



# e-Bulletin June 2022

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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*Today is tomorrow's history.*

**Preserve your family's past for  
future generations.**



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If you have a special genealogy or local history event or announcement you would like to see included, please submit via email to:

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*Note: In the banner above is a photo of a statue from the Pleasanton Library called, "Girl Reading." This has a very special connection to L-AGS as it is there in memory of L-AGS member, Judy Person's daughter, Sarah Anne Lees (named after her 4th great-grandmother). It was sculpted by a Utah sculptor named Dennis Smith, as is the similar one of the girl reading to a boy.*

## Announcements:

All L-AGS Board Meetings will now be held remotely via Zoom on a permanent basis! This gives more of our members an opportunity to join the board. All other L-AGS meetings are currently being held via a remote platform and will hopefully be moving to an in-person platform in 2022-2023. Please see meeting information for details.

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## SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

Join us on the following social media sites:

- ❖ **Facebook Page** Like this!: <https://www.facebook.com/Livermore.Amador.Genealogical.Society/>

This will hold announcements and meeting information.

- ❖ **Facebook Group** Join this!: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1142643925760388/>

We will hold discussions here.

- ❖ **Twitter:** <http://www.twitter.com/lagsociety>

- ❖ **Amazon Smile:** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2421522>

Register our non-profit with amazon smile when you shop online and our organization receives a percentage.

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## Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** How to Research Your Italian Ancestors  
When: Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. REMOTE via Zoom  
Guest Speaker: Karen Bowdren LaDuca
- ❖ **Let's Talk AND Write Genealogy**  
When: Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Pacific  
REMOTE via Zoom  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group:** *"List of" Reports and Q&A*  
When: Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.  
REMOTE via Zoom  
Chair: Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Tuesday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. REMOTE via Zoom  
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the [president@L-AGS.org](mailto:president@L-AGS.org) for information on joining the meeting.

# GENERAL MEETING:

## How to Research Your Ancestors in Italian Records

**DATE:** Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Remote Zoom

**Speaker:** Karen Bowdren DaLuca

Karen began researching in Italian records in 2015 while searching for her husband's ancestry and has been studying those records ever since. Her mother-in-law was born in Calabria and her father-in-law's parents were born in Sicily. Both of their family trees have been extended into the mid 1700's. She then began working on the family trees of extended family and friends with ancestry in Italy. Now she is a member of 9 different Facebook groups focused on Italian genealogy and helps many members looking for assistance in finding their ancestors.

The Italian genealogy world was turned upside down with the migration of antenati.san.beniculturali.it (the main Italian online archive) to a brand new platform in November 2021. It is a whole new experience and takes some getting used to. Karen will walk you through the steps to find what you are looking for and download it successfully. She will also review the basics of Italian research and the use of familysearch.org. Karen has also used Italian Civil records to research her mother-in-law's family in Italy as well as the ancestors of extended family members and friends.

Karen holds a BS in Elementary Education and Math with a minor in French and an MS in Education. She taught Elementary School in New York State for a few years and then began teaching quilting classes and lecturing around NY State on the topic. Karen began researching her own ancestry about 30 years ago and then took a break to raise 2 children and focus on her quilting business. She resumed her genealogy research in earnest in 2006 and volunteers at the Family History Center in Livermore on most Mondays of the month from 1- 4 pm.

### IMPORTANT:

*Guests are welcome. The Zoom meeting will open at 6:30 p.m. for social time or Zoom set-up. **The General Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.***

### Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwuduGrqjgqG9Dx-xb9kc7UIFs2LQavzaR8>

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.**

# LET'S CHAT and WRITE GENEALOGY GROUP

**DATE:** Sunday, June 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Remote Zoom

**Registration:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcOyvqjouGN2emVKB8FvhDRZZgnsT5TNp>

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.**

**Chair:** Debbie Mascot, <mailto:talkgenealogy.chair@l-ags.org>

To join the email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Let's Chat Genealogy list" in the subject line.

## TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software to be done remotely*

**Topic:** Reports and Problem Assistance

**Date:** Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 28, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Remote via Zoom

(<mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>).

