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GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Library, 350 Nevada Street at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Doors will be open at 6:30 PM.

For 2022, we are anticipating that our meetings will continue to be held via Zoom video sessions. You will need to watch your email for the Zoom meeting notices in order to join the sessions. While this is not our ideal way to hold meetings, it does allow us to visit a little and spend some time together. While we continue this way, I am very grateful to have this option available.

Join us at our next General Meeting on Monday, May 23rd, 7 p.m. in person at the Beecher Room of the Auburn Library or by Zoom (see information below).

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Amy Johnson Crow **The WANDER Research Method**

Monday May 23, 2022, 7:00 pm

This meeting is a combined Zoom Meeting and Library

We are very happy to announce that Amy Johnson Crow will be presenting at our May 23rd General Meeting at 7 pm at the Beecher Room, Auburn Library, by Zoom. You may attend in person or by Zoom. The topic is Finding Ancestors Without Going in Circles: The WANDER Research Method. You want to explore more about your genealogy, but you're stuck in a seemingly endless loop of looking for more records. See how the WANDER research method can get you on the path to discovering more of your family history.

Amy is a nationally recognized genealogist and presenter. Whether it's through her Generations Café podcast, free Facebook group, or the Generation Connection membership, she is dedicated to helping people discover their own family history and make those connections for themselves.

Amy holds a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from Kent State University. She has held a Certified Genealogist® credential since 1995. Amy has worked at Ancestry.com, served as the series editor for the National Genealogical Society Guides, published by Rutledge Hill Press, and was the co-author of Online Roots in that series.

Amy is the author of 31 Days to Better Genealogy, a resource guide filled with practical tips you can put into practice right away, as well as more than 40 articles in various genealogical publications. She has presented at genealogy's top events, include RootsTech and the Federation of Genealogical Societies' annual conference. You can find out more about Amy on her website www.amyjohnsoncrow.com.

Amy has never turned down an offer to go visit a cemetery.

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June 20, 2022, Day Study Group Meeting

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Our June Study Group meeting will be held on the THIRD Monday at 10:00 am in-person at the Beecher Room, Auburn Library, and via Zoom. Reminder: our Study Group does not meet in July and August.

Join Zoom Meeting by copying & pasting this link into your browser <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83823145001?pwd=N0d0bC9STWg0VXY0R3VJaVUrYUYzQT09> Meeting ID: 838 2314 5001 Passcode: Placer

Our June study group topic is:

In the Public Domain: Homesteads & Other Federal Land Records

From 1785 to 1934, the U.S. government distributed more than 1 billion acres of public land into private ownership. Follow the paper trail of federal land records from survey plats, to tract books, land-entry files, and land patents. Discover ways these records tell you not just where your ancestors lived, but also how they lived.

Usually* Second Monday of each Month (except July, Aug. & Dec.) 10:00 am in-person at the Beecher Room, Auburn Library and via zoom

March. 14, 2022 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting by copying & pasting this link into your browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83823145001?pwd=N0d0bC9STWg0VXY0R3VJaVUrYUYzQT09>

Meeting ID: 838 2314 5001 Passcode: Placer

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June 13, 2022, Family Tree Maker User Group

Special in-depth topics can be scheduled. Please e-mail our group leader Jerry Unruh with any requests.

Join Zoom Meeting by copying & pasting this link into your browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81217942974?pwd=QUdBWG4xa09RZEU1anlSQmFWS0xVdz09>

Meeting ID: 812 1794 2974 Passcode: Placer

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June 2, 2022, DNA Study Group

First Thursday of each Month (except December) 10:00 am – noon, in person at the Jessie Helms Room, Loomis Library and via zoom

Join Zoom Meeting by copying & pasting this link into your browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83804150423?pwd=Si9zcWd6eENCcFBsNm85VTQrQmIKQT09>

Meeting ID: 838 0415 0423 Passcode: PCGS

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June 16, 2022, Beginners and Basics Group

Third Thursday of each Month (except December) 2:00 pm March 17, 2022 2:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting by copying & pasting this link into your browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82266755880?pwd=NVJBbGZNNFFQVWRFdHFXWkZLRE1GUT09>

Meeting ID: 822 6675 5880 Passcode: Placer

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So many things are happening this month.



