

SANTA ROSA FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE – LINKING GENERATIONS – FEB 2 2019

CLASS SCHEDULE

KEYNOTE MORNING SESSION 9:00 – 9:50A.M. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CRISTA COWAN**
GETTING THE MOST OUT OF ANCESTRY
 ARE YOU GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR ANCESTRY SUBSCRIPTION? EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SUBSCRIPTION, ARE YOU AWARE THERE ARE MANY THINGS YOU CAN ACCESS FOR FREE? WE WILL COVER THE MAJOR AREAS OF THE ANCESTRY.COM WEBSITE AND SHOW YOU OUR FAVORITE TOOLS FOR ADVANCING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH.

LOCATION	CLASS SESSION 1 10:00 – 10:45 A.M. PRESENTER – CLASS	CLASS SESSION 2 11:00 – 11:45 A.M. PRESENTER – CLASS
A - CHAPEL	MERRILL WHITE – USING FAMILYSEARCH FAMILYSEARCH AND ITS PREDECESSORS HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY GATHERING, PRESERVING AND SHARING GENEALOGICAL RECORDS WORLDWIDE FOR OVER 100 YEARS. THIS INTRODUCTORY CLASS WILL HELP YOU NAVIGATE THE FAMILYSEARCH WEBSITE AND WILL GIVE YOU TIPS TO ACCESS INFORMATION FROM THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF GENEALOGICAL RECORDS IN THE WORLD.	CRISTA COWAN – USING ANCESTRY DNA RESULTS TO MAKE FAMILY HISTORY DISCOVERIES LOOK AT WHAT YOU INHERITED FROM BOTH SIDES OF YOUR FAMILY TREE. WE WILL REVIEW YOUR DNA STORY AND YOUR DNA MATCH LIST AND PROVIDE TIPS FOR WORKING WITH THOSE MATCHES TO MAKE NEW FAMILY HISTORY DISCOVERIES.
B - PRIMARY	WENDY WHEELWRIGHT – CROSSING THE POND – LEARNING ABOUT YOUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS THIS CLASS WILL FOCUS ON TIPS AND STRATEGIES FOR TRACING U.S. ANCESTRAL LINES BACK TO EUROPEAN HOMELANDS. THE COURSE WILL COVER GEOGRAPHIC NAMING CONVENTIONS, SURNAME CHANGES, AND THE DIFFERENCES IN RESEARCHING SOURCE DOCUMENTS IN EUROPE VERSUS NORTH AMERICA.	JOANNA KOLOSOV – DISCOVERING YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY'S GENEALOGY RESOURCES. JOIN A LIBRARIAN FROM THE SONOMA COUNTY HISTORY & GENEALOGY LIBRARY FOR A VIRTUAL TOUR OF FREE RESOURCES THAT CAN HELP YOU PIECE TOGETHER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY. FROM UNPUBLISHED MEMOIRS AND VITAL DATA INDEXES TO E-BOOKS AND GENEALOGY DATABASES, SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY OFFERS A VARIETY OF LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES FOR BEGINNING TO ADVANCED GENEALOGISTS. SEE WHAT YOUR LIBRARY CARD CAN UNLOCK!
C - NURSERY	PAT CARHART – TELLING THE TALES OF OUR ANCESTORS - TIPS ON WRITING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY DO THEIR EYES GLAZE OVER WHEN YOU SHARE YOUR MOST RECENT DISCOVERY? TELL THEM A STORY INSTEAD! COMBINE YOUR FINDINGS WITH SOME HISTORY AND A SENSE OF ADVENTURE, MYSTERY, SURPRISE OR TRAGEDY AND WATCH THEM CLAMOR TO HEAR YOUR TALES!	LAURA GONZALEZ – MEXICAN GENEALOGY TIPS TIPS ON GETTING STARTED IN YOUR SEARCH FOR MEXICAN ANCESTORS. WE'LL GO OVER THINGS SUCH AS THE TYPES OF RECORDS AVAILABLE, NAMING CUSTOMS AND HOW TO DECIPHER SPANISH DOCUMENTS WHEN YOU DON'T SPEAK THE LANGUAGE.
D – RELIEF SOCIETY ROOM	JEANNE PORTER – FROM BANKERS BOXES TO ORDER ORGANIZING FAMILY HISTORY DOCUMENTATION FOR BETTER RESEARCH AND FAMILY SHARING.	GEORGE MCKINNEY, MARILYN PAHR & ELIHU SMITH – ELLIS ISLAND IMMIGRATION– A RE-CREATION JOIN US AS WE FOLLOW TWO IMMIGRANTS AS THEY LEAVE LITHUANIA IN 1902, TRAVEL ACROSS EUROPE, CROSS THE ATLANTIC, GO THROUGH ELLIS ISLAND, AND TRAVEL ON TO LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS. THIS IS A FULL-SCALE RE-CREATION WITH PERFORMERS DEMONSTRATING AT EVERY STEP HOW IMMIGRATION REALLY WORKED AND HOW ELLIS ISLAND REALLY OPERATED.
E - MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM	DENISE BEESON – CENSUS RECORDS – U.S. FEDERAL AND STATE CENSUS INFORMATION PROVIDES A METHOD OF TRACING OUR ANCESTORS THROUGHOUT TIME. THE FEDERAL AND STATE CENSUS ARE FREE AS WELL AS ONLINE WITH FAMILY SEARCH AND ANCESTRY DATABASES. LEARN HOW TO HARVEST THE VITAL INFORMATION AND LEARN ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS CREATING A TIMELINE OF THEIR LIVES!	SHARON ELWELL – HIDDEN TREASURES OF MEMORY THIS CLASS WILL TEACH A METHOD FOR ACCESSING LONG-FORGOTTEN GLIMPSES OF MEMORY TO MAKE YOUR PERSONAL AND FAMILY HISTORY LIVELY AND ENGAGING.

