



Computer Genealogy Society

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Newsletter

The next meeting will be **Thursday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 160 Washington Avenue, Plainview.**

Our guest speaker will be Stuart Gershon and his topic will be “Introduction to Digital Photography.”

As usual, if you are having any computer related problems, please send them to Don Eckerle at deckerle@optonline.net so he can prepare a response for the meeting. Please bring a friend to the meeting to help increase our membership.

At the May meeting, Gary Lutz, of the Patchogue Library and Head of Reference at the East Hampton Public Library, made a presentation about Ancestry.com Library Edition. He spoke about different sections of the database including Records, Stories, Photos, Trees and Community. He also gave helpful insights into advanced and fine tuning of searches and enhancing images of records. He concluded his talk with What’s New in Ancestry and pointed out where to locate charts and forms on the site.

Free ethnic seminars at Ancestry.com

You still have time to sign up for the remaining free ethnic web seminars being offered through Ancestry.com

Upcoming seminars are: Irish Ancestry at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17; Polish Ancestry at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24 and Italian Ancestry at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1.

After you sign-up, you will receive an email with a link to connect you to the web seminar. The seminars run about 1 hour. For more information, go to Google and search on “ethnic ancestry seminar series” and click on one of the result links.

New genealogy podcast offered

Family Tree Magazine will now be offering monthly podcasts. The podcast will be hosted by Lisa Louise Cooke, creator of the Genealogy Gems Podcast.

Each episode will have interviews with genealogy experts and Family Tree Magazine editors on using web sites, records and resources. To listen to the first episode go to: www.familytreemagazine.com/podcast.

A number of people from this area are going to the FGS national genealogy conference in Philadelphia Sept. 3-6. Please let Mark Waldron, Waldron@optonline.net, know if you are also going so you can meet up while there, perhaps for a dinner.

What’s new at Ancestry.com

At the end of May, National Archives (NARA) and The Generations Network, Inc., parent company of Ancestry.com, announced a new agreement to make millions more historical records available to the public.

The new agreement will allow the placement of Ancestry.com technicians and scanning machines at NARA to continually digitize content for online access.

The initial NARA collections to be digitized under the new agreement include INS Passenger and Crew Arrival and Departure Lists from 1897-1958 and Death Notices of U.S. Citizens Abroad from 1835-1974, which have not been available to the public outside of NARA research rooms before now.

To see other NARA records available at Ancestry.com, go to: www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/nara.aspx.