Jeffrey Bassett will speak on Genetic Genealogy, the latest technique being used as a tool in genealogical research. He will explain how he got started in genealogy, how DNA testing works, and then will present different case studies from the Bassett DNA project showing how DNA testing has helped in the research of different Bassett lines.

Jeffrey lives in Mundelein, Illinois with his wife and four children. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois where he received a B.S. in Computer Science from the College of Engineering and an MBA from the College of Business. He currently works at Packaging Corporation of America in Lake Forest where he is an Information Technology Director.

He has been working on Bassett Family genealogy for more than 40 years. His research includes more than 15,000 pages of text covering more than 500 different Bassett lines throughout the world. He started the Bassett DNA project in April of 2002. This project has grown to include more than 290 male Bassetts living in 7 countries around the world making it one of the largest projects of its kind.

The Bassett project was featured in the Spring 2004 issue of “The New England Ancestors” magazine published by the New England Historic and Genealogical Society and titled “A Comparison of Five Early Bassett immigrants”. He has presented the Bassett DNA project to more than three dozen groups in several states, has appeared on the Milwaukee Wisconsin NBC nightly news, and has appeared in the local paper on a segment dealing with genetic genealogy. He also publishes a free Bassett Family monthly newsletter.
From the Editor

This month Jeffrey Bassett will be presenting ‘Genetic Genealogy’ at our monthly meeting. DNA can be an overwhelming topic. Fortunately, there are many resources available to help you leverage this valuable technology to help move your genealogy research forward.

Dr. Blaine Bettinger is an attorney and a biochemist. He was recently a guest on Dick Eastman’s podcast (http://blog.eogn.com). Dr. Bettinger’s blog is a great resource of information for DNA in genealogy (http://www.thegeneticgenealogist.com).

The FamilySearch blog (https://familysearch.org/blog) has a great overview of the different types of DNA tests available; Y-chromosome (Y-DNA) test, mitochondrial (mtDNA) test, and autosomal (atDNA) test.

If you are interested in knowing where to go for testing and the costs associated with those tests, ISOGG (International Society of Genetic Genealogy) provides a full summary (http://bit.ly/1pZKzYL).

Upcoming Events

Oct 1, Cook Memorial Library Genealogy Networking Group – Digging Your Roots: at Cook Memorial Library, Libertyville, IL, 7:00pm – 8:45pm. For more information, visit http://www.cooklib.org.

Oct 3, Newberry Library – Newberry Library and Local History Tour: at Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 9:30am – 10:30am. For more information, visit http://www.newberry.org/programs-genealogists.

Oct 3, Northwest Suburban Genealogy – Cemetery Sleuthing: at Arlington Heights Senior Center, Arlington Heights, IL, 10am – 12pm. For more information, visit http://www.nwsgenealogy.org.

Oct 6, Elgin Genealogical Society – German Farm Names: at Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL, 9:30am – 11:30am. For more information, visit http://www.elginroots.com.

Oct 10, DuPage County Genealogical Society – File Organization: at Wheaton Public Library, Wheaton, IL, 1pm – 3pm. For more information, visit http://wheatonlibrary.org.

Oct 10, CAGGNI – DNA Special Interest Group: at Schaumburg Township Public Library, Schaumburg, IL, 10:30am – 12pm. For more information, visit http://caggni.shuttlepod.org.

Oct 17, DuPage County Genealogical Society – Newspaper Necessities: at Wheaton Public Library, Wheaton, IL, 1pm – 3pm. For more information, visit http://wheatonlibrary.org.

Oct 17, Computer Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois (CAGGNI) – Lost Children: Orphans, Vagrants, Delinquents, Half-Orphans, Dependents, Surrendered, Adopted: at Schaumburg Township Public Library, Schaumburg, IL, 10:30am – 12:30pm. For more information, visit www.caggni.org.

Oct 17, Tri-County Family History Fair: at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lake Geneva, IL, 9am – 3pm. For more information, visit http://walworthcgs.com.

