



# San Mateo County Genealogical Society Upcoming Events 2019

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## Thu, Feb 14, 2018 – *Workshop, Hispanic Genealogy: Spanish Records*

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

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



**Presenter: Lucy Jennings Sweeney**

Discover how to search for your Hispanic ancestors, how to verify your family stories using records such as baptism and marriage, where to find records for your country and town, and learn about the Spanish naming system. Plus receive a resource list of online/print materials.

Lucy is a San Francisco native who graduated from UC Berkeley. When she retired from teaching, she began investigating her heritage which spans roots in both Mexico and Ireland.

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## Sat, Feb 23, 2019 – *City Directories: A Look into your Ancestors' Lives*

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



**Presenter: Pamela Brigham**

City directories sometimes are referred to as census substitutes, yet they are much more. You can track cities that your ancestors lived in over the years, develop a history of the town, and view social meetings that your ancestor may have attended. The pictures in city directories can provide a rich window into what your ancestors may have seen as well. Pamela Brigham is the President of the Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group and teaches classes in genealogy.

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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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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



**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*.

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Everyone is welcome at SMCGS events. [www.smcgs.org](http://www.smcgs.org)