you've collected, improve your tree's accuracy, and showcase the people in your tree like never before.

**Level:** Intermediate

**Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 22

**Time:** 10:00 AM PST / 11:00 AM MST / 1:00 PM EST

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR 1/22](#)

### **RootsTech March 6-9**

Build your own program schedule, starting Jan. 12  
Customize this free event with the talks you want to hear.

[Click here to register for RootsTech](#)

Find a host of free videos and live webinars (and more) at  
[legacyfamilytreewebinars.com](http://legacyfamilytreewebinars.com) and [conferencekeeper.org](http://conferencekeeper.org).

# January 2025 Family History Events w/ Crista

FREE for Everyone!



## Ancestry® Facebook LIVE

Every other Tuesday  
2pm MST



Jan 14:  
The 1921 England Census

Jan 28:  
Topic TBD



[Facebook.com/ancestryUS](https://www.facebook.com/ancestryUS)



## Ancestry® Virtual Events

Wednesdays  
11am MST



Jan 8:  
Family Tree Building 101

Jan 15:  
Clean Up Your Family Tree:  
Fix Common Mistakes with  
Confidence

Jan 22:  
Ancestry Pro Tools: Taking  
Your Family Tree to the Next  
Level



[Ancestry.com/education](https://www.ancestry.com/education)



## Stories That Live in Us

New podcast episode every  
Thursday morning



Jan 9:  
"Operation Pedro Pan"

Jan 16:  
"Bit by the Bug"

Jan 23:  
"Mess in His Wake"

Jan 30:  
"Not a Secret Anymore"



[StoriesThatLiveInUs.com](https://www.StoriesThatLiveInUs.com)



## pajamas & pedigrees™ Community Only



Jan 11, 10am: DNA Deep Dive with Crista and Her Dad

Jan 16, 7pm: Exploring the 1921 England Census in Depth

Jan 28, 7pm: From Records to Remembrance - Jewish Family History Research

Jan 30, 7pm: Story Circle Meetup (Overland Park, Kansas)



Not yet a p&p community member? Learn more here:

[pajamasandpedigrees.com](https://www.pajamasandpedigrees.com)



# FINANCIAL REPORT



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## December 2024 Treasurer's Report

	Current Month	Fiscal Year to Date	FY 2025 Budget
<b>Memberships</b>			
Renewals	5	13	25
New Members	0	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$2,437.58</b>	<b>\$2,062.58</b>	<b>\$2,062.58</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
Member Dues	\$75.00	\$195.00	\$450.00
Other	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Presenter	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$330.00)
Subscriptions	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$260.00)
Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
Marketing	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)
Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$30.00)
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$820.00)</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2,767.58</b>	<b>\$2,512.58</b>	<b>\$1,692.58</b>

Fiscal Year is 10-1-24 to 9-30-25 to match HOA reporting.

"Fiscal Year to Date" is cumulative beginning 10-1-24.

FY 2025 Budget is board-approved budget.

All data are reported on a cash basis.

# SUNFLOWER GENEALOGY SOCIETY

## 2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

for residents of the Sunflower neighborhood

PLEASE PRINT

**RENEWAL**

**NEW MEMBER**

After completing application, please return to the Sunflower Village Center reception desk **or** mail **or** bring to: Kim Gunyou, 7965 W Wandering Spring Way, Tucson AZ 85743. Enclose 2025 dues which are \$15.00, by check to SUNFLOWER GENEALOGY SOCIETY.

Check here if paying via [PayPal](#). Link is on the home page of the genealogy web pages on [sunflowerliving.com](#).

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST APPLICANT'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND APPLICANT (IF ANY)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

Countries, states, areas or surnames of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your genealogy experience?** Novice / Intermediate / Skilled (circle one)

**Your computer skill level?** Basic / Intermediate / Skilled (compared to your peers, not your kids or grandkids)

Members should read the Society's bylaws found on the [Organization tab](#) of our website.

\*\*\*\*\* Please make checks payable to "Sunflower Genealogy Society" \*\*\*\*\*

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*For Sunflower Genealogy Society treasurer use only*

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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