



Sonoma County Genealogical Society SCGS Newsletter April 2004

President's Message

by Evelyn Ross

Elizabeth Shown Mills is coming! Elizabeth Shown Mills is coming!! It's been a year since we spend a delightful day with Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, and now poof...as if by magic we have another wonderful speaker coming to share her knowledge and expertise in the area of family history research.



April 24th
Meeting:

Annual
Spring Seminar

Elizabeth
Shown
Mills

Luther
Burbank
Center

9:00am
to
4pm

Believe me, the only magic involved with this event is the inspiration and motivation that comes through the speaker to you the listener. All the rest comes from the hard work and worry of the Society's Seminar Committee.

I remember the first year I joined the Society, Seminar Chairperson Lois Nimmo asked me to join the committee and help with publicity. Lois has been in charge planning the Seminar for years (I'm afraid to ask how many). Her committee meets monthly to discuss preparations and then doing a review after the fact to see where improvements can be made. To use a really worn cliché, "it's a well oiled machine."

Carmen Finley beats the bushes and lines up the speakers, always a few years in advance. Then she comes up with all these incredible statistics afterwards as a review, I think the only stat she doesn't include is the number of toothpicks used during the lunch break! Virginia Murphree works with the vendors and determines the lay-out of whose table goes where. I'm always happy when she puts the Family History Center table next to Janice Chamberlain with the

Society's publication sales. Janice's quiet sense of confidence always bolsters me.

Fran Murray kept track of all the pre-registration and meeting minutes, and now Audrey Phillips is doing a super job of taking care of those details. Then Ray Owen, with help from Maggie Andrews and others, has the busy assignment of distributing attendee packets and walk-in registrations.

Jim Cochran is in charge of raffle prizes this year, Muriel Morrow handles the publicity and Annie Conley is always doing something. I know I'm not mentioning everyone who works to make this event run smoothly, maybe I shouldn't have even started, but please know that you are appreciated.

Also appreciated are all of you who so quickly signed up at our last meeting to help with registration, raffles, lunches and snacks. This is a big event requiring lots of people. Lois, thank you for keeping us all on task.

You know, there is one little bit of magic... Claire Miller's 100 cup coffee maker always seems to appear when it's most needed. Thank you all.



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The Sonoma County Genealogical Society is a Nonprofit Organization which Encourages Interest in Genealogy and Family History

Elizabeth Shown Mills is Coming to Town!

by Fawn Hill

Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA will present an all-day seminar at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa on 24 April 2004.



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Genealogical audiences on three continents have dubbed Elizabeth Shown Mills, “The SuperGenie,” “The Pied Piper of Family History,” and “The Mother of Modern Genealogy.” For a quarter century, she has pushed the cutting edge of research methodology, standards, and quality, serving as president of both the Board for Certification of Genealogists and the American Society of Genealogists, as well as an officer or trustee of other major organizations.

During her 16 years as editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Elizabeth made that journal into the leading forum for the teaching of research methods and principles. For even longer, her Advanced Methodology Track at the Samford University IGHR has been a rite of passage for serious family historians. Two of her publications, Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian and Professional Genealogy: A Manual for Researchers, Writers, Editors, Lecturers, and Librarians are considered “absolute essentials” for both professional and personal genealogists.

Topics, in order of presentation, will be:

- Genealogical Problem Solving: Professional Tips for Everyday Success

- Putting Your Evidence on Trial: Direct? Preponderance? Clear and Convincing?

- Finding Origins and Birth Families:

Methods that Work!

- Finding Females:

Wives, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Paramours!

A special session will be held at the end of the last lecture for persons who would like to ask her for help on their own problems.

This will be the twelfth all-day seminar sponsored by SCGS.

Pre-registration is highly recommended to reserve your seat for this event. Price of admission for pre-registration is \$18 for members of the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, \$22 for non-members. Admission at the door, beginning at 8 a.m., 24 April, will be \$25. Send your reservations to Registrar Audrey Phillips, 96 Eastside Circle, Petaluma, CA 94954-3609. Questions about registration can also be directed to her by phone at 707-763-4492. Other questions about the seminar should be directed to Lois Nimmo, program chairman, e-mail <LoisNim@aol.com> or phone 707-537-1684.

Welcome New Members

Henry F. Thate of Sonoma

Lorel Ann Kapke of Sonoma



New at the Library

by Maggi Andrews

- 394.2 C A Capsule Look at First Night, Santa Rosa and Building the Roxy (Video)
636.5 B Scrapbook concerning Petaluma Incubator Co.; by Byce (Rare Books)
720 S Public Buildings / Architecture under the Public Works Administration 1933-39
720 H Homes & Interiors of the 1920's / A Restoration Design Guide
728.3 C Victorian Domestic Architectural Plans and Details; by Comstock
728.3 C Country Houses and Seaside Cottages of the Victorian Era; by Comstock
811 C The Whispering Veils / Poems on Christo's Art; by Cyril Christo
929.1 C You Can Write Your Family History; by Carmack
929.373 L Rogers Rangers / The First Green Berets ... 1758-1783; by Loescher
929.3744 B Bradford's History "Of Plimoth Plantation."; by Bradford
929.3744 M The Mayflower Reader ... Articles from the Mayflower Descendant; by
929.3744 S The Truth about the Pilgrims; by Stoddard
979.4 L Mexican Alta California Threatened ...; by Larios
979.4 C The California Coast / A Bilingual Edition of Documents from the Sutro Collection (ed. 1891); by Cutter
979.476 The Padron of Monterey
979.493 N The Los Angeles Padron of 1844

Special Interest Groups



British Group For further info. phone Susan Simons at 527-7191.



German Group Meets at 10am on the first Saturday of the odd-numbered months except for July.

The next meeting of the German Interest Group will be at 10 AM on Saturday, 1 May 2004 at the home of Lorel Kapke, 17003 Park Ave., Agua Caliente, CA, phone 996-8880. We will be having a general help session and discussion on topics of interest to those present.

For Information contact Jim Cochran at: cougars@sonic.net



Computer Interest Group The Computer Interest Group will not meet in April. If you would like to be notified of the CIG meetings, please e-mail Maggi at mandr21020@aol.com.

com>. If you are currently receiving e-mail notification, please confirm you would like to continue, as we are updating our list.



Italian Interest Group The Italian Interest Group will meet on the 15th of May at the home

of Ines Williams. Please come join us.

For more information e-mail me at: inesw@comcast.net

Family History Writing Group The writing group will meet on May 1 at 1 p.m. at the annex. The topic to be discussed at the April 3 meeting. The April meeting will include an audio/visual presentation by Evelyn Ross about writing your family history.

If interested contact Cheryl Doran Girard 707-865-1181 or fymom@sonic.net

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Coming Events

NGS Annual Conference

Registration is now open for the NGS Annual Conference in the States. This year's conference will take place in Sacramento, California on 19-22 May 2004. You'll receive a substantial discount if you register before the "Early Bird" deadline on 22 March 2004. Check it out at <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/registration.cfm>

National Archives Workshops

June 18, 9am to 1pm with Rose Mary Kennedy, Genealogy Specialist

Military - Part 1, Revolutionary War to Civil War, July 16, 9am to 1pm with Rose Mary Kennedy, Genealogy Specialist

Military - Part 2, Spanish American to Tiet-Nam, August 20, with Rose Mary Kennedy, Genealogy Specialist

Salt Lake Research Trip: May 2-9, 2004

Stay tuned for further information

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