

DCGS Classes, Field Trips and Meetings: Mark Your Calendars!

Please note that our regular monthly general meetings are listed here along with our classes. General meeting lectures require no registration. For registration for classes held at the East Fishkill Library see end of the list.

March 20th at the Church of Latter Day Saints. Our regular General Meeting begins at 7:30 PM. **No registration necessary.** **Mary Colbert**, our Society Librarian, presents **Researching Your Irish Ancestors**. This very popular presentation is a "must see" for anyone with Irish ancestry. Finding Irish ancestors can sometimes be a challenge, but many records are now available online, making success more likely than ever. Mary will show how to use American and Irish records to find the townlands of your Irish ancestors. Mary has been researching her New York-Irish family history for over 30 years. Her first ancestor arrived in 1843 and the last in 1901. She is currently writing a family history book which should be finished next year. She posts her progress on the book as well as family stories on her blog: <http://colbertwhelanfamily.wordpress.com/>

May 1st at the Pine Plains Library, **VP of Education Mary Ann Zatlukal** will lead an **introductory genealogy interest meeting** for Pine Plains and neighboring area residents.

May 14th at the Dutchess County Court House, 22 Market St, Poughkeepsie Meet at 10:30 AM for a **tour of our county court houses** led by DCGS President **Valerie LaRobardier**. We begin at the second floor records room learning how to access our land, mortgage, civil court, and other records. Microfilm and copy machines will be viewed in action. Learn how to request files and maps kept in other locations. From there we will go down the street a few doors to the Surrogate Court records room to learn how to access our county wills and related surrogate court records. **Register by calling VP of Education Mary Ann Zatlukal at 845.440.3322. Attendance limited—first come first served.**

May 15th at the Church of Latter Day Saints. Our regular General Meeting begins at 7:30 PM. **No registration necessary.** **Mary Colbert**, our Society Librarian, presents **Research in the 1940 Census**. She will discuss research in the newly released, currently unindexed 1940 census, including tips for finding families without an index, and what's new and different about this census. Mary Colbert is the librarian for the Dutchess County Genealogical Society, and a long-time genealogical researcher.

Seminar "Who Do You Think Your Ancestors Were?" has been rescheduled from the October 2011 snowstorm to June 2nd. Watch the web site for more details.

June 11th at the East Fishkill Library* at 10:30 AM, **Christine Crawford-Oppeneheimer, MLS**, Society VP of Program and Publicity presents **Writing Your Family History Story**. Christine has been doing genealogical research since 1979, has been a frequent and popular presenter at DCGS meetings and seminars. She is a member of several genealogical and professional societies, including the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the National Genealogical Society and state and local societies. Her training as a librarian is useful in her second profession as genealogist.

July and August—help is needed for the Dutchess County Fair booth. We welcome anyone who can give a few hours planning, contacting volunteers or helping staff the booth in August [four hour shift]. This is a small commitment, but a big help! **Call Mary Ann at 845.440.3322.** Stay tuned for more Fair details in a future newsletter.

September 10th at the East Fishkill Library* at 10:30 AM, Society President **Valerie LaRobardier** presents **Researching Your Dutch Ancestors**. Located midway between New York City and Albany, Dutchess County is heavily steeped in Dutch ancestry. Learn where to find the records you need and how to evaluate them, navigating the oft confusing maze of alternate spellings and same-named relatives. Valerie is a third generation genealogist and historian, building on and continuing her family's Colonial New England and Swedish research. You may view her blog at <http://shadowsechoesandfootprints.wordpress.com/>.

October 8th at the East Fishkill Library* at 10:30 AM, **Mary Colbert** presents **New York City Repositories**. We will learn from an expert well versed in researching these archives what to expect, how to prepare and how to make use of the records. Stay tuned for more details.

***For East Fishkill Library session registration, contact Cindy Dubinski at the library by email at reference@eastfishkilllibrary.org or by calling 845-221-9943 x225.**