

Harvest Your Family Tree

Genealogical Conference & Marketplace 2016



Friday, Sept. 23, 2016
KDGS Open House Free
Genealogy Reference Help
5 Workshops (add-on fee)
Evening Reception
Meet the Speakers!
OK. College Centre for Learning
(pre-registration only)

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016
Historic Walking Tour (free)

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016
28 Concurrent Workshops
Genealogical Marketplace
Okanagan College Campus,
Centre for Learning
1000 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC

Bigger, Better and More Exciting than Ever!

Plus All the Great Features You have come to Expect!

Workshops for Beginners, Cutting Edge Technology, Latest Online Databases, Brickwall Techniques, Digging into Your Ancestral Places and so much more...

Ten Inspiring Speakers: Visit www.kdgs.ca for complete bios and photos!

Jamie Brown, Information Services Technician, Family History, [Surrey Library's Cloverdale Branch](#) (Surrey, BC)

Audrey Collins, Family History Records Specialist at [The National Archives](#) (England)

Lisa Louise Cooke, Producer and Host of the Genealogy Gems podcast, at [GenealogyGems.com](#) (Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX)

Andrea Lister, Founder of [Absolutely Literate](#), Genealogist and Communications Expert (Chilliwack, BC)

Raymon Naisbitt, [FamilySearch](#) and Discovery Centers Supervisor (Salt Lake City, UT)

Dave Obee, One of Canada's leading Genealogists, Founder of [CanGenealogy.com](#) and Author (Victoria, BC)

Mary Kircher Roddy, [Professional Genealogist](#), Writer and Lecturer (Seattle, WA)

M. Diane Rogers, [Professional Genealogist](#), Blogger, Editor of the BC Genealogical Society Journal (Burnaby, BC)

Xenia Stanford, [Professional Genealogist](#), Award-winning Writer and Editor (Kelowna, BC)

Nicole Watier, Genealogy Consultant at [Library & Archives Canada](#) (Ottawa, ON)

Find Out More...

E-mail: Conference@kdgs.ca

Phone: Marie Ablett; (250) 763-7159 (Registration Coordinator)

Register & Pay Online plus get More Information at:

www.kdgs.ca

The Kelowna & District Genealogical Society was founded in 1984. We offer our members a forum for genealogical research support and education and maintain a large and growing library. The KDGS is a registered Charitable Society.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE, SEPT. 24....

Location: Okanagan College, 1000 KLO Road, Kelowna, BC
(Free parking in adjacent lots)

8:00—8:45 REGISTRATON; MARKETPLACE OPENS

8:45—9:00 CONFERENCE 2016 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

See Full Topic Descriptions at: www.kdgs.ca

Suggested Topic Levels:

Beginner (B), Intermediate (I), Advanced (A)

9:00—10:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (Choose One):

1. Dave Obee, *Genealogy 101—For Beginners*: Primer in the basics of family history research with Canada's leading genealogist; Level B

2. Audrey Collins, *The War of 1812 from the British Side*: Learn about the many records in The National Archives on the people, prisoners and background of this war which was partly fought on Canadian soil; Level I-A

3. Lisa Louise Cooke, *Mobile Genealogy: How to Use Your Tablet and Smartphone for Family History Research*: Harness the power of your mobile devices for genealogy; Level All

4. Raymon Naisbitt, *Finding Irish Records Online*: There are more websites available now than ever before for doing Irish research online. Learn how to access and use digital records for tracing your Irish ancestors; Level B-I

5. Nicole Watier, *Genealogy at Library and Archives Canada*: Explore the LAC website from the most popular genealogy topics to lesser-known sources. Recently launched databases and exciting plans will be highlighted; Level All

6. Jamie Brown, *Family History on the Cheap*: Getting the best "bang for your buck" when using fee-based websites plus learn about what can be found absolutely free; Level All

7. Mary K. Roddy, *Using Spreadsheets in Genealogical Research*: Analyze your data and track your research with MS Excel (must have basic Excel knowledge); Level I-A

10:15—10:45 REFRESHMENT BREAK; Marketplace Open

10:45—12:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (Choose One):

8. Dave Obee, *Western Canada by Rail*: Railways brought settlers, spawned colonization schemes and affected livelihoods in Canada's four western provinces; Level All

9. Audrey Collins, *Getting the Most out of Discovery, The National Archive's (TNA—England) Powerful Catalogue*: Learn how to find and access TNA's resources and beyond; Level All

10. Lisa Louise Cooke, *Google Tools and Procedures for Solving Family History Mysteries*: Learn about the latest on Google plus some cool case studies of genealogical success using Lisa's Google methodology; Level All

