

# THE BCGS NEWS

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The background of the central section is a dark, festive scene featuring a lit sparkler in the center, emitting bright yellow and white sparks. The background is filled with out-of-focus bokeh lights in shades of blue, purple, and yellow. The text "Happy New Year" is overlaid on this scene in a large, white, serif font.

# Happy New Year

FROM THE BCGS

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 11TH, 7:30PM

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Allison Tremblay, Kamloops #5961  
 Lawrence Wilson, New West #5960  
 Paula Roos, Marietta, GA #5959  
 Brian Pybus, New West #5958  
 Carol Anderson, Langley #5957  
 Christene Hoffert, Powell River #5956  
*Associate Member*; Martin Davey,  
 Maple Ridge #5955  
 Lynn Jantzen, Chilliwack #5954  
 Marg Rodgers, Kamloops #5953  
 Eileen O'Keefe Giuliani, North  
 Vancouver #1662 (a former member)

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History Society  
Surrey Library In-Person

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

EUNICE ROBINSON #112, [PRESIDENT@BCGS.CA](mailto:PRESIDENT@BCGS.CA)

### Happy New Year Everyone!

A brand new year lies before us – what will we do with the next 365 days?!

After we fill in our calendar with important dates such as birthdays; anniversaries, BCGS meetings, Coffee Chats – that probably still leaves you with quite a few openings. Now slot in seminars and webinars – **BCGS** and others, like **RootsTech**.

If you are looking for something to fill in some of those empty days, do consider **volunteering** as a library volunteer, or working on one of our BCGS projects. Or just come to the library and spend a few hours browsing our collection, doing some research on the **British Newspaper database**, or checking out the other small databases that we have on the library's computers.

I also encourage you to review your research. With all the new records that are now available, who knows what tidbits you can add to your own family history? Or consider following up on the **"Photo Stories"** suggestions published in each newsletter by starting, or continuing, to record your family's memories. If our ancestors had written stories like that for us to enjoy, wouldn't we have been thrilled? So let's thrill our descendants by writing a few stories of our own.

My plan for 2023 is to review my previous research, but also to go through and scan my paper records.

**Let's make this the year that we get organized.**



## RENEWALS DUE NOW

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MONTHLY  
MEMBERS MEETING**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 11TH**

Members will receive a Zoom invitation to our monthly meetings, so watch your email inbox for the Zoom link, meeting number and password.

If you don't receive the email by the day before the meeting, please contact [info@bcgs.ca](mailto:info@bcgs.ca) for assistance.

A free Zoom account is needed to join these meetings.

**SPRING 2023 SEMINARS**

**Saturday, January 28** – **Mags Gauden**, Grandma's Genes;

WikiTree Projects – UEL & BHC and Betty Jean's Story

**Saturday, February 18** – **Fintan Mullan & Gillian Hunt** from

the Ulster Historical Foundation

**Saturday, April 22** – **Jenny Mallin**, A Grandmother's Legacy;

a 2-Part Presentation

Details are still being worked out—please watch the **GenBlast** and **bcgs.ca** for updates on topics and registration.

**REGISTER  
HERE**

**2023 BCGS  
GENEALOGY FOR  
BEGINNERS  
CLASSES**

**Tuesdays  
JANUARY 10th—  
February 14th**

**7 – 9 PM VIA ZOOM**

Perfect for beginners and those who may like to update or refresh their skills.

FREE for BCGS & Affiliate Society members.  
\$40 for non-BCGS members.

Contact [education@bcgs.ca](mailto:education@bcgs.ca) if you have questions.

**The FIRST Winter/Spring Seminar —  
Saturday, January 28 at 10am**

**Mags Gauden**, Grandma's Genes;

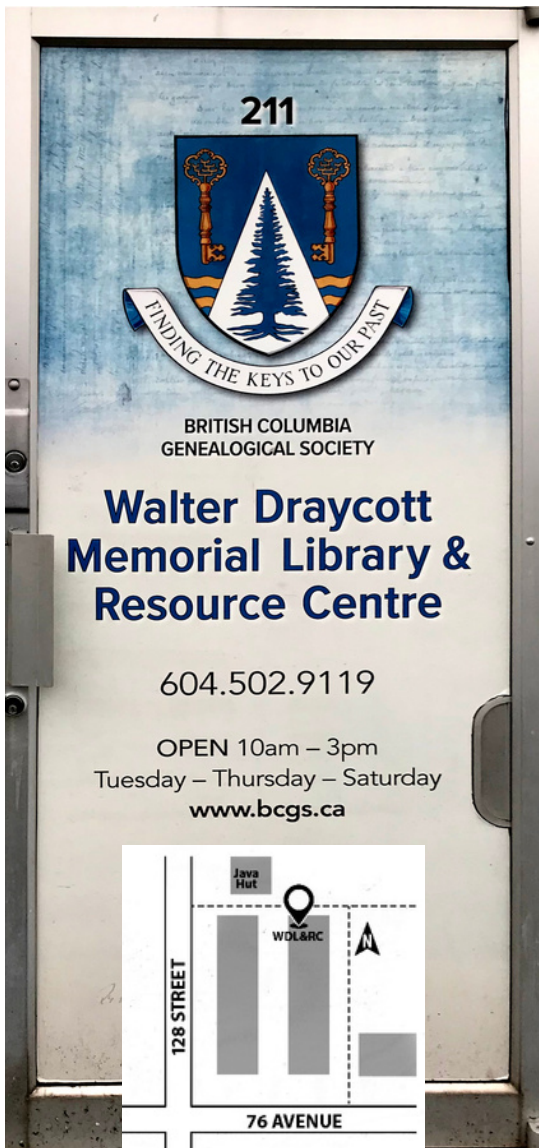
WikiTree Projects – UEL & BHC and Betty Jean's Story

