

## Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society Presents Karen Bowdren LaDuca

## **Guests welcome**

WHEN:	Monday, June 13, 2022, 7:00 PM Zoom call starts at 6:30 PM
WHERE:	Preregister via ZOOM below: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ wuduGrqjgqG9Dx-xb9kc7UIFs2LQavzaR8
COST:	No Charge - Visitors welcome



## How to Research your Ancestors in Italian Records

Karen began researching in Italian records in 2015 while searching for her husband's ancestry and has been studying those records ever since. Her mother-in-law was born in Calabria and her father-in-law's parents were born in Sicily. Both of their family trees have been extended into the mid 1700's. She then began working on the family trees of extended family and friends with ancestry in Italy. Now she is a member of 9 different Facebook groups focused on Italian genealogy and helps many members looking for assistance in finding their ancestors.

The Italian genealogy world was turned upside down with the migration of antenati.san.beniculturali.it (the main Italian online archive) to a brand new platform in November 2021. It is a whole new experience and takes some getting used to. Karen will walk you through the steps to find what you are looking for and download it successfully. She will also review the basics of Italian research and the use of familysearch.org. Karen has also used Italian Civil records to research her mother-in-law's family in Italy as well as the ancestors of extended family members and friends.

Karen holds a BS in Elementary Education and Math with a minor in French and an MS in Education. She taught Elementary School in New York State for a few years and then began teaching quilting classes and lecturing around NY State on the topic. Karen began researching her own ancestry about 30 years ago and then took a break to raise 2 children and focus on her quilting business. She resumed her genealogy research in earnest in 2006 and volunteers at the Family History Center in Livermore on most Mondays of the month from 1-4 pm.

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