

## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF GENEALOGY RESEARCH

### Medicine Hat & District Genealogical Society Conference At Medalta Potteries in the Historic Clay District, Medicine Hat, Alberta

#### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Presentations will start on time

Date	Time	Presenter	Session	
Friday, October 12, 2018	Afternoon	Optional – must pre-register Optional – must pre-book	Pre-conference tour of Archives at Esplanade (must pre-register) Personal appointments with Diahhan Southard (must pre-book)	See pre-conference tours and appointment information
	6:00 pm		Registration Desk Opens	
	6:00 - 7:00		Registration with Wine and Cheese Reception	
	7:00 – 7:15		Conference Welcome	
	7:15 – 8:15	Gena Philibert-Ortega	Her Name was Not <i>Unknown</i> : Finding Female Ancestors	“What’s her maiden name?” “What happened to her after her husband died?” “How do I start researching my great-grandmother?” We’ve all felt the disappointment of seeing the word “unknown” to describe a female ancestor’s name. How do we go from “unknown” to finding a name? This presentation will explain techniques, methodology, and resources vital to family history research. Enhance your research skills using a 5-step approach to researching (and finding) female ancestors.
	8:15 -9:30 pm		Folk Music Entertainment Wine and Cheese	Time for networking and viewing vendor booths
Saturday, October 13, 2018	9:00 – 10:00 am	Diahhan Southard	Three powerful ways to find your Best Matches	Not all of the thousands of matches on your DNA match list are important. Learn how to leverage your admixture results, the reports from your testing company, and the Shared Matches tool to slim down your match list into a more manageable, and useful number.
	10:00 – 10:15		<b>Break – Door prize draw</b>	
	10:15 – 11:15	Gena Philibert-Ortega	Using the Family Search Catalog	It’s the most important genealogy tool you should be using but do you know all the features of the FamilySearch Catalog? Learn more about ways to search, search terms, and other catalogs that help you find Family History Library materials outside of Salt Lake City.
	11:15 -11:30		<b>Break – Door prize draw</b>	

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	11:30 – 12:30	Diahan Southard	Organizing Your DNA results	Now that you have pages of matches and gobs of new information, how do you keep track of it all? We will spend time going over how to create and track correspondence, organization tools within each testing company, as well as strategies for tracking the genealogy information of your matches, including surnames, locations, and genetic relationships. You are bound to walk out of this lecture with a game plan that you can implement right away.
	12:30 -1:30		<b>LUNCH</b>	
	1:30 – 2:30	Diahan Southard	Making YDNA and mtDNA Part of Your Family History	YDNA and mtDNA are often overlooked in this autosomal-centered industry. Come learn how both of these tests can enliven your family history work.
	2:30 -2:45		<b>Break – Door prize draw</b>	
	2:45 – 3:45	Gena Philibert-Ortega	5 Steps to Better Newspaper Research	How do you reach your ancestor in the newspaper? Coming up empty handed? Do you know there's more out there but you can't find it? Learn the 5 steps to better newspaper research that will enhance your searches and help you find what you need.
	3:45 – 4:00		<b>Break – Door prize draw</b>	
	4:00 – 5:00	Diahan Southard	Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda: A Look at Ethics in Genetic Genealogy	While DNA testing isn't the only way of discovering a family secret, it certainly is efficient. As the genetic genealogy databases swell with individuals searching for their relatives, both distant and immediate, you are bound to find yourself in some kind of quandary about what to do next. We will explore the options surrounding what you should do, identify what you can do, and generate some ideas on what you might want to do next.
Sunday, October 14	9:00 – 10:00	Gena Philibert-Ortega	Finding Your Genealogy in Digitized Books	We are so lucky to be living in today's world where we have access to so many digitized books online. In this presentation learn about what types of books exist online, how to access them, and how you can search for them. Websites discussed will include Google Books, Hathi Trust, and Internet Archive.
	10:00- 10:15		<b>Break – Door prize draw</b>	
	10:15 – 11:15	Gena Philibert-Ortega	That's New to Me: Unfamiliar Websites for Your Genealogy	It's hard to keep up with all the different websites that can help you with your family history but there's a few core ones that are crucial to your research. In this

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				presentation we will explore such websites as WorldCat, ArchiveGrid, and the Digital Public Library of America.
	11:15 – 11:30		Conference Wrap-Up	
	Noon – 3:00		Optional - Drop-in at Medicine Hat & District Genealogical Society Resource Library	Address: 765 12 <sup>th</sup> Street SE in the Medicine Hat Monumental Building – use front door