**British Home Children**

Between 1869 and 1932, over 100,000 children were sent from Britain to Canada through assisted juvenile emigration. These migrants are called **“Home Children”** because most of them travelled from a British emigration agency's Home for Children to receiving homes in Canada. From there, the children were placed with families in rural Canada. Library and Archives Canada at Wikitree works to add to the stories of these children by providing spaces to tell the story of each child. We will look at one case study and show you the how and why of adding this information to WikiTree.

**United Empire Loyalists**

The United Empire Loyalists were generally those who had been settled in the thirteen colonies at the outbreak of the American Revolution, who remained loyal to, and took up the Royal Standard, and who settled in what is now Canada at the end of the war. At WikiTree, we work on connecting all loyalists to a global family tree by creating and improving profiles for loyalists and their families. We will walk through the work being done at WikiTree for these loyalists.



# AT THE BCGS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

## FREE ACCESS

to The British Newspaper Archives and Family Search Library - always great reasons to visit the Library, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays!



## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED

CORRINE JUBB #5215

Volunteers are needed at the BCGS Library for morning or afternoon shifts on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (10 am to 3 pm)

Volunteers open and close the library, answer phone calls, log books being borrowed by members, and log back and refile returning books to the shelves. Duty days are changeable for those volunteers who need flexibility in their schedules.

The **most fun** and important part of the job is to welcome and assist walk-in researchers. When there are no visitors, volunteers have bonus time to work on their own genealogy.

**The library is open and needs more volunteers.**

If you would like more information on what this position is all about, feel free to contact Library Administrator **Corrine Jubb** at [library@bcgs.ca](mailto:library@bcgs.ca)

Welcome to the LIBRARY!  
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays  
10am to 3pm.

\$5 per day for non-members  
The library is closed all holiday weekends and if there is extreme weather. Please call to confirm hours 604.502.9119.

Unit 211, 12837 - 76 Avenue, Surrey  
There is no parking in the fire lanes. You must park in a designated BCGS parking stall or on the street. Check with the library assistant on duty if in doubt.

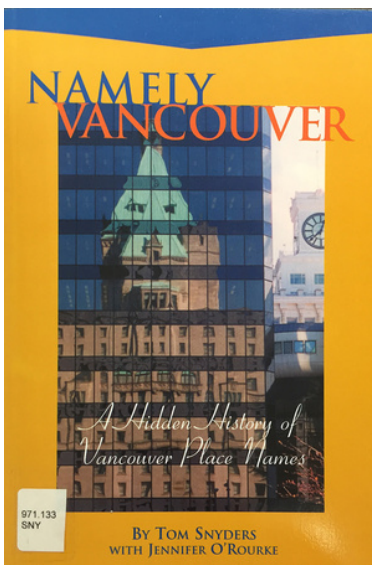
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Submission Deadline for the February  
newsletter is January 24, 2023  
Email [newsletter@bcgs.ca](mailto:newsletter@bcgs.ca)  
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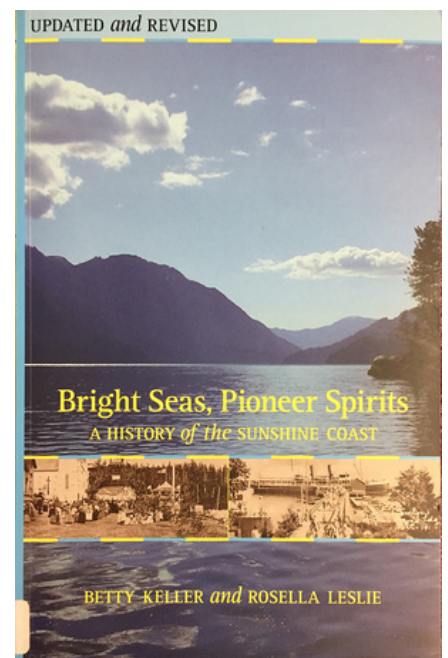
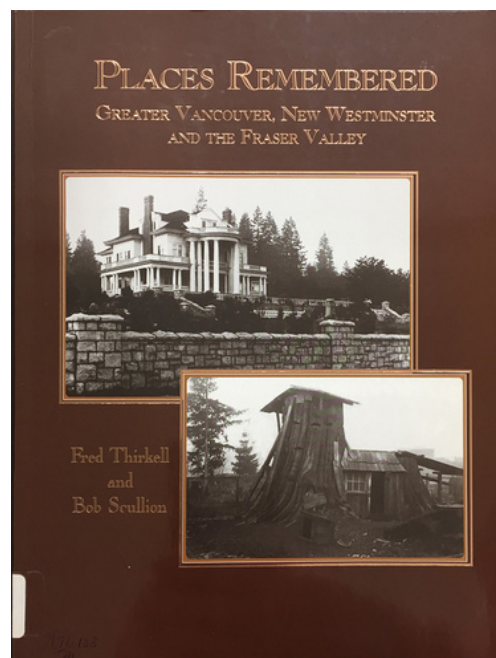
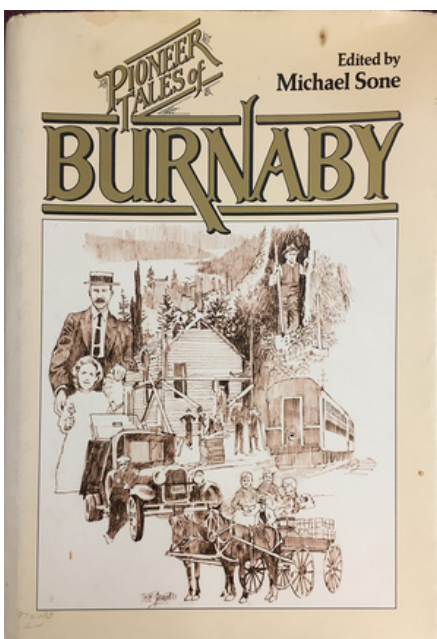
In 2022, we started travelling through BC, featuring books from different areas, starting with the Lower Mainland and now returning back to the Vancouver area.

