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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, at 6 p.m. at the Old Firehouse and Police Museum, 402 23rd Ave East, in Superior. Dave Johnson will present a program on the 1918 Moose Lake Fire.

Meeting Topics for 2018

October 2 – The story of the 1918 Moose Lake Fire. Dave Johnson will be the presenter; at the Old Firehouse and Police Museum.

November 6 – The 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I. Jan Resberg will be the presenter; at the Richard I. Bong Center.

December 4 – Holiday Party; at the Upper Deck Restaurant, 1415 N 46th Street in Superior. Approximate cost: \$15-\$16 per person.

Please note: The DCGC Library Lock-In will be held on Friday, October 5, at the Superior Public Library. See **October Events** for further details.

Tentative Meeting Topics for 2019

- January 8:** Election Night and sharing
- February 5:** Presidential Genealogy by Jane Sigfrids
- March 5:** Update on changes at the LDS Family History Center
- April 2:** Visit to the LDS Center in Duluth
- May 7:** Eileen Gannon, DNA
- June 4:** Sharing members' genealogical research
- July 9:** Calvary Cemetery tour
- August 6:** www.vintagevickie.com, Proctor resident
- September 3:** Dan Reed to discuss immigration
- October 1:** Sharing members' research
- November 5:** Bong Heritage Center. Topic to be decided
- December 3:** Holiday Party at the Upper Deck Restaurant



September Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2018

@ Douglas County Historical Society

Roll Call of Officers: Vice-President Jan Resberg, Interim Treasurer Jane Sigfrids. President James Mattson and Secretary Dave Johnson were absent.

Jane Sigfrids reported that Treasurer Robin Barrett had resigned and we made final that Jane would be interim treasurer. Jackie Plunkett made the motion; Bobbi Hoyt seconded it; the motion passed. Jane will need to go to SCCU and get her name on the account. She will also get bank

statements and she will update the membership list.

A lock-in update was given: volunteers are needed, especially to help set up at noon at the library on October 5th, the day of the lock-in. Volunteers will also need to be there by 4:30 for registration for the lock-in participants.

TPGS has a workshop on October 20th at the Duluth Library.

The Interpretive Center in Ashland will be hosting the Northwest Regional Wisconsin Council of History for a discussion on Heritage Tourism on September 14th from 9 am to noon.

Bobbi Hoyt has the French-Canadian Research Papers for anybody interested.

The MyHeritage site is available for free at the Duluth Library.

We will attempt to have a mini-workshop in April of 2019 in order to get back on schedule for our lock-in in April 2020.

The next Executive Board and Program Committee meetings will be held Wednesday, September 19th at the Upper Deck Restaurant at 5:15 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

After the meeting, Jane Sigfrids presented a talk on the 1918 Influenza Epidemic.

Members present: Judy Aunet, Marlene Case, Don Erickson, Emily Fredrick, Bobbi Hoyt, Arne Johnson, Marie Mattson, Jackie Plunkett, Karen Smoley, Lois Teich

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Resberg, DCGC Vice-President*



October Events

DCGC – Douglas County Genealogy Club
TPGS – Twin Ports Genealogical Society
WSGS – Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
MNGS – Minnesota Genealogical Society
WHS – Wisconsin Historical Society



DCGC

Third Annual Library Lock-In “Foolin’ Around With Your Family Tree”

October 5, 2018, at the Superior Public Library, 4:30-9:30 pm. Lori Bessler from the Wisconsin Historical Society will be our keynote speaker; she’ll teach us how to find genealogy collections – anywhere. Two breakout sessions will also be conducted; John Buczynski will talk about his experience with genealogical research and Teddie Meronek will discuss her research into a 100-year-old murder in Poplar, Wisconsin

We’re offering a box lunch option, at a cost of \$10.00. Our thanks go to the Friends of the Library for providing beverages. Door prizes will be provided.

There will be an opportunity for research with assistance from DCGC members and library staff.

Volunteers are needed to assist with registering attendees, accepting payment for and handling

distribution of lunches, and with table/chair set-up and take-down. Please contact me at ijnisig@yahoo.com if you want to give us a hand.

Lock-In Schedule

4:30-5:00: Registration and sign-in (no entry allowed after 5 pm). **Optional tour of the library's new local history area.**

5:15-5:30: Welcome to participants

5:30-6:30: Keynote speaker Lori Bessler

6:30-7:00: Dinner break

7:00-8:00: Breakout session with John Buczynski, DCGC member (optional)

8:00-9:00: Breakout session with Teddie Meronek, SPL librarian (optional)

7:00-9:30: Research time

Prize drawings will be held at 9:15; must be present to win.

Program registration deadline is September 28 and registration is limited to 50 people. Registration forms are available at the library.



WSGS Webinar

Unpuzzling the Past: Tips and Techniques for French Records

Presenter: Bryna O'Sullivan

Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Description: *What do you do when you want to research your French-Canadian ancestors – and don't speak or read French? This presentation will cover techniques for working through French language records, including typical formats, when to use a word list or dictionary, and when to spend the money on a translator.*

Register **at:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6477944665954725635>

After registering, you will receive an email with information and a link to join us the night of the

webinar and handout information. Please remember that this is a first-come, first-served webinar. Registering does not hold a spot for you. Those that log in first will be admitted to the webinar. If you have problems connecting to the software, be sure to check that your browser software is running the most current version available.

