



# e-Bulletin December 2012

## LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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### Happy Holidays!

This is the e-Bulletin from the Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society (L-AGS), provided monthly to our members. If you would prefer not to receive this e-Bulletin or other information, please send a message to <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org> and your address will be removed from our distribution list

Please share your photos and stories of the photos. If you would like the banner to include any of your photos or if you have a story about one of the photos, please send them to Debbie at: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>. There are large versions of these photos located on the final page.

If you have a special genealogy or local history event or announcement you would like to see included, please submit via email to: <mailto:bulletin.manager@L-AGS.org>.

## Special Notices

### ***Nominations for the 2013 Executive Board***

Voting for our board will be at the December General meeting at which time we will need a quorum to elect these officers. Please try to attend this meeting to make up our quorum. Nominations are still open and will be taken at our December meeting. If you wish to nominate someone, be sure to have their consent.

**President-** Marilyn Cutting

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**Recording Secretary-** Julie Liu

**Corresponding Secretary-** Cheryl Palmer

**Business Manager-** Duncan Tanner

### ***Are You A Local Historian (or interested in local history)?***

The Carnegie State Vehicular Recreational Area is in the midst of planning what to do with existing historical park property as well as two other areas that need to be decided what to do with. Some of this property consists of the old towns, petro glyphs and other prehistoric aspects. Do you want it open for children's field trips? Do you want it open for off-road vehicles? Look into it and lodge your vote. <http://www.carnegiegeneralplan.com/project-overview>

## ***2013 Membership Renewal***

The 2012 L-AGS membership year will be ending December 31st. To continue enjoying the camaraderie, education, resources and knowledge benefits of membership in a genealogical society like L-AGS, be sure to renew your membership. Annual membership dues are due and payable by January 1st. For your convenience, the 2013 L-AGS membership renewal form is ***on the last page of this bulletin.***

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## **Summary of Meetings**

*Visitors are welcome free of charge to each of these meetings.*

- ❖ **General Meeting: *Member Sharing***  
When: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.  
Guest Speakers: L-AGS Members
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: *Creating Customized Calendars***  
When: Saturday, December 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m.  
Chair: Kay Speaks
- ❖ **Writing Group: *Break in December***  
When: Returning in January  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Lunch 'n' Learn**  
When: Returning in January  
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **Board Meeting**  
When: Wednesday, January 2, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE**  
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the Membership Chair for location- <mailto:membership@L-AGS.org>

# GENERAL MEETING

*NOTE: Members please sign in at the membership table upon arrival at the monthly General Meeting. Please have your guests also sign in. Before heading home, please remember to leave your nametag at the membership table.*

**TOPIC:** Member Sharing

**GUEST SPEAKER:** L-AGS members

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 11, 2012 - 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton

**Map to the Meeting Site:**

<http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg>

L-AGS Members will share short stories about their genealogy finds recent breakthroughs and/or "ah-ha" moments. Who doesn't love to hear another's story? Members will also bring family heirlooms/artifacts for our viewing pleasure.

For additional information contact: Cheryl Palmer, Program Chairperson, email: <mailto:program@L-AGS.org>.

# TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

*The Master Genealogist Software*

**Topic:** Creating Customized Ancestral Calendars

**Date:** Saturday, December 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Lunch Meet Up, Noon:** The Habit Burger Grill & Panda Express Food Court, Bernal & Valley Avenue Shopping Center, Pleasanton

**Location:** 7077 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94566

**Map to the meeting site:** <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg>

**Chair:** Kay Speaks, [tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org](mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org)

**Instructors:** Sue Johnston and Kay Speaks

Using TMG we will create customized ancestral calendars as holiday gifts. You and your family will enjoy these calendars all year long. Your family will be surprised how many relatives share the same special dates.