**971.133 SNY**—**Namely Vancouver, a Hidden History of Vancouver Place Names:** by Tom Snyders

**971.133 SON**—**Pioneer Tales of Burnaby** by Michael Sone

**971.333 THI**—**Places Remembered, Greater Vancouver, New Westminster and the Fraser Valley** by Fred Thirkell & Bob Scullion

**971.133 KEL**—**Bright Seas, Pioneer Spirits, a History of the Sunshine Coast** by Betty Keller & Rosella Leslie





**MEG MCLAUGHLIN, #3847**  
**GENEALOGY BLOGGER**

I started family history research years ago. So much time has passed that things have changed almost beyond recognition in the world of research. Sometimes, I feel like I'm struggling to keep up. It reminds me of a time when I was visiting an English county my ancestors had lived in.

I was on a train from London to Dorchester, calmly listening to the announcements over the loudspeaker. A disembodied voice stated that only the front of the train would be continuing on. Wait a minute, I was in the back of the train! I grabbed my suitcase from the luggage rack, pelted down the stairs and started running. Never had a train platform seemed so long!

Talk about struggling to keep up. I barely made it into my new seat before the front of the train pulled away. Train timetables probably allow time for bumbling tourists like me to catch on to the English way of running railways. **At times I feel the same way when new technology shows up for genealogists.**

*Dorchester street - my hotel is the building on the opposite side of the street with the sign that sticks out into the street*



## REVISITING RESEARCH

*Evershot churchyard*

I travelled the rails a lot on that 2006 trip to England. I took in Northamptonshire, Dorset and, of course, London; all places that figure in my family's history. It's my Dorset research that I plan to revisit now.

My renewed interest in that county is because of a **DNA match**. One where the person who tested emailed me! We think we've narrowed down the location to Dorset, although for a while it looked like it might have been London. Dorset seems more doable. With no surnames in common, it's time to insert collateral lines into my family tree, for that county at least.

It's strange to think that autosomal DNA might take my Dorset research further back. When I visited Dorset in person, autosomal DNA tests weren't even a thing. As I remember, most genealogical collaboration was done by email and RootsWeb lists. Will new technology be the catalyst to bring more clarity to the lives of my many ancestors who lived in that part of the south of Britain?

I'll have to start working on my collateral ancestors to see what turns up. But something that interests me, now that I look back, was the ambitious trip that I took. What was I thinking, haring off on my own? My plans seem to have been well thought out, but it's the date that trips me up. 2006 was just over two years after my spouse had come near to dying. He was still dealing with the effects of his life-altering injuries, as were we all.

Sometimes revisiting research reminds me of what I went through, and the genealogical quest that egged me on. Family history can be frustrating, but it can also give back so much more. It's the stories that fascinate me the most, not only those of my ancestors, but piecing together my research trips brings back pieces of my own story. Maybe trying to understand myself can bring me closer to understanding those who went before.

Meg writes about history and genealogy in **A Genealogist's Path to History** <http://genihistorypath.blogspot.ca/>.  
 Read more about her findings in her blog.

# MEET THE MEMBER

**SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL**

"**Meet the Member**" is one of my new ideas for using the Newsletter to increase BCGS awareness and participation between our members. During the pandemic, we moved online and communicating face-to-face became more difficult and less frequent. My goal is to create short, light reads. I will send a questionnaire in advance so that each person being interviewed will be answering the same questions. We will have a short follow-up chat after the questionnaire has been completed. Each person being interviewed will get to see a proof before their article is published. If you receive an email from me, don't be shy about responding.

During the week before this newsletter was released, Margaret Sharon agreed to be my first guinea pig. She was a delight to chat with and I learned so much about her. **Thank you, Margaret!**



**NAME:** Margaret Sharon, retired IT Consultant, BCGS Member #1521

## ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH—

**How old were you when you started/became interested in family history?** I was 15. On a family vacation to see Expo67 and distant relatives in Ontario we found ourselves in a rural church cemetery, gazing at a tall gravestone with our surname SHARON on it. My father piqued my curiosity, telling me that he had a book back home about our ancestors which I then used to draw up a family tree. Ten years later I found my teenage notes and headed to the library to find books on how to further trace my family tree. At the library, I learned that

there were groups of people like me, called genealogists! I joined the Alberta GS, Ontario GS, and, a few years later when I returned to BC, the BCGS.

## ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BCGS—

**When did you join the BCGS?** About 40 years ago. At one point there was an opportunity to purchase a lifetime membership so I did. It's been great to stay connected to the BCGS, no matter where I've lived. I've just returned to the Lower Mainland this fall after 25 years in the Interior. Most recently, I've been Editor of Kamloops Family History Society's journal "**Family Footsteps**". ([Kamloops FHS](#) is an affiliate society of BCGS.)

**Have you ever volunteered for the BCGS and what capacity?** I'm a former BCGS BC Genealogist Editor; I also helped with **cemetery recording** in the 1980s and **document formatting** of BCGS publications in the 1990s.

**What did you like best about volunteering?** It's fun and rewarding—I learn new things! I enjoy using my research skills to help others and document formatting skills to produce publications. Over the years I've been Editor of four genealogical societies' journals/newsletters.

**What do you miss most about in-person meetings?** One-on-one conversations are much easier in person than via Zoom chat.

**Do you or have you ever used our Library?** Yes! Now that I'm back here I have a very long list of sources to look up at the BCGS Library. And I look forward to becoming a Library volunteer!

**Did you experience any great discoveries at the library?** Not yet, but I'm sure they're here somewhere!





*Cloverdale, B.C.*

# CLOVERDALE: THE HISTORIC HEART OF SURREY



**JANICE KIDWELL, #5033 BCGS POSTCARDS**

## **Cloverdale's History**

The Cloverdale area was first settled around 1870 and among the first settlers were the three Shannon brothers. In 1875, William and Thomas Shannon purchased 960 acres of land from the government. William Shannon (1843-1928) was inspired to name the area "**Clover Valley**" after the scent of the summer clover that bloomed in the valley in this rich agricultural region. Developed along the railway tracks, the business area grew to become an important railway and commercial hub.

Clover Valley was the City of Surrey's first town centre, officially established in 1879 near Five Corners, the historic intersection of 60 Avenue and Old McClellan Road. Adding railways was significant to developing the area. Linking Bellingham, Washington to New Westminster was the subsidiary of the Great Northern Railway forged in the valley in 1891. It also profited from the arrival of the BC Electric Railway Line that ran out to Chilliwack from 1910 to 1950.

Clover Valley became the site of Surrey's Town Hall in the early 1880s. The community drifted 2km away to the West, to the New Westminster Southern Railway line and became known as Cloverdale. In 1912 the Municipal Hall was built in the southwest corner of Cloverdale (176A Street and 56th Avenue) and served as this until 1962.

Cloverdale being the historic centre of Surrey, is home to one of Surrey's most recognizable main streets as well as the **Museum of Surrey, Surrey Archives, BC Vintage Truck Museum, Fraser Valley Heritage Railway** and many unique heritage buildings including **Christ Church** which was built in 1882. Also built in 1882 was Surrey's first school which was established on land donated by Joseph Shannon. It was located in the area of 176th Street and 60th Avenue.

It is also home to the **Cloverdale Public Library** where many a genealogist has visited, researched and attended workshops at.



In the 1920s and 1930s, Cloverdale was a common destination for Americans in Washington State seeking alcohol to address the Prohibition laws.

In 1968, Cloverdale's population was 5,000 and in 2021 was estimated to be approximately 76,000.

The community has been home to filming, including one of **Coca-Cola's Christmas commercials** (filmed during the summer, town centre square was decked with Christmas decorations including fake snow), the television shows **Smallville** and **Supernatural** (filmed at Christ Church on Old McLellan Road), **Deck The Halls**, **Postal**, **Hot Rod** TV Shows. In addition to being filmed there, the town of Cloverdale was a fictional setting of the **Stargate Universe** episode "Cloverdale".

**Sources:**

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**Growth & Development**

Areas within the Cloverdale Town Centre like Clayton Heights have gone through significant growth to develop newer residential areas. To support area residents, new facilities and amenities are being built and with SkyTrain expansion, three new stations are planned for Cloverdale, connecting Surrey to Langley.

**Local Area Highlights**

Every year, Cloverdale is home to the largest Canada Day family celebration in Western Canada, offering free music, activities and food. Since 1945, and except for a few years absence including 2022, Cloverdale has hosted the annual Cloverdale Rodeo.

*The vintage postcard was made in Canada by The Gower Sutton Co. Ltd., Vancouver, BC. There is neither a stamp nor a message on the back of this card.*

# First NOTICE of CALL for NOMINATIONS for the BCGS Board of Directors

**The March meeting & AGM will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, 8 March 2023, at 7:30 pm.**

In addition to the regular meeting, elections will be held for the positions of:

- **President**, 2023/2024 term
- **Two Vice Presidents**, 2023/2024 term
- **Society Secretary**, 2023/2024 term
- **Administrative Secretary**, 2023/2024 term
- **Treasurer**, 2023/2024 term
- **One Director**, 2023/2025 term
- **Two Directors**, 2023/2026 term

We are grateful that several of our current Board members have agreed to stand for another term. We are, in particular, looking for a **Treasurer**, and a **Director** for the 2023/2025 term.

