

# THE BREEZE



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## Upcoming Events

### Tonight's Program:

Where will all the family records go; succession proofing your work!

*With Jim Benedict*

Jim has graciously agreed to reprise his presentation from Historic Calgary Week, as there were many people who were unable to get seats at the original presentation. We will find out about organizational and storage methods to insure that all of our hard work is not lost. An excellent introduction to the nuts and bolts of genealogy for the beginner, it is also a wake-up call for the more experienced genealogists among us. A not-to-be-missed presentation.

### Jim Benedict Biography

Jim's interest in family history started back he inherited the trunk-full of family photos and the dog-eared family history book. Some fifteen years later and he is still plugging away, finding more relatives to dig up.

He is a member the Alberta Family Histories Society, as a director and also chair of the computer group. As well, he is a member of the Guild of One-Name Studies, a global organization whose purpose is to promote and to preserve studies of surnames.

### Next Program November 7:

November 7: Using DNA to break down brick walls

*With Earl Schultz*

Haven't decided whether it's worthwhile getting your DNA tested. Learn to appreciate the potential and power of DNA testing. Earl will tell us how he broke down brick walls using DNA. He is prepared to answer questions you have about DNA testing.

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

*TIME: 7:00pm—9:00pm*

### Future Programs:

December 12 - **NOTE THE DATE CHANGE**

Historical cookbooks (bring your family cookbook to display as well as a treat to celebrate Christmas)

*With Christine Hayes*

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

*TIME: 7:00pm—9:00pm*

*Note: For January we will meet on Jan. 9, 2017*

## Special Interest Groups

### CELTIC SIG ( Ireland & Scotland )

*Next Meeting: SATURDAY OCT 22, 2016 @ 10:00AM*

Hope you had a lovely summer. Come and tell us about your genealogy research & adventures over the summer. Did you have any breakthroughs, frustrations, etc.? Please come with ideas for future topics. Contact: [celticsig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:celticsig@afhs.ab.ca).

### COMPUTER GROUP

*Next Meeting: SATURDAY OCT 8 2016 @ 9:30AM*

The Basic Session starts at 9:30 am and we discuss any issues with members' computers and software. This is the place to hash over all your woes of a computer nature. The Family Genes subgroup plans to host separate workshops on how to use your TNG website, likely to run on Friday mornings, to be confirmed. Workshop dates will be announced on Saturday. So we will be covering more general queries on computers and software, and discussing useful genealogy websites.

### ENGLISH / WELSH SIG

*Next Meeting: SATURDAY OCT 15 2016 @ 10:00AM*

The topic will be "Books, television programs etc. which give us glimpses into the lives of our ancestors". The discussion will be led by Bev Smith. Please bring along any material you have that falls into this category. We will also welcome hearing your genealogy questions and of your discoveries. Contact: Ann Williams [englishwelshsig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:englishwelshsig@afhs.ab.ca)

### ONTARIO SIG

*Next Meeting: MONDAY OCT 24 2016 @ 7:00PM*

Come and hear what some AFHS members felt were highlights of the Ontario Genealogical Conference last spring. There will be time to ask questions, seek advice and socialize. Contact: Helen Backhouse and Lynn Brown at [ontariosig@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:ontariosig@afhs.ab.ca)

### DNA SIG

*Next Meeting: TUESDAY OCT 11 @ 7:00PM*

Join the meeting and ask your DNA questions. 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 NOV 5 2016 @ 10:00AM*

Organization Digital Information will be the topic of discussion at the November meeting. This may be a repeat for some, but others who missed the June meeting have expressed an interest in the topic.

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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1497289907230791/)

## Society Updates & Important Deadlines

### CHINOOK CALL FOR ARTICLES -

E-mail [editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca) for more info or to submit an article!

The natural world was often the source of much misery, but also of heroic deeds and tales of survival. Stories of these events were frequently recorded in family and community records. Numerous weather-related events come to mind from wind and rain to drought and floods. Then there are natural disasters like

earthquakes, volcanoes, avalanches, tsunamis and sink holes. Canadians (and Californians) are famous for their memorable weather stories.

Write a story that will have us talking for the next 100 years!

**Submission deadline October 29, 2016**

### FAMILY HISTORY COACHING

Need help finding that "missing" ancestor? Thinking about getting started in genealogy? Volunteers from Alberta Family Histories Society are available at Family History coaching at the Calgary Public Library. The program is at the Central Library, on the 4th floor, on the last Saturday of each month; September to November and January to June. Take advantage of this opportunity to consult one-on-one with experts. All you need is a library card (they're free and you can register online: <http://calgarylibrary.ca/card/> - every genealogist needs a library card!)

**Next Session: SATURDAY OCT 29, 2016**

**10am — 12pm**

### HAVE SOME FUN WITH SGS

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society is having a fun fundraiser! They're hosting "A Genealogy Treasure Hunt" which begins on their website on October 13<sup>th</sup>. You must register with your entry fee before October 12<sup>th</sup> to be eligible for the prizes. For more information, visit <http://www.saskgenealogy.com/>

### CASINO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The dates have been set for our next fundraiser at the casino. It's on Tues. Jan 3 and Wed. Jan 4, 2017 we need volunteers.

The location will again be Cash Casino, 4040 Blackfoot Trail S.E.

Talk to Dennis Laughton or email him at [dennislaughton@shaw.ca](mailto:dennislaughton@shaw.ca) to ask how you can help.

### AFHS SCANNER USE

Volunteers are being trained to use the upright scanner purchased by the Alberta Family Histories Society. As soon as they are ready we will let you know via the Breeze and Windsock. Get your pictures ready!

### LEGACY SOFTWARE USERS GROUP

All Legacy users are invited to attend a users group led by Marion Peterson.

**First Session: SATURDAY OCT 29 2016**

**10AM — 12 PM**

**AFHS Library**

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

### LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

Ann & Kay J.	Oct 6	10AM—2PM
Linda & Sheila	Oct 7	10AM—2PM
Susan & Iola	Oct 8	12PM—4PM
Helen & David	Oct 13	10AM—2PM
Cheryl & Susan	Oct 14	10AM—2PM
Linda & Heather	Oct 15	12PM—4PM
Kay C. & Ishbel	Oct 20	10AM—12PM
Lorna & Millie	Oct 21	11PM—2PM
Jacque & Betty Ann	Oct 22	10AM—12PM
Marion F & Jackie D	Oct 27	10AM—2PM
Marion P & Rosemary	Oct 28	10AM—2PM
Velma	Oct 29	12PM—4PM
Ann & Velma	Nov 3	10AM—2PM
Linda & Sheila	Nov 4	10AM—2PM
Judie & Marlene	Nov 5	12PM—4PM

### 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

#### ***Germans from Russia Library***

1432 19 St NE (Ascension Lutheran Church)

Research assistance available

2nd Monday of each month 2PM—7PM

(except October)

For more information on their events and

library see website : <http://>

[calgarychapterahsgr.ca/](http://calgarychapterahsgr.ca/) or call 403-273-8178

## Library Hours & Opportunities to Connect

### Library Open Hours :

Thursdays - 10am to 2pm

Fridays - 10am to 2pm

Saturdays - 12pm to 4 pm

### Opportunities to Connect:


**NOV 21** Board Meeting 7pm

**NOV 7** General Meeting 7pm to 9pm


**DEC 12** General Meeting 7pm to 9pm

### Get Social with us!

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