

# 40th Anniversary Showcase

## Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Annual General Meeting & Conference

April 23 – 26, 2009

Ramada Hotel and Convention Centre- 1818 Victoria Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan

### PROGRAM AND EVENTS

The Internet has radically altered our ability to overcome the obstacles of time and distance in genealogical research. At this seminar we have arranged for some **VIRTUAL** speakers. They will deliver a PowerPoint presentation live using a microphone for their commentary. There will be a facilitator on site. The facilitator will be able to relay your questions and comments to the speaker in real time

#### Thursday, 23 April

7:00 pm Marketplace set up  
7:00 - 10:00 pm Registration

#### Friday, 24 April

Breakfast on your own

7:30 - 8:45 am Registration

9:00 - 9:20 am Official Opening –  
Welcome – Lieutenant Governor Dr. Gordon L.  
Barnhart, Deputy Premier Ken Krawetz, Mayor Pat  
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9:30 - 11:45 am Expert Sessions on:

- **Scandinavian Research** - D'Arcy Hande
- **Irish/Scottish Research** - Pat Ryan
- **Preserving Photos and other Archival Material** - Joe LeClair
- **Chinese Research** - May Chan
- **African-American Migration to Saskatchewan** - Carol Lafayette-Boyd
- **Census** - Marion Powell
- **Computer Toys** - Chris Krismer
- **The Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SGGEE)** - John Marsch

12:00 - 1:45 pm Lunch  
Guest Speaker: Ronn Wallace, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Information Services Corporation - **Changes to the management of vital records in Saskatchewan**

2:00 - 3:00 pm Plenary Session  
**The Errors of Our Ways** - Dave Obee

3:00 - 3:30 pm Break

3:30 - 4:30 pm

- A. **Privacy Law and Genealogists** - Gary Dickson
- B. **Using the Internet to Trace Your French Canadian Ancestors** - Louise St. Denis
- C. **Researching Female Ancestors** - Dave Obee

4:30 - 7:00 pm Break - Dinner on your own

Marketplace open till 5:00 pm

7:00 pm **Genealogy Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow**

- Reception / Cash Bar
- Saskatchewan Genealogical Society & SGS Regina Branch book launch
- Keynote address by Dr. Ian Wilson, Librarian and Archivist, Canada
- Entertainment – Scottish Country dancers

#### Saturday, 25 April

Breakfast on your own

8:30 - 9:30 am Plenary Session  
**Genealogical Mapping** - Geoff Rasmussen

9:30 - 9:45 am Break

- 9:45 - 10:45 pm
- D. **Genealogy Searches on Google** - Dick Eastman (*Virtual*)
  - E. **I Found It Once, Why Can't I Find it Again?** - Louise St. Denis
  - F. **Family History Resources at the Welsh National Archives** – Eirionedd Baskerville (*Virtual*)

10:45 - 11:00 am Break

11:00 - 12:00

- G. **Tracing Aboriginal Ancestors** - Laura Hanowski
- H. **What Ailed Them** - Dr. Ann Grahame
- I. **The Internet - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly** - Dick Eastman (*Virtual*)

12:15 - 2:00 pm Lunch  
**The Saskatchewan Archives in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** -  
 Dr. Lenore Toth, Acting Provincial Archivist,  
 Saskatchewan

2:00 - 2:15 pm Break

2:15 - 3:15 pm Plenary Session  
**Hello Out There - Various Traditions and Beliefs** –  
 Louise St. Denis

3:15 - 3:30 pm Break / Marketplace  
 3:30 - 4:15 pm Plenary Session  
**More Than Just Dates and Names** - Dave Obee

Marketplace open till 5:00 pm

6:00 pm **Celebrating Ourselves**

- Banquet with entertainment
- Awards presentations
- Entertainment - Polish dancers, John Arcand & Ken Mitchell

**Sunday, 26 April**  
**The Future is Now**

8:00 am Breakfast buffet and Annual Meeting

9:00 - 10:00 am Plenary Session  
**Distance Education for Genealogists** - Louise St. Denis

10:00 - 10:15 am Break

10:15 - 11:15  
 J. **Using Genealogical Sources to Trace Relatives to the Present Day** - Laura Hanowski  
 K. **Writing Your Family History** - Dave Obee

11:30 - 12:30 Plenary Session  
**Blogging** - Geoff Rasmussen

12:30 - 1:00 pm Wrap-up

**SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS**

*(See full biographies on [www.saskgenealogy.com](http://www.saskgenealogy.com))*

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:**

**Ian Wilson** - has been involved with the Canadian archival and library communities for over 30 years. He has worked diligently to make archives accessible and interesting to a wide range of audiences. He has helped safeguard the integrity of archival records while at the same time encouraging the public to use them. He has published extensively on history, archives, heritage and information management. In 2004, Mr. Ian E. Wilson was appointed Librarian and Archivist of Canada. In his former position as National Archivist of Canada, appointed July 1999, he and National Librarian, Roch Carrier, developed and led the process to create a new knowledge institution for Canada in the 21st century.