**We need proactive participation from more of our members, to provide inspiration and guidance about the future endeavours of BCGS. Will you stand for nominations?**

Contact [Eunice Robinson](#) if you would like further information or to obtain a Nomination Application. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

# Talk about the greatest thing since sliced bread: meet Libby!

From the Kamloops FHS journal **Family Footsteps**, thanks Margaret Sharon. Works with VPL, Surrey, FVRL, VJRL—use your local library card to register.

## Meet Libby, Your New Genealogy Best Friend

*Margaret Sharon*



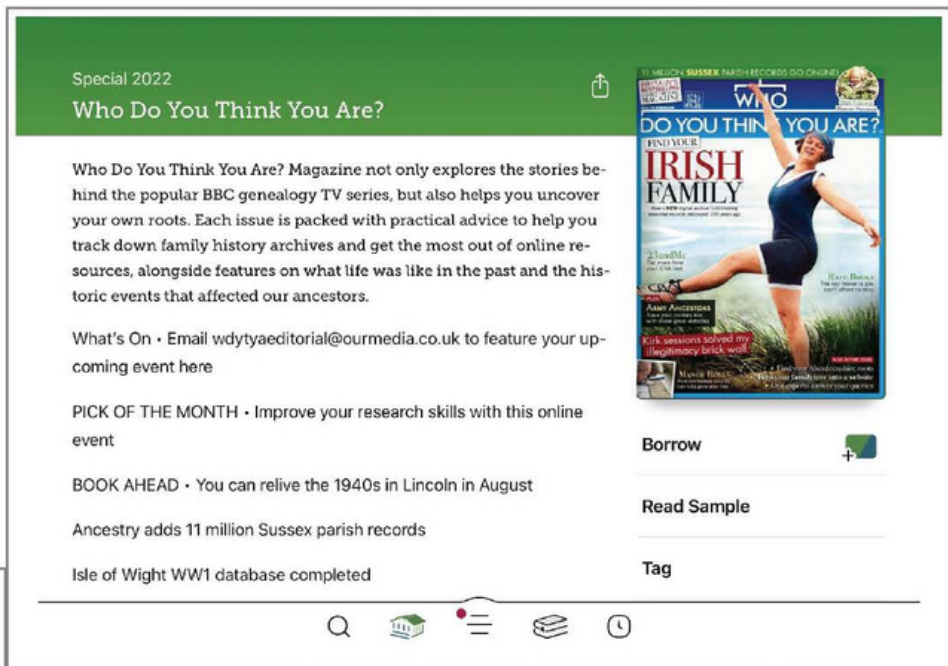
Let me introduce you to Libby; she's really into genealogy and I think you two would get along just great. There's just one thing you'll need first: a **TNRL library card**. Got yours handy? Good, let's get started!

As you've probably guessed, Libby isn't a person, she's software: specifically she's an application for reading library materials on your computer, tablet or phone. She's much friendlier than her stodgy predecessor, OverDrive, and she's way more versatile too. Check out this short introductory **video** to see how to interact with Libby.

[libbyapp.com](http://libbyapp.com)

Once you've **downloaded** Libby to your preferred device and started her up (or you can go her **website**), she'll help you enter your TNRL library card number. This **webpage** from the TNRL has links to all the things you can do with Libby's help:

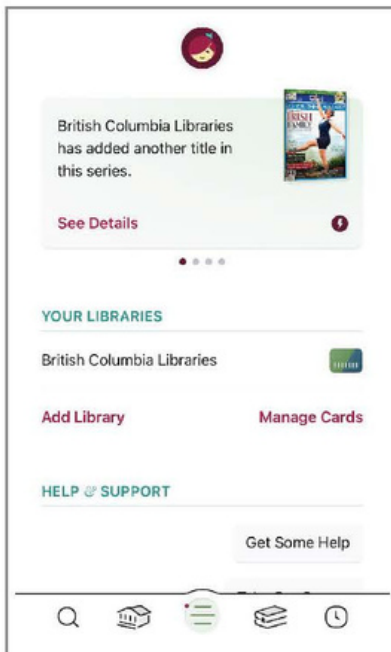
- find, borrow, renew and return library items
- read e-books



- listen to e-audiobooks
- create and manage holds for items you'd like to borrow that aren't currently available
- download items for reading when you're not connected to the Internet

And, like a good friend, you can ask Libby to let you know when something comes up that requires your attention, such as **notifying** you when a new issue of any of your favourite magazines is available. Libby does this and more using her **tags** feature.

If you need help with Libby, you can find it **here** or by asking the helpful staff at any TNRL branch. I hope you and Libby become good friends and have lots of adventures together!





**2022 TOTAL  
\$2,590  
25,318  
PIECES**



**EVERY CAN  
& BOTTLE  
COUNTS**

**AND PULL TABS TOO!**



**Bill Clayton** appreciates your continuing support in 2023. Donations can be taken to the **BCGS Library**, to the **Clayton driveway** at **14431 16A Avenue, S. Surrey**, or to the **Return-it Depot** closest to you.

**Thanks to the contributors who helped us exceed our 2022 fundraising goal.**



# SCONES

**SUSAN (HALL) SNALAM, #4403**

RESPONSE TO: DO YOU BAKE FOR CHRISTMAS? (DECEMBER ISSUE)

Marjorie Barlow Hall was my mother. She was a really good cook, but unfortunately, she died before I was really into learning the recipes she made. I have a feeling that many of them were not even measured, just done by look and feel. After she died, my father and I searched for her recipe book, as I wanted to make some scones. We never found the book, but years later after my father also passed away in 1994, I inherited a lot of papers, amongst which was a small book, originally intended for autographs, in which my mother had written her name and address, and some of her favorite recipes. She often made scones and I remember her entering them into the Women's Institute Fair and winning first prize for them!