Newsletter Editor
William M. Wheeler

New Member Spotlight
Please join us in welcoming our newest members to include:

Liz Tollefsen, Village of Lakewood
Judy Pfingsten, Harvard, Illinois

In the Spotlight
The Next Generation of Genealogy

The vast majority of us have not had the good fortune of having had online databases available to us to complete our family research when we first got started. A new generation of genealogists are entering the hobby that will be able to do the majority of their research online. It is this and other changes that are inspiring genealogical societies to assess how they serve their members.

Heather Collins of the *Young & Savvy Genealogists* blog ([http://bit.ly/1iV2gXt](http://bit.ly/1iV2gXt)) presents the case that many genealogical societies are trapped in history with the use of outdated websites and paper newsletters. Heather goes on to argue that with increased frequency society members are expecting meetings be available remotely or online. The Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) is one example of a society now offering this benefit.

Jeff VoVillia of *The Webtrees Genealogist* blog ([http://bit.ly/1QHEOPF](http://bit.ly/1QHEOPF)) offers a similar perspective. However, Jeff points out the value of attending meetings in person. Jeff presents a case that opportunities exist by attending meetings in person that just are not available in attending meetings online or remotely. The ability to personally interact, share stories and share expertise is one reason to attend meetings in person.

Our society is evaluating blogs such as this as well as becoming more active in groups such as The NextGen Genealogy Network ([http://www.tnggn.org](http://www.tnggn.org)).

But what do you think? Would you like to be able to attend monthly meetings remotely? Would you like to be able to watch recorded sessions of the meeting afterward? Let us know your thoughts on our Facebook page ([http://www.facebook.com/mcigs](http://www.facebook.com/mcigs)) or send an email to mcigs@mcigs.org.
Renewal

October marks the beginning of our membership renewal period. As a “heads-up” I wanted to announce that beginning the first weekend in October, I’ll be sending out bi-weekly email renewal reminders to all current members. The email will contain a membership renewal form that you can print off and mail in, and also a link to the MCIGS website if you prefer to renew online.

We currently have 187 members in 23 US states, and one member in Alberta, Canada. Not surprising, the largest concentration of members is of course, in Illinois (125) and Wisconsin (16). California is 3rd runner-up with a total of 10 members.

We hope that each of you has found your membership to MCIGS to be a worthwhile experience and will consider joining again in 2016. The Board has worked very hard to provide interesting programs, individual help sessions prior to our general meetings, and an annual all day conference at McHenry County College. We are also currently looking for ways to appeal to the next generation of genealogists in an effort to grow the organization, and expand on member benefits.

We look forward to your continued participation in the society, and welcome any thoughts, ideas or suggestions you may have.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please feel free to contact me at Arlene.basten@mcigs.org or membership@mcigs.org.

Vice President/Membership
Arlene Basten
Archivist’s Notebook: Gleaning Genealogical Evidence from Ephemera
Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana – November 12, 2015
Laura Cosgrove Lorenzana is a Consulting Archivist, Genealogist, Writer and Lecturer. Laura spent years researching an ancestor but it wasn’t until she realized she had a physical piece of ‘evidence’ that gave credence to that ‘crazy’ story that she was able to break down the wall. Researchers look at family ‘memorabilia’ as potential clues to move research forward. It can be anything from china to buttons to embroidery to furniture; we just have to open our eyes to the possibility.

Annual Christmas Party
Colonial Café – December 10, 2015
Come and join fellow MCIGS members for dinner at the Colonial Café at 5689 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake, IL. This is an informal get together when each of us tell about the most interesting genealogical piece of information we’ve found this past year, and our genealogical goal(s) we have for the New Year. Dinner is from the regular menu and each person pays for their own meal and drinks.

Panel Discussions
MCIGS Board Members - January 14, 2016
Stumped? Looking for help finding an ancestor? Maybe it’s time to come and ask others who may have busted through the same genealogy brick wall themselves. Come and bounce your family history questions off a panel of MCIGS Board Members. Maybe an answer to your question, or hints and tips shared will jumpstart your genealogy research in a whole new direction.

