Willard Thompson, Award-winning Author, to Speak

When: Saturday, January 23, 2010  
Time: 9:30 - 12:00 Noon  
Speaker: Willard Thompson  
Where: First Presbyterian Church, State & Constance  

Reminder: the January meeting is on the 4th Saturday this month! Don't forget!

Come and meet Willard Thompson, award winning author, lecturer, and historian who will present "Clash of Cultures," an illustrated lecture on the Chumash Indians and the Santa Barbara Mission at our regular meeting on Saturday, January 23, 2010.

The lecture is based in part on the detailed research Thompson did for his award-winning historical fiction novel Dream Helper which explores the interplay between the Spanish settlers, soldiers, and Chumash Indians as all come to grips with the changing face of coastal Santa Barbara.

Thompson regularly writes, produces, and presents multi-media shows on historic subjects to civic and social groups. He is a Board of Trustees member at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and currently chairman of the Museum Council at the Santa Barbara Historical Museum. In addition to historical literary fiction, Thompson also writes non-fiction. Thompson’s article Montecito Adobes and the Settlers who Built Them was published by the Santa Barbara Historical Museum in April 2009. He lives with his wife in Montecito, California.

Come learn more about the clash of cultures at our January meeting!

Willard Thompson’s historical fiction novel, Dream Helper, will be available for sale at the meeting on January 23.

Willard Thompson

Please join us on January 23 at the First Presbyterian Church, 21 E. Constance at State Street. There is ample free parking in the church’s lot and the facility is handicapped accessible. The general meeting begins at 10:30. Come at 9:30 for special interest groups, coffee and treats.

At the Meeting: Special Interest Groups

You are welcome to the open specialty groups that meet prior to the general meeting.

9:30 AM Computer Genealogy Interest Group meets under the leadership of Merna McClenathen.

9:30 AM Beginning Genealogy Group meets under the leadership of Arlene Doty.

9:30 AM DNA Group is for those interested in DNA as a genealogical tool. Look for the DNA sign.

9:30 AM German Ancestry Group meets under the leadership of Cari Thomas. Call Cari, 965-5523, for details.

Calendar

Board Meeting  
Friday, January 22, 8:30 a.m., at the Sahyun Library

January General Meeting  
January 23, 2010; please note this on your calendars since it is a change from the regular schedule.

Family TreeMaker Class  
The Beginning 2010 FTM Class will start on February 10 and continue for 3 weeks. Plan to start with the very basics and continue from there. Contact Jim Friestad for more information: ronjim@cox.net

Annual Seminar: March 6 - - See Flyer in this Tree Tips  
All-day seminar will feature 2 tracks of family history research topics — for beginners to seasoned researchers!
Half and Half Book Buy Program


Records of 1st & 2nd Churches of Berwick, ME., by Anderson.

These church records contain more baptisms than number of births recorded in the “spotty” VR’s of town. Most are infant baptisms since these are Congregational churches. Cost: $32; 1/2 cost: $16. Needed: $16.00.


Members pay 1/2 – Book Fund pays 1/2.

Please send contributions to:
SBCGS, c/o Louise Matz,
P.O. Box 6103, SB 93160

Suggestions welcomed!
Email: Lmgen2@cox.net

SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HALF & HALF BOOK BUY PROGRAM!

Rosalie Bean Deborah Winant Elaine Jewell
Art Sylvester Dinah Mason

Two books given in memory of Ruth Swanson
by Nancy Snyder and Janice Cloud

From the President’s Desk

A hearty Happy New Year to you! 2010, Two Thousand Ten, Twenty Ten – no matter what you call it, it is a new time and one that I hardly contemplated even 10 years ago. Remember Y2K and all the hoopla about it and how some people believed that it would be the end? And now we’re 10 years past that one.

The beginning of a new year is a time to give thanks for blessings of the past year. As rough as 2009 was for many people, it was a good year for the Society. Our membership increased to 540, we kicked off our Campaign to expand the Sahyun Library, and we enjoyed a very full year of activities, especially and including celebration of Family History Month in October. Thanks once again to everyone who contributed their time and talents to these efforts and activities and for the support given to me and to all of the Society’s officers and volunteers.

As appreciative as I am for the past year, however, I am really giddy about prospects for 2010. Not only does our annual Seminar promise to rival even last year’s wonderfully successful Irish Seminar, but also the lineup for our monthly programs contains some splendid speakers that really raise the bar.

But perhaps the most exciting thing to contemplate in 2010: Is this at last the year we’ve been awaiting? Is this the year we begin construction of the addition to the Sahyun Library? Indeed we have successfully moved the cherry tree, we have submitted the building plans to the City for final approval, and we have raised nearly three-quarters of the construction costs.

The support Society members has given and pledged to the Campaign in 2009 has been very generous; we look for that to continue this year. Additionally we are beginning to receive support from some of the local foundations, so the prospects for construction in this year are truly propitious.

Thus I invite you to look forward with me to an exciting and challenging 2010, and also with me, wish for it to be more peaceful and prosperous than its predecessor.

Arthur Gibbs Sylvester, President

Leave a Legacy!

