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Newsletter of the West Valley Genealogical Society
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Editor, Charlie Mannino

President's Message

Irma Hardin

How long has it been since you have checked out the glass display case located next to the computer room in the Library? Or do you simply walk by? Every collection is unique.

Today a member brought in several VALENTINE'S from the early 1900's - one event printed in Germany! Old-fashioned, stand alone, fluffy, sentimental Valentines! I'd forgotten how beautiful and delicate they could be. They were valentines received by her mother, grandmother and an aunt many years ago. The next time you are in the Library, please take time to enjoy this Unique collection.



What artifacts have you inherited or possess that other members might enjoy looking at? Sally Pavia is in charge of this display case and items are displayed for about one month. If you have items you believe other members would enjoy, please contact Sally to reserve a time to display them.

Do You Have a Product Or Service To Offer Fellow Genealogists?

If you have a genealogy related business there is now a great opportunity to advertise in *Tidbits*. We are accepting business card sized ads and will run them for a full year (9 issues) for the low price of \$100. This is a wonderful way to reach a selected audience to let them know what you do! Limited spaces are available and are being offered first to our members, so act now to reserve your space. Please contact Judy Linnebach at judylinnebach@gmail.com or call (208) 659-3911.

March Calendar

- 7 WVGS Board Meeting, 1:00 pm
- 14 General Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm
- 17 Research Night, 5:00 to 9:00 pm
call the Library to reserve a spot
- 21 Lunch With Your Ancestor and Tea, 12:30
- 28 Library Tour 9:30 - 11:00 am
call the Library to reserve a spot

WVGS Library:

12222 N. 111th Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363-1225

Hours:

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
1:00 - 4:00 pm Sunday
Closed Monday and Wednesday for classes/meetings

Telephone: 623-933-4945

Website: <http://www.azwvgs.org>

Monthly Meetings: September through May
Second Monday of each month - Doors open at 1:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church
12225 N. 103rd Avenue, Sun City

March 14th Speaker

Sharon Atkins

"Ephemera: Genealogy Gold"



Sharon will give examples of what ephemera is and what we can learn from all those pieces of paper we have stashed away.

As an avid genealogist since 1980, and after a life-time career in marketing and sales, Sharon Atkins focused her energies on launching her book, "*It's All Relatives.*" Today, she is a genealogist passionate about genealogy research and sharing the excitement of the pursuit of family history to help people find "their personal connection to history."

Bookcase Raffle

- Library glass door bookcase
- Drawing at the March 14th General Meeting
- Tickets are \$5.00 each
- Winner will be notified



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Class Schedule, Winter 2016

Connie Sheets, Director of Education

Reminder: All checks should be made out to WVGS.

In addition to cash or check, you can register and pay via the online store at

<http://www.azwvgs.org/Products.asp?cat=1>

For current schedule of classes, dates, times, class descriptions and costs, please check our website, www.azwvgs.org, or call the Library at 623-933-4945. All classes are limited to the first 20 people to register.

Barbara Stenberg, Instructor

Novice Genealogy Monthly
Every third Friday unless noted 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Jean White, Instructor

Research Techniques II 4 Classes
Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Mar 9, 16, 23, 30

Cathy Gallagher, Instructor

What to do with your Genealogy Research? 1 Class
Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm March 15

Judy Crawford, Instructor

Family History Research in Salt Lake City 1 Class
Friday, 10:00 am - 12 noon March 4



47th Southern California Genealogy Jamboree "Giving to the Future by Preserving the Past"

Friday - Sunday, June 3-5, 2016

Jamboree website <http://genealogyjamboree.com>
Early Bird Discount Available Through April 23rd

Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel
2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA. 91505
Reservations: 818-843-6000 or 800-736-9712

Code: SCGS Conference

<http://www.tinyurl.com/jambo2016Hotel>

Submitted by Melissa Bird



Salt Lake City Research Trip

April 24 - May 1, 2016 (7 nights)

Pick up a flyer or visit our web site www.azwvgs.org
for complete details



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GoodSearch.com works much like Google, but WVGS receives a penny for each of your searches. Read the instructions on the home page and be sure to enter **West Valley Genealogical Society** in the lower box so we receive the credit.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Karen R. Zeppenfeld