Please be sure to check our TV-TMG blog website, <http://tvtmgreports.blogspot.com/>, before each meeting for up-to-date information regarding our TV-TMG meetings, including possible changes to current and future meetings. From this website you will find links to our other website resources. Sign up to "follow" our new blog, *Exploring Custom Reports with TV-TMG Users Group*, where you will find more information about publishing and sharing our TV-TMG source templates. These templates may be downloaded for personal use by individuals. Societies and groups of individuals wishing to use our templates should contact the L-AGS's TVTMG chair at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>. We are researching options for publishing our templates online.

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Do not forget to check our private blog, Tri-Valley TMG User

Group, at <http://tvtmgug.blogspot.com>. This is a great place to record our citation decisions, post notes and ideas from the meeting, as well as ask and answer questions. Learning assignments and challenges are posted on this website. If you have not received an invitation to join the blog readership, please e-mail Sue Johnston at <mailto:tvtmg.chair@L-AGS.org>.

Resources: A free demo version of the software may be downloaded at <http://www.whollygenes.com>. For additional information contact: <mailto:tvtmg.chair@l-ags.org>. The user group e-mail address is <mailto:tvtmg@L-AGS.org>.

## WRITING GROUP

*Writing Contest Results!*

Come to the December General Meeting on December 11 to find out the results of the 2012 Writing Contest!

*Next meeting:*

**Date:** Returning in January

**Location:** R.S.V.P for meeting location

**Chair:** Debbie Mascot, <mailto:writing.SIG.chair@L-AGS.org>

To join the writing group email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Writing SIG list" in the subject line.

## LUNCH 'N' LEARN

*Meets again in January*

**Date:** To be announced

**Location:** R.S.V.P for meeting location

**Chair:** Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks, <mailto:writing.SIG.chair@L-AGS.org>

## DNA MAILING LIST

Join this list to share information with others who are interested in DNA testing for Genetic Genealogy, designing DNA tests to solve genealogical questions, and learning how to understand and use your DNA results. To join the DNA mailing list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the DNA list" in the subject line.

## SUMMARY OF L-AGS BOARD MEETING

*November Board Meeting held on November 27, 2012*

The Nominating Committee will present the 2013 slate of officers for a vote at our general December meeting.

All members are reminded to send in their renewals for 2013 membership.

There are now two new L-AGS publications available through Lulu. They are Robert Graham Mortuary Records and Livermore Cemeteries. Both are reprints of current L-AGS publications.

# PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library Wednesday 10 AM-1 PM and 6 PM - 9 PM, or by appointment, e-mail:

<mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>. The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton. The Pleasanton Genealogy Center, jointly supported by L-AGS, the Friends of the Pleasanton Library, and the Pleasanton Public Library, contains the largest collection of genealogy books, CDs and online databases in the Tri-Valley. The L-AGS genealogy book collection resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The Pleasanton Library provides access to the following subscription genealogy databases:

- Ancestry.com
- New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)
- Fold3.com (previously Footnote)
- Heritage Quest (in Library & at home)

## PRESERVE YOUR STORIES IN THE ROOTS TRACER

*"Publish or Regret" Will your descendants regret your failure to publish?*

Hopefully you are putting the finishing touches on your first article for The Roots Tracer. If you need assistance composing your story, the Roots Tracer staff <mailto:tracer@LAGS.org> and/or <mailto:managing.editor@L-AGS.org> is willing and able to help you. Written articles should be approximately 300 to 1,000 words. Photos and lineage charts always increase the reader's interest in your revelations.

Begin now with a small article. A few paragraphs are a beginning. Your initial success will be your springboard for braver future articles. Tell all of us the tale of your favorite research discovery. Which of your findings filled you with awe, surprise and pride?

Our Roots Tracer offers all members the opportunity to preserve their family chronicles in print and on the Internet. Some generations don't care, but other generations will. We want to make sure that, when someone is interested, even 100 years from now, the basic information will be there for them in the Library of Congress as well as on the World Wide Web. Our memories are a library of information that could be irretrievably lost. We can honor the struggles that our ancestors went through...they shouldn't be forgotten, especially the women, who are less frequently found in public documents.

