



# THE BULLETIN

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## President's Message

I don't need to remind any of you how quickly time goes by. It seems like just yesterday we were taking part in the Genealogy Fair at the Family History Center, but my calendar reminds me that it was truly held on Oct. 24, over two months ago. The reason I guess it is still so fresh in my mind is that it was such a well-organized and well attended event, which resulted in the society gaining six new members.

If you are one of those six new members, reading *The Bulletin* for the first time, we welcome you and encourage you to attend our meetings. If you have suggestions or program ideas to share, we welcome those, too.

Speaking of ideas, we have Travis to thank for the idea which resulted in the "Leslie Project" pulled together by Nancy Miller, Raylene Junkins and Sue Kissel, followed by an article in the *Daily Courier* about the project by Bruce Colbert which sparked peoples' interest in genealogy and their resulting attendance at the fair. Of course, front page coverage by Bruce "above the fold" didn't hurt either. So much has already been mentioned about this project, I will only add our thanks for a superb job and also pass along our thanks to those long-suffering spouses who may have missed a gourmet meal or two during the research and writing process.

There were so many folks that contributed each in their own way that day - Leslie Parsons for signage; greeters Sue Prueter and Darcy Walker; Carma Koester and Sandra Hiatt of the Family History Center (FHC) for snacks and water; Dick Hiatt and his team at the FHC for set-up and take down, and all the participants who manned tables and computers - our thanks go out to you.

At our board meeting on Nov. 18, we brought up a few wrinkles to smooth out the next time we have a fair, but overall, everyone was thrilled with a successful day.

Another accomplishment during the fall season was the reshelving of the genealogy collection at the Prescott Valley Library before their grand re-opening. Pat Potter put her Librarian skills to good use and got the gang organized. The job was quickly taken care of by Pat, Virginia Grundvig, Doris and Frank Egge, Jac Morse, Ernie Wiegleb and myself. Thank you all for your time and help. If you haven't seen the new library, do put that on your To-Do list or maybe offer to be a volunteer in the genealogy room once in a while. Virginia Grundvig is coordinator of that schedule (<mailto:chichicoivig@q.com>)

Next we say thank you to Sandee Hanahan for coordinating another delicious Christmas Luncheon held on Dec. 12 at the Stoneridge Country Club and, again, thank you to Sue and Darcy for the delightful decorations and sweet treats placed on our tables. The day was highlighted with your fascinating Show & Tell stories. Thank you all for coming to the luncheon and taking the time to prepare your stories.

Have you made a New Year's resolution yet? Notice I kept that in the singular. No sense being too ambitious and setting ourselves up for failure. Mine is to track down probate records for my major players. You might want to plan a trip to a new-to-you research facility, or contact someone you've never met before who shares your maternal or fraternal ancestral line, or track down a male relative for a DNA study. Whatever your resolution, may you meet with success in 2010.

Happy Researching,

Marilyn Day



## THIS 'N THAT

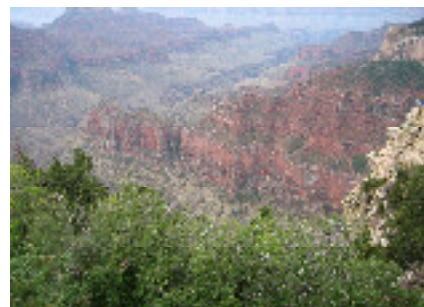
**PLUG—(Prescott Legacy Users Group)** with Nancy Miller as coordinator, meets the first Tuesday of the month at the FHC. In addition Nancy is available at the FHC on other Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm to assist with any issues you may have with your Legacy program. Bring your Legacy program backup on a 'flash drive' for Nancy to review and make corrections immediately. You can't beat that service!

**NAGS** relies on donations for our monthly meeting door prizes. We like to give out 2 per meeting but the cupboard is bare! Please consider donating any genealogical items—books, CDs, etc. Contact Sue Prueter, [bprueter@cableone.net](mailto:bprueter@cableone.net)

**LESLIE PROJECT**—The Daily Courier newspaper article on the genealogy research project of Leslie Womack's ancestors, undertaken by NAGS members, appears on our website at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~aznags/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~aznags/). If you didn't see Bruce Colbert's article in the newspaper's October 17, 2009 issue, here's your chance to see the photo of Leslie's great-grandmother along with the research methods used by Raylene Junkins, Sue Kissel and Nancy Miller. The research involved six weeks of extensive searching by these three members and we extend to them our heartfelt thanks for making our Society look good along with educating the public on the rewards of locating ones ancestors.

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**—An annual copy of NAGS Membership Roster is available to all members upon request to the Membership Chair, Leslie Parsons, at [parsonsl@cableone.net](mailto:parsonsl@cableone.net) or call (928) 858-6024 (use the area code).

**WHEN YOUR SPIRIT CRIES OUT FOR PEACE, COME TO A  
WORLD OF CANYONS, DEEP IN AN OLD LAND, FEEL THE  
EXULTATION OF HIGH PLATEAUS, THE STRENGTH OF  
MOVING WATERS, THE SIMPLICITY OF SAND AND  
GRASS, THE SILENCE OF GROWTH. AUGUST FRUGE`**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 22-23**...Family History Expo 2010, Mesa Convention Center, 263 N. Center Street, Mesa  
[www.FHExpo.com](http://www.FHExpo.com). There's an abundance of classes and activities to choose from.