***Be Sure To Check With The Library Or WVGS Website To Verify SIG Schedules**

- NY/NJ/PA Sep-May 1st Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **New Roots Magic**..... 1st Tuesday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Italy** 1st Thursday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Maryland & Southern States**..... 1st Friday 9:30-11:30 am
- **Legacy**..... 1st Saturday, 10:00 am to noon
- **DNA Sep-Apr**..... 1st Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Norway Oct-Apr** 2nd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Kansas/Missouri**..... 2nd Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Salem** 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am-noon
- **New England** 2nd Saturday 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Germany/Poland**..... 3rd Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **Canada Sep-Apr**..... 3rd Thursday, 10:00 am to noon
- **Sweden Oct-Apr**..... 3rd Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Writing Family History**..... 4th Thursday, 9:30-11:30 am
- **British Isles**..... 4th Thursday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Family Tree Maker Sep-May**..... 4th Friday, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Illinois/Indiana/Ohio**..... 4th Friday, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **TMG**..... April 30th, 10:00 am to noon
- **Adoption**..... Watch for new dates/times or contact Lou McLean for details: m1m16ddm@yahoo.com

If there are any questions, call the WVGS Library or contact the SIGs Coordinator, Karen R. Zeppenfeld, at sigs@azwvgs.org or 623-271-7370

- **New Native American**..... **Sunday, March 20th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, then every 4th Sunday, October through May.**

Benefits for Members

There are four Subscriber Genealogy Databases available as part of your WVGS membership. Be sure to take advantage of this generous benefit.

	Database Cost	Member Cost
New England Historic Genealogical Society	\$ 200	\$3.25
Ancestry.com	775	from your membership
World Vital Records	600	dues pays for these
Fold3	<u>500</u>	subscriptions
	\$2,075	

WVR and Fold3 are also available to members from home. Visit our website for instructions on how to access them.

February Volunteer of the Month

Barb Behrman, Director Membership Outreach

Melissa Bird



Our February VOM came to Arizona to visit a friend and liked it so much she stayed. Doesn't that sound like what many of us have done, if not right away, soon after the visit? I know that's what my husband and I did.

She grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan and studied at Western Michigan University. She met her husband, Jerry, while working for the State of Arizona's Data Center, where he also worked. They both retired from there allowing her more time for the hobbies she loves most, genealogy, travel, crafts and hiking.

She and Jerry will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary next October, only a month before her birthday in November. She has been a member of WVGS since 2002. She has been very involved in the life of WVGS since joining.

The first activity she was involved with, that I could find, was serving as 2nd Vice President when Dorothy Sprague was President, 2006 – 2009. Currently she volunteers 2 to 4 times a month as an Aide, often taking the Saturday afternoon shift, which isn't the most popular. She has also been a "closer" when Aides didn't have their own key, even though she lives in Peoria. She travels annually to Salt Lake City and Washington, DC to do genealogy research and somehow, with everything else on her plate, she makes time to attend the California Genealogical Society Jamboree annually.

Friends note that she is a great asset to the front desk as she seems to always have the right answer or correct place to point "Newbies" as they wander around looking lost. She is said to have a great sense of humor and be a great friend. For those of us who know her, and probably most of you do, we are not surprised to hear Melissa Bird so described.

Finally, I hear she has a collection of tutus, but we're not going into that. Maybe you want to ask her about her collection, but I'm not going to.

Helpful Headstone Hint

Peggy Morphew

When taking pictures in a cemetery do not scratch the letters with a pocket knife or use a crayon to make them more visible. Instead, have a friend hold a cheap \$6, tall mirror at a 15 degree angle at side of stone to redirect sunlight across the surface. The stone will be perfectly clear for a photograph.