Growing Up As A Teen During the Blitz
Joy Aavang – February 11, 2016
Local author of A “Lost Adolescence, Surviving the Blitz”, Joy Aavang, shares her memories of living with her grandparents in England before and during WWII. Their home was near an airplane factory, which became a military target, so the German Blitz repeatedly forced them to seek cover in air-raid shelters to survive. Join us to hear her coming-of-age story, living in a danger zone and working for Lloyd’s of London while it was housed at Pinewood Studios, a movie studio outside of London.

Find your roots in Naturalization Records
Steve Szabados – March 10, 2016
Find your immigrant ancestors’ naturalization papers to see the beginning of your roots in America. This program starts with the history of the naturalization process and a review of the requirements. Steve discusses where your ancestors were naturalized which is the key to finding their documents. Traditional and online sources are reviewed. This is a great program to find clues to your heritage.
Friday Dinner Speaker

Geoffrey Baer
Multiple Emmy award-winning Public Television writer, producer and program host Geoffrey Baer is known for his masterful storytelling, conversational style, and contagious enthusiasm.

Featured Speaker

Paula Stuart-Warren, CG℠, FMGS, FUGA
Professional genealogist specializing in genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. Her lectures, research, and consultations for individuals, societies, law firms, and Indian tribes seeking records and advice has taken her to many states, courthouses, archives, historical societies, and libraries.

Other Presenters: Tony Burroughs, FUGA; Thomas MacEntee; Ruth Ann Abels Hager, CG℠, CGL℠; Carol Chandler; Grace Dumelle; George Findlen; Janis Minor Forté; Jane G. Haldeman; and John C. Heider

Second City: Was it Your Ancestors’ First City?

Hilton Chicago/Oak Lawn
9333 S. Cicero Ave
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
(708) 425-7800
Reservation Room Block
(2015 ISGS Conferences) $119.00 per night
**Workshop Program**

8:00 am  Registration and browsing. Coffee and doughnuts will be available for purchase.

9:00 am  How Do I Keep All This Stuff Straight: Organizing Your Research  Billie Stone Fogarty

Sooner or later every genealogist reaches the point where the stuff of genealogy – papers, books, heirlooms, letters, photocopies – becomes overwhelming. How do you find anything in that mountain of material and where do you store it? No filing system is without flaws, but your motto should be “files not piles” if you expect to be successful in your genealogy research. Organized research can save you time and money and can help guide you to the next step in your quest for family information.

10:30 am  Finding & Using Historical Newspapers in Genealogical Research  Billie Stone Fogarty

It is not clear when information about people in the community began to dot the pages of local newspapers, but it was certainly a gift for genealogists. Newspapers allow us to glimpse into the daily lives and social customs of our ancestors and give us detailed information about our ancestors and their family relationships. They can help us break through genealogy “brick walls” and can help us find the "stories" of their lives. Newspapers can serve as a substitute for nonexistent vital and civil records, filling the void before official records were kept or where records have been destroyed.

**Lunch**

1:00 pm  The Homestead Act and Land Entry Files  Billie Stone Fogarty

The Homestead Act has been called the most important act for the welfare of the people ever passed in the United States. More than a million homesteaders would agree and the records prove it! More than 270 million acres were transferred to individuals under this act. Today about 93 million people are descendants of homesteaders and those records are pure gold.

Ancestry.com Tips and Tricks  Jane Haldeman

Ancestry.com, one of the largest genealogy sites, offers a wide variety of resources for the genealogist. This continually evolving website can be personalized to suit the needs of the researcher. Both subscription and library versions are discussed. Tips for easy navigation, successful searches and personalization will highlight this presentation.

