



# The Searcher

Suncoast Genealogy Society Newsletter

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST

### 24 August 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!



Joan Baptist



Beth Bleich

“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!”

## Genealogy and DNA IG

Monday, Aug 12 @

1:00-3:00 pm

PHL Conference Room

Hybrid Meeting

open to everyone



Topic: X-DNA with a YouTube Video, followed by general discussion



## President's Message



We had a great members meeting in July where some Brick Wall problems were investigated by Ann James, Shari Harmon, Jean Van Horn and Marianne Bradley. I thank them for all the time they spent on these questions.

The 2024 Summer Olympics are currently underway in Paris and I've been watching some of the events with a lot of interest. How about you? It does take away from genealogy but I think the break will be good for getting us charged up to search tangled roots again.

*John Matthews*

### Look What's Coming in September!

#### 28 Sep 2024 Membership Meeting

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

1:30 SGS Meeting, 2:00 Program

Hybrid Meeting, In-Person Speaker

## *King Philip's War, 1675-1676* Causes & Consequences



King Philip Metacom



Karen Fortin

Although largely forgotten, King Philip's War was a widespread conflict that had a significant and long-lasting impact on New England colonists and Native Americans. The class will look at causes leading up to this brutal war, analyze the course of the war, outline the consequences that helped shape the future of the United States, and direct you to resources for researching ancestors who fought in this conflict.

# 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!



## ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The treasurer position is open.

We are in need.

If you are interested contact John Matthews.

# 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:

Shari Harmon - (727) 539-1046 Email: sharih1046@gmail.com

# SGS Board 2024-2026

- President:** John Matthews
- Vice President:** Eugene Girardi
- VP/Membership:** Shari Harmon
- VP/Programs:** Jean Van Horn
- Treasurer:** **Position Open**
- Secretary:** Marianne Bradley
- Past President:** Robert Pierro
- Directors:** Redd Slyker  
Ann James  
Kim Croco-Brooks

## Committee Chairs & Others

- Education:** Ann James & Jean Van Horn
- Facebook:** Beth Bleich
- Help Desk:** Marianne Bradley
- Historian:** Ann James
- Library Liaison:** Peter Cannon
- Publicity:** Redd Slyker
- Newsletter:** Kim Croco-Brooks
- Registered Agent:** Shari Harmon
- Sunshine:** Mary Jane Hough
- Web Development:** John Matthews
- DNA IG:** Robert Pierro & John Matthews

Proud Partner with



**Rhama Atwell**

**Doris Pierro**

**Eugene Girardi**  
birthday was in July  
It was inadvertently left  
out.



**WELCOME**

to our new member  
**Rob Jacobson**

**Questions?**



Check our website:  
[sgsfl.com](http://sgsfl.com)

Email us:  
[info@sgsfl.com](mailto:info@sgsfl.com)

Connect with us on  
[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com)

**Suncoast Genealogy Society**  
c/o Palm Harbor Library  
2330 Nebraska Ave.  
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

# Our Genealogy Friends



**Pinellas Genealogy Society**  
**Hybrid Meeting & via Zoom**  
**Saturday, Aug 17 @ 10 am-12 pm**

**Summer Workshop**  
**Writing Family Histories**  
**Presented by Lori Coffey**

<https://pinellasgenealogysociety.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, Aug 12 @ 6:00 pm**

**Genealogy Software Workshop**  
<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](mailto:dsmyth927@gmail.com) for more information

## Spotlight

### **Discover Your Roots with the Suncoast Genealogy Help Desk!**

Unearth the treasures of your family history with the support of our dedicated team at the Palm Harbor Library's Genealogy Help Desk. Our knowledgeable volunteers are at your service every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1 PM to 4 PM, ready to assist you on your genealogical journey. Genealogy Tech support available every third Tuesday of the month, 1 PM to 4 PM. Beginners encouraged to stop by!

**Meet our fantastic team:**

**🔍 Marianne Bradley (Coordinator):**

- Expertise in Ancestry, Newspapers.com, and Family Tree Maker.
- Available to guide and assist you on the fundamentals of genealogy.

**🔍 Jean Van Horn:**

- Proficient in Ancestry, Family Search, and Legacy.
- Specializes in navigating intricate details such as wills, land records, and immigration.

**🔍 Shari Harmon:**

- Years of experience with Roots Magic, Ancestry, and more.
- Ready to share insights and tips to enhance your genealogical research.

**🔍 John Matthews:**

- Tech-savvy expert for MAC and PC users.
- Specializes in Ancestry, Family Tree Maker, Roots Magic, Legacy, and various genealogy tech information.

**🔍 Joan Baptist:**

- Proficient in Ancestry, Family Tree Maker, and Newspapers.com.
- Specializes in French Canadian searches for a unique genealogical perspective.

No need for appointments—drop by anytime during our hours of operation. While walk-ins are welcome, advanced notice helps us better plan and allocate our time to assist you effectively.

We warmly welcome more volunteers to join our dynamic team! If you're interested in becoming a part of our mission, we provide training. Reach out to Marianne Bradley at 727-433-0894 for more details.

**LET'S EXPLORE THE FASCINATING  
WORLD OF GENEALOGY TOGETHER!**

### What happen at our Christmas in July Meeting



Ann James

### BRAGING THOSE BRICK WALLS



Redd Slyker



Shari Harmon



Marianne Bradley



Jean Van Horn



Peggy won member's basket



Kim Croco-Brooks won Share the Basket

Our donation of a basket for PHL Summerween Fundraiser was auctioned off on July 19



Redd with Matthew David, PHL Director

