



San Mateo County Genealogical Society — Fall Seminar 2021

Making Sense of Your DNA Matches with *Diahan Southard*

Diahan Southard is a well-known speaker on using DNA to help solve genealogical mysteries. She is the author of [Your DNA Guide—The Book](#) and producer of [Your DNA Guide—The Academy](#), an online learning experience.



In this half-day seminar, Diahan will speak on three intermediate-level DNA topics of interest to genealogists:

- Three Key Strategies for Finding Ancestors
- My 1000+ DNA 4th Cousins
- Connecting Your DNA Matches

An online **Silent Auction**, with one-year subscriptions to *Ancestry World Explorer*, *Fold3*, and [Newspapers.com](#), plus an Ancestry DNA Kit, will be part of the silent Auction. For registrants living in the area, there will be book bags to bid on. The seminar will be held via the Zoom web conferencing system. Links for the seminar and the silent auction will be sent via email to registered participants several days before the seminar.

Saturday, November 6, 2021
8:30 am – 1:00 pm
<https://smcgs.org/Fall-2021-Seminar>



NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ (Please write legibly so we can send you the Zoom link.)

Pricing – Members: _____ @ \$30.00 each Non-Members: _____ @ \$40.00 each

Become a member for the next twelve months _____ @ \$30.00 and register for this seminar and next year’s seminars at the member rate.

Registration ends November 5, 2021. The preferred registration method is online through our secure online payment system. If you register by mail, please do so by October 22, to make sure we receive your registration in time to send you the links to the seminar and silent auction.

- To register online: Use the registration link on the seminar page: <https://smcgs.org/Fall-2021-Seminar>
- To register by mail: Write a check to *SMCGS Seminar* and mail it with this form to SMCGS Seminar, PO Box 5569, Redwood City, CA, 94063



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8:30-9:00	<p>GATHERING</p> <p>Join the Zoom meeting and say hello to the other participants. Bid on Silent Auction items.</p>
9:00-9:15	<p>INTRODUCTIONS</p>
9:15-10:15	<p>LECTURE 1 – Three Key DNA Strategies for Finding Ancestors</p> <p>While every person’s situation is unique, these <i>ABCs</i> are key strategies you can use to investigate your list of DNA matches to identify a particular match or to break down a genealogy brick wall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ask the Wife</i> (dividing genetic networks), • <i>Bottoms Up</i> (working from the bottom of your match list), and • <i>Cousin Categories</i> (determining which kinds of cousins might answer your question).
10:15-10:30	<p>BREAK</p> <p>Bid on Silent Auction items.</p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>LECTURE 2 – My 1000+ DNA 4th Cousins</p> <p>If you have seen the results from an autosomal DNA test, you have likely seen a long, long list of 4th cousins. Who are all these people? Are all of them relevant to your family history research? How do you go about figuring that out? We will cover the tools available at your DNA testing company that will help you sort and filter your match list, to present you with only your <i>Best Matches</i>, those who are most able to help you with your genealogical questions. We will learn both analysis and organizational techniques that are sure to add more leaves to your family tree.</p>
11:30 – 11:45	<p>BREAK</p> <p>Bid on Silent Auction items. Bidding ends at 11:45</p>
11:45 – 12:45	<p>LECTURE 3 – Connecting Your DNA Matches</p> <p>While it is possible for you to analyze your DNA matches one at a time to determine how you are related, there is much that can be accomplished by first identifying the connections between those on your match list, <i>organizing</i> those matches, and then working together to determine how you are related to each other. Learn the tips and tricks to this powerful method of match analysis.</p>
12:45 – 1:00	<p>CLOSING</p> <p>Announcement of Silent Auction winners.</p>