After trying out the recipe, I discovered that the instructions were far from complete, so here is what I think she intended to say:

**Marjorie Barlow Hall and baby Susan c1945**



**THE INGREDIENTS:**

- ½ lb flour (1 ¾ cups)
- ¼ tsp salt
- Bare 3 ozs sugar (just under ½ cup)
- 2 ozs butter (¼ cup)
- 1 egg
- 2 ozs sultanas (½ cup) – nowadays you could add cranberries or other fruits for Christmas
- 1 tsp Baking Powder

**METHOD:**

- Place flour in a bowl and add the salt.
- Add butter and rub as fine as breadcrumbs, I use a pastry tool as I have hot hands.
- Add the sugar, sultanas and baking powder.
- Beat the egg and add to dry ingredients, using as much milk as necessary to make a stiff dough.
- Place on countertop and form or roll out to about ¾ inch thick.
- Use a pastry cutter dipped in flour so that it doesn't stick.
- Brush egg and milk on the top if you wish them to brown.
- Place on a lined cookie sheet and bake near the top of the oven, for 15 minutes at 375°F .
- Serve with jam and Devonshire Clotted Cream for a treat.
- (Save on Foods in Richmond stocks clotted cream!)





SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL

**IMPORTANT Dates**

Tuck this page away into your memory database! Here are the upcoming 2023 deadlines for the BCGS Newsletters and e-Journals. You can submit any time before each deadline. If you miss a deadline, you may have to wait until the next newsletter to see your published submission.

Months	Pub	Deadline	Release	Meeting
February	Newsletter	<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Feb 6</b>	Feb 8
March	E-Journal	<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Mar 15</b>	Mar 8
April	Newsletter	<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Apr 10</b>	Apr 12
May	Newsletter	<b>Apr 25</b>	<b>May 8</b>	May 10
June	E-Journal	<b>May 15</b>	<b>June 15</b>	June 14
July	Newsletter	<b>June 27</b>	<b>July 10</b>	July 12

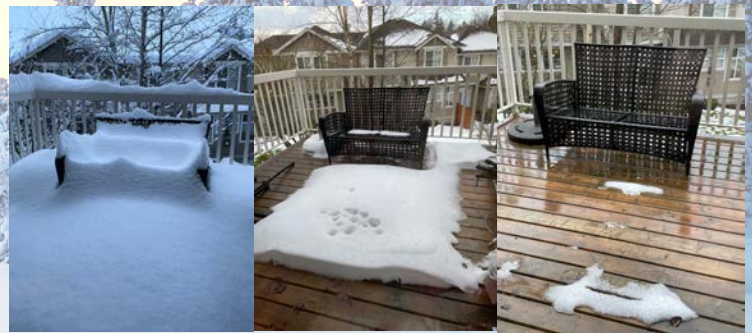
# WINTER TALES (PHOTO STORIES)

SUE SULLIVAN, #4887 NEWSLETTER GAL

Another newish idea for the Newsletter—Photo Stories! BC was treated to some snow dumps before and during the holidays. How did you make out? **Show us your snow from 2022/23 and the past! Send photos submissions to [newsletter@bcgs.ca](mailto:newsletter@bcgs.ca)**

Thinking ahead to **Valentines Day** - Send photos of favourite cards, gifts or events from Valentines Day.

PHOTOS HERE FROM SUE SULLIVAN



Shrinking snow from rain—typical Lower Mainland. It was exciting while it lasted!

Left: Winter, 1971 in Montreal —my sister, Heather, is standing in front of our front lawn snow pile, Right: Heather's photo of Bondhead Beach, Lake Ontario, Winter 2022.







## E-JOURNAL NEWS

Please send  
your story and  
pictures to  
Lynne:  
[Journal@bcgs.ca](mailto:Journal@bcgs.ca)

Next Deadline:  
February 15th

**NOW THAT THE  
CHRISTMAS  
SEASON IS  
FADING INTO LAST  
YEAR, DO THE  
DECORATIONS  
THAT YOU ARE  
PUTTING AWAY  
BRING MEMORIES  
OF THE  
TRADITIONS THAT  
YOUR FAMILY  
ENJOYS DURING  
THIS SEASON?**

### DECORATIONS + TRADITIONS

Every family grows their own set of traditions and practices for special holidays. Many of these have come down to us from grandparents, or great grandparents.

Some may be special foods or gifts that have been brought home from other countries, or from visitors. Japanese families have adopted a Christmas tradition (for December 25th) that came from an American import – KFC. Many now celebrate “**Kentucky for Christmas**” (Kurisumasu ni wa kentakkii), a dinner of Kentucky fried chicken.

Does your family have a Christmas practice that has been adopted from another country, or perhaps from a visitor? Where did this idea originate? Is it connected to relatives arriving, or moving away?

If you have a family story to share, our members would enjoy reading about it (and perhaps ‘borrow’ a tradition for their families).

