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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Details and registration for all events may be found on our website at:

[www.lcgSCO.org/calendar-of-events](http://www.lcgSCO.org/calendar-of-events)

Classes are Free unless noted otherwise. Some Require Advance Registration.

**February 18, Program: "Pledging Brotherhood: An Introduction to Fraternal, Benevolent and Secret Societies."** Speaker Jen Baldwin. 6:30 pm– 8:30 pm, Council Tree Library, Fort Collins. During the 1800's, one in every seven people in the US was a member of a fraternal society. Explore the various types of organizations, how they differ from each other and how to access their records.

**February 20, Colorado Genealogy Society Computer Interest Group Workshop:** 1:30 pm–3:30 pm, Denver Public Library, 10 West 14th Ave Pkwy, 7th floor training room. Workshops in Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, The Master Genealogist, Scanning and Digital Imaging, Roots Magic. For more information go to: <http://www.cigcolorado.org>.

**March 5, Colorado Genealogical Society & Computer Interest Group Spring Seminar 2016.** Speaker CeCe Moore, Genetic Genealogist. 9 am – 4 pm, Denver Public Library, (14th Avenue and Broadway) ,Lower Level Conference Center. Lunch on your own – brown bags OK. Materials Fee \$35. For more information go to: <http://www.cigcolorado.org>.

**March 17, Program: Same War, Different Battlefields: Inspiring Stories from Civilians Impacted by WWII."** Speaker Jean Messinger. 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Council Tree Library, Fort Collins. Jean will tell several stories from local residents, mostly from Larimer and Weld counties, who were part of WWII as civilians or soldiers. Some were Japanese-Americans, some were Europeans including Germans, and even stateside civilians. From living under the Nazi occupation to witnessing the London Blitz to working at the POW camp near Greeley, Jean talked with many local residents who had either grim or humorous stories of their WWII past.

**April 21, Program: "History of Larimer County – From Its Graves."** Speakers Duane and Susan Kniebes. 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Council Tree Library. They are the authors of a new three volume book set about existing and forgotten cemeteries and burials in Larimer County, "Cemeteries and Remote Graves of Larimer County, Colorado." Susan will discuss an overview of the book with several interesting stories about some of the burials. Duane will show how to locate burials and determine gender using dowsing rods.

### COME SEE US !! WE WELCOME VISITORS

Larimer County Genealogical Society meets at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month (no meeting in December) at one of the Ft. Collins Libraries. Check the Calendar of Events or our website for location.

Dues are \$20.00 per year for an individual or \$30.00 per year for a family. Lifetime dues are also available.

The Newsletter is published 6 times a year. Please submit your articles and announcements to The Newsletter Editor at: [Newsletter\\_editor@lCGSCO.org](mailto:Newsletter_editor@lCGSCO.org) or in writing to:

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All submissions are subject to editing.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stacey Wallace Rehbein



Hello Everyone,

Well another year behind us and another year ahead. Here a few things that LCGS would like to either accomplish or get a good start on in 2016.

Of course, we always want to work toward sharing our passion for genealogy and family history with more people. So, how and what should we do differently than we already are? In looking to find a way to increase the diversity of our demographics we have decided to start a Saturday Coffee time for people with children or jobs who find it difficult to make it to a LCGS current monthly meeting. I want to call it Genista`. We are also hoping through this, we can generate more interest in genealogy and family history among the next generation.

As most of you know, we have planned a 2nd Conference for a Cause on October 15, 2016 at the Medical Center of the Rockies with Curt Witcher as a speaker. He is the Genealogy Manager at the Allen County Public Library. We haven't chosen the topics yet but we will let you know as soon as they are available. This conference will benefit the same two non-profit groups as last year. We will begin planning in February and will have more information for you soon. We have learned a lot from our 1st Conference and appreciate your feedback, positive and negative. From what we have learned we plan to make it even better than before.

That leads in to the next thing we would like to accomplish this year. We are forming a Website Support & Review Committee. This committee will work to support and assist the Webmaster with changes and updates to our website. The first of which will be to make sure we have an accomplished system for online payments. This would include being able to have anyone join, or renew their membership with LCGS on our website. This would, at the same time, create a smoother registration process for our next and future conference's. Thank you for a great 2015!