Looking at my calendar, I realized that May is National Military Appreciation Month. While we should always appreciate our military personnel, I am glad that we have set aside a month to honor them. In my life, I have known four generations who participated in military service. Both of my grandfathers participated in World War I; my father and his three brothers, as well as my mom's brother, all took part in World War II; my brother served in the Air Force between Vietnam and Iraq; and my grandson is currently serving in the Navy.

These are just the men that I knew (and still know) personally. Many more of my ancestors served in our country's service over the course of the past 250 years, and I know that most of you have similar stories.

Why not spend a little time researching their units and their experiences? Where did they serve, what ship or regiment were they in, how long was their

service, and, sadly, were they injured, imprisoned or killed? It's important to tell those stories, as well as the stories of those who remained at home. How were their lives altered? The impact of a family member's military service effects the lives of the whole family.

Records are available in many places:

FamilySearch, Ancestry, MyHeritage and Fold3 are all important repositories. But also check state archives, NARA, and local repositories, such as county libraries and societies. You may find applications in lineage societies which provide clues to original records. And don't forget that, in some years, the Federal Census asked questions about military service, which may provide clues for you. Have some fun searching out these veterans, and sharing their photos and stories with your friends and family. Let's help keep these memories alive. And let those who are currently serving know how much they are appreciated.

As always, let me know if you have any questions, suggestions or thoughts about our Society. I am always happy to chat. See you soon, Cyndi

We welcome your input via email at president@pcgs.pcgenes.com or at any of our meetings. I am looking forward to seeing you, Cyndi

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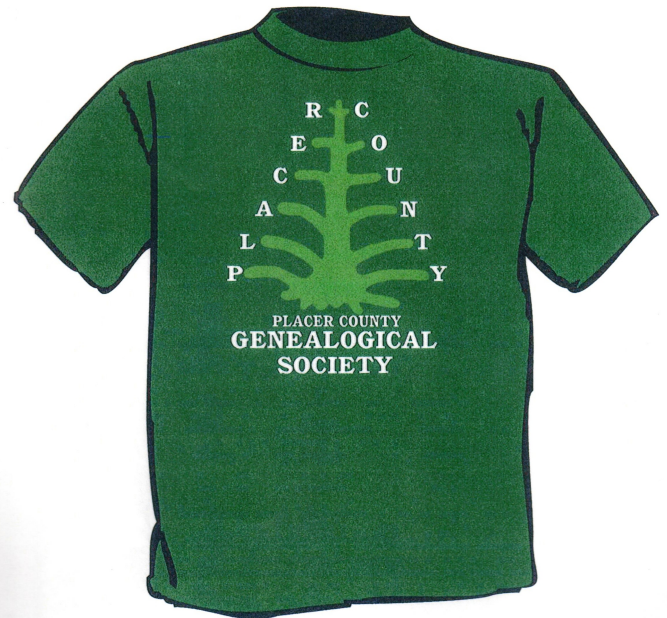
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PCGS Voice Mail (866) 894-2076

Don Cortez of Three Ring Service has graciously donated a voice mail telephone number for Placer County Genealogical Society. The answering message will announce basic information and the upcoming PCGS meetings. Callers can leave messages for board members, chairpersons and the research committee. Thank You, Don Cortez.

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PCGS T-Shirts

100 percent pre shrunk cotton fabric. Made locally in Auburn California. Sizes Small to XX Large. Price: \$15.00 each. Good to wear to genealogy events such as Meetings, Seminars and Genealogical Classes locally, National and International. When others see the name Placer County it can make a curiosity that they will ask "Where is Placer County?" or if they are familiar with it perhaps they will ask if you know a certain person or family from Placer County. Who knows, it may be one you are researching. You may contact Bill Heisch for ordering and information. You may leave him voice mail on the PCGS voice mail at (866) 894-2076.