Did you know that the Roots Tracer is online soon after each issue is produced? You can find the current and past issues here: <http://www.l-ags.org/tracer/archives.menu.html>

# SPECIAL EVENTS

*OTHER LOCAL GENEALOGY GROUP MEETINGS AND EVENTS*

**Reunion Family History Holiday Gifts**, December 12 at 7:00 p.m.  
Oakland, California. For more information see:  
<http://www.macgen.org>.

You may visit our L-AGS website for a listing of other local societies:

<http://www.L-AGS.org/lagslinks.html#GenealogicalSocieties>

The San Francisco Bay Area Genealogy Calendar blog also features a number of meetings and events within 75 miles of San Francisco:

<http://sfbagenealogy.blogspot.com>

## COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

*In an effort to provide the local area with the best possible resources and capabilities in genealogy, L-AGS participates in ongoing cooperative endeavors with several organizations.*

### LIVERMORE LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

L-AGS is not affiliated with the Mormon (LDS) Church. L-AGS does however partner with the Livermore LDS Family History Center (FHC) for various non-denominational genealogical events such as educational seminars, guest speakers, indexing projects and special interest groups.

LDS facilities at their Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the FHC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy research. The FHC has several subscription research sites not readily available elsewhere.

The Mocho Street FHC is open Mondays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday evenings 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. For further information please contact the center at (925) 443-2750 during these hours.

Center location map: <http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Liv-FHC.jpg>

## HELP WANTED

**Library Docent.** Docent needed one Wednesday morning a month from 10am to 1pm. Contact the docent chair at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.

**Proofreaders.** Multiple projects need proofreaders. Contact Dick Finn at <mailto:rwoffinn@yahoo.com>.

**Organizers and Helpers.** Our Ask Granny program at Heritage Estates was very well-received and we'd like to do more programs at libraries and senior centers. Contact Patrick at <mailto:docents.chair@L-AGS.org>.



# FUTURE L-AGS GENERAL MEETINGS AND OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

*Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.*

<b>Topics of Future General Meetings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
January 8, 2012	Midway: The Town, The Cemetery, The People	Dick Finn
February 12, 2012	What do Docents Do?	Patrick Lofft
March 12, 2012	Fun Tools to Help Genealogists Work Smarter	Tim Cox, CGS
April 9, 2012	Maps and Land Records	Teresa Fraser

<b>Regular Scheduled Events</b>		
<i>Note: Some meetings have special schedules and locations during summer and holiday seasons. Check the specific listings above for details or contact the meeting Leader.</i>		
General Meeting Cheryl Palmer, Program Chair	Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Congregation Beth Emek 3400 Nevada Court Pleasanton Map: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg</a>
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Kay Speaks, TMG Leader	Third Saturday 9 a.m. – Noon <b>(PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)</b>	7077 Koll Center Parkway Suite 110 Pleasanton Map: <a href="http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg">http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-KollCenter.jpg</a>
Writing Group Debbie Mascot	One Saturday a Month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address
Lunch 'n' Learn Debbie Mascot and Kay Speaks	One lunch hour every other month (TBD)	R.S.V.P. for address

## Photos from the Banner on Page 1:

# Tips for Using Genealogy Compact Disks

The Genealogy CD Center of the Pleasanton Genealogy Library now has over 100 disks in its collection. Publishers of these CDs do not provide printed versions of the instructions that are included in digital form on the disks. It would be useful to have these instructions in print for patrons of the Center to read offline, but downloading and printing this information from all disks is impractical. A feasible alternative was chosen: usage tips from four of the most important CDs were downloaded and are printed in this booklet. The tips from a fifth CD chosen at random are also included to show the type of instructions included in the typical genealogy disk.

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# 2013 Membership

## Membership Renewal Form

L-AGS annual membership dues are due and payable on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please complete this form, attach your check, bring to the general meeting or mail to:

**Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society**  
P.O. Box 901  
Livermore CA 94551  
Email: [membership@l-ags.org](mailto:membership@l-ags.org)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check box below to indicate your membership choice:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (2 or more people at same address)	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Benefactor	\$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron	\$100

Please indicate how you would like to receive *The Livermore Roots Tracer*:

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