

# THE BREEZE



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## Upcoming Events

### Tonight's Program:

#### Where else can I do research?

#### Calgary and Beyond.

*With Sheila Johnston and Kay Clarke*

Sheila Johnston and Kay Clark will take us on a virtual tour of the different places in and around Calgary that have useful resources for genealogists. This is an excellent opportunity for beginners and more seasoned researchers to take advantage of the expertise of these two phenomenal researchers.

### Bios

Kay Clarke and husband Glen live near Calgary in a heritage home built by her grandfather in 1912. Her interest in family history when she heard her Grandmother tell family stories. After retiring as a teacher in 1996, she decided that the Education Committee might be a place where she could help AFHS. She has learned a lot about research methods by teaching. She is also a past president of AFHS.

Sheila Johnston, also a past president of the AFHS, has volunteered and worked diligently for the society.

### Next Program

#### February 6

#### Finding Your Jewish Ancestors

*with Ken Drabinsky*

Ken Drabinsky will introduce us to resources Jewish genealogical research. Even if you don't have Jewish ancestors, the techniques and resources can be used by all genealogists. Ken has helped non-Jewish individuals by researching potential or suspected Jewish background.

#### March 6 - Irish Genealogy

*with Janice Cushman*

*LOCATION: River Park Church  
3818 - 14A Street SW, Calgary AB.*

### THANK YOU

The board would like to thank everyone who helped at the casino. These funds are what keeps the AFHS running.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

2017 memberships are now due. We look forward to receiving your payment.  
Membership

## Special Interest Groups

### **CELTIC SIG ( Ireland & Scotland )**

***Next Meeting: SATURDAY JAN 28 2017 @ 10:00AM***

Topic "Changes in Scotlands People" by Katharine and Susan will talk about her research trip to Ireland.

Contact: Susan Butler [celticsig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:celticsig@afhs.ab.ca)

### **COMPUTER GROUP**

***Next Meeting: SATURDAY JAN 14 2017 @ 9:30AM***

This meeting we'll search maps. There are a lot of maps available online; historical maps, gazetteers, photo-on-map sites, cemetery searches and more. For those using Family Genes, we will also have a quick review of the workshops hosted by Wayne Fuller, so others can benefit.

Contact: [jim.benedict@shaw.ca](mailto:jim.benedict@shaw.ca)

### **ENGLISH / WELSH SIG**

***Next Meeting: SATURDAY JAN 21 2017 @ 10:00AM***

This meeting will be a demonstration of some genealogy websites - everyone welcome - website suggestions also welcome.

Contact: Ann Williams [englishwelshsig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:englishwelshsig@afhs.ab.ca)

### **ONTARIO SIG**

***Next Meeting: MONDAY JAN 23 2017 @ 7:00PM***

Marion Peterson will give an overview and use of the various scanners that we have at the AFHS library and other possible ways that documents, pictures etc can be scanned. There will be time for questions but not for scanning.

Contact: Helen Backhouse and Lynn Brown at [ontariosig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:ontariosig@afhs.ab.ca)

### **DNA SIG**

***Next Meeting: SUNDAY January 15 2017 @ 1:30 PM***

We are looking forward to hearing about your new DNA discoveries. If you have questions about your DNA testing results, remember to bring your your DNA kit number and your password. We'll try to help.

Contact: [dnasig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:dnasig@afhs.ab.ca). To receive our e-mail newsletter THERMOMETER email [dnasig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:dnasig@afhs.ab.ca)

### **FAMILY TREE MAKER USERS GROUP**

***Next Meeting: SATURDAY Feb 4 2017 @ 10:00AM***

Happy New Year to All! we will continue to explore the features of the Family Tree Maker Software at our next meeting.

Contact: Nola Gutsche at [gutsche\\_gang@telus.net](mailto:gutsche_gang@telus.net)

### **REUNION USERS GROUP**

Contact: Ken Bell [kenrbell@telusplanet.net](mailto:kenrbell@telusplanet.net) for more information.

### **FRENCH ROOTS IN NORTH AMERICA**

Xenia Stanford has started a closed Facebook group to share information, ask and answer questions and find connections. Request to join the group at [www.facebook.com/groups/1497289907230791/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1497289907230791/)

## Society Updates & Important Deadlines

### A DEFINING MOMENT—VIMY RIDGE—100 YEARS LATER



In April 1917, the Canadian Corps seized Vimy Ridge. Many consider the Canadian victory at Vimy a defining moment for Canada, but it was attained at a terrible cost, with more than 10,000 killed and wounded. Many stories have been told of this battle; however, many remain untold or not well known. Please share your family stories so that they may be remembered. For those worried about grammar, spelling or writing in general, editing and support are available!

