



**Join us Tuesday, November 19 at 10 a.m. for a morning of genealogy.**  
Williamson Hall • 2200 NE Hwy 20 (behind Jake's Diner) • Bend  
**Film writer, director and producer, George Mendeluk, presents:**  
**"Genealogy and Refugees — How They Relate to Today's World"**

## Hop on the Welcome Wagon!

**D**id you first visit a Bend Genealogical Society meeting being accompanied by a friend or relative? If so—as I was—you were among the lucky ones. We had someone to “show us the ropes” of what lies—unseen—around the corner from the sign-in desk.

- Oh! I'll be asked to say something?! Why? What? Using a microphone? Standing up? Do I *have* to?
- Help myself to something to eat or drink now or during the break between the business meeting and the presentation? Free, you say?!
- What's the deal with the books on the rack at the back of the room? You have a library? Here? Can I see it while I'm here, now?
- Oh! Where are the restrooms?



*Judith Whitehead*  
Membership Chair

Only recently have I assumed the too-long-vacant position of Membership Committee Chair, with a conviction to help ensure visitors feel welcome and comfortable, especially if they arrive not knowing anyone else.

*You* could be a person who greets people—easily and without any long-term or specific commitment.

All *you* need to do is, when you arrive at the sign-in table on any given meeting day, let us know that you'd be happy to be on the Welcome Wagon that morning, walking in with one person into the meeting room and helping them “get the lay of the land” (and a seat, too!).

Please, let us know—as you arrive at a meeting—if you will help greet others!

*Judith*

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BGS general meetings  
are held the 3rd Tuesday  
of the month.

# NOVEMBER PRESENTATION

Tuesday, November 19 • 10 a.m. • Williamson Hall

## Genealogy & Refugees: How They Relate to Today's World

Presented by Film Writer, Director and Producer, George Mendeluk



With the exception of indigenous peoples, everyone in the Americas can trace their ancestry to immigrants from nations around the world. Many came seeking economic opportunity or religious freedom, or to reunite with family. Others were seeking refuge from political oppression in their war-torn countries.

George Mendeluk's family were Ukrainian refugees. They eventually settled in Canada, where George grew up dreaming of making movies. George's talk is about his family's genealogy and experience, and today's connection between Russia, Ukraine, and the United States.

"Bitter Harvest," his most recent film, depicts the *Holodomor* (Ukrainian: *to kill by starvation*). In 1932-33, Stalin took all food from the Ukrainians—even that from their own kitchen gardens—to break their will and force them into communism. Millions starved to death. Papers about the Holodomor policy surfaced in 1991, when the USSR fell. Learn about it on November 19.

## BGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

Thousands Books and Journals from Around the World to Help You with Your Family History Research

A small core of volunteers worked hard all summer reviewing and "weeding" our library collection. Even though we're still putting the library back in tip-top shape, we are ready to train new volunteers to cover the open hours of the library. Are you interested?

Volunteer Librarian Training

December 10, 2019

1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Williamson Hall

Please let us know if you will be attending the group training on Tuesday, December 10. If you are unable to come on the 10th, we can also provide individual training at a different time.

Contact either of our librarians, Linda Martin or Sandy Thompson, at [BGS@bendbroadband.com](mailto:BGS@bendbroadband.com) or (541) 317-9553.



### Library Hours

Tuesday	1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

*Occasionally, a volunteer is not available to open the library. Please call ahead of your visit to be sure someone is there.*

(541) 317-9553

***Many thanks to our October BGS Library volunteers, who are always ready to help!***

- George Warren •
- Linda Martin •
- Sandy Thompson •



# BGS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

All held at the BGS Library in Williamson Hall

## Writers' Group

with Sally Brown

**Tuesday, November 26, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Develop your writing skills with Sally Brown the fourth Tuesday of the month. Topics are suggested below, but you can write on any subject you want. You can request critiques, ask for help, or just express yourself with others who share the same passion. November 26 topic: How did you learn to \_\_\_\_\_?"

*Note: The Writers' Group will not be meeting in December.*

## Beginning Genealogy

with Pat Kliever

**Thursday, November 14, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

Held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, each session is tailored to the individuals in attendance and includes research practices applicable to the evening's topics. Registration is preferred, but not required; drop-ins welcome! WiFi is available. Call (541) 317-9553.