**These four UELAC Pacific Region Branches  
are here to help you discover your Loyalist history.  
Chilliwack • Victoria • Thompson/Okanagan  
and Vancouver**

















































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# CALENDAR: JANUARY-MARCH 2023

Sunday–Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JANUARY</b> <b>MON/9-NEWSLETTER</b>   In-Person Meeting  Online Meeting	 <b>11</b> Meeting 7pm 	 <b>12</b> England Chat 7pm	 <b>13</b> Family History DNA Chat 2:30pm 	 <b>14</b> Ancestry + Find My Past-Tips and Tricks 1pm 
 <b>15</b> Mon 16: DNA Parental Puzzles Chat 1pm Mon 16: French-Cdn Chat 7pm Tues 17: Advanced DNA Chat 7pm	 <b>18</b> Annette Burke Lyttle Probate Records: Wills + More 7pm \$10 	 <b>19</b> Germans from Russia Chat 7pm	<b>20</b>	 <b>21</b> Genealogy Orientation 10:30am 
<b>TUES/24-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 	<b>25</b>	 <b>26</b> Scandinavia Chat 7pm	 <b>27</b> Fun Family History 2:30pm 	 <b>28</b> Mags Gaulden BHC+UEL 10am 
<b>FEBRUARY</b>  <b>29</b> Tues Jan 31 Indigenous Chat 10:30am	<b>1</b>	 <b>2</b> Chinese Chat 10am Ireland Chat 7pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>MON/6-NEWSLETTER</b>   <b>7</b> Mon 6: DNA Intro Chat 1pm <b>Group needs new facilitator(s)</b>	 <b>8</b> Meeting 7pm 	 <b>9</b> Wales Chat 7pm	 <b>10</b> Family History DNA Chat 2:30pm 	<b>11</b>
<b>EJOURNAL DEADLINE</b>  <b>15</b> <b>AL</b>	<b>16</b>	 <b>16</b> Canada/Ontario Chat 7pm	 <b>17</b>  <b>18</b> Historical Photo Detective: Roadshow! 10am	 <b>18</b> Fintan Mullan & Gillian Hunt-Ulster Historical Foundation  10am
 <b>22</b> Mon 20: DNA Parental Puzzles Chat 1pm Tues 21: Advanced DNA Chat 7pm	<b>22</b>	 <b>23</b> USA New England Chat 7pm	 <b>24</b> Fun Family History 2:30pm 	 <b>25</b> Marie Palmer Google Earth Pro 9:30am \$10   <b>26</b> Genealogy Orientation 10:30am 
<b>MARCH</b>  <b>27</b> Tues Feb 28 Indigenous Chat 10:30am <b>15-EJOURNAL</b> 	<b>1</b>	 <b>2</b> Chinese Chat 10am Scotland Chat 7pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>





# Coffee Chat Zooms



## Also known as Special Interest Groups [SIGs]

If you would like to be included in a chat, please visit the [BCGS website](#) or email the address below to register.

Not sure? Check the BCGS Website Calendar-of-events.

Would you like to facilitate a Coffee Chat? Contact Eunice [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



**ENGLAND COFFEE CHAT**  
**Thursday, January 12, 7 to 9 pm**  
 With Ann Buchanan  
 RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



**SCANDINAVIAN COFFEE CHAT**  
**Thursday, January 26, 7 to 9 pm**  
 RSVP Kathie Ross [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



**EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY & Parental Puzzles (NPE) COFFEE CHAT**  
**Monday, January 16th, 1 to 3 pm**  
 RSVP Sharon Clayton  
[sharonjmclayton@gmail.com](mailto:sharonjmclayton@gmail.com)



**GOING BEYOND BASICS: CHINESE GENEALOGY COFFEE CHAT**  
**Thursday, February 2, 10 to 11 am**  
 RSVP Linda Yip  
[hello@past-presence.com](mailto:hello@past-presence.com)



**FRENCH CONNECTION (FRENCH-CANADIAN) COFFEE CHAT**  
**Monday, January 16th, 7 to 8:30 pm**  
 With Sue Sullivan RSVP  
[graphics@familyancestrees.com](mailto:graphics@familyancestrees.com)



**IRELAND COFFEE CHAT**  
**Thursday, February 2, 7 to 9 pm**  
 With Eunice Robinson  
 RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



**ADVANCED DNA**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 7 to 9 pm**  
 With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham  
 RSVP Terry Hartley [terrhart1@gmail.com](mailto:terrhart1@gmail.com)



**EXPLORING GENETIC GENEALOGY Introductory DNA COFFEE CHAT**  
**Monday, February 6, 1 to 3 pm**  
 RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



**GERMANS FROM RUSSIA COFFEE CHAT**  
**Thursday, January 19, 7 to 9 pm** With Eunice Robinson  
 RSVP [coffeechat@bcgs.ca](mailto:coffeechat@bcgs.ca)



**Wales COFFEE CHAT**  
**Thursday, February 9, 7 to 9 pm**  
 With Terry Hartley, Jim Graham & Kathleen Graham  
 RSVP Terry Hartley [terrhart1@gmail.com](mailto:terrhart1@gmail.com)

## WHAT'S ONLINE?

The BCGS is continually updating what's being offered on our website. All these great events are listed on the **BCGS What's Up?** page

**Click here for a shortcut to the listings**

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## Historical Photo Detective: Online Roadshow!

