



Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society

Family History Month

October 2024

Most events are FREE and open to the community. Donations are always appreciated.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
<https://sbgen.org/in-the-community/family-history-month/>
 or use the QR code.



NOTE: Classes will NOT be recorded.

First Thursday Lunch & Learn
In-Person at Sahyun Genealogical Library
Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, 12:00 - 01:30 pm
Host: Rosa Avolio

All levels from beginner to advanced are welcome. Bring your lunch, questions, goals, ideas, and requests for future topics!

Exploring FamilySearch.org
Hybrid: In-Person at the Sahyun Genealogical Library and on Zoom

Friday, October 4, 2024, 10:00 - Noon

Teacher: Norma Eggli

Come and learn some new tricks! The FamilySearch website has been changing and adding many new records. Learn how to use the new FamilySearch Labs Full-Text search tool along with several navigation options.

Family History Month Open House
Sunday, October 6, 2024

Sahyun Genealogical Library

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Free and Open to the Public

Family Tree Maker 2024 Preview
Monday, October 7, 2024, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
ZOOM ONLY

Mark Olsen from Family Tree Maker will preview the new features coming in Family Tree Maker 2024. Family Tree Maker works on Windows and Mac OS and syncs with online trees at Ancestry. Register to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.

Introduction and Review of Reunion Software for Mac

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

In-Person — Sahyun Genealogical Library
Presenter : Rosa Avolio

If you are an Apple user and use Reunion for Mac or haven't decided what family tree software you'd like to use, this session will be helpful. I will review all the parts of Reunion for new and experienced users.

Scanning Workshop

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, 10:00 am-12 Noon

Bring family photos, slides, negatives, documents, family histories, and other items of value, to the Sahyun Genealogical Library to use our state-of-the-art scanners to preserve and protect these treasured mementos. This project is free for all participants. Please limit your items to 10 - 12. Workshop spaces are limited.

Jewish Genealogy Coaching
Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, 12:00 - 1:00 pm
In-Person at the Sahyun Genealogical Library

Coach: Harriette Hinderstein

If you're interested in tracing Jewish ancestry, come ask questions, learn about research resources and share information and tips.

What's New at Ancestry.com
Friday, October 11, 2024, 10:00 - Noon

Hybrid: Zoom and In-Person at the Sahyun Genealogical Library

Instructor: Norma Eggli

Not finding what you want on Ancestry.com? Come and learn new searching tricks. This class will cover a basic search to going beyond, including exploring leaf hints and the card catalog. Register to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.

(This subscription site is free for SBCGS members to use at the Sahyun Library.)

Using MyHeritage for Your Family History Research

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
ZOOM ONLY!

Robin McCarthy will give an overview of some of MyHeritage Library Edition's top features and how it can expand your genealogy research. This premium subscription is available at the Sahyun Genealogical Library and for members from home. Register to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.

Zoom Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024, 12:00 - 1:30 pm
ZOOM ONLY

Host: Rosa Avolio

All levels from beginner to advanced are welcome. Register to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.

Writers' Group

Wednesday, October 16, 10:00 to 11:00 am
ZOOM ONLY

Moderators: Sharon Summer, Elizabeth O'Neal

Get a boost for your family history writing by learning tips, ideas, and all things about making your work fascinating to read, especially for non-genealogists (family etc.). We will create a friendly, accepting, relaxed, warm place to learn and forward your writing objectives. Register to receive the Zoom link.

Beginning & Intermediate Genealogy Special Interest Group
Thursday, October 17, 2024, 1:00-2:30 pm
ZOOM ONLY

Instructor: Jean Foster

This is a discussion group to assist people with learning where and how to research their ancestors. New members are encouraged to attend. Register to receive a confirmation email containing the link to join the meeting.

DNA Lunch & Learn

Friday, October 18, 2024, 12:00 Noon
ZOOM ONLY

Host: George LaPlante

George LaPlante will discuss recent DNA news and answer your DNA questions. All experience levels are welcome. Register to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link to attend.

Finding & Researching Civil War Soldiers

Friday, October 18, 2024, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

In-Person at the Sahyun Genealogical Library

Teachers: Cathy Jordan, Judy Sahn

Do you think you might have a Civil War veteran in your family? Do you need tips on how to find out? How to research for Civil War veterans? Then this is the class for you. Hear about others' methods for finding information. Share tips and tricks. Taught by a duo of veteran Civil War researchers eager to help you find information. Plenty of handouts.

