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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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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>.

Note: In the banner above is a photo of a statue from the Pleasanton Library called, "Girl Reading." This has a very special connection to L-AGS as it is there in memory of L-AGS member, Judy Person's daughter, Sarah Anne Lees (named after her 4th great-grandmother). It was sculpted by a Utah sculptor named Dennis Smith, as is the similar one of the girl reading to a boy.

Announcements:

All L-AGS Board Meetings will now be held virtually via Zoom on a permanent basis! This gives more of our members an opportunity to join the board. All other L-AGS meetings are currently being held via a virtual platform and will hopefully be moving to an in-person platform in 2023. Please see meeting information for details.

It is time for MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS. Please visit:
<http://www.l-ags.org/application.html> to renew your membership for 2023.

Social Media Links

Join us on the following social media sites:

- ❖ **Facebook Page** Like this!: <https://www.facebook.com/Livermore.Amador.Genealogical.Society/>
This will hold announcements and meeting information.
- ❖ **Facebook Group** Join this!: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1142643925760388/>
We will hold discussions here.
- ❖ **Amazon Smile:** <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2421522>
Register our non-profit with amazon smile when you shop online and our organization receives a percentage.

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Summary of Meetings

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

- ❖ **General Meeting:** Organize Your Genealogy
Guest Speaker: Linda Harms Okazaki
When: Monday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ❖ **Let's Talk and Write Genealogy**
Subject: Resumes in May
When: Resumes in May
Chair: Debbie Mascot
- ❖ **The Master Genealogist Group: Reports and Q&A**
When: Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m.
Chair: Duncan Tanner
- ❖ **Board Meeting**
When: Tuesday, April 4 (March Meeting) and Tuesday, April 25 (April Meeting) at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Members are welcome to attend board meetings. Please contact the president@L-AGS.org for location

GENERAL MEETING:

Organizing Your Genealogy

DATE: Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m

Location: Zoom

Speaker: Linda Harms Okazaki

Researching your family history is a labor of love. But do you sometimes feel like you are drowning under a pile of paper, have no idea what to do with all your findings, or worse, can't find those records on your hard drive? There are as many ways to organize your data as there are researchers. The only "right" way to organize your genealogy is to do it in a way that you will consistently follow! and paper files. Linda will share strategies to help you start your research, keep track of your findings, and establish naming conventions for both digital and paper files.

Linda Harms Okazaki is a fourth-generation Californian, active in the genealogy and Japanese American communities in California and beyond. She is passionate about teaching individuals of all ages to research, document, and share their personal family histories. Her research areas of interest include western states, upstate New York, England, Australia, and Japan, as well as the use of DNA in genealogy. Linda has been researching her husband's ancestry since 2012, documenting his family in the internment camps and in Japan. A charter member of the Nikkei Genealogical Society, she is also a featured columnist for the Nichi Bei Weekly; her column, Finding Your Nikkei Roots, is published bi-monthly. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speaker's Guild, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A past president of the California Genealogical Society, she has worked as a genealogy consultant for Densho and Ancestry's Progenealogists, and has presented at the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Jamboree, Legacy Family Tree Webinars, the National Genealogical Society, New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Ms. Okazaki holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and a Master of Arts degree in Education.

For additional information contact: Tom Mathews, L-AGS Program Chair, email: program@L-AGS.org

IMPORTANT: Guests are welcome. The Zoom meeting will open at 6:30 p.m. for social time or Zoom set-up. **The General Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.**

Link to register for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZctf-2qqzoiGNMh6BGA388k6HVjUiGb7EJo>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

LET'S CHAT AND WRITE GROUP

On Hiatus

DATE: Will resume in May

Location: Will resume in May

Chair: Debbie Mascot, <mailto:talkgenealogy.chair@l-ags.org>

To join the email list, please send a note to <mailto:changes@L-AGS.org> with "Add me to the Let's Chat Genealogy list" in the subject line.

TRI-VALLEY TMG USERS GROUP

The Master Genealogist Software

Topic: Reports and Problem Assistance

Date: Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual

(<mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>).

