



Rustic Pathways

5th Annual OGS Fall Retreat

Sept 8-9, 2023

Deer Creek Lodge &
Conference Center

Mt. Sterling, OH

Host County & Sponsor:
Ross Co Chapter, OGS

This year's retreat will be held at Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center located in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. The speakers are Kelli J. Bergheimer, Debbie Large, Sunny Jane Morton, and Dana Palmer. Please note seating is limited to the first fifty attendees.

Retreat Venue

Deer Creek Lodge & Conference Center

22300 State Park Rd. 20

Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

(South of Columbus, OH)



Deer Creek Lodge is one of the state's largest Lodges and is secluded making it a hidden gem in Ohio. It has panoramic views of the lake it sits on. It contains 3,100 acres of lush, hilly woodlands providing the best place to relax and spend the weekend enhancing your genealogy skills.

To receive the special hotel rate of \$119.00 (plus tax) per night call 740-869-2020 and mention the OGS Rustic Pathways Retreat. Hotel accommodations and the evening meals are not included in your registration. This special rate is only available until Aug 7, 2023. **Please note check in for the hotel is at 4 PM and check out time is 11 AM.**

Registration cost is \$165.00 for an OGS member and \$205.00 for a Non-member of OGS. This includes all your syllabus materials and the Saturday luncheon. However, for an additional cost of \$32.00 per meal you can join us for a brick wall breaking question and answer dinners with the speakers and fellow genealogists on Friday and Saturday evenings. The first retreat session begins at 2 PM on Friday and the last session ends at 5:30 PM on Saturday.

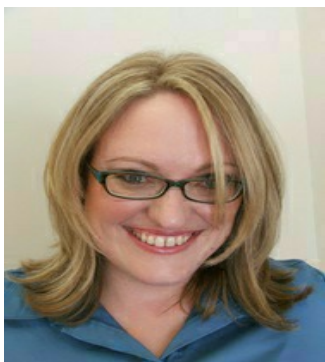


Speaker Bio's



Kelli J. Bergheimer is the Math and Science Editorial Director for Blue Kayak Productions and an editor for DNA reports at Legacy Tree Genealogists and contributor to Your DNA Guide. She owns Mess on the Desk, and is the facilitator of the Genetics, Genealogy, and You DNA Interest Group.

Debbie Large BS, MHA is an experienced genealogist with a passion for family history that began with an undated photograph of her great grandparents and a simple question: *Who were these people?* Debbie is a regular presenter for WCGS's summer educational classes and for other family history and genealogical societies. Her research experience focuses on U.S. Midwest, Irish and Scottish records.



Sunny Jane Morton is the past editor of Ohio Genealogy News, a Contributing Editor at Family Tree Magazine and a Contributing Editor and Content Manager at YourDNAGuide.com. She is co-author of *How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records* and author of *Story of My Life: A Workbook for Preserving Your Legacy*.

Dana Palmer CG®, CGL^(SM) specializes in Ohio research, publishing family books, lineage society applications, and is part of the Silver Books team for the GSMD.



Friday Sessions

2:00 PM	4:00 PM
<p>“Is There a Tartan in Your Tree? Exploring Scottish Roots”</p> <p>Let’s explore those Scottish roots! Learn some search Strategies and put them to use on <i>Scottlanspeople</i>, <i>Ancestry</i>, <i>FamilySearch</i>, and other websites.</p> <p>Debbie Large</p> <p>Session F01</p>	<p>“How to Clear the Mess on Your Desk”</p> <p>Do you have a messy genealogy desk? Learn tips and tricks to organize your papers, photos, documents, research, DNA cousins, research trips, and digital records.</p> <p>Kelli Bergheimer</p> <p>Session F03</p>
<p>“Should You Take the Hint? Automated Record Hinting on the Giant Genealogy Websites”</p> <p>Learn how automated record hints on <i>Ancestry.com</i>, <i>FamilySearch.org</i>, <i>Findmypast.com</i>, and <i>MyHeritage.com</i> can help you discover records that may be about your family. Discover how hints may differ from search results and how to use both tools most effectively.</p> <p>Sunny Morton</p> <p>Session F02</p>	<p>“Chronicling America: A Newspaper Site for Every One”</p> <p>Using online search engines can be tricky! Learn some techniques to find your elusive ancestors in the newspapers on Chronicling America.</p> <p>Dana Palmer</p> <p>Session F04</p>

Friday Night Dinner: “Breaking Brick Walls,” 6 PM; \$32

Regular Dinner: Tossed garden salad, Stuffed Breast of Chicken (chicken breast stuffed with cornbread, ham and Swiss cheese with a supreme sauce covering), roasted garlic mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, assorted rolls and butter, chef’s choice of dessert.

Vegetarian Dinner: Tossed garden salad Penne Pomodoro (penne pasta covered with Pomodoro Sauce with sauteed mushrooms), assorted rolls and butter, chef’s choice for dessert.

Beverages: Coffee, iced tea, and water for a beverage.