Please keep the Society in mind when considering planned gifts. Planned giving can take many forms, including providing life income and tax advantages to the benefactor. Board member and attorney John Woodward has offered to consult on a confidential, free-of-charge basis with any Society member who would like to explore the options. Call John at 805-963-2330.
Be a Blogger — Contribute to the SBCGS Blog

Fast-Track Blogging in 3 Easy Steps

We are looking for bloggers to contribute a blog or two to our SBCGS Blog. You don’t need to know anything about formatting, special computer languages, or mysterious plugins — we’ll worry about that. We just want your creative and interesting ideas!

Step 1
Write 4 or 5 paragraphs on any topic of interest to genealogists.
• an event or how to plan a family reunion
• a surprising find
• an old photo just discovered
• handy hints and tips
• an unusual document
• a “how to” for research

Step 2
Attach 2 – 5 photos pertaining to the text that you wrote (jpeg format)

Step 3
E-mail the text and the photos to fjordhest@cox.net

You’re done — and we thank you!!

Got Talent? And a little time?
Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society needs you!

The Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society is an all-volunteer organization. Fortunately we have many talented individuals in our midst, but we’re always looking for more good men and women to join in the fun.

Volunteering a little of your time, especially in an area where you have some expertise, offers you the chance to contribute to the Genealogical Society’s efforts to help Santa Barbara County residents explore their family history, and the rewarding opportunity to swap stories with fellow genealogists who always have a ready ear for your brick wall smashing news!

Consider the society’s current and upcoming needs and contact Mary E Hall, Interim Volunteer Coordinator, at mehall2@cox.net and let her know how you can help:

Current Needs (Right now!)
• Publicity and Public relations – Help get the word out about the Society!
• Library staffing (training available) – Learn the insides of the Sahyun Library!
• Spring Seminar assistance – Registration, Publicity, Logistics, Refreshments
• Finance Overview Committee – Assures our finance practices are tip-top!
• Projects Committee – Complete and make available SB genealogy-related projects
• Volunteer Activities – Help the society keep our services and projects going
• Meeting Greeters and New Member Advisors

Upcoming Needs
• Membership Chair - Elected, board position
• Finance Officer - Elected, board position
• Sales Table, New Items
• Treasurer

For Information, Call:
President: Arthur Sylvester, 967-1742
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Cari Thomas, 963-5523
Sales Table: Emily Aasted, 687-6097
Vice President, Programs: Marie Sue Parsons, 964-9176
Tree Tips: fjordhest@cox.net; Deadline: 3rd Sat. of the month

Membership
Below are our newest members:
Kitty Boeddeker
Santa Barbara, CA
Linda Hughes
Santa Barbara, CA
Cathy Jordan
Santa Barbara, CA
Robert Lynn
Goleta, CA
Gary Matz
Santa Barbara, CA
Renewing at higher levels are:
Patron ($150)
Robert E. Bason
New Life Member:
Louise Matz

Keep in Touch
SB County Genealogical Society Web Page: www.sbgen.org
SBCGS Blog
http://sbcgs.blogspot.com/
Library e-mail address: sbcg@msn.com

March 6    Save the Date    SBCGS Annual Seminar    March 6
Adult Ed Winter Term Begins January 19

Family History Research:
Beginning to Intermediate
Solve the mystery of your family history. If you are just starting or returning to your genealogical research, this hands-on class will help you. Explore census, vital records; examine military, naturalization and arrival documents. Sharpen internet searching skills and learn research strategies. Limit 45. Co-sponsor: Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society.
Louise Matz / Tuesday 5:15pm - 7:15pm
Jan 19 / Wake Center, Rm 26, 8 wks

Family History Research:
Intermediate/Advanced
Beyond the basics—the search continues. Learn of additional sources that may provide more details of your ancestors or help unravel those vexing problems that stump us all at some point. Problem-solving methodology will be emphasized. Limit 70. Co-sponsor: Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society.
Janice Cloud / Wednesday 10am - 12pm
Jan 20 / Wake Center, Rm 26, 10 wks

Researching Your English Family Roots
Explore your English roots. Learn how to use civil registration, census parish registers, and probate records to bring those English ancestors back to life. Begin your search with major English collections in the U.S. and examine research and problem-solving techniques. Limit 30. This class is co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society.
Janice Cloud / Monday 10am - 12pm
Jan 25 / Santa Barbara Genealogical Society, Sahyun Library, 9 wks

Register online at http://www.sbcc.edu/AdultEd

Library Hours

• SBCGS Sahyun Library Hours
  316 Castillo Street
  Phone: 805-884-9909
  Sunday: 1–4 PM
  Tuesday: 10 AM–3 PM
  Thursday: 10 AM–3 PM
  Friday: 10 AM–3 PM

• LDS Library Hours
  2107 Santa Barbara St.
  Phone: 805-682-2092
  Wednesday: 10 AM–6 PM
  Thursday: 10 AM–6 PM
  Friday: 9 AM–3 PM
  Saturday: 9 AM–12 Noon

Special Interest Groups

The Santa Barbara Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution Contact George Frankes (964-6688) for information.

Civil War Research
Contact Bob Duncan at 684-5640 or nacnud34@cox.net.

Cornish Interest Group
Call 687-8257 or 687-5403 for more information.

American Scandinavian Foundation
Contact Evelyne Houdek for more information (Evelyne Houdek, 684-7736, or gghoudek@aol.com)