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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

This is the e-Bulletin from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS), provided monthly to our members. If you would prefer not to receive this e-Bulletin or other information, please send a message to <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org> and your address will be removed from our distribution list

Please share your photos and stories of the photos. If you would like the banner to include any of your photos or if you have a story about one of the photos, please send them to Debbie at: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>. There are large versions of these photos located on the final page.

If you have a special genealogy or local history event or announcement you would like to see included, please submit via email to: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>.

Special Notices

New L-AGS Book!

The Tri-Valley The Master Genealogist User Group, one of the L-AGS special interest groups, has created a book and dozens have been sold all over the world already! This book is a guide for creating computerized genealogical source citation templates for The Master Genealogist(TM) software package. Each source type template includes the template structure for footnotes and bibliography, as well as citation examples of each. Book may be purchased here:

<http://www.lulu.com/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>



2013 Membership Renewal

The 2012 L-AGS membership year ended on December 31st. To continue enjoying the camaraderie, education, resources and knowledge benefits of membership in a genealogical society like L-AGS, be sure to renew your membership, if you haven't already. For your convenience, the 2013 L-AGS membership renewal form is **[on the last page of this bulletin.](#)**

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Summary of Meetings

Visitors are welcome free of charge to each of these meetings.

- ❖ **General Meeting: *Fun Tools to Help Genealogists Work Smarter***
When: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Tim Cox
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *Creating Custom Tags***
When: Saturday, March 16, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group**
When: Saturday, March 9 – 2:30 p.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch `n` Learn: *Brickwalls***
When: Thursday, March 14 – 11:30 a.m.
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meetings**
When: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the Membership Chair for location- <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org>

GENERAL MEETING

NOTE: Members please sign in at the membership table upon arrival at the monthly General Meeting. Please have your guests also sign in. Before heading home, please remember to leave your nametag at the membership table.

TOPIC: Fun Tools to Help Genealogists Work Smarter

GUEST SPEAKER: Tim Cox

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

Map to the Meeting Site:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg>

Genealogists are always looking for ways to be more productive while researching, especially when digitally storing the information collected. But, with technology constantly changing, how do we keep up with the new software, websites, tools, and devices?

Join Tim Cox for a discussion about using smart phones, tablets, and other tools to help you work smarter, be more productive, and allow you to easily share your information with others.

Tim Cox has been a family historian and genealogist for more than 20 years. He is the past Education and Events Coordinator for the California Genealogical Society and Library.

For additional information contact: Pat Northam, Program Chairperson, email: <mailto:program@L-AGS.org>.

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: BACK TO BASICS! Creating Custom Tags

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Lunch Meet Up, Noon: The Habit Burger Grill & Panda Express Food Court, Bernal & Valley Avenue Shopping Center, Pleasanton

Location: 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Map to the meeting site: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg>

Chair: Kay Speaks, <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

Instructors: Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

We begin our first in a new series called *TV-TMG Back to Basics*. Our March meeting will focus on *Creating Custom Tags*. Tags are used to record life events. Learn how to customize TMG Tags to personalize your reports. Please bring a copy of our TV-TMG book, *Source Templates for The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates*, to all future meetings as it will be our official workshop text book.

You can purchase a copy from:

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>. Contact <mailto:tvmtg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

Please be sure to check our <http://tvmtgreports.blogspot.com/> before each meeting for up-to-date information regarding our meetings, including possible changes to current and future meetings, and meeting notes. From this website you will find links to our other website resources. Sign up and "follow" our blog, *Exploring Custom Reports with TV-TMG Users Group*. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, as well as ask and answer questions.

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop.

Resources:

- Free software demo download: <http://www.whollygenes.com>
- Additional information contact Kay & Sue:
<mailto:tvmtg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvmtg@L-AGS.org>
- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvmtg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- TV-TMG member private blog: <http://tvmtgug.blogspot.com>
- Purchase our TV-TMG book from lulu.com:
<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/source-templates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product-20673683.html>

WRITING GROUP

Writing Your Personal and Family History

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: R.S.V.P for meeting location

Chair: Debbie Mascot, <mailto:writing.chair@L-AGS.org>

We will be talking about writing techniques and our goals. To join the writing group email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Writing list" in the subject line.

LUNCH 'N' LEARN

Brickwalls: Bring Your Brick Walls to the Table

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.

Location: To Be Determined (Livermore or Pleasanton)

Chair: Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks, <mailto:writing.chair@L-AGS.org>

Gather what you have on your brickwall and bring it to the lunch table!

We'll all put our minds together and try to find something you haven't already thought of. Please R.S.V.P to Debbie at writing.chair@L-AGS.org.

DNA DISCUSSION GROUP

Join this discussion Group to share information with others who are interested in DNA testing for Genetic Genealogy, designing DNA tests to solve genealogical questions, and learning how to understand and use your DNA results. For those members who would like to join the DNA mailing list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the DNA list" in the subject line.

SUMMARY OF LAST BOARD MEETING

February Board Meeting Notes from February 27

The May general meeting date has changed to May 21 due to a conflict at Congregation Beth Amek. The TMG book is a huge success. The 2013 budget will be submitted at the March general meeting.

PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library Wednesday 10 AM-1 PM and 6 PM - 9 PM, or by appointment, e-mail: <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton. The Pleasanton Genealogy Center, jointly supported by L-AGS, the Friends of the Pleasanton Library, and the Pleasanton Public Library, contains the largest collection of genealogy books, CDs and online databases in the Tri-Valley. Over 100 of the Genealogy volumes may be checked out. Obtain information at the reference desk. The L-AGS genealogy reference book collection of 1,000 volumes resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The L-AGS and the Friends of the Pleasanton Library provide access to the following subscription genealogy databases:

- Ancestry.com
- New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)
- Fold3.com (previously Footnote)
- Heritage Quest (in Library & at home)

PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

"Publish or Regret" Will your descendants regret your failure to publish? Tell us your story. Optimistically, you are drafting your first article for the Roots Tracer. If you seek assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff is prepared and eager to help you. Send an email to: <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,000 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations. Begin now with a small article. A few paragraphs are a beginning. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles. Tell all of us the tale of your favorite research discovery. Which of your findings filled you with awe, surprise and pride? The deadline for the May 2013 issue is April 1.

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve their family chronicles in print and on the Internet. Some generations don't care, but unborn generations will. We want to make sure that, when a descendant or distant cousin is interested, even 100 years from now, the basic information will be there for them in the Library of Congress as well as on the World Wide Web. Our memories are a library of information that could be irretrievably lost. We can honor the struggles that our ancestors went through...they shouldn't be forgotten, especially the women, who are less frequently found in public documents.

Do you know that the Roots Tracer is online soon after each issue is published? You can find the current and past issues here: <http://www.l-ag.org/tracer/archives.menu.html>.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The National Archives and Archives.gov, March 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://californiaancestors.org/>

Family Oral Histories, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~caebaygs/index.htm>

African American Research Workshop, March 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://www.aagsnc.org/>

Problem Solving and Answering Questions, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Oakland, CA. For more information see: <http://www.macgen.org/>

Census Records Research, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. San Bruno, CA. For more information see: <http://www.archives.gov/san-francisco/workshops.html>

How to Find Your Family in Newspapers by Lisa Louise Cooke, March 15 at 1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rossmoor Creekside Clubhouse, Room 3, 1010 Stanley Dollar Drive, Walnut Creek, CA. Sponsored by the Mount Diablo Genealogical Society.

Spring Seminar with Thomas MacEntee, March 16 at 9:00 a.m. Fair Oaks, CA. For more information see:

<http://www.rootcellar.org/cpage.php?pt=42>

HERstory: Documenting and Finding Female Ancestors, March 16 at 1:30 p.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see:

<http://www.aagsnc.org/>

Reunion Citations and Dropbox, Google Drive and Skydrive, March 16 at 1:30 p.m. Oakland, CA. For more information see:

<http://www.macgen.org/>

Writing Your Family History one Byte at a Time with Susan Goss Johnston, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. Alamo, CA. For more information see: <http://srvgensoc.org/>

FamilySearch.org with Jane Lindsey, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. San Francisco, CA. For more information see: <http://californiaancestors.org/>

California Historical Society Field Trip, March 20 at 10:00 a.m. San Francisco, CA. For more information see: <http://californiaancestors.org/>

What Do I Do Next: Developing Research Plans, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. Sacramento, CA. For more information see: <http://sacfamilysearchlibrary.org/>

You may visit our L-AGS website for a listing of other local societies: <http://www.L-AGS.org/lagslinks.html#GenealogicalSocieties>

The San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar blog also features a number of meetings and events within 75 miles of San Francisco: <http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com>

COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

In an effort to provide the local area with the best possible resources and capabilities in genealogy, L-AGS participates in ongoing cooperative endeavors with several organizations.

LIVERMORE LDS FAMILYSEARCH CENTER

L-AGS is not affiliated with the Mormon (LDS) Church. L-AGS does however partner with the Livermore LDS FamilySearch Center (FSC) for various non-denominational genealogical events such as educational seminars, guest speakers, indexing projects and special interest groups.

LDS facilities at their Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the FSC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy research. The FSC has several subscription research sites not readily available elsewhere.

The Mocho Street FSC is open Mondays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. For further information please contact the center at (925) 443-2750 during these hours.

Center location map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.jpg>

HELP WANTED

Library Docent. Docent needed one Wednesday morning a month from 10am to 1pm. Contact the docent chair at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

Proofreaders. Multiple projects need proofreaders. Contact Dick Finn at <mailto:rwoffinn@yahoo.com>.

Organizers and Helpers. Our Ask Granny program at Heritage Estates was very well-received and we'd like to do more programs at libraries and senior centers. Contact Patrick at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

HELP OFFERED

Mason County, WV and Gallia County, OH

A researcher named Kathy Crusco has offered the following: *My family is from Mason County in West Virginia and Gallia County in Ohio. I have a lot of research materials available and I know how to access others, and am always willing to help other genealogists research family ties in these areas. You may contact me at <mailto:kcrusco@comcast.net>.*

FUTURE L-AGS GENERAL MEETINGS AND OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.

Topics of Future General Meetings		
Date	Topic	Presenter
April 9	Maps Hold Clues to Your Family History	Teresa Fraser
May 21 <i>Note: May meeting will be the THIRD Tuesday as our site has a conflict on our usual night.</i>	Self-Publication Process	Debbie Mascot & Jane Southwick
June 11	Grandma, Who Are You? Finding Women in Your Family Tree	Janice M. Sellers
July 9	Tips and Tricks for More Accurate Genealogy	Vera Broyles

Regular Scheduled Events		
<i>Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.</i>		
General Meeting Patricia Northam, Program Chair	Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	One Saturday a Month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address
Lunch 'n' Learn Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks	One lunch hour every other month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address

Photos from the Banner on Page 1:

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Names
of our
Ancestors**

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February 2013 General Meeting





February 2013 General Meeting- Patrick Lofft Speaker

2013 Membership

Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1st. Please complete this form, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail to:

Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 901
Livermore CA 94551
Email: membership@l-ags.org

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please check box below to indicate your membership choice:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Benefactor	\$40
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