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EVENT EXTRA JULY 2020

Due to restrictions on events as part of the COVID19 response, all of our events are currently being delivered **online**. When you register for an event, the confirmation email will contain information about how to join the event online.

Events for the **August - October quarter** are now open for bookings. The program also includes some events for November and December. Additional events may be added as opportunities arise. You can get the latest information about our events from the Events page of the SAG website.

Most of our online events are **recorded**, so even if you cannot attend at the scheduled time you can still book and receive the recording.

With the exception of the Friday hangout sessions, you **must book** for events at least two days before the day of the event. This gives us time to make sure that your booking was completed successfully.

The links in this newsletter take you to the event listing for **more information** about each event. If you are a member, you then need to log into the website to book at the member rate. You can also book by calling us on (02) 9247 3953.

Save with our members-only season tickets

We are now offering additional members-only season tickets. Purchasing a season ticket saves you money and time, as we will complete your registration with Gotowebinar for you. No refunds are available on season

tickets, but recordings are available if you miss an event live.

Silver Season ticket: This includes the first six 1-hour webinars (Aug-Sept). You pay for just five webinars, \$60 and save \$12. As a bonus, we will also register you for the free Family History Month webinars.

Gold Season ticket: This includes all eight 1-hour webinars during Aug-Oct and the 2-hour webinar on 27 August. You pay \$100 and save \$20. As a bonus, we will also register you for the free Family History Month webinars.

FTM Group Season ticket: Members can book and pay for all four of the remaining meetings for 2020 for the Family Tree Maker Group. You pay \$40 and save \$8.

WDG Group Season ticket: Members can book and pay for all five of the remaining meetings for 2020 for the Writing Discussion Group. You pay \$50 and save \$10.

Every Friday 4.00pm-5.00pm

Hang Out with SAG

SAG members can join us every Friday at a free online session, covering a range of topics and updates.

More information is on the Connect Online page in the Member Area of the SAG website, including the links to register for each session and links to the recordings if you miss a session.

Thur 16 July 10.30am-12.30pm

On holidays with the SAG - Ralph Hawkins

This event has been cancelled

Wed 22 July 8.00pm-9.00pm

Scottish research resources before 1800 - Chris Paton

In this talk Chris Paton, author of *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through*

Church and State Records, takes us to pre-19th century Scotland, when things begin to get a little more complicated with our ancestral research.

[More information](#)

Sat 25 July 10.30am-12.30pm

DNA Research Group - Beginners - Christine Woodlands

Do you need help deciding whether to test your DNA, or have you tested and need help analysing the results? The Beginners Group is a great place to learn the basic concepts and the first steps of interpreting your results. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

[More information](#)

Tues 28 July 8.00-9.00pm

MyHeritage collections and tips - Rosemary Kopittke

Now that SAG members have access to the SAG subscription to MyHeritage through the members' area of the SAG website, join Rosemary Kopittke to find out about the records available and get her tips for searching.

[More information](#)

Thur 30 July 10.30am-11.30am

Grouping your Ancestry DNA matches using the "Leeds Method" - Christine Woodlands

Have you looked at your Ancestry DNA matches and wondered how you're related to all those people? Dana Leeds introduced her method of grouping matches into clusters in 2018. This session will introduce you to using the features of Ancestry DNA for grouping.

This session will not be recorded, so you must attend live.

[More information](#)

August is Family History Month!

Tue 4 Aug 10.30am-11.30am

Geneablogging for You - Jill Ball

FREE WEBINAR

Blogging provides an easy and efficient way for genealogists to share their stories online. This session will demonstrate the benefits of blogging and provide guidance to get you started while highlighting a tour of blogs from Australian and International bloggers.

[More information](#)

Wed 5 Aug 8.00pm-9.00pm

Ancestry tips - Michelle Patient

Join Michelle Patient each month for an hour focussing on using the Ancestry website, with plenty of time for your questions.

[More information](#)

Thur 6 Aug 10.30am-12.30pm

Using Excel for family history - Danielle Lautrec

Excel is a great tool for organising, analysing and presenting vast quantities of information, which makes it great for family history. Some prior knowledge of Excel is assumed, as the session will not cover computer basics.

[More information](#)

Sat 8 Aug 10.30am-12.30pm

Family Tree Maker Group AM session - Larry Czarnik

Join other users of this popular family history software program for insights, ideas and opportunities to share tips and ask questions.

You may also wish to consider booking a [FTM Group ticket](#).

[More information](#)

Sat 8 Aug 1.30pm-3.30pm

Family Tree Maker Group PM session - Larry Czarnik

Join other users of this popular family history software program for insights, ideas and opportunities to share tips and ask questions.

You may also wish to consider booking a [FTM Group ticket](#).

[More information](#)

Tue 11 Aug 10.30am-11.30am

Introduction to DNA reconstruction (concepts & tools) – Kevin Borland

Kevin Borland is the founder and president of Borland Genetics. This session focuses on introducing the 4-step reconstruction process of phase/ map/ extract/ merge and the tools that are used to achieve each stage of the process to mathematically reconstruct your ancestor's DNA using kits of living relatives.

[More information](#)

Thur 13 Aug 10.30am – 12.30pm

Writing Discussion Group – Writing for Descent – Janette Pelosi

Board member and former convenor of the Croker Prize for Genealogy, Janette Pelosi will cover the editorial instructions which appear in each issue of Descent and discuss her experience as both a writer of content for Descent and as a proof-reader over many years.

[More information](#)

Sat 15 Aug 10.30am-11.30am

DNA tested and wondering what to do with it? – Kerry Farmer

FREE WEBINAR

If you have taken a DNA test (or thinking about it) how might that help you start your family history? As part of Family History Month, the Society of Australian Genealogists' Board Director Kerry Farmer will lead you through an introduction to DNA integrated research methods. Kerry will also demonstrate how SAG events and groups can provide ongoing support from our community of family historians. This session will allow substantial time for questions and discussion, with insights from those that have utilised test results in their continuing research.

This free event is targeted at new and potential members of the Society with all welcome.

[More information](#)

Online courses available

Family Tree Maker Beginners course

For those new to Family Tree Maker, this will take you through the basics and there will be plenty of time for questions.

3 part course, on 1 Aug, 15 Aug and 29 Aug

This course will be recorded, so you can attend live or watch the recordings.

[More information](#)

GEDmatch course

A detailed look at using GEDmatch to analyse your DNA matches.

3 part course, on 18 Sept, 2 Oct, 18 Oct

Book for the entire course to receive a discount.