*Note: Beginning Genealogy will not meet Thursday, November 28. Have a happy Thanksgiving!*

## One-to-One Mentoring

If you need help with your genealogy, try BGS Mentoring. It's available year-round, you don't have to be a member to schedule an appointment, and it's free of charge.

Mentoring sessions are held in the BGS Library in Williamson Hall. Wi-Fi is available, so you can bring your own device and work alongside the mentor if you'd like.

Appointment request forms are available at meetings, in the BGS Library, and at our website [HERE](#). The web form can be filled in online and forwarded by attaching it to an email to [bgs@bendbroadband.com](mailto:bgs@bendbroadband.com). In the subject line, type "Attn. Mentoring Coordinator."

When requesting an appointment, be sure that your preferred date and time coincide with BGS Library hours: Tues. & Wed., 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., and Thurs., 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Your appointment will be confirmed via email.

## Beginning Your DNA Research

with Gary Putnam

**Tuesday, November 12, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Workshop format – Bring a device/laptop, if desired. We'll do our best to provide individualized help.

If you are just beginning your DNA research or haven't taken a test yet, this is the workshop for you. Some of the topics to be addressed: Why take a DNA test?; types of DNA tests; primary commercial testing sites, and advantages and disadvantages of each; alerts, warnings and suggestions for DNA researchers; and other DNA testing information to help the beginner.

## Next Steps in Your DNA Research

with Sandy Thompson

**Tuesday, December 3, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Workshop format – Bring a device/laptop, if desired. We'll do our best to provide individualized help.

This workshop will take you a few steps beyond beginning your DNA research. Some of the topics to be addressed: DNA research vocabulary; a little bit of science to understand DNA inheritance patterns; introduction to analyzing your DNA match list; and other DNA concepts to help beginners.

*What do you  
mean my  
grandparents  
didn't have  
any kids?!!*

For more information about, or to register for, any group or class,  
go to Bend Genealogy on MeetUp, call (541) 317-9553, or email [bgs@bendbroadband.com](mailto:bgs@bendbroadband.com).  
All opportunities are free and open to everyone.

# OREGON HAPPENINGS

Genealogy Events Around the State

**Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Oregon Genealogical Society

## Analyzing Marriage Records

with Dawn Carlile

Marriage records involve more than just a marriage certificate. Overlooking other related records can mean missing important clues about your ancestors. This is the second in a new series



of classes in which participants take a close look at the information included in records and what it may or may not be revealing. This will be an interactive class. Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of one or more marriage records for analysis during the class, preferably in a digital format saved on a USB drive.

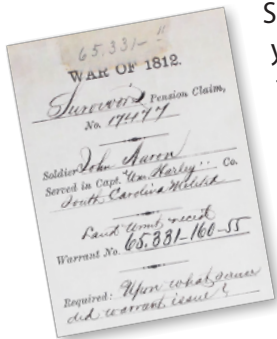
OGS Library, 955 Oak Alley, Eugene. \$8 for members and \$10 for guests. For more information, call OGS at (541) 345-0399 or send an email to [info@oregongs.org](mailto:info@oregongs.org).

**Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Oregon Genealogical Society

## Researching in Military Records

with Linda Aubrey



Specific class content details are not yet available, but it will be held at the Oregon Genealogical Society Library 955 Oak Alley, Eugene.

\$8 for members and \$10 for guests. For more information, call OGS at (541) 345-0399 or send an email to [info@oregongs.org](mailto:info@oregongs.org).

## Coming Up at BGS

All sessions 10 a.m. to noon at Williamson Hall  
(behind Jake's Diner)

• November 18 •

### BGS Board of Directors Meeting

All members welcome

• November 19 •

### "Genealogy & Refugees, and How They Relate to Today's World"

George Mendeluk

All members and visitors welcome

• December 16 •

### BGS Board of Directors Meeting

All members welcome

• December 17 •

### Holiday Potluck & Story Sharing

All members and visitors welcome

• January 20 •

### BGS Board of Directors Meeting

All members welcome

• January 21 •

### How Do You Organize Your Genealogy?

All members and visitors welcome

• February 17 •

### BGS Board of Directors Meeting

All members welcome

• February 18 •

### Ticks & Tallies: Early U.S. Censuses

All members and visitors welcome



The BGS program year begins September 1st and ends May 31st, so now's the time to renew your membership, if you haven't already

Click [HERE](#) to download the form.