Stacey Wallace Rehbein

LCGS President

### FAMILY HISTORY CENTER NEWS

By: Pat Johnson

#### A Magic Number

For any questions about FamilySearch call the magic number 1-866-406-1830. If they don't know the answer immediately, they will find it and call you back – guaranteed.



#### Family History Center Contact info:

**Fort Collins FHC:** 226-5999; 600 Swallow Rd.

Tuesday and Wednesday: 10 am - 4 pm;  
 Tuesday: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm (no Wed. evening)  
 Saturday: 9 am to Noon, excepting the first Saturday each month

**Loveland FHC:** 669-6498; 3800 Mountain Lion Dr.

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9 am - 3 pm;  
 Wednesday: 7 pm - 9 pm;  
 Saturday: 9 am to Noon

**Berthoud FHC:** 532-2155 (for appointment); 550 Spartan Dr.

Tuesday and Wednesday: 6:30 pm—8:30 pm.

## Society News – Membership Renewals

### New Members & Visitors!

We had a beautiful Christmas Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup> with 44 in attendance. Our January meeting was very successful with 62 persons in attendance: 46 members and 16 guests. Our guest speaker discussed a Civil War era historical quilt and the genealogical research implications. Many of the guests were quilters - what a great program idea with "crossover" appeal.

In 2015 we had 188 members, 34 new members and 488 in total attendance!

We welcome the following new members to the LCGS since December 1st.

**Leona Watson from Fort Collins**  
**Bryan Rehbein from Tacoma, WA**  
**Meg Bonahoom from Fort Collins**  
**Cathy England from Windsor**  
**Ken & Marti Morgan from Loveland**  
**Anne Butner from Loveland**  
**Rita Treckman from Kingwood, TX**

**Visitors!** Our records show 139 visitors attending in 2015! Let's be sure we welcome them and invite them back. Visitors and new members can be a great resource of new knowledge and friendship.

**Members:** We appreciate your support! If you haven't already, please send your dues in and a photo for our new directory, to Jean Anderson at [genealogyquest@yahoo.com](mailto:genealogyquest@yahoo.com).

## CLICKING & SHARING

**Editor's Note:** The links in this newsletter should all be live, however, you may need to sit straight up in your chair and clench your jaw to get them to work. Suggestion: first do one click on the link anywhere, then while holding down the control key, double click the linked phrase. OR, perhaps much easier depending on your computer, click on the link phrase anywhere, then right-click; in the drop-down window select "open hyperlink" or a similar phrase.



If you have a paper newsletter or other link problems, look for the main website address. Typing that in your browser should get you to the right area, then just look around for links to what you want. Example: **FamilyTreeWebinars.com** in bold in the article to the right on Legacy Family Tree Webinars.

**SHARE** your interesting stories and experiences with us. What interesting thing did you just discover? [Newsletter\\_editor@lcgsc.org](mailto:Newsletter_editor@lcgsc.org)



## Updates from FGS

By Jen Baldwin, FGS Delegate

**2015** was a very busy year for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, as the organization contributed a great deal to the family history community. 2016 is also off to a great start; here's a bit of news:

In January, the War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions ([www.preservethepensions.org](http://www.preservethepensions.org)) campaign announced that they had hit another milestone! They have now hit the \$2 Million mark in their efforts to digitally preserve this incredible collection and make it FREE for everyone. You can find the records on Fold3.com. They still have about \$1 Million left to raise, and as you will recall, LCGS was able to donate a sizable contribution last November as a result of our shared fundraiser centered around the Conference for a Cause, which featured D. Joshua Taylor.

Josh also made news in January, as he announced that he has been appointed President of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society – one of the oldest and largest genealogy organizations in the country. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Josh!

In February, the annual Rootstech conference was held  
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## Free Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Sign up for one or all of them. To register or for more information go to [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com).

### February :

**The Scots-Irish in America** by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen. 2/10

**Problem Solving with FANs** by Beth Folk. 2/19

**A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0** by Cyndi Ingle. 2/24

### March:

**The War of 1812 Records—Preserving the Pensions** by Michael J. Hall. 3/2

**Making YDNA and mtDNA Part of Your Family History** by Diahann Southard. 3/4

**How Do I know That's My Ancestor?** by Amy Johnson Crow. 3/9

**The Private Laws of the Federal and State Governments** by Judy G. Russell, JD,CG,CGL. 3/16

**Introduction to German Parish Records** by Gail Blankenau. 3/23

**Proof Arguments—How to Write Them and Why They Matter** by Warren Bittner. 3/30



## New LCGS Vice President—Pat Johnson

### Pat Johnson — What? A Harley Rider?

I was born in Ottumwa, Iowa in the middle of the Great Depression. Why they call a tragic event like that “Great”, I will never know. The only other famous person from Ottumwa, that I know of, is Radar O’Riley on MASH. But, because of WWII my family moved often and left Ottumwa when I was age 5. Of course, many of my ancestors lived there so we visited there often but it was never really home to me.

