



Der Bote



Announcements for members of the
Sacramento German Genealogy Society

June 28, 2011

Today's program

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Presenter: Warren Bittner, C.G.

Title: Understanding and Researching Illegitimacy: "A Case Study – The Bittner Bastards of Bavaria"

This program helps us understand illegitimacy in historical context. Here, we follow a couple with three illegitimate children born during a ten-year wait for marriage. You'll be surprised to learn what happened.

July 26 Program

Presenter: Steven P. Morse

Title: "Steve Morse's One-Step Approach to Finding Your Ancestors"

Over the years, the One-Step website has continued to evolve and today includes about 200 web-based tools, many of them involving genealogical searches. Morse will describe a range of tools available for our researching needs.

A note on our SGGs programs:

You have probably noticed in *Der Blumenbaum* that we have scheduled a program for October 25 presenting a German troupe called "Cantefable" (with Nancy Thym and Thilo Vierig). A recent correspondence from Nancy indicates that the pair may have difficulty in getting back to the U.S. for that October program (which we can put off until some future time when the two can make the trip.)

Therefore we have lined up another "just in case" program, this one to be led by Michael Mayer-Kielmann. He calls it "*Liedermatinee*." (The usual terminology is "*Liederabend*," which means "an evening of songs"; obviously, our programs are not presented during evening hours.)

This is a program of German folk songs and concert pieces, well known and loved in Germany. And it's not a "just listening" program, but rather one with both video and sound. Michael has presented this program to two local groups previously and has received rave reviews from his audiences. It presents many much-loved songs and melodies, many of which were well known by your German ancestors.

Only two days to go – before June 30!

You haven't renewed yet? Ouch!

But lucky for you, you can renew your membership in SGGs today, right here in this meeting room – and beat the June 30 deadline for renewals. Whew! That was close!

Because of this June 30 deadline (the membership year begins on July 1), the first issue of *Der Blumenbaum* for the 2011-2012 year, dated July, August-September 2011, will arrive late in July – possibly quite late in July (because of the editor's Germany-hopping).

Please take advantage of your good luck today in being able to meet the deadline, because if you don't make that June 30 date, the issue of *Der Blumenbaum* you received this past April was your very last issue.

Get out your day-calendar!

And mark these dates

Saturday, October 15, 2011: Family History Day at the State Archives in Sacramento. (An all-day affair, featuring genealogy and related societies of almost every imaginable kind.)

Admission is free!

Saturday, April 21, 2012: SGGs' annual all-day seminar, featuring Warren Bittner, C.G. as our presenter. You can't sign up for this seminar yet, but you can sure save the date. We hear a great positive response for Warren, who is our speaker here today, from people who have attended his sessions here and elsewhere.

Der Blumenbaum note

Have you noticed recently that *Der Blumenbaum* hasn't been receiving responses from members containing information gleaned from personal German research efforts, for use in the "Reports from the Trenches" pages?

Have you learned anything interesting out there in your research world – something that your fellow researchers might find useful?

"Reports from the Trenches" is a section of *Der Blumenbaum* that is meant for sharing. Think about it. Contact: Lorelei@softcom.net

The SGGs Study Group meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the church Education Building, second floor, on the same Tuesdays as SGGs's monthly meetings. You are welcome to attend and share your genealogy problems.