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October Program

17 Oct 24 7:00 PM James Baker presenting: The Toolbox for the Modern Genealogist 2024. This class discusses the most essential tools required for today's genealogist.

Presidents Message

by Vicky Wolff

Welcome Fall! Oh, how the change of weather is so invigorating. I am so tired of the hot weather and am looking forward to the cooldown! I hope you have all been having great finds on your ancestors and are writing their stories for the next generations. I did my son's father's genealogy some years ago. Now that my previous husband is not in the best of health, I thought I needed to write the story of his ancestors not only for him, but for my children and grandchildren as well, so I am in the process of writing about their 15 generations from England to Canada, to the United States. I plan to give them the finished product at Thanksgiving, so this venture will keep me busy for the next couple of months.

I am looking forward to our ancestry night in November and don't forget, it is time to nominate new officers for 2025, so be thinking about what office you might hold to further the work of our Society.

October Program

by Karen Souza

James Baker presenting The Toolbox for the Modern Genealogist 2024; This class discusses the most essential tools required for today's genealogist. Categories covered are: hardware; software; large search engines; specialty sites and collections; offline data; the "data finding" sites; key DNA tools; and genealogy learning tools. About our presenter:

James M. Baker, PhD

Biography:

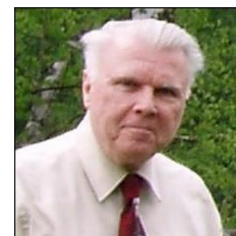
Mr. Baker has been an active genealogist for the past 15 years. He specializes in German, Midwest US, American research, and DNA.

He has written articles for the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Magazine, the NGS Quarterly, and Der Blumenbaum, the journal of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society. He is a former Certified Genealogist (CG).

He has presented classes and webinars to many genealogy groups including National Genealogical Society, Southern California Jamboree, and Legacy Family Tree Webinars.

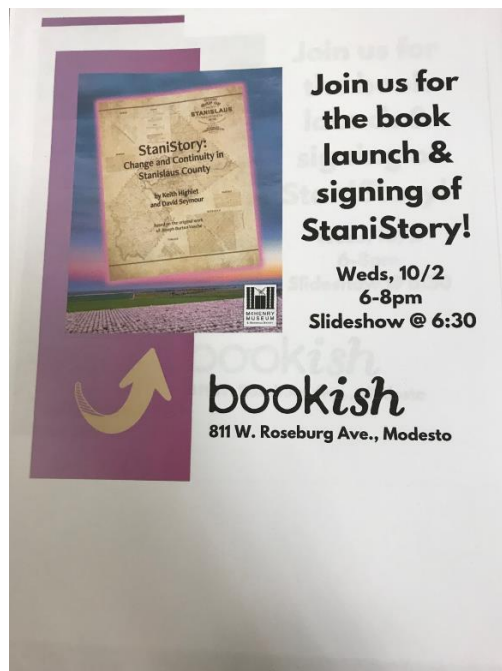
Mr. Baker earned a PhD in sociology and social psychology from the University of Utah. He is retired from an aerospace and business management career.

Since 2013, Mr. Baker developed over 60 genealogy classes. jimb@starstream.net



Photos from our September General Meeting by Heidi Arno

Our break snacks



Our speaker David Seymour and his new book



Guests checking our handouts

AND YES PLEASE, Jackie Niemeyer could still use some help at our Main Library– A great way to assist your genealogical society. Contact her and ask how? The Main Library is expected to close at the end of the year for their remodel.

Jackie.niemeyer@prodigy.net to track update information go to
https://www.stanislauslibrary.org/about_friends_modesto.shtm

GSSC Writing Group

by Joann MacDonald

3 October 2024 at her home. Please contact Joann if you intend to attend. The group has a great deal of experience writing about genealogy and can assist you. New members are always welcome. Never written before, no matter, they are here to assist. (209) 521-2140 or jmastergardner@aol.com

DNA Research Resources



For those of you who have DNA tested there is a whole new world of information available for you. If you used FamilyTreeDNA they now have an excellent Blog available at <https://blog.familytreedna.com/> Learn more about FamilyTreeDNA, read customer journeys, and discover the world of DNA!