**January 30**....Date changed to the 5th Saturday for this month only. Field Trip to Yavapai College Library  
for a tour and update of their Genealogy Section — meet at the College Library at 1:45 pm

**February 27** ...Aaronetta Edmonds, Researching Slave Ancestors

**March 27**.. Mark Lowe , Presentation in a Go-To-Meeting Format (video)

**April 24**... Raylene Junkins, Pre-1850 Census—What Do Those Hash Marks Mean?

**May 22** ...Election of Officers.

**Please support YOUR Society — come to meetings, volunteer, participate!**



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

***PAT POTTER***

**CEMETERY CHAIR**

Pat Potter is an Arizona native, born and raised in Flagstaff. She has a BS in Education from Arizona State and a Masters in English plus an Administrators Certificate from Northern Arizona University. She worked in the Camp Verde schools for 13 years, was Librarian at Prescott High for 13 years, and Assistant Superintendent of Humboldt schools from 1981 to 1988.

Pat married P.C. (Pierce Carter) Potter in 1973. He worked for the Arizona Highway Department and they retired within six months of each other. She's been a member of the Arizona Women's Bowling Association for more years than she cares to claim. She was on the Arizona State Bowling Board for three years and has been an officer at the local level for many years.

After retiring Pat joined NAGS. She served a three year term on the Board at Sharlot Hall Museum. In the early 90's Sue Kissel, Raylene Junkins and she took over the cemetery project that had been started in the mid 1980's. They worked for almost three years in the Verde Valley as they felt the project needed to encompass the entire county. With the advent of the Internet, their project became much easier. Pat said that what started as a cemetery project has become much more than that. With the advent of cremations and with remains being shipped to other locations, it really isn't a cemetery project any longer.

Dora Whiteside and Wanza Grisson conducted the initial survey of the Citizen's Cemetery on behalf of the Northern Arizona Genealogy Society. This was followed with a county survey by a committee chaired by Abby Retzinger. Initially the survey was only in the southern part of the county, but when Sue Kissel, Raylene Junkins and Pat took on the project it was expanded to the entire county. They spent much time in the Verde Valley compiling the deaths and burial from the early days of northern Yavapai County to the present time.

From the beginning Sharlot Hall Museum Archives has been the central repository for the findings. The first results were printed in individual cemetery books. With the assistance of two expert computer programmers, the data that had been collected was converted to a more user-friendly format and uploaded to the website at Sharlot Hall Museum Archives. Pat Atcheson and her late husband, John, joined the group by adding the Citizen's Cemetery online.

Variations have been added to the original program. Not only does it include people who died in and are buried in Yavapai County, but it includes people who died out of the county or state and are buried here. Also included are those who died here and were shipped to other locations and those for whom NO PLACE of burial was given.

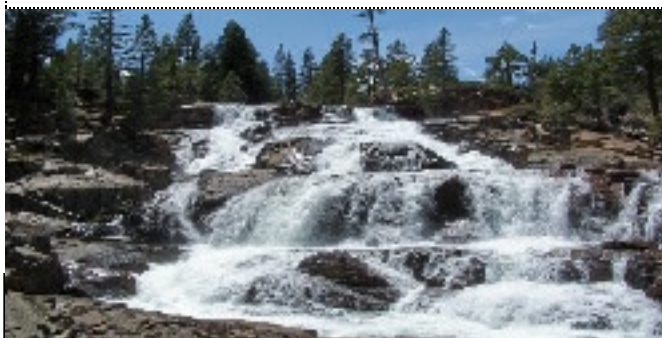
The tradition that was begun by Mrs. Whiteside and Mrs. Grisson is a project that is continually being added to, so if your ancestor or family member isn't listed you should check back often.

The committee has added approximately 21,000 entries in the past 7 years. At the present time there are about 53,000 entries online at Sharlot Hall Museum Archives. Website is: [www.sharlot.org](http://www.sharlot.org) , click on the **archives**, then select **genealogy** and then **cemeteries**.

**PRESCOTT VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Hours:** Mon—Thurs 9:00 am to 8:00 pm;  
 Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat 9:00 am to 3:00 pm;  
 Closed Sunday

Our Genealogy Library contains books on “how-to”, finding aids, migration patterns, lineage societies, military and pension records, family histories, local and state histories as well as foreign countries. Stop by to check out the new Genealogy Room located in the southeast corner on the second floor, you’ll enjoy the view.

**ANNUAL NAGS MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is January 1— December 31.  
Membership forms are on our website

**Dues: Individual \$15.00 Family \$25.00**

Please don't forget that 2010 Society dues should be paid no later than 31 January 2010.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Leslie Womack, David Miller, William Quinn,  
 Leah Herring, Mary & Norman Sherer, Linn  
 Sampson, Judy & Charles Cobos

**Disclaimer**—we freely admit to lovingly ‘lifting’ some of the filler items from other publications, newsletters, the Internet and miscellaneous sources. For that reason, some of the material contained herein cannot be verified and we apologize for any misinformation.

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