

Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Club

Meets the first Monday of the month from November through April at
Lakewood Ranch Town Hall at 7 p.m.

November 21, 2016

Bizarre Genealogy. Kim Sheintal is one of the original members of the Lakewood Ranch Genealogical Society and President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Southwest Florida. Study carefully the names, dates, and places on your family tree. Does anything strike you as unique on your family tree? Does someone on your tree have an especially long surname? Do all children in one family (not including multiple births) have the same birth date? Was each sibling in a family born in a different country? Be prepared to share the uniqueness of the names, dates, and places on your family tree while learning about some bizarre genealogy trivia that Kim has discovered around the world. For more information, contact Kim Sheintal at 941-921-1433.

December 5, 2016

How to Self Publish a Genealogy Book. Karen Dwyer, an early member of the Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Club has published multiple books on her family which are available on Amazon.com. She discusses the process of preparing a manuscript for publication.

January 9, 2017

My DNA Journey, Donna M Moughty, is a professional genealogist and founder of the Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Club. Although I would never portray myself as an expert in DNA, I've spent a considerable amount of time over the past few years trying to understand how DNA would help resolve brick walls in my research. This presentation shares what I've learned as a user rather than as an expert to help you better understand when, why what and how to test and analyze your findings.

February 6, 2017

Historical Context for Farmers in Your Family. Susan Well, a writer and lecturer coordinates the UK SIG for the Sarasota Genealogical Society. In the 1920s, Calvin Coolidge said, "The business of the American people is business," but for the previous centuries, the economy of the country revolved around agriculture. The chances you have a farmer in your family tree are better than average. We will explore the information you can find in US Census Special Agricultural censuses, county histories, 'city' directories and land records to add context to your ancestor's life.

March 6, 2017

Skeletons in the Closet. Nancy Johnson is the administrative coordinator of the Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Club, and President of the Genealogical Society of Sarasota.

April 3, 2017

2016-2017 Wrap-up. April is the last meeting for the season, and Donna Moughty will discuss *Preparing for a Research Trip.* As our members scatter for the summer, many will be traveling to places where their ancestors lived or perhaps to a Family Reunion. Donna will discuss how to prepare for a research trip, either near home, or abroad.

In addition to the meetings in Lakewood Ranch, there are a number of other Societies in the area with monthly programs, as well as all day seminars. A list of the societies can be found on the Lakewood Ranch Genealogy Club Website (<http://moughty.com/lakewood-ranch-genealogy/>).

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