**Chair:** Duncan Tanner, <mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

This month we will continue to look at simple reports for the "list of" type, We want to think about the relationship between report output options, filter options and the data available. The group is always available to help with a variety of TMG questions. As usual the meeting will be available on the web using Join.me

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

- Additional information contact Duncan:  
<mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvvmg@L-AGS.org>

The TV-TMG book, Source Templates for The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates, is available. Purchase information is provided below. Contact <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

- Questions about our book, <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>
- Purchase our TV-TMG book from lulu.com:

<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/sourcetemplates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product20673683.html>

## Board Meeting

*Notes from May 2, 2022 Board Meeting.*

Program Chair, Tom Mathews, has completed the program for 2022. Don't miss the informative speakers at our General Meetings, the second Monday of each month, presented virtually through Zoom.

The informative book *Historic Livermore, California: Illustrated, A-Z* by Anne Homan is currently out of print. The Livermore History Guild is working with the publisher to get it back in print.

## LIVERMORE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

The Livermore California Family History Center located at 950 Mocho Street is now open!

The hours are:

Mondays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

There are volunteer shifts available. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sandy Clark at: [live.fhc@gmail.com](mailto:live.fhc@gmail.com)

Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the Livermore FHC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy research. For further information please contact the center at (925) 443-2750 during the above hours. L-AGS is not affiliated with the Mormon (LDS) Church. L-AGS does however partner with the Livermore LDS Family History Center (FHC) for various non-denominational genealogical events such as educational seminars, guest speakers, indexing projects and special interest groups. LDS facilities at their 950 Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Note: The entrance is in the front of the building on the right—there is a sign on the door. If the parking in front of the building is full, there is a large parking lot in the rear of the building.

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

## PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

**=== CURRENTLY CLOSED ===**

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library **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
- AmericanAncestors.org (formerly New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS))
- Heritage Quest (in Library & at home)

## LIVERMORE ROOTS TRACER NEWS

We are actively seeking articles and photos for the Roots Tracer. Some items we are looking for are short, entertaining updates about your current genealogy activities. Who are you researching? In what locations? What time period? What other genealogy related activities are you pursuing? Are you travelling? Indexing? Writing? Speaking? Instructing? Volunteering? Let us know. Please submit all articles, updates and columns to <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>.

We welcome articles the following subject matter:

- Updated, previously published Livermore Roots Tracer articles
- Your Famous and Not So Famous Ancestors
- Overcoming Brick Walls
- Traveling to Find Your Roots
- Old House & Building Histories
- Family Heirlooms
- Technology Related Articles
- Book Reviews, Poems, and Photographs

### Submitting Your Article

You can easily submit your article as an email attachment to L-AGS editor at <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>. Articles should be saved in either Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Rich Text format. Use footnotes to cite sources for facts that are not general knowledge. No need to worry about knowing how to cite history sources, our editors can assist you with this task. Photographs should also be emailed as separate files and labeled. Please include possible captions for each item. Photographs, when scanned, should be in either .jpg or .tif format.

Finally, feel free to provide a headshot and short bio (50-60 words) about yourself with an email address. Your headshot and bio will be placed at the

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## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS

*PLEASE NOTE THAT L-AGS DOES NOT KNOW THE STATUS OF THESE GROUPS. PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION.*

The **MacGen group**, a group for Macintosh genealogy users, meets the second Wednesday of each month in Oakland, California at the Oakland FamilySearch Center. Please see <http://macgen.wdgeo.com> for more information.

The **San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society** meets the third Tuesday of every month in Danville, California at the Danville FamilySearch Center. Please see <http://srvgensoc.org/> for more information.

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>

# 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.*

<b>Topics of Future General Meetings</b>		
<b>ALL REMOTE VIA ZOOM at 7:00 p.m. Pacific</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
July 11, 2022	WPA Historical Records Survey and YOUR Genealogy	Gena Philibert-Ortega
August 8, 2022	The Geography of American Genealogy	Glen Holstein, PhD
September 12, 2022	Cowboys and Ranchers in the Livermore Area	Richard Finn
October 10, 2022	German Family History, basic level	Robert Jackson, PhD
November 14, 2022	Ancestral Road Trips, Part I: East of the Mississippi	Madeline Yanov
December 12, 2022	Ancestral Road Trips, Part II	Madeline Yanov

<b>Regular Scheduled Events</b>		
General Meeting Tom Mathews, Program Chair	Second Monday 7:00 p.m.	Remote via ZOOM
Let's Chat and Write Genealogy Debbie Mascot	Third Sunday 3:00 p.m. <b>(Check Calendar for Changes)</b>	Remote via ZOOM
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Duncan Tanner	Second Friday and Fourth Saturday 9:00 a.m.	Remote via ZOOM