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Suncoast Genealogy Society Newsletter

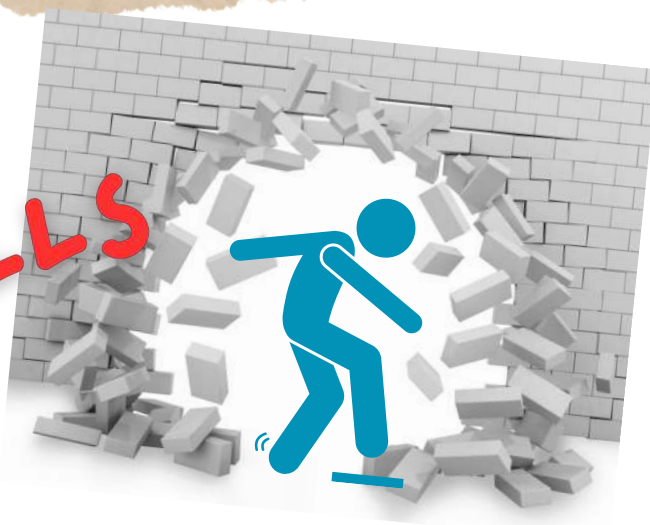


WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY

27 July 2024 Membership Meeting

1:30-4:00 pm, **Palm Harbor Library**
In-Person Meeting

Breaking Down
BRICKWALLS



Have you reached a brickwall in your research? You just can't find that one piece of information you need or don't know what to do next. Let us help. We may be able to provide a fresh perspective.

Genealogy and DNA IG



Monday, July 8 @

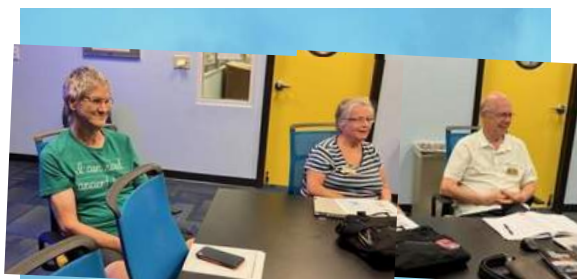
1:00-3:00 pm

PHL Conference Room

Hybrid Meeting

open to everyone

Topic: mtDNA with a
YouTube Video, followed by
general discussion



President's Message



Another summer month of holidays and lots of things to do!

If you're not busy at the beach, please think about attending our "Genealogy and DNA" interest group on July 8. We'll have a presentation on Mitochondrial DNA but then an open forum where I'm sure we'll discuss new features at Ancestry.

Don't be shy about attending and we'll be glad to help with any genealogy topic.

And due to our treasurer Jeanne Carrell leaving the area, we are looking for a volunteer to replace her.

John Matthews

Look What's Coming in August!

24 Aug 2024 Membership Meeting

1:30-4:00 pm, Palm Harbor Library

1:30 SGS Meeting, 2:00 Program

In-Person Meeting

French-Canadian Genealogy

Lâche pas la patate!



**Beth
Bleich**



**Joan
Baptist**

“Lâche pas la patate!” is Québécois slang for “Don’t give up!” Research using French-Canadian records, which are primarily in the French language, is easier than you might think. In this presentation SGS members Joan Baptist and Beth Bleich acquaint you with relevant historical background, the types of records and their resources, and the various groups of founding mothers and fathers (think DAR cousins) for Québec and Acadia.

So, when you encounter your first record in French - “Lâche pas la patate!”

Society News

Genealogy Help Desk



Tues, Wed & Thurs
1:00-4:00 pm
PHL Genealogy
Section

Need help researching online, breaking down a brick wall?
Beginners and members are encouraged to stop by!
Come join us at the Help Desk!

Our monthly meetings are on the
4th Saturday @
Palm Harbor Library
1:30 - 4 pm

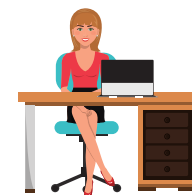
JOIN US

Beginning Genealogy Course

A Six-Week Course

Instructors: Ann James, Marianne Bradley, Jean Van Horn; Registrar: Shari Harmon

Classes for the Fall 2024 course will be held 1:30-4:00 pm on:
Fridays, September 6 - October 11, 2024
at the Palm Harbor Library in the Conference Room.