2:30 pm  The Great Madrid Earthquake and Other Calamities That Shook Our Ancestors  Billie Stone Fogarty

When the course of the Mississippi River was altered by the New Madrid earthquakes of 1811-12, lives were changed. That and other disasters, both natural and manmade, have altered ancestors’ lives through the decades and sometimes changed the locations where we now live. Our ancestors did not live in a vacuum isolated from calamities and world events. Our goal as genealogists is to place our ancestors in the circumstances that surrounded, and sometimes, overtook them and to examine how those events may have affected their decisions and life choices.

From Land Records to Google Earth: Mapping Your Family’s Place  Jane Haldeman

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All sessions are one hour long. There is a 30-minute break between the 1st and 2nd sessions and the 3rd and 4th sessions.

For further information, visit our website at www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Lake-County-IL-Genealogical-Society/284057881619229

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- **Veggie Sandwich**
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Lunches come with a drink, chips, a cookie and fruit cup.

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**Bonus:** Anyone who registers with a postmark before the deadline will get two door prize tickets instead of one.

There will be no refunds after Nov. 1.

Please make checks payable to LCIGS and send them to:

Karen Morrison
34762 N. Oak Ave.
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Lake County (IL) Genealogical Society

23rd Annual Genealogical Workshop

Retracing Their Journeys

Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015

Hosted by the Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center
2007 Civic Center Way
Round Lake Beach, Illinois 60073
847-201-9032

Registration/Browsing: 8 a.m.
Programs: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

About the Speakers

Billie Stone Fogarty, a full-time professional genealogist and Life member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, has served the genealogical community in several capacities. Currently an APG Board member, she has served several different times in this capacity and on several different committees of APG. She recently completed her fourth year as President of the Genealogical Speakers Guild. A frequent speaker at national conferences, she is also active on the regional, state, and local level in advancing genealogical research and open records access as the state liaison for the Records Preservation and Access Committee. She has worked diligently for the Oklahoma Genealogical Society (seven terms as President) and the Oklahoma Historical Society (Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Research Committee, and Publications Committee). Her background as an educator shows through in her passion for continuing education and she believes that genealogists must continue the pursuit of learning if they are to continue to grow as genealogical researchers.

Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG®SM, specializes in German-American and Midwest research. She has been interested in genealogy since she was a child, and has actively researched her German ancestry, as well as her husband’s Chicago Irish ancestors. She presents quality genealogy lectures for local and national organizations. She has attended the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and has taken college-level German courses.

Jane Haldeman is a professional researcher and speaker. Her passion for genealogy began in 8th grade with a school assignment. Her other passion is technology which lead her into theater as a professional stagehand. Today she has blended her love of family history and technology and shares that love with others. She is owner of the website It’s Relative <www.itsrelative.net>; a past president of Illinois State Genealogical Society; and a past president of Fox Valley Genealogical Society. Jane lives in the suburbs of Chicago and her lectures focus on technology as applied to genealogical research.

About the Workshop and Location

The Round Lake Beach Cultural & Civic Center, 2007 Civic Center Way in Round Lake Beach, is located one block from the corner of Route 83 and Rollins Road on Hook Drive between the Round Lake Beach Village Hall and the Metra Station.

Directions: Via I-94, exit at IL 132-West (Grand Ave.) to N. Rollins Road, which turns into W. Rollins Road. Turn right at Rt. 83, and at the first light, turn left onto Hook Drive. The Center is one block on the right, past the Metra Station. Watch for signs. Overflow parking is available at the Metra Station.

-Lunch is not guaranteed for those who register after Nov. 1 or at the door.

-A variety of vendors will be available with books and supplies for purchase.

-A Silent Auction will be held during the workshop. Proceeds are used to purchase material for the LCIGS collection at the Vernon Hills Village Hall.
MONTHLY MEETING

"Cemetery Sleuthing"
Speaker: Kathy Kult

Saturday, October 3, 2015
10:00 am - Program
Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for casual discussion

Arlington Heights Senior Center
1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL

Kathy will share tips and information about how to effectively search, record and share the information found while searching for gravestones. She will cover what to do before going to the cemetery, what to pack in your “cemetery toolkit”, cemetery etiquette, clues and symbols found in the cemetery, taking photos of hard-to-read gravestones and sharing a look at “hi-tech” cemetery and gravestones.