**Louis St. Denis** - is the founding president of the Société franco-ontarienne d'histoire et de généalogie - Toronto Branch, Past-president of its provincial organization, treasurer of the Association of Professional Genealogists-Ontario Chapter, a member of several genealogical organizations both in Canada and in the United States, as well as the French genealogical representative for the Ontario Heritage Alliance, a group with representatives from provincial organizations concerned with the preservation of our heritage

For two years Louise lead an in-classroom program at the University of Toronto, Continuing Education in Genealogical Research. In 1999, Louise established a partnership with the University of Toronto, Faculty of Information Studies, Professional Learning Centre to offer the only comprehensive Certificate program in Genealogical Studies offered entirely online. Louise has been instrumental in the development of not only the course development for this program but also the

software used to deliver this type of education completely online. Louise is the Managing Director of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies

**B Using the Internet to Trace Your French Canadian Ancestors**

**E I Found It Once, Why Can't I Find it Again?**

Plenary Session:

- **Hello Out There - Various Traditions and Beliefs**  
 - **Distance Education for Genealogists**

**Dick Eastman** - For some 30+ years, Dick Eastman has been honing his vision of the future to improve our picture of the past. With growing curiosity about his roots and an early interest in ham radio awakened his penchant for all things electronic, and he was ready for computers almost before they were ready for him. This odd combination of interests came together, and by the early 1970's, Dick was already using a mainframe computer to enter his family data on punch cards.

In the mid-1980s, Dick actually went knocking on the door of a rising online star called CompuServe to propose a genealogy forum: a move by which he built a community of family historians over the next 14 years

For the last 12-plus years, Dick has pursued his mission through an online periodical he writes every day, simply called "Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter." He loves to share technology "finds" that can help both new and seasoned genealogists, as well as dethroning the scams and shams that can lead the unwary astray.

**D Genealogy Searches on Google** (how to extract the most genealogy information possible from everyone's favourite search engine).

**I The Internet - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly** (How to avoid pitfalls on the information super highway).

**Dave Obee** was born in British Columbia where his roots go back to the arrival of his great-great-grandfather from Manitoba in 1890. He has been researching the various lines of his family 1978, when he took a night course through Camosun College in Victoria, British Columbia. In the process, he has visited 17 countries in Europe, carrying out genealogical research in most of them. The editorial page editor of the Victoria Times Colonist, he is the author of several publications and runs CanGenealogy, a link site that is selective and sorted for ease of use. He also runs Volhynia.com, a website dedicated to the past and future of the region in the northwest corner of Ukraine. He is one of the owners of Interlink Bookshop and Genealogical Services of Victoria, B.C. which runs the Genealogy Unlimited website, selling books and maps from Canada, the British Isles and Europe.

Plenary Session: **The Errors of Our Ways**

**C Researching Female Ancestors**

Plenary Session: **More Than Just Dates and Names**

**K Writing Your Family History**

**Geoff Rasmussen** of Surprise, Arizona, is the father of 3 young budding genealogists, ages 8, 6, and 3. He has served as vice-president of the Utah Genealogical Association and taught for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. He is a member of the Continuing Education faculty at Brigham Young University in the Family History Department where he graduated with a degree in Family History and Genealogy. He is the author of numerous books, videos, and articles on genealogy technology. He develops the Legacy Family Tree genealogy software program. He met and proposed to his wife in a Family History Center.

Plenary Session:

- **Genealogical Mapping**
- **Blogging**

**Eirionedd Baskerville** was born and raised in the Rhondda Valley in south Wales but my grandparents had moved to the Rhondda from north Cardiganshire, south Merionethshire and Montgomeryshire. My maternal grandparents lived with us and my father's parents just a mile away, and some of their brothers also lived locally. My maternal grandmother was a born family historian and I grew up 'knowing my roots'. I spent all my holidays in Cardiganshire, at the little cottage where my grandmother was born, and with my grandfather's brother and sister in a village about half a mile from where I now live. I naturally gravitated to history as a subject and have a joint degree in Welsh and Welsh history from Aberystwyth University, but I also studied world history at Glamorgan Training College after leaving school. I joined the staff of The National Library of Wales in 1981 as a cataloguer in the Department of Printed Books and after a three-year break, returned there in 1987 as a cataloguer in the Department of Manuscripts and Records. I eventually rose to Assistant Archivist (only the Head of the department was entitled Archivist) and Head of Reader Services, which entailed dealing with many genealogical enquiries, publishing articles and giving talks on topics of genealogical and local history. When the Library was re-organized in 2001, I became the editorial officer, in charge

of seeing the Library's publications through the press, and although I retired in 2004 I still undertake some of that work on behalf of the Library. I am married with two grown up children and a three-year old grandson.