Their available resources are to numerous to list here but do range from “A Guide to Spanish Surnames and Forenames: History, Structure, and Genealogy” to “Ancient Lineages: A 49,000-Year-Old Branch Split in Y-DNA Haplogroup E Confirmed 15 Years After Initial Discovery”.

You can reach these by using the above Blog URL or by logging into your FTDNA account and going to “Blog” below ABOUT at the bottom of your Home page.

Family Tree DNA has made a huge improvement in their available tools for their customers.

You can also sign up for their Blog at <https://blog.familytreedna.com/blog-sign-up/> just as you might for one of the surname Groups. Get genealogy news, tips, insights, stories and more delivered straight to your inbox.



<https://www.ancestry.com/>

AncestryDNA also has considerable resources available for their customers. Log into your ancestry.com account and click on DNA. A detail drop down list will appear and you can proceed from there. If you have responded to their questions you might like their Summary. I usually go directly to Matches where I have maintained my connections as closely as is possible with the quantity I have received from this service. I pay particular attention to Sorting by newest matches then clicking on the individual's name followed by clicking on Shared Matches. This takes me directly to list of any of their matches that we share I common. I then code them to my family group or groups. It provides a great deal of clarity to who fits where.
<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-matches/compare/>

Using these tools should make your research more meaningful and rewarding.



Sons of Norway Garborg Lodge 6-58 Annual Lutefisk Dinner October 19, 2024

Come join us for a fun time with amazing Food and Friends at
Calvary Lutheran Church
547 Rose Ave, Modesto, CA 95350.

The doors open at 12:00PM and we will begin serving at 12:30PM.

We will enjoy lutefisk, cod, meatballs with gravy, potatoes, lefse,
and coleslaw for dinner.

And don't forget all of the YUMMY Norwegian desserts!

We will also have available:

- *entertainment
- *crafts for sale
- *RAFFLE baskets (tickets purchased separately)

Dinner Tickets are \$25 and are available by preorder only by
October 5th, 2024

** If you are unable to stay for dinner or are feeling ill and unable
to attend, please consider ordering a TO-GO dinner

**Please contact Linda Silva for tickets or questions at
(209)300-1260

*payment accepted: cash/check/Credit Card



2024 GSSC POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

It is that time of year again. Brighten up your home or gift a friend with these beautiful bright red poinsettias. Ask your neighbors, friends, co-workers, members of your church or other organizations where you belong, if they would like to order as well. Orders will be taken at our OCTOBER meeting or by mail. The price remains the same as last year: \$15 each. We appreciate and desperately need your support. Delivery date will be on December 5th from 4:00 to 5:30 at the Trinity United Presbyterian Church on Carver Road.

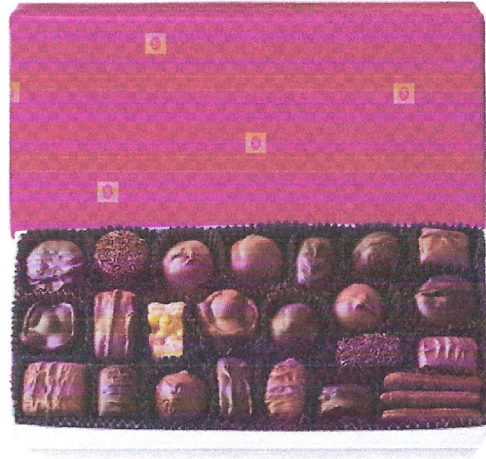
Duarte poinsettias are grown in 6.5" pots and come with a colored pot covering and paper sleeve for protection while transporting. Plants will average 16" to 18" tall.

Please fill out this form below

Make your check out to GSSC. Bring it and this form to the meeting or mail to the address below.