11. Raymon Naisbitt, *The Big 4 Record Types for Irish Research*: Civil Registration, census, church and land records are among the most accessible for Irish researchers and may give a great amount of information connecting Irish families; Level B-I

12. Andrea Lister, *Ancestry's Drouin Collection Search Tips and Gems*: This Collection of over 25 million French-Canadian and English records from 1621-1967 includes multiple religious denominations across 4 provinces & New England states; Level All

13. Jamie Brown, *Cloverdale Library Family History Jewels*: Those rare jewels that enrich your family tree are often found where you may not have thought to look, like the special genealogy collection at Cloverdale Library; Level All

14. M. Diane Rogers, *Social Networking 101 for Family History*: Be a successful 'social genealogist' right from home: on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and more. Learn the basics of genealogy and family history social networking; Level All

12:00—1:30 LUNCH (on own) - MARKETPLACE OPEN!

PICK UP YOUR PRE-ORDERED BAGGED LUNCH

1:30—2:45 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (Choose One):

15. Dave Obee, *Decoding the Dash: Build the Stories of Their Lives*: Between the birth and death dates, who were your ancestors?; Level I-A

16. Audrey Collins, *There and Back Again: Going Away Doesn't Mean Staying Away*: Immigration wasn't always a one-way process—your stay-at-home ancestors may have been more well-travelled than you thought; Level I-A

17. Lisa Louise Cooke, *5 Ways to Enhance Your Genealogy Research with Old Maps*: Find historic maps and learn how to create your own map collection plus innovative ways to incorporate them into your family history; Level I-A

18. Raymon Naisbitt, *Navigating FamilySearch.org*: With so much information available on Familysearch.org learn how to navigate the site effectively. Browse the tabs, access Family Tree, FamilySearch Wiki, Learning Center and more; Level B-I

19. Nicole Watier, *Lest We Forget: First and Second World War Records*: WW I & II service records, how to access them, what is available online. Other valuable sources will be examined such as War Diaries, histories and more; Level I-A

20. Andrea Lister, *The Lady in the Search*: Strategies and resources for learning more about the women in your family history; Level All

21. Mary K. Roddy, *More than Just Databases*: Dig deep into subscription and free websites to harness an ocean of free expert advice; Level B-I

2:45—3:15 REFRESHMENT BREAK; MARKETPLACE OPEN!

3:15—4:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS (Choose One):

22. Dave Obee, *Crowdsourcing Your Family Research*: Draw from the work of other people over the centuries—the Internet makes it easier than ever to look beyond genealogical sources; Level I-A

23. Audrey Collins, *The 1939 Register*: This newly released "census" holds information on every resident of England & Wales on the eve of WW II; Level I-A

24. Lisa Louise Cooke, *How to Save Your Research from Destruction & Ensure its Future Survival*: Don't let your lifetime of genealogical research end up in the recycling bin! Level All

25. Raymon Naisbitt, *Using Digital Records on FamilySearch*: Familysearch.org's digital records collection is growing at an astounding pace! Learn about all the free digital records available and how to access them; Level All

26. Nicole Watier, *How to Successfully Search Canadian Census Records*: From 1666 to the most recently opened census in 1921, learn where to find these records, as well as some of their particularities. Alternative sources will also be examined, - useful if you can't find your ancestor where they are supposed to be; Level B-I

27. Mary K. Roddy, *A Nose for the News—Sniffing Out Stories in Newspapers*: Useful tips for searching in old newspapers with real-life examples; Level All

28. M. Diane Rogers, *Genetic Genealogy: Now it's for Everyone!*: How to choose a DNA test and how these can benefit your own genealogy research; Level B-I

3:30—5:00 MARKETPLACE OPEN TO PUBLIC (\$2)

4:30—4:45 LAST CHANCE FOR RAFFLE TICKETS, GET YOUR COMPLETED EVALUATION FORM IN THE DRAW-BOX TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GREAT PRIZE!

4:50pm RAFFLE DRAWS! GOOD LUCK! All proceeds go towards KDGS projects and programs

5:00 MARKETPLACE CLOSÉS—SAFE TRAVELS HOME!



FRIDAY EVENTS, SEPTEMBER 23....