Please mail it with your check, drop it off in the BGS library, or bring it to the November 19 meeting.

**Thank you to everyone who has already renewed!**



# AROUND THE WEB



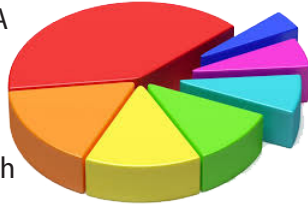
## Upcoming Webinars

Wednesday, November 6 at 11 a.m.

### “Understanding Ethnicity Estimates”

Learn how and when ethnicity estimates can be useful. This seminar will cover:

- 1) How ethnicity estimates are generated and the ancestral timeframe they reflect
- 2) Differences between the DNA testing companies
- 3) Additional tools to further explore ethnicity estimates
- 4) Identifying situations in which they can be very helpful
- 5) Several examples where ethnicity estimates helped solve a genealogy mystery



Presented by Mary Eberle, JD.

Friday, November 22 at 11 a.m.

### “No Will? No Problem!”

Anything handled by a court of law is lengthy, and that is good for genealogical research. Documents containing information about a death date, relationships, personal and/or real property, and place of residence are common in intestate files. Learn about the court process from first petition to final discharge, and picture what home was like for an ancestor. Presented by Sharon Monson.

**NOTE:** All times are PDT. Webinars are free on the day of the live broadcast and for one week afterwards. Register for any upcoming Legacy Family Tree webinar [HERE](#).

## Podcasts & Blogs

### “The Family Tree Polish, Czech, and Slovak Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Family Tree in Eastern Europe”

Lisa A. Alzo, MFA, is a freelance writer, instructor and internationally recognized lecturer specializing in Slovak/Eastern European genealogical research, writing family history, and using the internet to trace female and immigrant ancestors. Listen [HERE](#).

### “Using Academic Libraries for Your Genealogy”

Libraries are essential for genealogy research. Although we usually think of public libraries, academic libraries — those in colleges and universities — can also be useful (and with more than just yearbooks). Drew Smith, co-host of the Genealogy Guys podcast, shares with Amy Johnson Crow some tips for using academic libraries in your genealogy. Listen [HERE](#).

### “Getting Your Older Relatives to Open Up about Family History”

Interviewing older family members is a basic part of beginning genealogy research. If you have access to these relatives, interviewing them for their unique take on the past and the ancestors who lived in it is so important. You don't want those stories to be lost. However, some relatives may not want to talk, and some may go off-topic a lot in an interview. Here is how to get the best out of both types of older relatives. Listen [HERE](#).

## Bend Genealogical Society Board of Directors

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**Vice President:** Catherine Dulzo  
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### Appointed Positions

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### Contact Us

To reach any of the BGS officers or committee chairpersons, send an email to the BGS general email box, or call and leave a message at the BGS office/library.

#### BGS Email

bgs@bendbroadband.com

#### BGS Phone

(541) 317-9553

# BGS SPRING SEMINAR 2020

Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

## The Family History Fanatics are Coming!

This April, the Family History Fanatics are coming from Texas to present Bend Genealogical Society's annual Spring Seminar! Known mostly for their popular genealogy channel on YouTube, Andrew and Devon Noel Lee are as informative as they are entertaining.

### **Devon Noel Lee**

Devon has been told she has so much energy and passion that it's contagious. With over 20 years' experience in genealogy and 10 years as a journalist, she specializes in practical research, writing, and memory keeping.

### **Andrew Lee**

Andy is known for his entertaining lecture style, which simplifies the complex. His specialties include DNA and understanding genetics, as well as British records, and self-publishing.

On Friday, April 24, we'll have an afternoon DNA workshop with Andy. Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> will be a full day with both Devon and Andy presenting four topics of interest to all genealogists, experienced or just beginning.

Mark your calendar now! You won't want to miss this!

*As always, registration is required. Location, details, and fees will be forthcoming.*

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