I eventually ended up in the Panhandle of Western Nebraska and call that area home. I moved to Longmont, Colorado in 1971 with my first husband and two daughters. As my life moved through different phases, I seemed to keep moving north and finally ended up in Fort Collins. I only have Wellington to go and I will be in Wyoming.

Not being very inventive, my life has been greatly influenced by who I married. So my skills developed depending on what their interests were. This led me to life as the wife of a cowboy. I really did have my own horse and rode in gymkhanas (just for a short time however).

The next chapter was perhaps the most fun of all. I married a Harley biker. Early on I decided if I was going to be killed on a motorcycle I would prefer to be driving it myself, so this led to me buying a beautiful Turquoise 1979 Harley Superglide, named “Echo”. Yes, I always name my favorite vehicles. I learned to ride it, and it was a challenge for a woman in the 1980’s, and one with short legs to boot. But accomplish it I did, and we rode our bikes for a good many years and had all sorts of strange experiences. Believe me, it is not a luxurious mode of transportation. But I wouldn’t have missed it for the world.

Finally, I found my last passion in genealogy. We had planned to be at the 100th Anniversary of the Massacre at Wounded Knee, South Dakota on December 29, 1990. Some call it a battle, but it was no battle. I’ll tell you that story at another time.

While on that trip, (not on bikes of course) we stayed at

Hot Springs, South Dakota. I mentioned to John that one of my sets of great-great grandparents lived at the Old Soldiers Home in Hot Springs when they got old. He was a Civil War Veteran. We decided to find the home and see where it was, what it looked like now. It was beautiful, tucked up against the Black Hills with the many pine trees surrounding it. While sitting there looking at it, John said, “Why don’t you go in and see if they know about Eugene Casey?” I was hesitant because I didn’t even know what to ask or how to start the conversation; I was just a “slightly interested” innocent bystander.

I wasn’t an innocent bystander after that day. That opened up a whole new experience for me. I was amazed when the young lady in the office went to an old wooden card file and pulled out records about my very own Eugene Casey and his wife Jencene. These were 1930’s records, so they weren’t really that old. To me it was a miracle, and I was hooked instantly. Needless to say, I learned quickly how to ask the right questions and start the right conversations.

What is the moral of the story? Life is great, life is an adventure, and like riding my Harley, I wouldn’t have missed it for anything.



## Research Tips

### Ways to Learn at FamilySearch.org

Submitted by Pat Johnson

One of the many tools available to us at <https://familysearch.org> is the abundant number of tutorials, articles and lessons. As with many other websites, if you don't look for them, it is easy to miss them. To find this help go to the website, sign in, and see [Get Help](#) in the upper right hand corner of any page you are on.

Click on the black arrow to open up these opportunities for you:

#### Self Help

Quick Start to FamilySearch: A very good video.

Getting Started: What is Family Tree and how do I use it?

Help Center: Select a Help Topic - Everything in one place.

Learning Center: Browse hundreds of online genealogy courses to help you discover your family history.

Research Wiki: Get genealogical research advice, or learn where to find record collections in our 82,887 articles.

What's New: What's New on FamilySearch (a monthly article).

For the "5 Minute Genealogy Lessons" enter that title in the search window at LEARNING CENTER. These are perfect for the person that says, "I am too busy."

#### Contact Us:

Call Us - Live Chat - Send Message - Find Local Help  
These always will get you answers and help.

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### Family Tree Magazine Website

Submitted by Barbara Erickson

[www.familytreemagazine.com](http://www.familytreemagazine.com)

The Family Tree Magazine (Jan/Feb) website has a free featured article on the 101 Best Websites by 16 categories; a free monthly podcast; free genealogy downloads (on home page) and ebooks. One of the downloads is 38 FamilySearch search tips.