The KDGS Family & Local History Resource Centre is hosting a "Genealogists' Open House & Workshops" (located in the Kelowna Branch of the Okanagan Regional Library, 1380 Ellis Street, second floor)

12pm—4pm: Research your family using the excellent resources in the KDGS Family & Local History Resource Centre and the ORL; get free one-on-one help provided by KDGS Genealogists in Residence

Pre-register for the following workshops at \$18 each (see KDGS website for Friday Workshop Descriptions www.kdgs.ca)

(a., c., d. held in the main floor Meeting Room):

- a. 12:30—1:30pm: *Finding Ancestral Places of Origin in Eastern Europe* with Xenia Stanford
- b. 12:30—1:30pm: *Microsoft Word for Family Historians* with Andrea Lister; 2nd Floor Computer Lab, seating limited
- c. 1:45—2:45pm: *Using Timelines to Understand your Ancestors* with Mary K. Roddy
- d. 3:00—4:00pm: *Discover Your Family History with Ancestry Library Edition* with Jamie Brown
- e. 3:00—4:00pm: *PowerPoint to Tell Your Story* with Andrea Lister; 2nd Floor Computer Lab, seating limited



Friday Evening Reception, Displays & Meet the Speakers Panel (must pre-register)

7:00pm—9:30pm: Centre for Learning Atrium, Okanagan College, 1000 KLO Road; enjoy our family history displays!

Cost: \$15

Go to www.kdgs.ca for more information on the Conference, Speakers, Workshops, Marketplace & Sunday Tour

SATURDAY CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 24....

8:00am—5:00pm Cost: \$95 or \$80 for KDGS Members

28 CONCURRENT LECTURES: 9 Highly Acclaimed Presenters; something for everyone, from beginners to seasoned researchers

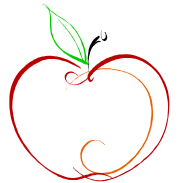
GENEALOGY MARKETPLACE: Genealogy Booksellers; Scrapbooking & Archival Supplies; Genealogical, Museum & Historical Exhibitors; be sure to visit the KDGS Table for information, raffle tickets, book sales, water & juice sales & to pick up your door prizes

Morning & Afternoon Refreshments—Door Prizes—Delegate Goodies!



A. Friday Afternoon Workshops at downtown Kelowna Branch ORL (Sept. 23; space is limited):

- a. 12:30—1:30pm: *Finding Ancestral Places of Origin in Eastern Europe* with Xenia Stanford \$18
- b. 12:30—1:30pm: *Microsoft Word for Family Historians* with Andrea Lister \$18
- c. 1:45—2:45pm: *Using Timelines to Understand your Ancestors* with Mary K. Roddy \$18
- d. 3:00—4:00pm: *Ancestry Library Edition* with Jamie Brown \$18
- e. 3:00—4:00pm: *PowerPoint to Tell Your Story* with Andrea Lister \$18



B. Friday Reception & Meet the Speakers Panel at Okanagan College (Sept. 23) \$15

C. Saturday Concurrent Sessions (Sept. 24): \$95 \$80 KDGS Member

For Each of the Four Time Slots Below (For Session numbers and descriptions, see left):

1. Select your First Choice by placing a number "1" in the box beside the Session Number
2. Indicate your Second Choice by placing a number "2" in the box beside the Session Number (if your first choice is full, we will register you in your second choice; register early to ensure your first choice as space may be limited)

Example:

10:45—12:00pm

8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.

I: 9:00—10:15am

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.

II: 10:45—12:00pm

8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14.

III: 1:30—2:45pm

15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21.

IV: 3:15—4:30pm

22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.

We will attempt to confirm your registration by email. Otherwise, your cancelled cheque will be your confirmation.

D. I would like to purchase a lunch prepared by Save-On Foods:



\$7

Please pick up at Noon from Table located adjacent to the Conference Marketplace, near the side staircase, using your colour-coded ticket which you will receive on Saturday morning

- **Choice of One Sandwich (check one):**
 Beef & Cheddar Cheese _____
 Ham & Swiss Cheese _____
 Vegetarian & Cheddar Cheese _____
 Turkey & Cranberry Sauce _____
- **Choice of Bread (check one):**
 White Bread _____ Wholewheat Bread _____
 Gluten-free White Bread _____ Gluten-free Brown _____
- **Small Bag Chips, Cookie (GF with GF bread orders) & Bottle of Water**

DIRECTIONS TO OKANAGAN COLLEGE* (not to scale)