Welcome New Members

Arlene Sampson, Membership Registrar

Please welcome the new members who joined the Society during January 2016. The New Members are: Cindy Garon, Mike Pettingell, Deandra Robbins, Betty Lou France, Janet Olivera, Bob Meggs, Pat Tomaro, Kathleen Ridlehoover, Sherry Atwater, Marian Tew, Don Petko, Kim Barnes-Blumberg, Judith Scholz, Colleen Larson, Alan Hanson, Howard Lauer, Erma Shaw, Sharron L. Gebhardt, George Stickney, John & Susan Shaeffer, Sean Nicolai, Richard Fett, Jeannie & Bruce Burrill, Sonia Suschinsky, Lora Lee McKinney, Diana Wittenberg, Germaine Hubacka, Bonnie Belza, Kim Harrison, Rich Bogdanovich, Gordon & Mary Funck, Mary Macleish, Cindy Young, and Debe Zeh.

When you see these new members, be sure to introduce yourself and encourage them to participate in the Society's many activities. We welcome everyone to many years of continued membership, fellowship, and research within the Society.

As of December 31, 2015, we had 337 members. This includes Life Members and those who have joined or renewed since November 1, 2015.

Book Presentation

Dusti Ide, State President of the Arizona Huguenot Society and State Corresponding Secretary of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, presented a book to Karen R. Zeppenfeld, WVGS Library Administrator at our February 8th General Meeting.

The book, "A Biography of Samuel Chappuzeau, a Seventeenth Century French Huguenot Playwright, Scholar, Traveller, and Preacher" will be a welcomed edition to the WVGS growing collection.

Dusti also serves as the SIG Leader for the Maryland and Southern States here at WVGS and she is very involved in the second most popular hobby, after gardening, in the USA.



Save the Date!



Lunch With Your
Ancestor and Tea
Monday, March 21, 2016,
12:30 pm

at Lou McLean's Residence

High Speed Scanning Services

We will scan your photos and documents to a DVD for 1/3 the cost of retail prices.

Bob & Cathy Gallagher

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FamHistResearch@cox.net
www.FamHistResearch.com
www.StoryBookMaker.com

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What legacy did YOUR family leave?

Judy Linnebach

Professional Genealogist

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Peoria, AZ 85381
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judy@findingyourhistory.com

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Do You Have Programming Or Web Design Experience? We Want You!



Would you like to help improve WVGS information for our members?

If so, contact

Rich sysadm@azwvgs.org

or Roger cec@azwvgs.org

You will be playing an important role in the future of our organization.

Fund Raising Opportunities for WVGS

Sharon Brown, Director of Fundraising

dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org

New E-smile through Amazon is now up and running
Check the WEBSITE for instructions

Please note: Albertson's Community Rewards cards have been discontinued

Collecting Coke Rewards

- Collect Coke products reward codes and turn them in to the Fundraising Committee
- Codes are located under caps, inside the tear-off on 12-packs and on multi-pack wraps - you may have to tear open the carton to locate rewards code
- We will redeem points for door prize and raffle items

Fry's cards

- Link your VIP card using #80153
- WVGS will get a percentage of your purchases
- Need help? Contact Sharon Brown

Office Max & Staples

- When checking out, give the cashier the Library phone number, 623-933-4945
- WVGS will get a percentage of your purchases

Goodsearch.com

- Use this search engine on your computer
- WVGS will get one cent for every search entered

Aluminum Cans

- Continue to turn in aluminum cans in a plastic bag at the monthly meetings (preferred) or inside the Library - last year's collections paid for about 2 months of utilities

Used Ink Cartridges

- We still collected them at the Library - the vouchers we receive help to buy office supplies - last year they brought between 1/4 to 1/3 of our supplies

Cookbooks on sale

- \$10 for cookbook - **only \$5.00 for the CD**

The Fundraising Committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3 pm in the Library during the months of August through April. We are always looking for new committee members and new ideas; either would help.

Put These Numbers In Your Wallet

Office Max Perks.....#012748337

Staples Rewards #04050-4355-5

Or just use WVGS phone number 623-933-4945

Aluminum Cans

Gale Kristof, *The Can Man*

Through the February meeting the membership has contributed the same amount of cans as last year. The revenue is a bit less as we were still receiving \$1.20 per pound at this time last year versus \$1.00 per pound currently. Our year to date total is \$150 which is only about \$25 behind last year. Just keep those cans coming and we should start catching up in a few months.