**F Family History Resources at the Welsh National Archives (Virtual)**

**Garv Dickson, O.C.** was appointed Saskatchewan's first full-time Information and Privacy Commissioner effective November 1, 2003. Born in Alberta, He is a graduate of the University of Alberta. He practiced law in Calgary and was elected as the M.L.A. for Calgary Buffalo in a 1992 by-election and was re-elected in 1993 and 1997. He has spoken and written extensively on access, privacy and health information issues including stints as a columnist for the *Calgary Herald* and as human rights columnist for *LawNow*. He was a sessional lecturer on human rights for the University of Calgary and received both the Alberta Human Rights Award from the Human Rights and Citizenship Commission and the Civil Liberties Award from the Alberta Civil Liberties Association.

**A Privacy Law and Genealogists**

**Dr. Ann Grahame** is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. She practiced medicine in England and Scotland before emigrating to Canada in 1977; she spent two years in rural practice in Midale, SK. before moving to Regina in 1979 where she had a dermatology practice until retiring in 2003. She has an abiding interest in medical history and while at university won the Biological Association's junior prize for a paper, *Medicine in Shakespeare*.

**H What Ailed Them**

**Laura M. Hanowski** (Regina, SK) - during the years that Laura served as librarian for the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society she learned about many genealogical resources by helping people search for their ancestors. This knowledge was passed on through classes that were taught to beginning and more advanced researchers. She worked with the graduates of the first researcher classes to produce the books *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors* and *Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces*. Since retiring Laura has continued to conduct the Aboriginal searches for SGS and presented workshops on Aboriginal research for the local library and at the *Archives and You* Conference in 2008.

**L Tracing Aboriginal Ancestors**

**J Using Genealogical Sources to Trace Relatives to the Present Day**

**The Ask the Expert session** will be an informal session which will give attendees the opportunity to meet face-to-face with experts in various fields of research. Tables will be scattered throughout the foyer allowing people to move from one station to the other to ask their questions - sometimes it will be one on one with the experts, at times there will be two or more people listening and asking questions. All of the experts have spent considerable time working in their particular fields and will bring a deep understanding and knowledge of their particular area.

## Registration Form

(One form per registrant; please copy as needed.)

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Given Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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### NOTE:

**Registration fee includes** a copy of the Syllabus and one free course through National Institute of Genealogical Studies (Value \$89) – coupon will be enclosed in package.

**Early Bird Registration:** \$85.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(postmarked on or before March 15, 2009)

**Regular Registration:** \$100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(postmarked after March 15, 2009)

**Extra Syllabus:** \_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(A bound copy of printed materials submitted by speakers will be included with registration. Extra copies will be available at a cost of \$10.00 but should be ordered with registration, as copies will be in limited supply at the Seminar.)

**Friday Lunch** \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Saturday Lunch** \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Saturday Banquet** \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sunday Breakfast** \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Banquet tickets** \_\_ @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Additional tickets may be requested and paid for, but we cannot guarantee additional space. In the event that no space is available the fee paid for additional banquet tickets will be refunded at registration.)

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** All SGS events are smoke free and scent free.

## Cancellation and Refund Policy

Refunds will be granted for requests received in writing. Requests postmarked no later than March 28, 2009 will be refunded in full and any received after that will be charged a 15% administrative fee.

## Select Your Workshops

### Friday April 24, 2009

3:30 - 4:30 pm A) \_\_\_\_\_ B) \_\_\_\_\_ C) \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday April 25, 2009

9:45 - 10:45 am D) \_\_\_\_\_ E) \_\_\_\_\_ F) \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 - 12:00 pm G) \_\_\_\_\_ H) \_\_\_\_\_ I) \_\_\_\_\_

### Sunday April 26, 2009

10:15 - 11:15 am J) \_\_\_\_\_ K) \_\_\_\_\_

It is important that you rank your preferences. Use the session letter A, B, C etc. If your first choice no longer has room you will be assigned to your second choice or third if necessary.

## Accommodations

Accommodations are not included in your registration. It is your responsibility to make your own arrangements.

**Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre** - 1818 Victoria Ave.  
[www.ramada.ca](http://www.ramada.ca) 1-800-667-6500  
(A block of rooms have been booked - \$104.00 plus tax per night)

**Regina Inn** - 1975 Broad Street  
[www.reginainn.com](http://www.reginainn.com) 1-800-667-8162

**Wingate By Wyndham Regina** - 1700 Broad Street  
[www.wingatebywyndhamregina.com](http://www.wingatebywyndhamregina.com) 1-877-613-7666

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites** - 1907 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
[www.hiexpress.com/reginask](http://www.hiexpress.com/reginask) 1-877-660-8550

**Quality Hotel - Regina** - 1717 Victoria Ave.  
[www.aualityregina.com](http://www.aualityregina.com) 1-888-569-1717

**Hotel Saskatchewan-Radisson Plaza** - 2125 Victoria Ave.  
[www.hotelsask.com](http://www.hotelsask.com) 1-800-333-3333

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