Kathy Kult has been researching her family since 2004. She is a graduate of the NGS American Genealogy’s Home Study Course and has completed the Advanced Methodology and Evidence Analysis course at the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR) at Samford University. She has been the Website Content Director for CAGGNI from 2012-2014. She has attended various NGS, FGS and RootsTech genealogy conferences every year.

Everyone welcome
No registration or fee is required
McHenry County Historical Society

Organized in November 1963 as a not-for-profit corporation, the McHenry County Historical Society strives to provide the methods and means of preserving McHenry County history in order to enrich life.

On July 4, 1976, the Society's Museum in Union, officially opened to the public. The comprehensive collection includes several preserved buildings: An 1845 log cabin; an 1867 limestone schoolhouse; an 1885 town hall; an 1895 one-room school house used for circa 1900 school programs; an 1898 country church; and a 19th Century modern tourist cabin. In 1982, a local history research library was added to the museum. In 2002 the Society launched a mobile museum called "The James."

Besides operating the museum, the Society plaques historic sites and structures, hosts adult workshops and classes, makes available traveling exhibits, and arranges a wide variety of school, Scout and other group programs. Funding for the Society comes from membership dues, admission fees, donations and a trust fund. Your support through membership always is welcome.

- Contact the Historical Society for a barn registration form if you would like to register your McHenry County barn with the Society.
- Find information on the countywide Quilted Barn program at www.GotHistory.org.
- Board meetings of the McHenry County Historical Society are at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at the museum. There is no board meeting in December. Meetings are open to members.

*Become A Member Today!!!

Join on line at www.mchenrycountyhistory.org or just fill out the form below.

Mail your payment to:
McHenry County Historical Society & Museum
P.O. Box 434, Union, IL 60180

* The year runs from July 1 through June 30.

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Located southwest of Woodstock, between Routes 176 and 20, and just east of Route 23 in Marengo.

Corrections
Perkins Players - Wednesday, June 10
Heritage Fair - Sunday, July 12
Free Museum Day for Fox River Grove residents - June 2-5
The McHenry County Historical Society & Museum  
6422 Main Street, P.O. Box 434 • Union, Illinois 60180.  
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Museum Hours: May 1 through October 4  
Tuesdays through Fridays 1 to 4 p.m.  
• Sundays in May plus special event Sundays 1 to 4 p.m.  
June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27  
• Tour groups available by appointment.  

Local History Research Library  
Open year-round from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Appointment needed.

Quilting Group  
Join the “Heritage Quilters” at the museum Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Museum Admission – a Blue Star Museum  
Adults.......................... $5.00  
Seniors & Students...........$3.00  
Family Rate $12.00  
(Includes Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Nov. 9 (marking Veterans Day), Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas.)

Society Members ................................ FREE  
Residents of McHenry County municipalities and townships with governmental memberships receive FREE admission during select weeks.

Special Exhibits for the 2015 season include:  
“Bottles, Barrels & Brews: McHenry County on Tap”  
“Members Only” – Members showcase their collections  
“A Tale of Ten Dresses”  
Highlights from the costume collection  
“You Auto Be in McHenry County”  
“I love the ’80s”  
Heritage Fair marks 30 years  
“Off the Hook” – James mobile museum

Program Schedule for 2014 Museum Activities  
May is Historic Preservation Month – a time to look at local history. See local listings for special programs.

Sampler Lecture Series  
Suggested donation for individual programs is $10. Programs at the McHenry County Historical Society Museum, 6422 Main St., in Union.

March 30 – Monday  
• 7 p.m. – “Domestic Servants in the 19th Century.” Speaker Erika Hoist, curator of the Edwards Place historical home in Springfield, talks about domestic servants and their role in the 1800s when “hired girls” were common in middle-class households across Illinois. Learn about these immigrants, their duties and how their responsibilities evolved over time. Handle period artifacts such as mixing bowls and a flat iron. Made possible through the Illinois Humanities Council.