Cat food cans and the metal food cans are only paying 2 cents a pound currently and generate less than a dollar a month. To simplify the process I would suggest putting them in your home recycle pick-up. But, keep those aluminum drink cans coming. Thanks again to all members for your dedicated efforts,

Help Wanted: Someone is needed to pick up cans from the Library on a weekly basis and hold them for me. I will pick them up once or twice a month depending on how many are collected. If you have the time and space and are willing to help out, please contact me at 602-973-1135 or email gokristof@msn.com. Thanks from your “can” man, Gale.

Surname Update

Lou McLean

If you wish to see all the surnames that are currently being researched by the membership, simply log on to the WVGS website; Click on “Surnames;” click on “Submit” without filling in any names, and the entire list will come up. If you notice any surnames in common with your own, you will be able to contact the WVGS member that may have the same name.

There are too many names to include in the *Desert Tracker* or *Tidbits*, but the printed list is always available in the basket behind the Aides desk.

If you wish to add any of your surnames you may email Lou McLean at surnames@azwvgs.org and she will add them to the database.

Lunch With Your Favorite Ancestor

April 18th, from 11 am to 1 pm

- Meeting will be a sack lunch held in the multi-purpose room of the Library.
- We will be adding research from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for anyone interested.
- If you stay, please put *research* next to your name when signing up in order to have someone to lock up the Library at three o'clock.

All lunches require sign up and a \$5.00 fee which includes dessert and a drink.

Contact: Sharon Brown at dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org

Records

Lou McLean

If you wish to view past Administrative Files or you want to read old *Tidbits* or Society Historical Books, these items are in a “View Only” mode on the lab computers at the Library.

If you have any questions about the documents on the computers you will have to ask a member of the Digitizing Team.

So, enjoy the past through these documents and publications!

Listed below are the RECORDS that are viewable on the computers:

- Annual Reports – this has been included as a hard copy in the History Books
- Attack Plans
- Board Meeting Minutes
- By-Laws / Policies & Procedures
- Committees
- Financials
- Guidelines
- Long Range Planning Goals
- Manuals
- Membership Meetings Minutes
- Position Descriptions
- Publicity
- Rare Books – these can be accessed through our catalog
- Society Calendar
- Society History
- *Tidbits*

Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, April 13th

From noon to 4:00 pm

In the Library Multi-purpose Room

Donation \$10.00

Lunch requires sign up and includes dessert and a drink.

Contact: Sharon Brown at dir.fundraising@azwvgs.org



“Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don't settle.”

Steve Jobs

Visiting the Arizona Archives

Last year, the Genealogical library collection at the Arizona State Library was partially relocated to the [Polly Rosenbaum building at 1901 W Madison Street in Phoenix](#). In February I visited the new location to check out the collection. If you are looking for genealogical materials formerly available at the Capitol building, this article will help you locate them in the new facility. The building is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



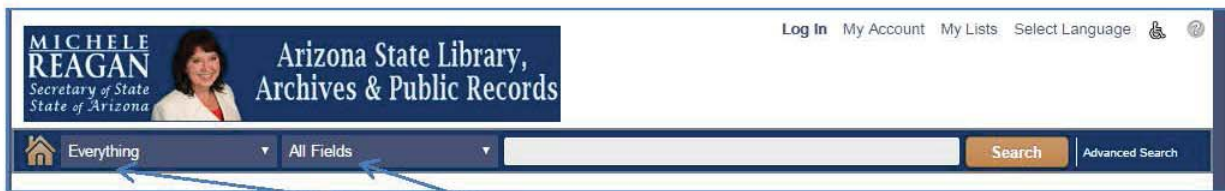
Polly Rosenbaum Arizona Library and Archives Building

Before You Go

- Locate the items you wish to review on the Arizona State Library website.
- Send a request for the materials to the staff at least one day in advance of your visit.

