

2023-24 Presentation List

Don't see a topic that fits your group's needs? Let's talk about your topic idea!

“Every Family has a Story. . . What's Yours?”

Would you like to learn how to get started researching your family's story? You'll learn the basic research process, great on-line research sites, local resources, and ideas for sharing your story with family.

“DNA – There's No EASY Button . . . YET!”

Wouldn't it be great if there was an EASY button you could push and all of your DNA matches would fall right into place on your family tree? We're not there yet! Come and learn the basics of DNA for genealogy. We'll explore some of the practical approaches and new tools for putting all of this great information to work for your family research.

“Are YOU the Family Archivist?” (What to do with ALL that Family Stuff?!?)

Have you become the collector of all things family history? Do you feel like you might need to add on to the house to accommodate all of these precious items? Do you have a plan for these special treasures and your genealogy research so they don't end up in a dumpster one day? Learn some techniques for saving your work and preserving these family treasures for future generations of your family to enjoy.

“Inspiring the Next Generation of Genealogists”

Who's going to take over the family history quest when you're no longer able? Getting young people interested in their family history is important work. Learn creative ways to get youth involved in their own history search.

“Be a Family History Detective”

Are you curious about your family's history? Want to know more about where they came from and what they experienced? Become a family history detective and learn how to trace your family's steps through time.

“Sharing Your Research with the Non-genealogists in Your Family”

Learn how to creatively pass down your genealogical research and heirlooms to your family, including the reluctant ones!

“Leveraging On-line Resources to Find Your German Roots”

Learning exactly where your family came from in the “Old Country” is the first and sometimes most challenging step to researching back in your family tree. Learn some of the powerful on-line tools that can help you overcome these challenges.

“Heritage Travel. . .Pursuing Your Past”

Whether you're an “arm chair traveler” or are ready to walk in the footsteps of your ancestors, heritage travel can help you with your family history research. Learn tools to guide you in researching and planning a once in a lifetime family heritage trip.

“Getting the Most from FamilySearch”

FamilySearch is a great website for exploring your family history. You can build your family tree, collect historical records and photos, network with cousins around the world and get a better understanding of the places your family came from. Come learn about the “hidden gems” within this powerful FREE resource.



Presentations are one hour in length, including time for Q&A. An informative handout accompanies each presentation.

I also offer several other services, including:

- **In-depth Workshops**
- **Family History Camps for Kids (and parents / grandparents)**
- **Genealogy Coaching**
- **Conducting Personal Family History Research – specializing in German, Swedish, DNA and midwestern research**
- **Family Artifact Investigation**
- **Research Planning and Organizing Findings**