Photo: Canadian troops off for rest after Battle of Vimy Ridge May 1917 Source: By Castle, W.I. (William Ivor), official Canadian War photographer [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons

### FUTURE PUBLICATION & SUBMISSION DATES:

Theme	Submission Deadline	Issue Date
150 Years of Canadian Heritage	May 15, 2017	July 2017
Keeping in Touch—Mail & Telegraph	August 15, 2017	October 2017
Education in a New Land	November 15, 2017	January 2018

### FAMILYROOTS 2017

Planning for a Conference in 2017 has begun. Have ideas for speakers? Want to help out? Talk to Tara Shymanski, Jim Benedict, Christine Hayes, Marion Peterson, Michelle Buhler or Sheila Bjerreskov

More details to come.

### AFHS SCANNER USE

*It's ready to use!* AFHS purchased a ScanSnap SV600 scanner. It can scan newspapers, magazines, documents or books without cutting or damaging them. Members can use it for free as part of their membership benefits, but its use must be supervised by a trainer. If you would like to set up an appointment with a volunteer to use it, contact Marion at [equipment@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:equipment@afhs.ab.ca)

### FAMILY HISTORY COACHING

Family History Coaching starts up again at the Central Library on Saturday January 28. Drop in for help with your genealogy on the 4th floor of the Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE.

**Next Session: SATURDAY JAN 28 2017**

### LIFE AND FAMILY HISTORY WRITING WORKSHOP

Do you need some help, or maybe just a little motivation in writing your family stories? Why not join the Life and Family History Writing Workshop this winter.

Dates: January 30th to April 10th, 2017 (10 sessions)

Location: AFHS Library

This is a series of 10 classes featuring Chinook editor Michele Buhler as the instructor.

To register go to: <http://www.afhs.ab.ca/resources/education.shtml>

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

### LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

Helen & David	Jan 12	10AM – 2PM
Jacquie & Lorna H.	Jan 13	10AM – 2PM
Susan & Iola	Jan 14	12PM – 4 PM
Kay C & Ishbel	Jan 19	11AM – 2PM
Lorna & Millie	Jan 20	10AM – 2PM
Linda & Heather	Jan 21	12PM – 4 PM
Marion F. & Jackie D.	Jan 26	10AM – 2PM
Marion P & Rosemary	Jan 27	10AM – 2PM
Jacquie & Betty Ann	Jan 28	12PM – 4 PM
Ann & Velma	Feb 2	10AM – 2PM
Linda & Sheila	Feb 3	10AM – 2PM
Judie & Marlene	Feb 4	12PM – 4 PM

### OTHER LIBRARY SCHEDULES

#### *Calgary Family History Centre (LDS)*

2021 – 17 Avenue, SW., Calgary (near the old Children's Hospital)  
Tues. and Wed. 9 AM - 3PM & 7PM - 9:30 PM  
Sat 9AM – NOON

Community Class: 7PM January 26—How to use the Family History Wiki

#### *Germans from Russia Library*

1432 19 St NE (Ascension Lutheran Church)  
Visit and see what we are about. Guests welcome, all meetings are in English.

Jan 21, 2017 - Food demo - cabbage rolls, 10-3, potluck, library open.

For more information on their events and library see website : <http://calgarychapterahsgr.ca/> or call 403-273-8178

### VETERAN'S FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Thank you to all members who contributed funds and/or food donations to the Veteran's Food Bank at the December monthly meeting. Funds in the amount of \$932.00 were collected as well as some food items.

## Library Hours & Opportunities to Connect

#### Library Open Hours :

Thursdays - 10am to 2pm

Fridays - 10am to 2pm

Saturdays - 12pm to 4 pm

#### Opportunities to Connect:

**JAN 16** Board Meeting 7pm

**JAN 9** General Meeting 7pm to 9pm

**FEB 6** General Meeting 7pm to 9pm


**MAR 6** General Meeting 7pm to 9pm


#### AFHS Library location:


**712 - 16 Avenue NW, Calgary**

#### Get Social with us!

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