The hard copy Family Tree Magazine is published 7 times a year. Bi-monthly and December. Subscription is \$36.

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### Swedish Research

Submitted by Barbara Erickson

A recommended source for Swedish American genealogy research is the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center in Augustana College, Rock Island, IL 61201-2296. Telephone: 309-794-7204. Fax: 309-794-7443. Email: [sag@augustana.edu/swenson/](mailto:sag@augustana.edu/swenson/)

Web address: <http://www.augustana.edu/swenson/>

Swenson Center Associates contribute \$30 annually. They receive a \$10 discount on hourly research and translation fees and \$15 discount on the subscription to *Swedish American Genealogist*.

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### Roots: Genealogy Tips for Family Historians

Submitted by Bruce Harshberger

<http://tinyurl.com/jpn57nf>

From Canada's History website, the above titled article by Paul Jones has many ideas and advice for tracing your family roots, whether you're just starting out or if you're an old hat. Also, enjoy a treasure trove of past articles from their columnist Paul Jones.

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in Salt Lake City, and at last notice, had over 13,000 in-person attendees for the three day event. FGS was well represented, having space in the exhibit hall and a sponsored lunch, which focused on "The Future of Our Societies: Bridging Real and Digital Landscapes." I'll have a full review of that presentation in our next newsletter.

FGS has also recently issued a call for writers for their *FORUM* publication. If you are interested in contributing on research-related or society-related articles, they would love to talk to you! You can reach the editor, Julie Cahill Tarr, at [forumeditor@fgs.org](mailto:forumeditor@fgs.org), or review the blog post on the FGS Voice Blog ([www.voice.fgs.org](http://www.voice.fgs.org)) dated 18 Dec 2015.

## Computer Searches and Uses: Basics And Advanced

by Gary E Davis

Learning is ongoing. Some of it is unwanted, but on occasion we wish we knew a better, faster or simpler way to accomplish a task. Below are a few tips and resources for the novice and more advance computer users and lay or experienced genealogists. This author is familiar with some Microsoft products and use of internet, and makes no claim of expertise. However, it is hoped you find one thing new and useful below.

There are many places to find tips, guides, and courses, including your programs themselves (perhaps under “help” or from your “app” or list of programs, using a right click and the drop down), and you can find unlimited tutorials online, which may be better than program-attached tutorials. It is suggested you do a Google, Bing or other internet search for the name of the program on your computer you wish to know more about, such as “Family Tree Maker”; or even the name of your operating system, such as “Windows 10”, perhaps adding “tutorial” or “training.” In the results, look for an official Microsoft, Apple or vendor sight, if possible. You will be fooled often, and you will likely be asked for an email. Key is to watch out for “free trail” offers, unless you wish to do so.

You might want to visit the following:

[www.customguide.com](http://www.customguide.com) and [www.gcfilearnfree.org](http://www.gcfilearnfree.org). The author possessed a paper **CustomGuide/Quick Reference Card or Cheat Sheet** from the first website, and upon glancing at the site, easily found this Cheat Sheet along with hundreds of other training options which are easily chosen by what program or system you are using. This site does require an email, and does not appear to be a trial offer.

The second website is even more comprehensive in basic and some advanced training, and does not require an email. Courses on computers, Windows and Google applications are available.

Caution on overloading yourself. Pick one thing you want to more about, like Word, or the cloud and repeat the lesson if needed.

Examples from the cheat sheet noted above: Control + w, will close a document; forget clicking or touching the “x.” And, simply press Control + o to open a document. Try it! The “Home” and “End” keyboard keys can be very useful to move to the beginning or end of a line.

Control + a, will highlight an entire page. Go now to the first website and find the Cheat Sheet. This author also uses the “Task Manager” often (on PC) when programs freeze. Forget rebooting, it takes forever. Press Control + Alt + Delete, this opens an option/line for “Task Manager”; click that and you will see of list of open programs. Click to highlight the program that is frozen/not working correctly, then click “End Task”. It shuts it down. Re-open the program and get back to work.

**Advanced** Googling cheat sheets are also available. Search for “Google operators” or “search operators” or “Boolean operators” for general Boolean search operations. Find the “**GoogleGuide**” by searching “google operators.” The first result will take you a lengthy index and complex text. It has a small index item “Printing the GoogleGuide” which takes you to another confusing page containing another link toward the bottom “Google Guide”; taking you to another page where you can actually print the two page “cheat sheet”.