Chair: Duncan Tanner, <mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>

This month we will continue to look at simple reports for the "list of" type, We want to think about the relationship between report output options, filter options and the data available. The group is always available to help with a variety of TMG questions. As usual the meeting will be available on the web using Zoom.

Kindly R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend the meeting and indicate if you will bring a laptop. Resources:

- Additional information contact Duncan:
<mailto:tvvmg.chair@L-AGS.org>
- User group e-mail address: <mailto:tvvmg@L-AGS.org>

The TV-TMG book, Source Templates for The Master Genealogists, A Guide for Creating Computerized Genealogical Source Citation Templates, is available. Purchase information is provided below. Contact <mailto:tvvmg.editors@L-AGS.org>, if you have questions.

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<http://www.lulu.com/us/en/shop/tri-valley-tmg-users-group/sourcetemplates-for-the-master-genealogisttm/paperback/product20673683.html>

Board Meeting

Board Meeting Notes from March not yet available.

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LIVERMORE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

The Livermore California Family History Center located at 950 Mocho Street is now open! The hours are: Mondays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thursdays from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Saturdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. There are volunteer shifts available. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sandy Clark at: <mailto:live.fhc@gmail.com>

Several L-AGS members, both LDS and non-LDS, volunteer as docents at the Livermore FHC. They are available to assist you in your genealogy research. The Mocho Street FSC is open Mondays 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 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. 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 950 Mocho Street, Livermore complex are often used for these. Note: The entrance is in the front of the building on the right—there is a sign on the door. If the parking in front of the building is full, there is a large parking lot in the rear of the building.

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

PLEASANTON GENEALOGY CENTER

A L-AGS docent is available at the Pleasanton City Library **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. Over 100 of the genealogy volumes may be checked out. Obtain information at the reference desk. The L-AGS genealogy reference book collection of 1,000 volumes resides in the Genealogy Section of the Pleasanton City Library. The L-AGS and the Friends of the Pleasanton Library provide access to the following subscription genealogy databases:

- Ancestry.com
- Heritage Quest (in Library & at home)

LIVERMORE ROOTS TRACER NEWS

We are actively seeking articles and photos for the Roots Tracer. Some items we are looking for are short, entertaining updates about your current genealogy activities. Who are you researching? In what locations? What time period? What other genealogy related activities are you pursuing? Are you travelling? Indexing? Writing? Speaking? Instructing? Volunteering? Let us know. Please submit all articles, updates and columns to <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>.

We welcome articles the following subject matter:

- Updated, previously published Livermore Roots Tracer articles
- Your Famous and Not So Famous Ancestors
- Overcoming Brick Walls
- Traveling to Find Your Roots
- Old House & Building Histories
- Family Heirlooms
- Technology Related Articles
- Book Reviews, Poems, and Photographs

Submitting Your Article

You can easily submit your article as an email attachment to L-AGS editor at <mailto:rootstracer.chair@L-AGS.org>. Articles should be saved in either Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or Rich Text format. Use footnotes to cite sources for facts that are not general knowledge. No need to worry about knowing how to cite history sources, our editors can assist you with this task. Photographs should also be emailed as separate files and labeled. Please include possible captions for each item. Photographs, when scanned, should be in either .jpg or .tif format.

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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.

Topics of Future General Meetings		
Month	Topic	Presenter
May 8, 2023	Jewish Genealogy Research	Janice Sellers
June 12, 2023	The 1950 Census: Searching with and without a Name Index & The 1950 Census: One Year Later	Stephen P. Morse
July 10, 2023	Homesteading: Land for All	Christine Cohen

Regular Scheduled Events		
General Meeting Tom Mathews, Program Chair	Second Monday 7:00 p.m. To BE done via Zoom	Map: http://www.L-AGS.org/maps/Pls-BethEmek.jpg
Let's Chat and Write Genealogy Debbie Mascot	Third Sunday 3:00 p.m. (PLEASE CHECK THE SCHEDULE AS THIS FREQUENTLY CHANGES)	Livermore Civic Center Library
Tri-Valley TMG Users' Group Duncan Tanner	Second Friday and Fourth Saturday 9:00 a.m	Virtual