LUNCH BREAK 11:45-1:00 **DINING AREA IN CULTURAL HALL (EXPLORE DISPLAYS, TOUR FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY)**

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MERRILL WHITE – FAMILY SEARCH
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LOCATION	CLASS SESSION 3 2:00 – 2:45 P.M. PRESENTER – CLASS	CLASS SESSION 4 3:00 – 3:45 P.M. PRESENTER – CLASS	CLASS SESSION 5 4:00 – 4:45 P.M. PRESENTER – CLASS
A - CHAPEL	CRISTA COWAN – ANCESTRY SEARCH TIPS AND TRICKS ANCESTRY HAS MORE THAN 22 BILLION HISTORICAL RECORDS IN MORE THAN 32,000 DATABASES. CRISTA WILL SHARE HER PROCESS OF SEARCHING AND RESEARCHING. YOU WILL LEARN WHY CERTAIN SEARCHES RETURN CERTAIN KINDS OF RESULTS. YOU WILL ALSO LEARN HOW TO GET EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IN YOUR SEARCH RESULTS.	MERRILL WHITE – SEARCH TIPS AND TRICKS ON FAMILY SEARCH LEARN NEW SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES AND LESSER KNOWN FEATURES OF THE FAMILYSEARCH TREE.	CRISTA COWAN – USING ANCESTRY TO MEET THE GENEALOGICAL PROOF STANDARD YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGIST TO USE THE GENEALOGICAL PROOF STANDARD. YOU WILL LEARN HOW THESE FIVE STEPS CAN HELP MAKE YOU A BETTER, MORE SUCCESSFUL RESEARCHER AND HOW THE TOOLS AVAILABLE ON ANCESTRY FACILITATE THAT EXPERIENCE. THIS WAY, YOU CAN BE MORE CONFIDENT THAT YOU ARE CLIMBING YOUR OWN FAMILY TREE AND NOT SOMEONE ELSE'S.
B - PRIMARY	WENDY WHEELWRIGHT – ADOPTION RESEARCH THIS CLASS WILL FOCUS ON STRATEGIES FOR RESEARCHING ADOPTIONS IN A FAMILY LINE. THE COURSE WILL COVER PRIOR CENTURY ADOPTION RESEARCH AS WELL AS MODERN ADOPTION RESEARCH.	WENDY WHEELWRIGHT – SEARCHING FOR YOUR GERMANIC ANCESTORS THIS CLASS WILL FOCUS ON TIPS AND STRATEGIES FOR RESEARCHING GERMANIC RECORDS, WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON SUETTERLIN AND FRAKTUR SCRIPTS, AS WELL AS PLACE-NAME CONVENTIONS.	SIERRA POPE – USING TIMELINES AND CHRONOLOGIES FOR FAMILY HISTORY THIS CLASS WILL PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW HOW TIMELINES CAN IMPROVE YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH. WE WILL ALSO LOOK AT OPTIONS TO SHARE YOUR RESEARCH WITH FAMILY USING TIMELINES.