Fri Feb 17 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**[Register Here](#)**

Do you have an old family photo in your album that you can't date or place? Old photos are full of clues, if you know how to read the evidence. Join us online, with **"The Photo Detective"** Maureen Taylor, to learn how to analyze old photos.

Registrants will be able to submit their own photos for analysis in this Roadshow-style program (10-15 photos will be chosen). Submitting a photo is not required in order to participate in the program.

The deadline for submitting a photo for consideration is February 8.

*For this online program, we will be using Microsoft Teams. You will need a computer with a microphone (or headphones) and webcam or your smartphone, or an iPad/tablet.*

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**Qualicum Beach Family History Society is pleased to announce its first Guest Speakers of 2023.**

**January 18, 2023:** "Probate Records: Wills and a Whole Lot More" by **Annette Burke Lyttle**

**February 25, 2023:** "Google Earth Pro" by **Marie Palmer**

**March 25, 2023:** A Joint Presentation hosted by Campbell River Genealogy Society & Qualicum Beach Family History Society. "DNA workshop" by **Mags Gaulden**

**April 19, 2023:** "Through the Prairies to the Rocky Mountains: Records of Western Canada" by **Lianne Kruger**

<https://www.qbfhs.ca/category/speakers/>

Members attend for FREE

Registration is required.

Send your name and name of speaker to

**presentations@qbfhs.ca**

no later than a few days before the date.

Non-members are welcome to attend for a \$10 fee

Send \$10 by e-Transfer to [treasurer@qbfhs.ca](mailto:treasurer@qbfhs.ca)

no later than a few days before the presentation

(The fee is non-refundable)

Include your name, email address and

name of speaker in "Notes"



# FAMILY HISTORY DNA CHAT



Join us for an informal chat about using DNA for your family history research.

**Fri Jan 13, Feb 10**

230-330 pm

Registration Required.  
Email  
[familyhistory@surrey.ca](mailto:familyhistory@surrey.ca)



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# FUN FAMILY HISTORY FRIDAY



**FREE!**

**Friday, Jan 27  
Friday, Feb 24  
Friday, Mar 24**

**2:30 to 3:30pm**  
Registration required  
**604-598-7328** or  
[familyhistory@surrey.ca](mailto:familyhistory@surrey.ca)

Join us for some lively, open, family history discussions in this in-person program.

All levels welcome.



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# FAMILY HISTORY ORIENTATION



## GET STARTED!

Learn to use one of the largest collections of family history materials in western Canada.

This orientation to our department will help you find online information, books, journals, and microfilm records.

**SATURDAYS**  
**10:30-11:30**  
**JAN 21**  
**FEB 25**  
**MAR 25**

## REGISTER ONE OF 3 WAYS:

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## FAMILY HISTORY DNA CHAT

**Second Friday of the month: 2:30-3:30 pm**

**In-person FREE** program at Surrey Library's Cloverdale Branch. Join us for a new family history program to discuss using DNA for family history research. This is an opportunity to learn from others and share resources and experiences. All levels welcome.

## FUN FAMILY HISTORY FRIDAY

**Fourth Friday of each month: 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

**In-person FREE** program at Surrey Library's Cloverdale Branch. Join us for some lively, open family history discussions in a roundtable format. We will discuss up-and-coming family history programs. Find out what's new in our family history databases.

## FAMILY HISTORY ORIENTATION

**Saturdays: January 21, February 25, March 25; 10:30 to 11:30am**

Get Started! Learn to use one of the largest collections of family history materials in western Canada. This orientation to our department will introduce you to our online resources, books, journals, and microfilm records to assist you with your family history research.

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**Please leave a message if no one answers the phone.**

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# ANCESTRY & FIND MY PAST

TIPS & TRICKS

**Get back into the swing of family history research.**

Take some time to reacquaint yourself with two of the most popular family history databases—*Ancestry Library Edition* and *Find My Past*.

You'll learn what's new, what has changed and get tips and tricks to make the most of your family history research experience.



**SATURDAY, JAN 14**  
1-2:30pm

Registration required.

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# HISTORICAL PHOTO DETECTIVE: ROADSHOW!



**JOIN THE PHOTO DETECTIVE MAUREEN TAYLOR AND LEARN HOW TO DATE AND PLACE OLD PHOTOS.**

Old photos are full of clues if you know how to read the evidence. You can submit your own photos for analysis in this **ONLINE** Roadshow-style program (10-15 photos will be chosen).

**Fri. Feb. 17**  
10:00am-12:00pm

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# WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS

FREE



**Join us for this two-part, hands-on writing workshop.**

Presented by Sharon Syrette—author, editor, community historian, genealogist, lifetime learner and educator.



**PART 1**  
**THU, MAR 2**  
1-3:30pm at Cloverdale branch

**PART 2**  
**THU, MAR 16**  
1-3:30pm at Cloverdale branch

Registration for both parts is required.

Email to register:  
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## HISTORICAL ROADSHOW

[See previous page](#)

## WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS/ WAITLIST ONLY

Two Thursdays, March 2 and 16 (a two-part program)  
1:00 to 3:30pm - **IN PERSON @ Cloverdale Branch**

Back by popular demand! We are repeating this popular program to appease the long wait list from our fall session 😊. Join us for this two-part, hands-on writing workshop.

Part 1 will get you started; for Part 2 please bring a photo to focus your memories.

Presented by Sharon Syrette—author, editor, community historian, genealogist, lifetime learner and educator.

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