October General Meeting (Hybrid)

Featured Speaker:

Laura Jean Treat Liebhaber

Saturday, October 19, 2024

10:30 - 12 Noon

Free and Open to the Public

Crowdsourced Brick Wall Research Assistance

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 12:00 - 1:30 pm
ZOOM ONLY

Moderator Jean Foster

Research suggestions offered for pre-submitted brick wall questions. If no submissions are received in advance, it will be the usual Lunch & Learn questions, ideas, and suggestions. Register to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link and submission form.

Family Tree Maker Class
Tuesday, October 22, 2024,
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

In-Person at the Sahyun Genealogical Library

Moderators: Rosa Avolio and Robin McCarthy

will give a brief tour of the workspaces in Family Tree Maker 2019 for Windows and Mac OS. Topics include attaching documents and photos; managing facts; organizing media; writing notes for short stories and memories. Register to reserve your spot.

Santa Barbara Community Archives Project Film Drop-Off

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Sunday, October 27, 2024, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Sahyun Genealogical Library

Society members and the public are invited to bring their own family films (8mm, Super 8, 16mm) to the Sahyun Library from 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to add them to the Santa Barbara Community Archives Project's digital collections. Please register.



Fold3 and Military Records

Friday, October 25, 2024, 10:00 am - Noon
Zoom Only

Teacher: Norma Eggli

Come and see what is new at Fold3 which now has nearly 7 million records. Learn how to search, explore and/or browse records and data by war and/or time frame. (*This subscription site is free for SBCGS members to use at the Sahyun Library.*) Register to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.

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Parking and Classroom Space
are Limited

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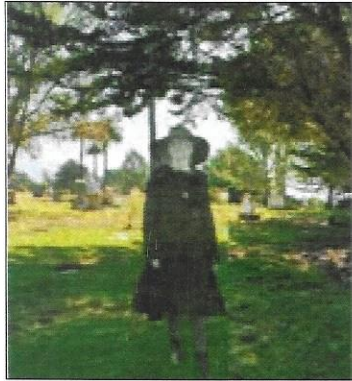
or use the QR code.



Picnic at the Cemetery
October 26, 2024

Travel back in time and meet some of Santa Barbara's historical figures as they come to life and share their stories.

Member Discount
Picnic Lunch Included
Registration Begins October 1st



Roots to Leaves:

Let AI Enhance Your Journey

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 10:30 - Noon
In Person ONLY!

Sahyun Genealogical Library

Instructors: Judy Thompson and Robin McCarthy

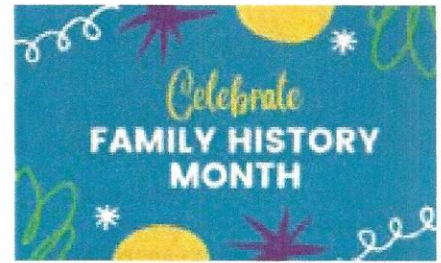
Artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing genealogy by providing powerful tools to streamline research, enhance data accuracy, and uncover hidden connections. Topics will include:

- Overview of the major players;
- Which tool to use for what job;
- How to work with the chatbots;
- Record analysis and summarization;
- Record transcription;
- Handwriting recognition;
- And more.

Register to reserve your spot.



SBCGS formed in 1972 to foster an interest in the study of family history through education, operation of a genealogy research library, and preservation of local genealogical records to enhance understanding of ourselves and our heritage. The Society offers genealogy education programs, and its genealogical research library collection includes over 19,000 volumes and a computer lab with access to 9 subscription websites. SBCGS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



Federal Census Records and Lesser-known Census Records

October 31, 2024, 10:00 am - Noon

Hybrid: Zoom and In-person at the Sahyun Genealogical Library

Teacher: Norma Eggli

Census records are fundamental to genealogical research, offering a window into the lives of your ancestors. This class will guide you through the process of locating and utilizing U.S. census records to uncover valuable insights about your family history. Topics will include: types of census records Federal and other lesser-known ones; how the information collected can differ from one decade to another; research techniques to find and interpret census records. Register to receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.

Sahyun Genealogical Library
316 Castillo Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Hours

Tuesdays, Thursdays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Most Sundays: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

3rd Saturday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(Sept - July)

Library Displays

A Glimpse into Santa Barbara's Hispanic Family Heritage, 1850-1950

SB Public Library, Faulkner Gallery
September 29 - October 30, 2024

Santa Barbara Senior Expo

Earl Warren Showgrounds

October 17th, 9 am - noon

Visit our table at the Santa Barbara Senior Expo!



