



# The Searcher

Suncoast Genealogy Society Newsletter

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

### 28 Sep 2024 Membership Meeting

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

1:30 SGS Meeting, 2:00 Program

In-Person Meeting

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



King Philip Metacom



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.

### Genealogy and DNA IG



Monday, Sep 9 @

1:00-3:00 pm

PHL Conference Room

In-Person Meeting

open to everyone



Topic: GED Match with a YouTube Video, following by general discussion

## President's Message



We had a great presentation on French-Canadian genealogy by two SGS members, Joan Baptist and Beth Bleich, for the August membership meeting. As I was traveling in France I missed it but felt the vibes from a distance.

We are still in need of a volunteer to fill the SGS treasure's position.

This is your society and without volunteers we would not be able to function and bring you interesting speakers and presentations.

*John Matthews*



**Look What's Coming in October!**

## Records and Writing Fall Mini-Seminar



**Saturday, 26 Oct 2024, 1:00-4:00 pm**

**Palm Harbor Library - Hybrid Meeting**

**\$25 for Members & \$30 for Non-Members**

**Program Speaker:**

**Sunny Jane Morton**

### **Baptists, Methodists & Presbyterians - Oh My!**

Why did these faiths become so popular in the United States? Learn about their "democratic" appeal; explore a variety of sample records; and learn strategies for finding church records for Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians.

**Intermission: Snacks and Prizes**

### **From Documents to Sentences to Stories: Rebuilding Family Stories**

Turning your genealogy research discoveries into meaningful stories can be challenging. Follow the re-creation of one family's story using hands-on, step-by-step, try-this-now story-building strategies. Turn a single record discovery into a simple paragraph, then a paragraph into a story by looking for the "plot" and other interesting elements that make up the most interesting stories. Teaser: in the story you'll follow, one of the heroes is a dog, my son's favorite "ancestor." This talk is aimed at audiences who may be intimidated by the writing process.

# 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:

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# SGS Board 2024-2026

**President:** John Matthews  
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# Happy Birthday September

Beth Bleich  
 Kim Croco-Brooks  
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# Our Genealogy Friends



**Pinellas Genealogy Society**  
**Hybrid Meeting & via Zoom**  
**Saturday, Sep 21 @ 11am - 1 pm**  
**The Unique Challenges of African-**  
**American Gene**  
<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, Sep 9 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Is That Really Your Guy?**  
<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

## SGS Members Only Door Prize

The Members Only Door Prize has been a big success at our monthly meetings. It was started to distribute items left over from the seminar door prizes. Lots of great prizes have been taken home by lucky winners.



It is so popular that members have now started to contribute items for this drawing. This is great since I was running out of prizes. We have run into a problem when two people have donated a prize for the same meeting. To prevent this from happening again, I would like members let me know when they would like to contribute a door prize so that we can better organize to have something available each month. Keep those prizes coming!

Ann James

## What happen at our August Meeting



Joan wore her father's beret



Speakers: Joan Baptist & Beth Bleich  
**French-Canadian**



French-Canadian desserts



Dawn won the members French-Canadian basket



**SGS** is now offering a DNA Mentoring Program that is available to all **SGS** members. This program is aimed at members just starting with DNA and need a little help. This mentoring will be conducted virtually via Zoom and staffed with knowledgeable **SGS** members. To request mentoring, please contact us via e-mail at "info@sgsfl.com"