April 14 – Tuesday  
• 7 p.m. – “Man Who Knew Lincoln” – Abraham Lincoln’s law partner, William Herndon (portrayed by Ron Halversen of the Kenosha Civil War Museum), makes an appearance at the museum. This date marks the 100th anniversary of day actor John Wilkes Booth fatally shot Lincoln at Ford Theater in Washington, D.C.

April 28 – Tuesday  
• 3 p.m. – “The Journey to Mollie’s War: WACS and World War II.” Speaker Cyndee Schaffer traces the footsteps of the women who served in Women’s Army Corps (WAC) during World War II. WACs were the first women, other than nurses, to serve overseas in World War II.

May 1 – Friday  
• 6 to 9 p.m. – McHenry County Historical Society Museum opens for the season, marking its 52nd year. Featuring brewery exhibit, refreshments and sampling of local craft beers.

June 2-5  
• Free museum admission for residents of Ringwood.

June 9-12  
• Free museum admission for residents of McHenry and Burton townships.

June 11 – Wednesday  
• 7 p.m. – Perkins Hall Players presents a historic drama. Named after a noted Kentuckian Derby entrant, the “Bubbling Over” was the most notorious speakeasy in McHenry County during Prohibition. Listen in while members of the “Law & Order League” attempt to close down this den of inequity – staged at the site of the former tavern, now the Old Rivers Inn, at 17112 Route 14 in Woodstock. Period clothing encouraged. Light refreshments. Free admission.

June 14 – Sunday  
Part of “Passport to History” – a month of special Sunday events around the county  
• 2 p.m. – “Home Brew, Craft What’s Inside of You.” Learn how to make your own beer at home from experts with the Midnight Carhboys Home Brew Club of Crystal Lake. Free with museum admission.

June 16-19  
• Free museum admission for residents of Spring Grove and Richmond.

June 20 – Saturday  
• 2 p.m. – Old Fashioned, 1860 baseball game at Village Hall Park at Barrville and Ames roads in Prairie Grove. Civil War-era baseball game pits the McHenry County “Independents” against the Grayslake Athletics. Grayslake Heritage Center Executive Director Dave Oberg will umpire and emcee, explaining the rules and teaching the audience to cheer and jeer in proper 19th-century fashion.

June 23-26  
• Free admission for residents of Crystal Lake and Prairie Grove.

June 29 – Monday  
• 6 p.m. – Annual meeting and members’ picnic. Location TBA. Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

July 7-10  
• Free museum admission for residents of McHenry and McCallum Lake.

July 13 – Sunday  
• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 30th Annual Heritage Fair. Theme: “I Love the ’80s.” Antique car show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. White Elephant Sale at 9 a.m.

Antique auction with auctioneer Russ Davis will be at 10 a.m. At noon and 3 p.m. AWS certified quilt appraiser, artist, and teacher Sandy Schweitzer of Crystal Lake will demonstrate a quilt bed turning featuring patterns popularized on barn quilts. Pie-baking contest at 9:30 a.m., cake walks in the afternoon. Baked goods, book, antique clothing, garden plants and white elephant sales continue throughout the day. Freddy Fredricks and other magicians will stroll the grounds throughout the day, with a special performances at 2 p.m. on the auditorium stage. Music will be provided by the Cel Hangers barbershop quartet and by Kevin Sarmick. “The James” mobile museum will be open and food is available. Admission is free. Residents of the village of Union will host garage sales throughout town.

July 14-17  
• Free museum admission residents of Lakemoor and Marengo.

July 21-24  
• Free museum admission for residents of Itasca.

July 26 – Sunday  
• 2 p.m. – “The History of Boating on the Fox Chain-O’Lakes.” Learn the history of the busiest inland waterway in the world, on a per-acre basis, from Crystal Lake native and author Dave Lester. A vacationer’s getaway since the 1870s, the Fox River region’s pristine jewel encompasses 150 years of boat-building, racing, transportation and tourism — recounted in Lester’s 580-page pictorial book. Book signing to follow. $5 members/$10 nonmembers (includes museum admission).