Also available are name badges that can be ordered with names you are researching. To order please see our Registrar, Bill Heisch, at our General Meetings at Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, on the 4th Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 9:00 PM except for November and December.

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PCGS Mailing List

We have a mailing list for PCGS. Announcements of meetings and other information of interest to PCGS members will be made available through this mailing list. It is also a place to gloat about your recent finds and general discussion among our members.

Besides the new Facebook pages we have established pcgs.groups.io

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PLACER COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TREASURER REPORT April 2022

CHECKING balance Apr 1, 2021	7731.68
General Fund	
Transfers and receipts	40.00
Disbursements	225.00
Net Income/(Loss)	(185.00)
Library Fund	
Transfers and receipts	0.00
Disbursements	0.00
Net Income/(Loss)	0.00
Net Income/(Loss)	(185.00)
CHECKING Balance Apr 30, 2022	7546.68
SAVINGS Balance Apr 30, 2022	4215.53
TOTAL FUNDS Apr 30, 2022	11752.21
General Fund	7640.73
Library Fund	4473.45
TOTAL of PGCS Funds	12114.18

Apr 30, 2022 Submitted by Bill Heisch

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2022 Placer County Genealogical Society General Meeting Minutes April 25, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. Beecher Room, Auburn - Placer County Library and via ZOOM

Call to Order – President Cyndi Davis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members were present in the room and by Zoom.

Welcome – Cyndi welcomed the members and the speaker Stephanie K. West who joined the meeting by Zoom. She noted that there were more members attending in person than by Zoom.

The Treasurer's Report (Mar. 2022) and the Minutes from Previous Meeting (Mar. 28, 2022)

were in the April newsletter. There were no questions or comments.

Registrar's Report and Introduction of Visitors – Bill Heisch, Registrar, was not present so Cyndi reported that the current membership is 82 paid plus 25 family members for a total of 107 members. She noted a slight decline in membership from last year.

Old Business –

- **Heritage Trail 2022** – Diane Fishburn gave a report on the upcoming activities. PCGS will have a table at the Bernhard Museum on June 18th and the Courthouse Museum on July 9th. Both days will be from 10 am to 4 pm, and she solicited volunteers for both days for 3-hour shifts (10 to 1 and 1 to 4).

New Business –

- **Pending revision to Bylaws** – Cyndi briefly explained the need and intent of the proposed amendment to the Bylaws to authorize the Board to establish the day and time for membership general meetings. Notice of the amendment has been sent to members by email and in the newsletter as required by the Bylaws. The membership will vote on the amendment at the May 23rd General Meeting.

Committee Reports:

1. **Day Study Group** – Barbara Leak – next meeting is Mon, May 9th, at 10:00 via zoom and in-person at the Beecher Room, Auburn Library. The topic will be Land Records. Barbara will discuss Deeds at the May meeting, and Federal Land Records at the June meeting. She noted that the June meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month or June 20th.

- a. **AFHC meetings** – Barbara also announced that these meetings are ongoing by Zoom every Tues evening at 7:00 pm.

2. **Family Tree Maker Users Group** – Jerry Unruh – next meeting is Thurs., May 12th, in-person at the Bell Road LDS Church and by Zoom at 10:00 am. All summer meetings will be held in person only, no Zoom option.

- where to find them, tips on searching and using the records, and on census substitutes.
3. **DNA Study Group** – Doug Saathoff was not present, so Cyndi announced that the next meeting is May 5th in person at the Loomis Library. The topic has not yet been announced. **Meeting adjourned** – Cyndi adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.
 4. **Beginners and Basics Group** – Cyndi Davis, Thurs., next meeting is May 19th by Zoom at 2:00 pm. This is the last meeting before a break for the summer. The group will resume in September.
 5. **Programs** – Cyndi Davis, Diane Fishburn & Patty Saathoff – Diane announced the speakers and topics for the meetings through July. May is Amy Johnson Crow on The WANDER Method; June is Lisa Gorrell on Cemetery and Funeral Home Records, and Barbara will present A Placer Pioneer in July which is based on her family history and research.
 6. **Facebook page** - Placer County Genealogical Society or PCGS1980 – 76 members
 7. **PCGS.groups.io** – 72 members
 8. **HOC (Historical Organizations Council)** – Diane Fishburn – No report.
 9. **SRGC (Sacramento Region Genealogical Council)** – No updates. announced that the next Council meeting is on April 10 by Zoom.

