



*1980-2021 \*\*\* Estes Park Genealogical Society \*\*\* 41st Year*

**Thursday, June 10, 2021, 1 pm - 1<sup>st</sup> EPGS Organizational Meeting After COVID**

**Program: Member Sharing – What Genealogical Research I Did This Past Year While in Quarantine! Briefly share your progress, successes, favorite websites, podcasts, etc.**

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**Estes Park Genealogical Society (EPGS):** For over 40 years our society membership has sponsored professional speakers from the Northern Colorado region to present monthly genealogical programs free of charge to the general public. If you have an interest in genealogy or family history, we invite you to join us. In 2020 our membership was 28.

**Library Meeting Times Announced:** The library meeting rooms have been closed for 15 months, so we are happy to announce that beginning on Thursday, June 10 at 1 pm, we will be able to meet again! We have retained the Hondius Room for our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays and the same 1:00 pm time slot. Our six meeting days in 2021 will be: Thursdays: June 10, July 8, August 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11. The room is reserved from 1-3, with an additional 15 minutes before 1 for set-up and after 3 for clean-up. Our general schedule will be 1:00 introduction, 1:15-2:15 program speakers, 2:15 questions & announcements, 2:30 break, with the last half hour set aside for genealogical assistance.

**Old Business-Annual Meeting in Nov. 2020:** Our ninth and final Zoom meeting in 2020 was presented by Del Ritchhart on German Ancestry, and was followed by our annual business meeting. With all of the officers agreeing to continue to serve in 2021, the main topic of business was our financial situation, further detailed below in our Treasurer's report. For 2021, the officers chose to wait to schedule any speakers, until we were able to meet in person again and collect annual dues.

**New Business-Financial Report, Jim Redman, Treasurer:** As noted in our EPGS Annual Meeting last fall, the Society has been operating at an annual deficit for the last several years with annual dues collections inadequate to cover our speaker fees resulting in our cash balance decreasing from \$1,230 at the beginning of 2017 to \$576 at present. Accordingly, it was decided to raise the dues amount for 2021 to \$30 for individual or family memberships. We will be collecting dues at the June meeting, so please bring \$30 (cash or check made out to EPGS) if you are planning to attend or mail a check for \$30 to Jim Redman, 540 Laurel Lane, No. 7, Estes Park, CO 80517.

**Sponsor a Speaker:** Since our financial goal is to avoid running a deficit budget, we would invite members to help sponsor a monthly speaker's fee up to \$75. Since EPGS does not have non-profit status, donations would not be tax-deductible. So far, we are happy to report we have one member that has volunteered to sponsor a speaker. If you would like to help out in this way, please email Jim Redman, Treasurer.

**Present a Program:** If you have topic suggestions, or would like to share your research, an exciting discovery, a break-through, famous relatives or an interesting historical connection in a program, please email Kris Holien, VP/Programs.

**Expand Your Research:** EPGS sponsors the *Family Tree Magazine* subscription in the periodical section on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Estes Library. Also, see [www.lcgsco.org](http://www.lcgsco.org) for free Larimer County Genealogical Society (LCGS) programs and classes held in various Loveland, Fort Collins and Windsor locations.

**Larry Carpenter's Memorial Service - Saturday, September 11, 1 pm, Mountain View Bible Fellowship:** EPGS charter member, Larry Carpenter, 86, lost his battle with cancer on April 14, 2020, during COVID. Larry served in many capacities with our group, most recently in the office of secretary, while Kris Holien was president from 2016-2018. Larry was passionate about keeping our group going and would actively recruit new officers, including myself to serve as president. In return, I recruited Larry to present our first program in January 2019 on Vi's genealogical connection to the popular 1958 song *Tom Dooley*, made famous by the Kingston Trio. The program was enthusiastically received, highlighted by a guest who brought his guitar and led us in a rousing sing-along of the popular song. Currently, it is believed that Vi Carpenter may be our only charter member who was active in forming EPGS back in 1980. Larry's memorial service will be held with full military honors. Let's support Vi and honor Larry by making plans to attend.

**See you on Thursday, June 10 at 1:00 pm! Please renew your membership!**