July 28-31  
• Free museum admission for residents of Woodstock.

Aug. 5-9 – Wednesday through Sunday  
• McHenry County Fair, Woodstock. Visit us in Building E.

Aug. 4-7  
• Free museum admission for residents of Algonquin and Coral townships.

Aug. 9 – Sunday  
• 1 to 4 p.m. Pringle School and Scottish Cemetery Open House. Marengo.

Aug. 11-14  
• Free museum admission for residents of Lake in the Hills.

Aug. 18-21  
• Free museum admission for Dorr Township residents.

Aug. 23 – Sunday  
• 1 to 4 p.m. Quilt appraisal with Sandy Schweitzer in the Research Library of the McHenry County Historical Society Museum. $30 for 15-minute verbal appraisal. Registration and prepayment required. Checks made out to the McHenry County Historical Society. Credit card payments offered over the phone or online. Participants receive free admission to the museum.

Aug. 25-18  
• Free museum admission for residents of Dunham and Riley townships.

Aug. 29 – Saturday  
• 2 p.m. Old Fashioned “baseball” game at Central Park, Grayslake. A 4-day gala featuring baseball games, the arts, food, fun and music, and more. (Part of a balloon festival this year.) Civil War-era baseball game pits the The McHenry County “Independent” against the Lake County Athletics in a rematch from last year’s event this year at home. Grayslake Heritage Center Executive Director Dave Oberg will umpire and emcee, explaining the rules and teaching the audience to cheer and jeer in proper 19th-century fashion. To get there take Route 120 east to South Lake Avenue. Turn left and then take another left into Grayslake Central High School to park. Walk across the street to Central Park to find the ballfield.

Sept. 11 – Wednesday  
• Free admission for Patriot Day.

Sept. 13 – Sunday  
• 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Join McHenry County College and MCHS for a bus tour as they unveil intriguing, little-known railroad lore and provide you
The Nordic Family Genealogy Center/Swedish American Genealogical Society

Upcoming Events

The Genealogy Center/Genealogical Society hosts genealogy sessions from 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month excluding June and December. Check the website for any exceptions or updates.

July 25  "Finding Home" viewing and discussion

Aug. 22  "National Archives – Great Lakes Region" presented by Ellen Kondrot

Sept. 26  "Today’s Immigration in Sweden" presented by Kris Nicholson

Oct. 24  "Writing a Family History" presented by Dan Hubbard

Nov. 21  Discussing Our Own Family Histories

Cost is free for Center/Society members; non-member cost is $10. Reservations appreciated. You may email the Genealogy Center at genealogy@samac.org to RSVP or ask any questions you may have about sessions or call the Museum at 773.728.8111 and leave a message for the Genealogy Center volunteer, or visit SwedishAmericanMuseum.org/genealogy.
Genealogy Program
at the Schaumburg Township District Library

Sound Research Practices: Sources and Citations

Tuesday, Oct. 13
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Adult Classroom

Presented by Ginger Frere, Reference Librarian at Newberry Library and co-director of ChicagoAncestors.org.

Ever struggled to identify an old genealogy document? Learn the basics of evaluating a document and the information it contains. Find out how to cite sources and find valuable resources.

For more information, contact Tony Kierna at (847) 923-3390.

Free.
No registration required.

Schaumburg Township District Library, 130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60193
www.schaumburglibrary.org
Zion Genealogical Society
Genealogical Workshop
Bringing Genealogy Into the Digital World
Saturday, October 17, 2015
hosted by the Zion-Benton Public Library
2400 Gabriel Avenue
Zion, Illinois 60099
847-872-4680 (ext. 132)

Sign-in and refreshments at 9am
Program begins at 9:30am

Registration Information
This workshop is FREE, but registration is required to guarantee seating. Program syllabus will be available on the day of the program for a modest fee.

Lunch purchase is optional for $12.
Make check for the lunch payable to the Zion Genealogical Society.