2018 WSGS Fall Seminar (WSGS Conference/Workshop)

Friday, October 12 through Saturday, October 13
Hotel Marshfield, 2700 S Central Ave, Marshfield

Fine Tuning Your Genealogical Puzzle: Using Different Techniques and Strategies for Organizing and Researching

Featuring

Louise St. Denis, PLCGS

Hosted by

Marshfield Area Genealogy Group

Lectures:

**Making the Mountains of Paper Disappear
I Found It Once; Why Can't I Find It Again?
Am I Doing Everything Right?**

Adding Social History to Your Family Research

A **Deli Luncheon Buffet** will be available for purchase but must be ordered by **September 28th**.

Rooms are available at **Hotel Marshfield, Best Western Premier Collection** for \$109.00 plus tax for a double queen, single or double occupancy. Contact the hotel at **715-387-2700** by **September 12th** and identify yourself as being with the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society to reserve a room.

Registration information and a brochure are available on the WSGS website at wsgs.org.



MNGS
Webinar

**Using Mitochondrial DNA Testing for
Genealogical Problem Solving**

Presenter: *Dr. Michael Lacopo*

Date: *Wednesday, October 3rd*

Time: *7:00 pm to 8:15 pm*

Description: *Utilizing mitochondrial DNA testing in genealogy garners a lot of naysayers and negative advice. Learn how vitally important this kind of testing can be when use you DNA as an active tool in the genealogical toolbox. This case study will show you how pairing good research and DNA testing can be the perfect marriage.*

Presenter *Dr. Michael Lacopo is a retired small-animal veterinarian native to north Indiana. Researching since 1980, he has lectured internationally and written for numerous periodicals and journals. A self-described “all-American mutt”, his research skills cover a broad range of specialties.*

Cost: *Free!*

Please see the Events page at mngs.org for registration information.

North Star Genealogy Conference

Looking Back, Sharing Forward

5-8 October, 2018

Crown Plaza Minneapolis West
Plymouth, MN

Featuring

**Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS
&**

Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS

Tom Jones is an award-winning author, editor, educator and researcher focusing on methods for challenging genealogical problems. He coordinates courses at GRIP, IGHR, and SLIG institutes, and speaks often for local, state, national and international genealogical societies. Since 2002 he

has co-edited the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, and he wrote *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* and *Mastering Genealogical Proof*.

Tom has been pursuing his ancestry since 1963. For the first twenty-five years he was clueless about what he was trying to accomplish and how to do it. When he started climbing the genealogy learning curve he repeatedly experienced the challenges, joys and rewards of tracing ancestors reliably and of fully understanding their lives. Tom eventually became an award-winning writer, board-certified genealogist, editor of the National Genealogy Society Quarterly, recipient of honors from genealogical organizations, and author of the textbooks *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* and *Mastering Genealogical Proof*. Using his nearly life-long teaching career as a springboard, he enjoys teaching at weeklong genealogy institutes, weekend seminars, and local, national and international conferences.

Lecture Topics:

- Documentation: The What, Where, Why and How
- Going Beyond the Bare Bones: Reconstructing Your Ancestors' Lives
- The Jones Jinx: Tracing Common Surnames

Karen Mauer Jones of Monroe, New York, is an author, lecturer, professional genealogist, and former editor of *The New York Genealogist and Biographical Record*. She was named a fellow of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in 2012 and has served on the NYG&B Family History Advisory Committee, and on the APG and FGS boards. She has lectured at national, state, regional and local conferences. And coordinates the institute course “Researching New York: Resources and Strategies” at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

Lecture Topics:

- This Article Isn't About Your Family? You Should Read It Anyway
- “Beginning at a Black Oak...”: A Neighborhood Reconstruction in Lancaster County.

MGS Annual Awards Banquet
Friday, 5 October
Speaker: Thomas W. Jones
“How Genealogy Hasn’t Changed in a Half-Century Plus”

Pre-Conference Day, 4 October
Getting the Most Out of Family Tree Maker
2017 Software

Mark Olson of Software MacKiev will demonstrate features of Family Tree Maker 2017 and answer user questions in a special vendor-sponsored session from 9:30-11:30 am.

Advance registration is required. This event is offered free to MGS by Software MacKiev but a \$10 registration fee covers refreshments and administrative costs. Enrollment is limited to 75 attendees.

*The pre-conference event is sold out.

Full Conference Program Schedule

The conference offers two full days of learning opportunities for genealogists and family historians! View the complete program schedule and find out more about the twenty-five breakout sessions being offered by fourteen regional and national genealogy experts. This year, breakout sessions are organized in the program into five general tracks: DNA, Heritage Research, Problem-Solving, Sources and Records, and Research Tools.

New This Year – Hotel Accommodations

See the MGS website at mngs.org for complete conference information.

Every attempt is made to keep **Upcoming Events** pertinent and timely. We invite all area genealogy organizations to submit their events with contact information for publication here to jnjsig@yahoo.com
As always, if you have additional dates for the calendar or if you find a date in error, please email me at jnjsig@yahoo.com

Committee Memberships – 2018

Executive Board

Jim Mattson (President)
Jan Resberg (Vice-President)
Dave Johnson (Secretary)
Jane Sigfrids (Interim Treasurer)
Judy Aunet (at-large)
Marlene Case (at-large)
Emily Fredrick (at-large)
Bobbi Hoyt (at-large)
Jackie Plunkett (at-large)

Program Committee

Jan Resberg (Chair)
Judy Aunet
Jim Mattson
Jane Sigfrids

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Marlene Case
Dave Johnson
Jane Sigfrids

Research Request Committee

Dave Johnson (Chair)
Emily Fredrick
Jackie Plunkett
Jane Sigfrids

Library Lock-In Committee

Judy Aunet
Jackie Plunkett
Jane Sigfrids
Leslie Mehle – library liaison

Newsletter Editor: Jane Sigfrids