Saturday Sessions

8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM Lunch Break	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
<p>“Tracking Family Footprints Using Early Land Records”</p> <p>What are land office Tract books? Learn how to find and use these records along with others to help qualify for lineage society memberships</p> <p><i>Debbie Large</i> <i>Session S01</i></p>	<p>“Using Ancestry Matches and ThruLines to Break Some Brick Walls”</p> <p>Ancestry’s ThruLines can be a powerful tool to help you break your brick walls. Combining your ThruLines with your match lists and clusters can lead to discoveries.</p> <p><i>Kelli Bergheimer</i> <i>Session S03</i></p>	<p>Lunches (Included in registration)</p> <p>Regular: Roast Beef and Cheese Croissant Sandwich (garnished with lettuce, tomato, and onion), served with creamy coleslaw</p> <p>Beverage of Choice:</p> <p>Lemonade Iced Tea Water</p>	<p>“Using Family Tree Maker”</p> <p>Learn strategies to build a robust, portable, sourced, cloud-synchronized, digital tree. Learn about privacy options and how to backup your tree to prevent losing everything.</p> <p><i>Kelli Bergheimer</i> <i>Session S05</i></p>	<p>“Help There’s No Class on Researching My Ancestral Homeland”</p> <p>Learn about using the FamilySearch Wiki; searching major genealogy websites by place of origin; an intro to DNA testing for finding overseas cousins matches; and other strategies for building your family tree in far-flung places.</p> <p><i>Sunny Morton</i> <i>Session S07</i></p>
<p>“Lies, Errors and Bias --Oh My! Consider Your Sources”</p> <p>If your sources aren’t reliable and strong, your family history “facts” and stories won’t be, either. Learn to look critically at the sources that inform your research: the “what, who, when and why.”</p> <p><i>Sunny Morton</i> <i>Session S02</i></p>	<p>“Beginning Military Research Using Fold3.com”</p> <p>Get Started with Military research by finding your ancestor at Fold3.</p> <p><i>Dana Palmer</i> <i>Session S04</i></p>	<p>Vegetarian:</p> <p>Vegetarian Croissant Sandwich (garnished with lettuce, tomato, and onion), served with creamy coleslaw</p>	<p>“Searching for Elizabeth, Discovering Northern Ireland”</p> <p>Come explore some of the key repositories of beautiful northern Ireland and learn how to Use them for your own Irish or Scots-Irish Research</p> <p><i>Debbie Large</i> <i>Session S06</i></p>	<p>“Effective Search Strategies on FamilySearch”</p> <p>Learn tricks to find your Elusive ancestors in the historical records and catalog on FamilySearch.com</p> <p><i>Dana Palmer</i> <i>Session S08</i></p>

Saturday Night Dinner: “Breaking Brick Walls,” 6 PM; \$32

Regular Dinner: Tossed garden salad, herb roasted pork loin (a tender pork loin with a herb Au Jus sauce), roasted garlic mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, assorted rolls and butter, and chef’s choice for dessert.

Vegetarian Dinner: Tossed garden salad Vegetable Wellington (fresh season vegetables sauteed in white wine sauce and baked in a puff pastry) assorted rolls and butter, chef’s choice for dessert.

Beverages: Coffee, iced tea, and water.

Important Details:

Registration deadline is August 09, 2023. You can register at the following website <https://www.ogs.org/2023-conference-2/> or by using the mail-in form in this booklet. Registration fees do not include hotel, Friday & Saturday evening meals, transportation or other incidentals. Please send registration questions to ogscord@ogs.org.

Refunds:

Refunds will be issued up until July 15, 2023, a \$35.00 administration fee will be charged. **No refunds will be issued after July 15, 2023.** All refunds must be requested via email to ogscord@ogs.org.

Meals:

The Friday & Saturday evening meals are separate events. Attendees are encouraged to attend and guests of the registrants are welcome to attend. Please request vegetarian options where appropriate when ordering. **Only the registered attendees can partake in the Saturday luncheon.**

Check-in at Event:

Attendees and speakers will receive a name badge and all syllabus material at the registration desk for the event. ***(Name badges are required to attend sessions).*** Event registration will be open Friday (1-5 PM) and Saturday (7-8 AM).

Save Time! Register online by August 07, 2023.

<https://www.ogs.org/2023-conference-2/>



Registration Information:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
***Email:** _____

Payment:

Member Registration	_____	@ \$165.00 ea
Non-Member Registration	_____	@ \$205.00 ea
Friday Night Brick Wall Dinner (Reg)	_____	@32.00 ea
Friday Night Brick Wall Dinner (Veg)	_____	@32.00 ea
Saturday Night Brick Wall Dinner (Reg)	_____	@32.00 ea
Saturday Night Brick Wall Dinner (Veg)	_____	@32.00 ea
Saturday Luncheon choice: _____ Regular _____ Vegetarian		
Total:	\$ _____	

Method of Payment:

Check/Money Order Enclosed (payable to Ohio Genealogical Society)

Credit Card: ___ MasterCard ___ Visa ___ Discover

Number: _____

Exp Date: _____

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Name on Card: _____

Checks:

Make checks payable to the Ohio Genealogical Society. OGS will charge a fee of \$25.00 for each returned check and/or declined credit card charge. Any returned checks must be paid by either cash, money order, cashier's check, or credit card.

Mail Registration form and Payment To:

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