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## GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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### 2026 Events

FVGS holds 9 monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (Central)  
Meetings are free and open to the public. Register in advance for online (Zoom) events.  
Members have access to event recordings for a limited time.

**IN-PERSON meeting location:**

**Grace United Methodist Church—Fellowship Hall**  
(Lower Level, 300 E Gartner Rd, Naperville, IL)

**January 8 – ONLINE:** *What You Can Learn from Lineage Societies...Without Being a Member!* by Elizabeth Swanay-O’Neal, CG — Find the family history gems available on lineage society websites.

**February 12 – ONLINE:** *Using Artificial Intelligence Tools for Genealogy* by Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD — Explore the benefits and limitations of generative AI without becoming overwhelmed!

**March 12 – ONLINE:** *Learning DNA Strategies Through Case Studies* by Kelli Jo Bergheimer — Learn how to apply DNA analysis tactics in your own research.

**April 9 – IN PERSON:** *The Happy Invention: History and Significance of Picture Postcards* by Katherine Hamilton-Smith — A look at the significance of picture postcards and the role Illinois played.

**May 14 – IN PERSON:** *Murder Most Foul* by Mike Fichtel — Explore the sources used in researching this 1890s Kane County murder case.

**June 11 – IN PERSON:** *Details Coming Soon*

**September 10 – IN PERSON:** *Remembering Route 66* by Leslie Goddard, PhD — Explore the history of Route 66, the iconic road that linked Chicago to Los Angeles.

♦ **September 26 – 2026 IN-PERSON Fall Conference** — Details Coming Soon

**October 8 – IN PERSON:** *Details Coming Soon*

**November 12 – IN PERSON:** *Heirloom Show & Tell* by FVGS Members and Guests + Annual Meeting — Share the story behind your favorite family heirloom with other genealogy enthusiasts.

Visit our website to register for ONLINE meetings.

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