Name: _____ Number of plants _____

Marge Scheuber 2608 Van Gogh Drive, Modesto CA 95356 209-522-1111 cell
209-247-9503



GSSC Winter 2024 Fundraiser

See's Candies make a great Thanksgiving and/or Christmas gift. It's also a great fundraiser for GSSC since about half the cost is donated to us.

You can order candy at the following web address by copying and pasting the link into your web browser:

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/genealogicalsos_gssc_fundraiser50/JoyHic6035/

Orders can be placed from now until **December 6th**. Candy is available to **ship November 11th**. They request that you use your home address for deliveries. If you order gift card(s) AND candy the gift card will be mailed separately.

If you have trouble accessing their site, or have questions, please call Joyce Hickman at 209-422-3653.





Fundraiser for

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County

20% of event sales will be donated

GSSC was founded 56 years ago to provide information and aid members in researching family history.



When

Saturday, October 05, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:

801 Oakdale Road Space #b-1 Modesto CA 95354

(209) 572 - 4689

How to Order



Online

or



In-Person

PandaExpress.com or the App.
Enter 378414 in the fundraiser code box

Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Saturday, October 05, 2024

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed. Panda Restaurant Group will donate 20% of all purchases made, pre-tax and before fees, at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location when purchased with your unique code at check-out or when a copy of this flyer is presented. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible.



Find a local hiring event or apply online at **PandaCareers.com**

2024
**FAMILY
HISTORY
FAIR**

**YOU ARE
INVITED**

4300 GEER ROAD, TURLOCK

Saturday, Sept. 28 - 9am to 12pm

SPEAKERS, BOOTHS, SNACKS, & FUN FOR ALL AGES!

The Fair will be:

GOOD: If you just show up with your phone.

BETTER: If you, and your family and friends bring a phone and some information about your ancestors (see back).

BEST: If everyone brings their phone with the FamilySearch Tree app installed, and information about their ancestors.



WE'LL WILL SEE YOU THERE!

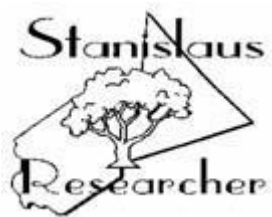
Membership Information Dues:	Single membership, \$25.00 per year Family membership, \$35.00 per year
Address changes:	Send address, email and phone number changes to Joyce Hickman at: GSSC, P. O. Box 1352, Modesto, CA 95353-1352 Email: gssc-founded1968@gmail.com Telephone: 209-422-3653 (Joyce Hickman)
GSSC web page and newsletter:	Stanislaus Researcher Published 10 times per year by Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County, P. O. Box 1352, Modesto, CA 95353-1352. Delivered via email. Submit articles for publication to the editor via email: lrুদ্ধick@ix.netcom.com by the 15th of each month. The newsletter is posted at this website http://stanislausgenealogy.org along with other interesting society-related items.
General meeting:	7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except July and December at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Telle Center, at 1600 Carver Rd., Modesto, CA.
Board meeting:	7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of each month Ridgeway's Restaurant, 2401 E Orangeburg Ave, Modesto, CA

2024 Officers		2024 Standing Committee Chairs	
President	Vicky Wolff	Acquisitions:	Vacant
1st Vice President	Karen Souza	Audit:	Board of Directors
2nd Vice President	Jackie Niemeyer	Budget:	Roxie Ferrari
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Director at Large 2	Amy Mowery	Publicity	Tom Byrne
Director at Large 3	Joann McDonald	Queries	Colleen Norby
Director at Large 4	Martha Carter Bhatti	Registrar	Marge Scheuber
Director at Large 5	Marge Scheuber	Seminar:	Vacant
Past President	David Wolff	Research Trips	Heidi Arno
		Mentor	Joann McDonald
		Resources	Vicky Wolff
		Acquisitions:	Vacant
		Special Collections & Workshops	Jackie Niemeyer
		Social Media	Pam Atherstone
		Sunshine	Martha Carter Bhatti

Updated Sept 24, 2024.

We have 63 members for 2024

[website GSSC](http://stanislausgenealogy.org)



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