MONTHLY MEETINGS

3rd Saturday of each month
(dark in August)

First Presbyterian Church
21 E. Constance, Santa Barbara

- ❖ 9:30 AM Refreshments, meet other members, special interest groups*
- ❖ 10:30 AM General meeting followed by program
- ❖ 12:00 PM Adjourn

*Special Interest Groups:

Some meet in person or on Zoom

African American Genealogy

Beginning Genealogy

Civil War

DNA

Eastern European

Early California and Hispanic

French Canadian Genealogy

German Genealogy

Irish Genealogy

Italian Genealogy

Jewish Genealogy

Scandinavian Genealogy

Genealogy Tips and Talk

Writing Support



Mailing address:

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316 Castillo St.
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Membership Application by mail or online at: www.sbggen.org

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Phone _____

e-mail address _____ e-mail address _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you new to genealogy? Yes ___ No ___ Would you like a mentor? Yes ___ No ___ How did you hear about us? _____

Life \$1000 Patron \$150 Donor \$75 Friend \$50 Family \$60 Individual \$40

Gifts: Endowment \$ _____ Library Equipment \$ _____ Library Books \$ _____

Prefer printed version of *Ancestors West* mailed. Prefer digital version of *Ancestors West* from website.

Please make checks payable to SBCCGS and mail to SBCCGS, 316 Castillo St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101 ~Thank you!
All donations and dues are tax deductible.



Researching
the world at the
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Library



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Resources at the Sahyun Genealogical Library

◆ More than 20,000 reference resources:

- ❖ Books covering 50 states, international research guides, genealogy how-to
- ❖ Periodicals from more than 90 genealogy societies
- ❖ Surname files, locality files, atlases, maps and gazeteers

◆ Library volunteers ready to help

◆ **Searchable Database** Over 188,000 scanned and indexed local names from Santa Barbara County vital records, naturalization records, court records and more on our website.

◆ Computer lab: genealogy subscription websites

- ❖ American Ancestors, ArkivDigital (Sweden), Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, FindMyPast (US and UK records), Fold3-(military records), *MyHeritage, Newspapers.com-World Edition, *NewspaperArchive and the French Canadian PRDH-(Quebec's vital records from 1621 to 1849). *Remote access for members.
- ❖ Use of scanners, computers, printers and WiFi

◆ Book Nook - New and used books for sale

HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

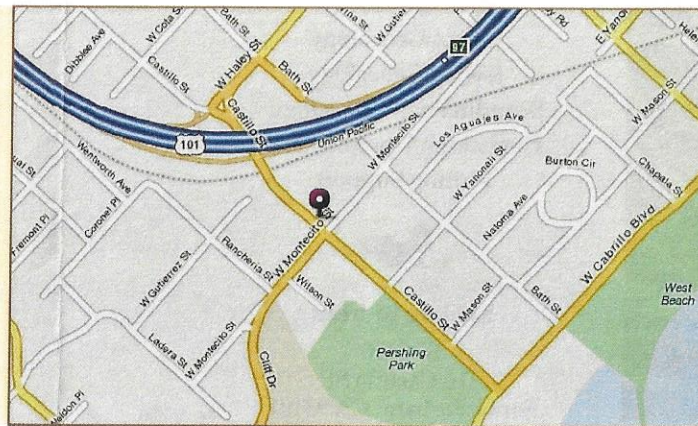
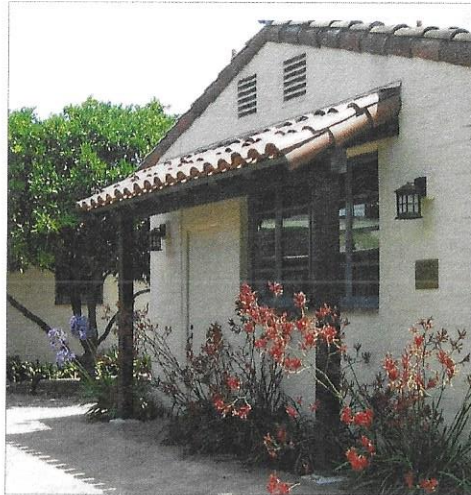
Most Sundays

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

3rd Saturday: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
(Sept-July)

Closed on major holidays.

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Benefits of Membership

- ❖ Full access to all resources at the Sahyun Genealogical Library
- ❖ Monthly programs
- ❖ Meet other genealogists
- ❖ Special interest groups
- ❖ Research assistance
- ❖ Free genealogy classes in October for Family History Month
- ❖ Discount on classes and seminars
- ❖ *Tree Tips* monthly newsletter
- ❖ *Ancestors West* quarterly journal

About the Society

The Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society was organized in 1972 to preserve and disseminate knowledge and information related to genealogical historical data.

The Society is supported by member dues and donations. Many hours of volunteer work keep the Society and its library operating. There are no paid employees.

The Santa Barbara County Genealogical qualifies as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation. Donations of cash or library materials are deductible to the extent allowed by law.