Mail registration form (and a check for the optional lunch selection) to:
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Registration for October 17, 2015 Genealogical Workshop
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Address _______________________________________________________
City/State/Zip ___________________________________________________
Phone _________________________________________________________
E-mail (if confirmation is desired) ___________________________________

Box Lunch comes with a beverage, chips and cookie (optional, choose one)
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About the Speakers

Gail Lukasik – is a well-known mystery author of the Leigh Girard series, the latest of which is the Peak Season for Murder. She appeared on the national PBS show Genealogy Roadshow and is now working on a book about her family’s genealogy mystery based on the amazing discoveries uncovered.

Bruce Allardice – is a professor of history at South Suburban College in the Chicagoland area, as well as past-president of the Civil War Round Tables of Chicago and Northern Illinois. He has authored several books on the Civil War. As a former board member of the Illinois State Historical Society, he presents numerous lectures on the Civil War and genealogy.

Don Classey – has been a sonar technician, a TV broadcast engineer, a systems engineer in the health industry, and now is becoming a family historian. As Training Chairperson for the Zion Genealogical Society, he has exposed the Society to more digital options, including training and genealogical research assistance at the Zion-Benton Public Library.

Angela Westphal – is the genealogy/local history librarian at the Zion-Benton Public Library. She has a master’s degree in Library Science and History from UW-Milwaukee. She is a member of the Zion Genealogical Society and has been researching her family tree for about 20 years.

Sherry Byrne – has held officer and board member positions in the Zion Genealogical Society for many years and is currently the Society’s webmaster and co-social network administrator. She is a great advocate for assisting beginning genealogists on starting their research journey.

Bringing Genealogy Into the Digital World – Workshop Program

9:00am  Registration and sign-in. Syllabus available for purchase. Coffee, tea and water available.

9:30am  Digital Photography Basics  Don Classey – Room A
This session will cover basic camera construction, principles of light, camera controls, picture file format comparisons, depth of field, color as waves of light vs. light as a particle, and choosing a digital camera for genealogy.

A Beginner’s Guide: Climbing Your Family Tree  Sherry Byrne – Room B
This session will introduce you to the basics of primary research including using genealogical forms, interviewing relatives, writing queries and accessing traditional and online resources.

10:30am  Break

11:00am  Scanner Basics  Don Classey – Room A
This non-technical session will take you through the workings of a scanner, how it can help you with your genealogical documentation, and the beginnings of using a scanner in genealogy.

Civil War and Military Genealogy  Bruce Allardice – Room B
Discussion will include the resources, both in print and online, for Civil War research, including suggestions on the best ways to mine these resources, reflect personal research and usage.

12:00pm  Lunch

1:00pm  Photo Album Software Basics  Don Classey – Room A
In this session you’ll be presented with photo album software, how to choose it, use it, figure out how it might help you, and also some useful alternatives will be discussed.

FirstSearch.org: The Other Major Database  Angela Westphal – Room B
Did you know there is a database as large as Ancestry.com and it is free? This session will introduce you to the many layers of firstsearch.org. This incredible database will amaze and astonish the family historian or genealogist in you.

2:00pm  Break

2:30pm  The Genealogical Re-Start to Digital  Don Classey – Room A
When a genealogist or family historian considers digitizing their collected papers, you know they’ve reached their breaking point. However, with technology moving so much to the digital world, why not consider doing just that! This session will present the “how to’s” for starting down that path – i.e., what software would I use? including the use of “free” software.

How PBS’ Genealogy Roadshow Solved My Family’s Mystery  Gail Lukasik – Room B
I’ll talk about my appearance on the St. Louis episode of PBS’ Genealogy Roadshow. I’ll share my behind-the-scenes experiences as well as the research that went into my amazing family discovery. You’ll also get to hear more of my family history that didn’t make it into the program. Signed copies of Peak Season for Murder will be available for purchase.

All sessions are one hour long with a 30-minute break between the 1st and 2nd sessions and the 3rd and 4th sessions. There is a one-hour break for lunch.