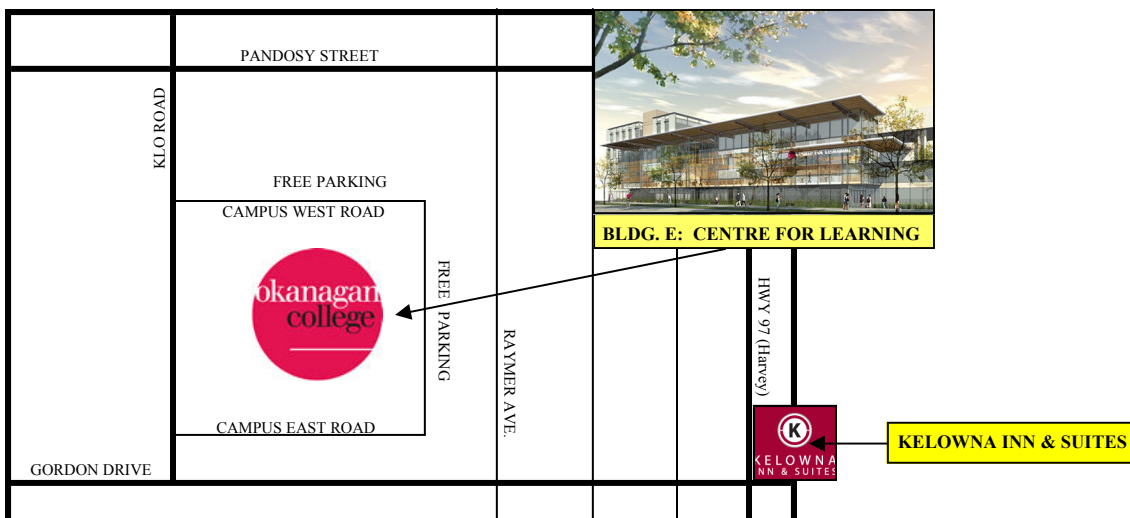
*KDGS Conference 2016 is NOT affiliated with Okanagan College

FOR DETAILED MAP, GOOGLE:

"Kelowna campus map 2015" Okanagan

WE ARE IN BUILDING "E"

Free parking beside and across from this building




NOT FROM KELOWNA? You're in for a treat! This is prime apple harvest time and our fabulous wineries are gearing up for the *Fall Wine Festival*. Our beautiful city, situated on the shores of Lake Okanagan, boasts warm, dry weather, great restaurants, museums, shopping and golfing. Our excellent facilities for genealogical research include the **KDGS Family & Local History Research Centre** located in our downtown Kelowna Public Library. We are serviced by an International Airport with direct flights to many Canadian and US cities. We are easily accessible by highway, from all directions. www.tourismkelowna.com

WHERE TO STAY: The **Kelowna Inn & Suites** is offering a Special Conference Rate, starting at **\$79** per night plus taxes; this includes free wireless, parking and continental breakfast. Identify yourself as a Genealogy Conference Attendee when reserving: 1-800-667-6133. The Kelowna Inn & Suites is conveniently located near the intersection of Highway 97 (Harvey) and Gordon Drive at 1070 Harvey Ave. (Hwy. 97), close to our Conference venues and all amenities. www.kelownainnandsuites.com

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FEE CALCULATOR: Please copy this form for your files. You will receive a personalized schedule when you arrive at the Conference. Email: conference@kdgs.ca regarding any registration concerns. Please submit one form per individual.

Friday Workshop a.:	\$18	_____	
OR*			
Friday Workshop b.:	\$18	_____	*NOTE: Workshops a. & b. are at the same time; <u>choose only one</u>
Friday Workshop c.:	\$18	_____	
Friday Workshop d.:	\$18	_____	
OR*			
Friday Workshop e.:	\$18	_____	*NOTE: Workshops d. & e. are at the same time; <u>choose only one</u>
Friday Reception & Panel:	\$15	_____	
Saturday Conference:	\$95	_____	→OR KDGS Members \$80 _____ (join now for \$30 & save \$15!)
Printed Syllabus:*	\$20	_____	*all registrants will receive a complimentary digital Syllabus
Bagged Lunch:**	\$7	_____	** must be pre-ordered (see p. 3 of this brochure)
GRAND TOTAL:	\$	_____	



FRIDAY RECEPTION FEE INCLUDES: Light appetizers, Non-alcoholic Beverages, "Meet the Speakers" Panel, Displays

SATURDAY CONFERENCE FEES INCLUDE: Choice of Four Sessions, Morning & Afternoon Refreshments, Digital Conference Syllabus (with handouts for all 28 Saturday sessions plus all 5 Friday workshops), admission to Genealogical Marketplace, many great door prizes!

FREE EVENTS:

Friday Genealogists' Open House hosted by KDGS & [Kelowna Branch Okanagan Regional Library](#): 12pm—4pm

Sunday Historic Walking Tour (details available on our website & Sat., Sept. 24 at KDGS Table): 10am—12pm

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: KDGS—CONFERENCE
OR REGISTER & PAY ONLINE: www.kdgs.ca
MAIL TO: KDGS, PO BOX 21105, KELOWNA, BC, CANADA V1Y 9N8

Name _____ **KDGS #** _____

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Registration is also available online: www.kdgs.ca; **Cancellation Policy:** Received by Aug. 5, full refund minus \$15 admin. Fee; Aug 6-Sept. 9, 50% refund; Sept. 10 and after, no refund