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Announcements:

- **NGS in Sacramento May 25-28** – Cyndi provided information on the many opportunities to volunteer. Check the California Genealogical Society for volunteer opportunities.

Member Share – None.

Small Break (with cookies!) and Raffle Drawing

Speaker Introduction: Diane introduced our speaker Stephanie K. West who spoke on State Census Records. Stephanie gave a comprehensive presentation on the available state census records,

To: All Current Members of the Placer County Genealogical Society - By-Laws

Date: 15 April 2022

In November 2021, the Board of Directors were advised that the Beecher Room at the Auburn Placer County Library would not be available for our regular monthly General Meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month beginning in 2022. The Board then researched and considered several options, including meeting on the regular fourth Thursday of the month at a variety of different locations, or changing our meeting date and continuing to meet at the Beecher Room on a different night. After reviewing the options, it was decided to continue meeting at the Beecher Room on the fourth Monday of the month for 2022.

The PCGS By-Laws, Article 4, Section 2, paragraph 2 (below) specifies that our regular meetings are to be held on the fourth Thursday of the month. Therefore, a change in the by-law is necessary. After discussion, the Board decided to allow for some flexibility in the wording, should it be necessary or desirable to change a meeting date or time in the future. We are therefore presenting the amendment to the By-Laws as shown below.

This amendment will be presented for a vote of members at our May General Meeting on Monday, April 23, 2022, at 7:00 – 9:00 pm, in person at the Beecher Room at the Auburn Placer Library, 350 Nevada St., Auburn, CA, and also by Zoom, Meeting ID: 863 8770 8461, Passcode: Placer. This notice is issued in accordance with Article 4, Section 3 (a) of the PCGS By-Laws/

The complete By-Laws may be requested by emailing president@pcgs.pcgenes.com.

ARTICLE 4. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

SECTION 1. PLACE OF MEETINGS. Meetings of members shall be held at the Auburn-Placer County Library or such other place within Placer County as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. ANNUAL AND OTHER REGULAR MEETINGS. The members shall meet annually in November of each year, for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors and transacting other business as may come before the meeting. The Board of Directors shall designate the time and place for the annual meeting and notify the membership in accordance with Section 3 below. The annual meeting of members for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors shall be deemed a

regular meeting and any reference in these Bylaws to regular meetings of members refers to this annual meeting.

Other regular meetings of the members shall be held ~~on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 P.M.~~ *on a day and time as determined by the Board of Directors.* No meeting shall be held in December.

If the day fixed for the annual or other regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, such meeting shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

Thank you to all our continuing members for their participation in the Placer County Genealogical Society.

PCGS Board of Directors

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

General Meeting – Amy Johnson Crow, *The WANDER Research Method*, May 23, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Day Study Group Meeting (Second Monday of the Month) **Zoom Meeting** Barbara Leak [leads the Day Study Group.](#)

Family Tree Maker User's Group (Second Thursday of the Month) – **Zoom Meeting**

Placer County Genealogical Society Board Meetings (Wednesday week prior to General Meeting) – 10:00 a.m. **Zoom Meeting**. All members are welcome to attend please check with a board member to confirm date and time.

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For Updates on Meetings and Other Events:

Check our web site

pcgs.pcgenes.com

PCGS Voice Mail (866) 894-2076

Next Newsletter DEADLINE is:

June 1, 2022

Email: placertrails@pcgs.pcgenes.com

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