



San Mateo County Genealogical Society Upcoming Events 2019

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Sat, Mar 23, 2019 – *Lies, Lies & More Lies: Can DNA Solve My Parental Lineage*

10:30 am–12:00 pm, Free. Grace Lutheran Church, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, entrance in back.



Presenter: Jeff Vaillant

In this case study, a family secret is unveiled through newly discovered documents, the use of genealogical research methodologies, and DNA. Jeff unraveled a story that was taken to the grave behind a paternal surname change. The talk includes a focus on the process of searching for a willing Y-DNA donor. Jeff Vaillant is the President of the Sonoma County Genealogical Society, has a BA in history, and is working towards certification as a professional genealogist.

Sat, Mar 30, 2019 – *Writing Workshop: From Research to Story*

12:00-1:30 pm; Grace Lutheran Church, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, entrance in back. **NOTE DATE & LOCATION!**

Free for Cañada College students, faculty, and staff. SMCGS Members \$5, Non-members \$10.



Presenter: Craig Siulinski

Bring your research and family lore to life through writing compelling stories. You will learn to generate ideas and focus on powerful storylines. Come to have fun and share your creativity.

Craig Siulinski teaches genealogy and life story writing classes, and does presentations on blogging and location research. He is passionate about helping people research, write, and share their family stories.

Thu, Apr 11, 2019 – *Writing Workshop: Finding Power in Your Family's Story*

2:30 am–4:00 pm; Cañada College Library Computer Lab, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd, San Mateo.

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Presenter: Regina Mason Tell your family story in a way that engages, inspires, and changes perspectives. Find transformational gems in plain sight. Using a 7-step process, you will learn to develop your authentic voice and to create a compelling story worthy of publication. Regina Mason is an international speaker, award-winning author, and Executive Producer of *Gina's Journey: The Search for William Grimes*.

Sat, Apr 27, 2019 – *The Power of Digital Photography and Family History*

10:30 am–12:00 pm, Free. Grace Lutheran Church, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, entrance in back.



Presenter: Ron Madson

Most everyone has a shoebox of photos and documents plus a growing list of digital photos. But, how do we collect, organize, enhance, and archive this family history? Learn a method for image editing, labeling, and organization to preserve and easily find your photos again.

Ron Madson is a photographer and IT/image processing/technical education professional. He teaches classes and facilitates the Family Tree Maker SIG for the California Genealogical Society.

Sat, May 18, 2019 – *Finding Mayflower Families*

10:30 am–12:00 pm, Free. Grace Lutheran Church, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, entrance in back.



Presenter: Bob Trapp

Is it possible that you are descended from a family who came to America on the ship *Mayflower* in 1620? Follow the story of discovering Bob's Mayflower family roots, plus learn what is needed to join the Mayflower Society. Bob Trapp is the Deputy Governor of the Mayflower California Alameda County Colony, works at the California Society of Mayflower Descendants library, has been on the staff of the Oakland Family History Library since 1990, and speaks regularly in the Bay Area.

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