



FOX VALLEY 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.

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