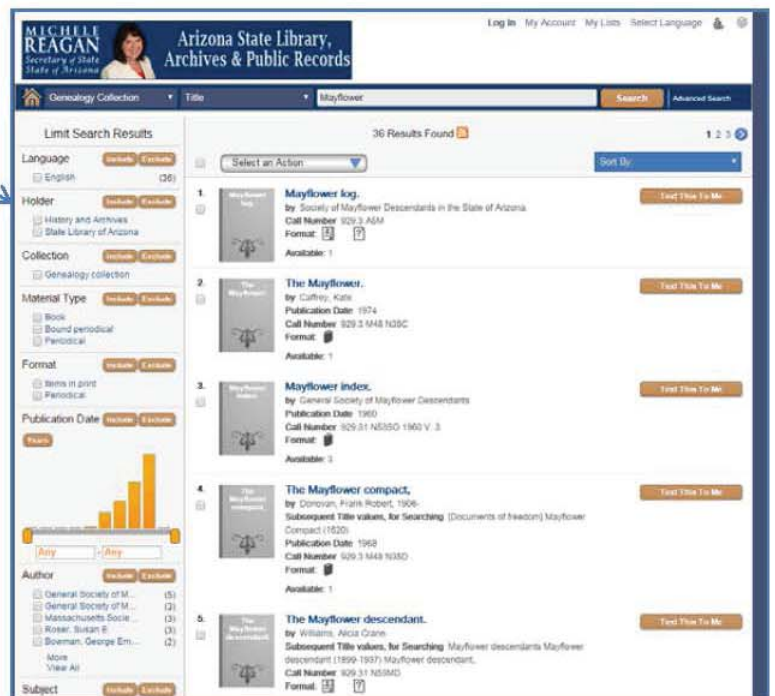
The basic information on the Genealogy collection is on the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records site on the [Genealogy and Family History](#) page.

To search for items in the genealogy collection, go the [online catalog page](#).



The navigation bar on the top of the page contains pull-down menus where you can select the collection to search in (I recommend selecting the Genealogy Collection), the field to search on (title, keyword, author, etc.) and enter the search terms. There is also an advanced search option.

When you enter your search, you'll be returned a list of items matching your request. On the left side of the screen are many filters that can be used to further limit your search results. Once you've identified the items you wish to review, use the "text this to me" button and copy it to an email or cut and paste the information from the website view into an email and send a request to the Genealogy library research associate, Chris Seggerman at csggerman@azlibrary.gov. I suggested to staff that a public email address be established for sending requests, so this may be updated in the future.



Getting to the History and Archives Building



The Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History Building is downtown, behind the State Capitol on Madison. Parking is free and no food or drink is allowed to be brought into the building. A guard will hand you an “Archive Researcher” badge and direct you to the second floor Reading Room that is accessible either by stairs or elevator.

Outside of the Reading Room is the sign-in window. On your first visit you will be asked to provide picture identification and complete the Policy and Procedures form. Note that the procedures were

established primarily for archive material so be prepared for more stringent requirements on what may be brought in to the facility. On future visits, you may just present the archives access card they will make for you.

Archive Policy and Procedures

- No food or drink
- No pens – pencils only
- Cell phones set to vibrate

Staff will have the materials you requested and can access other materials if needed as the collection is boxed and not available for browsing. There is a small collection of ready reference genealogy materials in two bookcases along the south wall including the Mayflower “Silver” books, the New England Genealogical Registry and introductory genealogy texts. You can take pictures with your cell phone or pay to make copies of materials you are researching. Several large tables are set up in the room for working on your project.

Take the time to become familiar with the new location and visit it soon!

Bonnie Belza
bonnie.belza@gmail.com

Are you planning to, or have you, upgraded your PC system?



We could use your working Desktop and Laptops with Windows 7 or later operating system and 20” or larger LCD monitors.

(We can use your software DVDs and license info.)

Questions? Call: Roger, 623-214-3233, or Rich, 480-209-9129

Because of very low scrap prices we can no longer accept older or non-working items.

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Attention Seasonal Visitors

The WVGS *Desert Tracker* is our Spring and Fall periodical. It is sent to all dues paying members, generally in April and October. These publications are sent by USPS Bulk Mail.

Bulk Mail Is Not Forwarded.

For an additional cost of \$8, your *Desert Tracker* can be mailed by USPS

First Class Mail, which would then be forwarded.

It is the member's responsibility to change your address to reflect your location.

To do this please send an e-mail with your current address to: membership@azwvgs.org

You must do this each time you move with the season.

If you have questions, contact me at: pubmail@azwvgs.org

Shirley Conley, Bulk Mail Chair

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