Please register for the course with Adult Services at the Library

The focus of this course is U.S. records.

Cost for the course is \$25.00 - Payable at the beginning of the 1st class.
Check or cash only, please.

Please register early as we have limited seats available
due to the room size.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The treasurer position is open.
We are in need.
If you are interested contact John Matthews.

Check our website: sgsfl.com
 Email us: info@sgsfl.com
 Connect with us on [Facebook](#)

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Our Genealogy Friends



Pinellas Genealogy Society
Hybrid Meeting & via Zoom
Saturday, July 20 @ 10 am-12 pm

Learn to create your family tree
Presented by Sue Styx

<https://pinellsgenealogysociety.com/>



SAR, Clearwater Chapter

Members meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month, Sept thru May, 11:30 am, Countryside Country Club. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/SARClearwater/> for more information.

Florida Genealogical Society – Tampa

<https://fgstampa.org/>

Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay

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

Tarpon Springs Library **Genealogy Research Group**

Monday, July 8 @ 6:00 pm

“Genealogy Software, Roots Magic”

Bring your laptop

<http://tarponlibrary.org/genealogy/>

DAR, Caladesi Chapter

Members meet the 3rd Monday of the month Sept thru May, 11:30 am, North Dunedin Baptist Church. Contact Debbie Smyth, dsmyth927@gmail.com for more information

Suggestions



GENEALOGY MYSTERY BOOKS BY MARIANNE BRADLEY

I know that all of us are so busy with our own genealogy research that it is difficult to find time to enjoy a novel- frivolous idea to just do something frivolous! But for us avid genealogists and mystery aficionados, these recommendations bring together a very enjoyable read. Our recent meeting was with Nathan Dylan Goodwin, one of the more prolific writers in this genre. He has written about 12-13 great books for us, starting with THE ASYLYM and HIDING THE PAST. Other suggestions for you are:

STEVE ROBINSON - The last Queen of England- The Lost Empress - To the Grave & more.

RETT MacPHERSON - Family Skeletons - A Veiled Antiquity - A Comedy of Heirs

DAN WADDELL - Blood Atonement - The Blood Detective

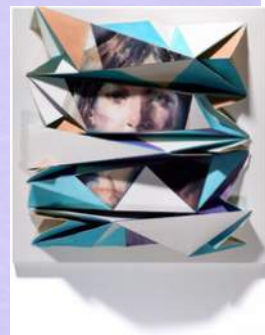
PATRICIA SPRINKLE- Death on the Family Tree - Sins of the Fathers

Also on the list for us are: M. J. LEE, WENDY PERCIVAL, ELIZABETH LOWELL, BRYNN BONNER, STEPHEN MOLYNEUX AND KATE MORTON, AND JIMMY FOX There are many more out there to be discovered.

In April Eugene Girardi gave a show-and-tell with precious family portraits. His teaching points were:

(1) Some old photographs might be “covered over” with black charcoal and white chalk with all the shades of grey. Compare “do-overs” with actual photos to detect unnatural pompadours and kupid doll lips. Artists liked to glamorize photos.

(2) Not every oil painting was in color. Surprise! Many were in black and white oil. If you are lucky enough to have an original canvas, never, never, NEVER fold it for storage. Folding permanently damages the portrait causing chunks of paint to flake off.



What happen at our June Meeting Tea Party



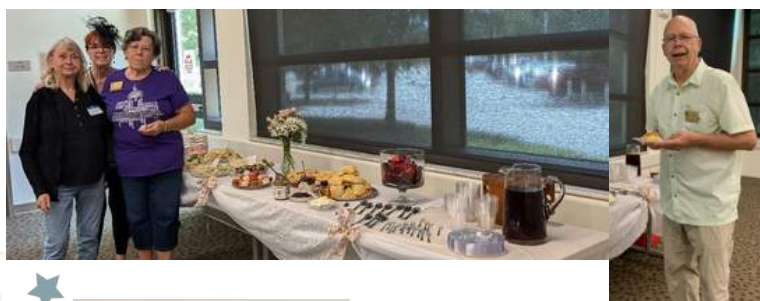
with Nathan Dylan Goodwin



Did Nathan find Henry?



Tea Anyone?



Joan won Member's Basket



Shari won Nathan's Book



Katie won 50/50