It is suggested you go through those steps to see all that is available; however, to go directly to the Google cheat sheet, visit <http://www.googleguide.com/index.html>. This page will also have options for basic and advanced instructions.

Examples from GoogleGuide: [#]..[#] searches within a range of numbers; hence, Dave Barry pirate 2002..2006, will search for Dave Barry articles mentioning pirates written in these years.

**link**, will find linked pages, i.e., show pages that point to the URL; hence, link:warriorlibrarian.com, will find pages that link to Warrior Librarian’s website.

**related**, will list web pages that are similar or related to the URL; hence related:www.healthfinder.gov, will find websites related to the Healthfinder website.

Lastly, **allintext**, will require all query words to appear in the text of the page; hence, allintext:ingredients cilantro chicken lime, will search for recipes with these three ingredients.

Modify these examples, and many others on the cheat sheet and guide, for genealogy and you can imagine where they may be useful. And, don’t forget YouTube for searches and training. \* \* \* \*

### Family Heirloom Preservation — Update

Take photos of family heirlooms and cherished items. Then put them in an album with descriptive narratives.

## Bob Larson - LCGS Volunteer of the Year!



The 2015 Larimer County Genealogical Society Volunteer of the Year is Bob Larson.

Bob has been instrumental in so many facets of the Larimer County Genealogical Society it

would be impossible to list them all. Among these is the fact that he served as President from 2009-2012. During his term in office the Society website was given a new look; he co-produced the Genealogy Quest TV Show that is still a hallmark of the Society, and he led

our Society in the sponsorship of three Family History Expo national seminars that were held regionally. Bob has served, in the past, as the Society Newsletter Chair, and Education Chair. He is currently Budget & Finance Chair, keeping us on target money wise, and Video Production Chair, spending many hours editing the videos taped of the monthly program presenters. These are the videos we enjoy in our homes after each program. Bob is a Thursday afternoon Library Volunteer at the Old Town Library.

Thank you Bob, for all you do. Congratulations!

## Jamestown Dig - One of Archaeology Magazine's Top Ten Discoveries of 2015

From: [Dick Eastman Newsletter](#) · [December 17, 2015](#) · [History](#) · <http://www.eogn.com>

Nearly 20 years after unearthing the lost remains of America's first permanent English settlement, Jamestown archaeologists have attracted world attention again with one of Archaeology Magazine's *Top Ten Discoveries of 2015*. This is the third time the project has made the list since uncovering the town's historic 1608 church in 2010.

So far, four bodies have been found in unearthed graves. Best of all, their identities have been determined. In addition to the Jamestown and Smithsonian scientists, the team included genealogists from Ancestry.com, who compiled a list of colonists buried between 1608 and 1610 — then pinpointed their ages at their time of death. That list was then compared with the forensic data gleaned from an exhaustive study of human remains which revealed biological ages and social status of those bodies. As a result, the team has identified the four of bodies as:

- The Rev. Robert Hunt, who was Jamestown's first clergyman.
- Capt. Gabriel Archer, a veteran explorer, lawyer and councilor who often clashed with Capt. John

Smith over the colony's direction.

- Sir Ferdinando Wainman, who served as master of ordnance and councilor before his death.
- Capt. William West, who died battling the Indians.



EXCAVATIONS OF FOUR BURIALS AT THE 1608 JAMESTOWN CHURCH SITE IN JAMES FORT.

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## Genealogy Assistance – Fort Collins Old Town Library and Loveland Public Library

Every Thursday, with the exception of Federal holidays, Larimer County Genealogical Society members are available to assist you with any question that you may have regarding genealogy. If you are a beginner or an experience genealogist you may run into brick walls that you may need some advice on breaking through. We have a number of online resources available at the library as well as in the Genealogy section of the library to assist you.

Volunteers are available in from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We'd love to help you. Please feel free to drop in.

**Fort Collins Old Town Library, Special Note:** Volunteers will be in Study Room A on the Second floor of the Old Town Library. It is a quiet space on the South West corner of the library. The reference librarians can assist you in finding us if you need help.

**Loveland Library, Special note:** Volunteers will be in the Genealogy Room on the first floor. It is a quiet space on the East side of the library. The reference librarians can assist you in finding us if you need help.