

SGS FAMILY LINES

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Genealogy Gems and News for Sunflower Genealogy Society



**TIME TO RENEW!
FOR 2025
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**MEETING THURS
DEC 19**

We'll end the year of genealogy programming with a party! Join your fellow club members on **THURSDAY, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.** in the Fiesta Room. The whole of Sunflower community is invited to join us for snacks and to share family stories or ask genealogy questions.

**NEWSPAPERS.
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AVAILABLE!**

At the November SGS board meeting, the Board decided to take advantage of a sale on a 6-month subscription to newspapers.com. As Ancestry doesn't offer library subscriptions for newspapers.com, one person will be the point person to access clippings for members. That'll be Kim Gunyou. Send Kim an email with the citation you need. (Newspaper, date, page if known). We will see how it goes, whether it is utilized, and decide in 6 months whether to renew!

Please don't hesitate to send your request to **[kim@gunyou.com!](mailto:kim@gunyou.com)**



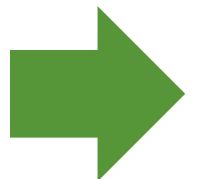


Your program committee of Paulette Weiser, Sue Horsfall, and Kim Gunyou has hammered out a program in time for 2025 to start in a few short weeks and hope you'll enjoy it. It's not too early to start thinking about future programs you'd like that we didn't book. For what ethnicities, what field of research, DNA, adoption, military, should SGS find speakers?


Sue, Paulette, and Kim will step back from this committee, having served 2-3 years each. The board looks forward to others joining forces to bring fresh ideas! We'll guide your first steps, if needed.

Date	Presentation/Topic	Presenter
28 Jan	Genealogy in Chaos: Getting and Staying Organized - 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.	Robert Wilbanks IV 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	Wills and Probate - 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.	Suzanne Brayer 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 th 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	Tracing Your Italian Roots - 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.	Joey Caccarozzo 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	Tracing Your Norwegian (and Swedish) Roots – 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 (Roen 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.	Duane Roen 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	Building a Family Website - www.tribalpages.com 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.	Kathryn Smith 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	Summer off	
23 Sep	United States Military Records: A General Overview - 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.	Robert Wilbanks 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	Unearthing Lineage: Navigating Genealogy Through Digital Archives - 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.	Amy Urman 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	Dos and Don'ts of Family Treasures – 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.	Paulette Weiser – 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.
19 Dec	 Sharing Genealogy and Holiday Party	Everyone present can participate by talking about our own research stories, asking research questions, and enjoying holiday treats and beverages.

**THIS PROGRAM DOCUMENT
IS POSTED ON THE SGS
WEBSITE, TOO, ON THE
ACTIVITIES PAGE!**

-KIM

Yikes, is it holiday time again already?

With no endorsements from the editor, gift ideas for yourself or others, from Tara at conferencekeeper.org (a product of the National Genealogy Society):

BLACK FRIDAY' DEALS BEGIN

Keep an eye out for some good deals on genealogy products coming up and already happening! Black Friday isn't actually until Nov. 29 (day after US Thanksgiving), but many folks have started their discounts early. (Website links are in the [BLUE](#) text).

- AmericanAncestors is offering 20% discount on all [Great Migration and Mayflower books](#) – Use code GMMAYFLOWER24. (thru Nov. 25).
- Ancestry.com has their [DNA kits on sale](#) for \$39, as well as [gift memberships](#) to their website on sale until November 27.
- FamilyTree DNA [DNA kits](#) also are on sale with big discounts.
- FindMyPast is offering [30% off "everything"](#) (ends Nov. 21)
- Family Chartmasters is offering [10% off custom decorative charts](#) (ends Nov. 30).
- MyHeritage has their DNA kits on sale for as low as \$36.
- Pharos Tutors is offering [15% off ALL courses](#) with discount code FRIDAY15, until Dec. 2.
- RootsMagic is offering up to [50% off](#) their genealogy software, including RootsMagic10, Personal Historian and Family Atlas programs.
- Storied will have special Black Friday sales also, but I don't have the details just yet. Watch their [Facebook](#) page though
- Vivid-Pix is not only offering really great discounts on their [Restore](#) software; [Education/Software Bundle](#) and their [Memory Station Scanner/Software and Continuing Education Bundle](#) (use coupon code Turkey2024), but through "Giving Tuesday" on December 3rd, 5% of all Vivid-Pix sales will be donated to The Alzheimer's Association. Read more on their [News](#) page.

"Are you done with your genealogy yet?" is the most ridiculous question I've ever been asked.

Twisted Twigs



FINANCIAL REPORT



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October 2024 Treasurer's Report

	Current Month	Fiscal Year to Date	FY 2025 Budget
Memberships			
Renewals	0	0	25
New Members	0	0	5
Total	0	0	30
Beginning Balance	\$2,062.58	\$2,062.58	\$2,062.58
Income:			
Member Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Expenses:			
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)
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$820.00)
Ending Balance	\$2,062.58	\$2,062.58	\$1,692.58

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.

**NEW FISCAL YEAR--
STARTED OCT 1**

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Is there Native American heritage in your family? Are you unsure about it? I know my step-kids have “heard” of a great-grandfather (or farther back) with Native blood. This webinar caught my eye: “10 Ways to find your Native American Ancestor using Y, Mitochondrial, and Autosomal DNA.” The webinar is from 2021, but the video is still available here: [Link to free video](#)

Registration opened on September 25, 2024 for RootsTech 2025. The online RootsTech conference will be available for free on RootsTech.org. The paid in-person conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 6–8, 2025.”

Learn about British WWI soldiers in your family. New record images create the most complete set of records to identify the over 5.5 million soldiers served in the British Army during World War I. This is a large topic, but research has gotten easier during the last couple of years as original resources and indexes have become available online, and new finding aids have been created. This lecture examines what records were destroyed in London during WWII, what records survived along with how to use the new indexes, online originals and how to interpret them. Register for the free webinar:

[Link to free registration](#)

Find a host of free videos and live webinars (and more) at
legacyfamilytreewebinars.com and conferencekeeper.org



SUNFLOWER GENEALOGY SOCIETY

2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

for residents of the Sunflower neighborhood

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NEW MEMBER

After completing application, please return to the Sunflower Village Center reception desk **or** mail to: Eileen Carney, 7839 W Red Clay Ln, 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" *****

For Sunflower Genealogy Society treasurer use only

Check # _____ Amount _____ Deposit Date ____/____/____