C - NURSERY	DENISE BEESON – FAMILY HISTORY EDUCATION THROUGH FREE ONLINE DATABASES AND WEBSITES TOO MUCH INFORMATION TO SORT THROUGH IN ALL THE DATABASES OUT THERE? ORGANIZE YOUR RESEARCH BY SOURCING THE FREE AND EASY SITES AS WELL AS LEARN ABOUT THOSE "HIDDEN" SITES FREE TO YOU. TIPS AND TRICKS ONLINE WILL HELP YOU ORGANIZE WHAT YOU KNOW AND WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.	JEFFREY VAILLANT – GENEALOGY SOFTWARE PROGRAMS THERE ARE SO MANY! WHICH ONE IS FOR YOU? CLOUD OR SOFTWARE, OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH?!	ALMA PANIAGUA – MI FAMILIA – INTRODUCCIÓN A LA INVESTIGACIÓN DE HISTORIA FAMILIAR – INTRODUCTORY CLASS IN SPANISH LANGUAGE. ÉSTE CLASE CUBRIRÁ LOS SIGUIENTES TÓPICOS: LLENAR EL FOLLETO "MÍ FAMILIA," OBTENER UN NOMBRE DE USUARIO Y CONTRASEÑA, CÓMO INTRODUCIR SU INFORMACIÓN EN FAMILYSEARCH, Y BUSCAR A SUS ANTEPASADOS.
D - RELIEF SOCIETY ROOM	JEFFREY VAILLANT – CIVIL WAR RECORDS RESEARCH SOME INS AND OUTS FOR FINDING THE ANCESTOR WITH PLACES TO LOOK.	GEORGE MCKINNEY – DNA ADVANCED TECHNIQUES AS TIME PERMITS, WE WILL COVER 5 ADVANCED TOPICS: TRIANGULATION (DESIGNATING SECTION OF DNA WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A SPECIFIC ANCESTOR); USE OF A SPREADSHEET TO RECORD TRIANGULATION RESULTS; GEDMATCH; DNA EXTENSIONS FOR ANCESTRY DNA; AND THE PECULIARITIES OF X-DNA ANALYSIS.	JEANNE PORTER – FROM BANKERS BOXES TO ORDER ORGANIZING FAMILY HISTORY DOCUMENTATION FOR BETTER RESEARCH AND FAMILY SHARING.
E - MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM	JEAN TERRIBILINI – STRENGTHENING YOUR EVIDENCE: ATTACHING SOURCES IN FAMILYSEARCH AND ANCESTRY LEARN HOW TO ATTACH SOURCES IN FAMILYSEARCH AND ANCESTRY, HOW TO MOVE SOURCES BETWEEN THE TWO PROGRAMS, AND HOW TO ATTACH HARD-COPY SOURCES IN YOUR POSSESSION.	NANCY O'CONNOR EVANS – IRISH GENEALOGY THE IRISH DIASPORA IS AT THE HEART OF UNDERSTANDING HOW AND WHY OUR IRISH ANCESTORS CAME TO BE IN AMERICA. THE TALK WILL SUMMARIZE THE IRISH DIASPORA; HOW AND WHY IRISH AMERICANS CAME TO BE THE THIRD LARGEST ANCESTRY GROUP IN AMERICA TODAY. THEN, USING CASE STUDIES, WE WILL SHOW HOW TO FIND AND USE THE IRISH RECORDS; WITH A FOCUS ON THE IRISH CIVIL RECORDS AND NAVIGATING THE IRISH CATHOLIC PARISH REGISTERS.	LA DAWN MEADE – PRESERVING PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTIONS THIS PRESENTATION WILL GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF GOOD ARCHIVAL PRACTICES FOR KEEPING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY PHOTOS, HEIRLOOMS, LOVE LETTERS AND OTHER IMPORTANT PAPERS INTACT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. WE WILL EXPLORE SEVERAL WAYS TO DIGITIZE ALL OF IT AND SAVE BACKUP COPIES AS INSURANCE AGAINST CATASTROPHIC LOSS. WE WILL ALSO GO OVER THE PROS AND CONS OF EACH APPROACH SO YOU CAN SELECT THE STRATEGY THAT BEST FITS YOUR NEEDS.