

Family History Series

Presented by Duane Roen

Getting Started with Family History Research: Tips for Beginners

Saturday, October 26th

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Meeting Room B

Have you thought about tracing your family's history but don't know where to begin? Duane Roen will describe some readily-available resources, tools, and strategies for getting started with researching your roots. This workshop is designed for those who have little or no experience in researching family history.

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Writing About Family Members, Places, and Events

Saturday, November 16th

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Meeting Room B

Duane Roen will discuss the family experiences that offer rich material for writing and will share strategies for beginning the process, including an easy hands-on activity that will get participants writing about a memorable family member, place, or event (**so please bring paper and pen or laptop**). Participants will respond in writing to a series of questions designed to generate concrete details about family stories. After recording these details, participants will be invited to share their writing with the group. In turn, the group will be encouraged to offer constructive feedback that will help writers further develop their writing.

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Writing Family History for Special Occasions

Saturday, December 14th

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Meeting Room B

Duane Roen will discuss ideas for sharing your stories with family members and friends to celebrate special occasions such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and holidays. He will discuss the experiences that offer rich material for writing about cherished moments in our lives. The workshop will include an easy hands-on activity that will get participants writing (**so please bring paper and pen or laptop**).

Duane Roen has been tracing his roots since his teenage years, building a database with more than 32,000 ancestors. He and his wife, Maureen Roen, have also been recording their family history since 1978 by writing more than 15,000 daily journal entries on their children and other family members. Combining his professional and personal interests, Duane worked with colleagues to establish courses on writing and recording family history in the School of Letters and Sciences at ASU. He also is founding coordinator of the Project for Writing and Recording Family History at the school. Although Duane loves family history, he spends most of his waking hours serving as Assistant Vice Provost for University Academic Success Programs for Arizona State University. He also serves as faculty head of Interdisciplinary and Liberal Studies in the School of Letters and Sciences at ASU.