Western Michigan Genealogical Society

PRESENTS

Got Ancestors?! 2016
Make Your List!

FEATURING

Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi's List

AT THE

Prince Conference Center at Calvin College

Friday 14th October 7-9:30pm

- **How The Internet Made Me An Expert:**
  An entertaining and light-hearted look at how Cyndi has become an expert at just about everything because of her time spent online

Saturday 15th October 9am – 4:45pm

- **A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List 2.0**
- **Striking Out on Their Own:**
  Online Migration Tools and Resources
- **Foreign Language Tools for English-Speaking Genealogists**
- **Building a Digital Research Plan**

Vendors – Deli Board Lunch Buffet – Network with other Genealogists – Door Prizes

(See the Schedule page for full details of each session)

Message from WMGS President – Mindy Koole

Save the Date!

WMGS' conference committee has been hard at work and again has a great fall conference in the works.

The dates are the 14th and 15th of October. Generally this is the time for year of cooler temperatures and beautiful colors.

The place is the Prince Conference Center on the Calvin College Campus. We have been there a number of times and have had great reviews for the accommodations and availability of parking.

On top of that, Cyndi Ingle – the creator of Cyndi's list – has agreed to be our speaker! She has spent many years scouring the internet to find all the nooks and crannies that are homes to genealogical materials.

So, again, I am saving the date, making my reservations and looking forward to another great opportunity to learn something new. Hope you are too!

See ya there!

Register and pay online at http://GotAncestors.com/
Questions? – send eMail to Seminar@GotAncestors.com

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Registration Form

Please help us reduce costs by using the online registration form on our website at http://GotAncestors.com/registration/. You can choose to pay online using your credit card or PayPal, or print out your completed form from your online registration and mail it to us with your payment. If you don't have Internet access, please complete the form below and mail it with your payment to the address at the bottom of this form.

Please use one form per person attending the Saturday Seminar. You may register multiple Friday evening attendees on one form.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

eMail: _____ (even if mailing in this form, please include your eMail address)

If you are planning to only attend Friday evening 14th October:

Use Part One of this form to order as many tickets for Friday evening as you need.

If you are planning to attend Saturday 15th October:

Use Part One if you wish **extra** people to come with you **only** on Friday evening.
Use Part Two of this form to register 1 person for the Seminar, and optionally for Friday evening.

Part One – If you're ONLY attending Friday evening, or need EXTRA tickets for Friday evening:

Got Ancestors?! – How The Internet Made Me An Expert

If you want to attend ONLY Friday evening, or are attending Saturday and need EXTRA tickets for Friday evening, choose this option, and enter the appropriate number of EXTRA tickets needed. Note this includes Light Dessert and Tea/Coffee.

Number of Tickets ____ x **$15** = $ _____

Part Two – If you're attending the Seminar on Saturday:

Got Ancestors? – Make Your List

If you want to attend ONLY Saturday's Seminar, choose this option, and enter the appropriate price for early or regular registration.
Fee before 27 September 2016 = **$49**. After 26 September 2016 = **$59.**
Note this includes Deli Lunch and Refreshments. Registration $ _____

OR

Got Ancestors?! – The Weekend on Friday AND Saturday

If you want to attend BOTH Friday evening AND Saturday, choose this option, and enter the appropriate price for early or regular registration.
Fee before 27 September 2016 = **$59**. After 26 September 2016 = **$69.**
Note this includes Friday evening Light Dessert & Tea/Coffee AND Saturday Deli Lunch and Refreshments. Registration $ _____

Optional – Joining WMGS

☐ Check here if you wish to also join WMGS as a new member for 2017 or renew your existing membership (see below). **$20** $ _____

TOTAL $ _____

WMGS Members who attend the **Saturday** Seminar will receive a $10 voucher in their registration package. This voucher can be used at the WMGS Sales Table, or can be used toward your 2017 Membership. Membership is $20 per year for members living in the USA.

Please make cheque payable to **WMGS** and mail to:
Got Ancestors?! Registration
Roger Moffat
3020 76th St SE
Caledonia, MI 49316-8398

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SCHEDULE

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FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2016	
6:30 – 7.00 PM	**REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION**
7:00 – 9:30 PM	**HOW THE INTERNET MADE ME AN EXPERT** An entertaining and light-hearted look at how Cyndi has become an expert at just about everything because of her time spent online. Followed by **Dessert & Coffee** and **Mix & Mingle**.

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2016	
8:30 – 9:00 AM	**REGISTRATION**
9:00 – 10:15 AM	**A GUIDED TOUR OF CYNDI'S LIST 2.0** This begins with a brief history of Cyndi's List, followed by an overview of how to navigate the newly updated site and how to tell when the site is updated. Learn how to effectively use this valuable resource tool to as your jumping-off point onto the Internet.
	BREAK – VENDORS AND SALES TABLE
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	**STRIKING OUT ON THEIR OWN: ONLINE MIGRATION TOOLS AND RESOURCES** Migration resources online for the U.S. are extensive and varied depending on the time period and the place. We will explore sources for maps, trails, roads, and waterways.
	LUNCH
1:45– 3:00 PM	**FOREIGN LANGUAGE TOOLS FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING GENEALOGISTS** Whether you're reading an old letter, a record on microfilm, or a web site in a foreign language, don't despair. There are several tools and options available to help you get a basic idea of what it is you're reading, without taking a foreign language class. We'll explore various ways to use these tools to help decipher key words and special alphabet characters, moving you a bit further along in your research.
	BREAK – VENDORS AND SALES TABLE
3:30 – 4:45 PM	**BUILDING A DIGITAL RESEARCH PLAN** Using Internet databases and catalogs we will build a research plan to answer a specific research question. We will walk through the process of planning, researching for the plan, and keeping track of what has been researched.

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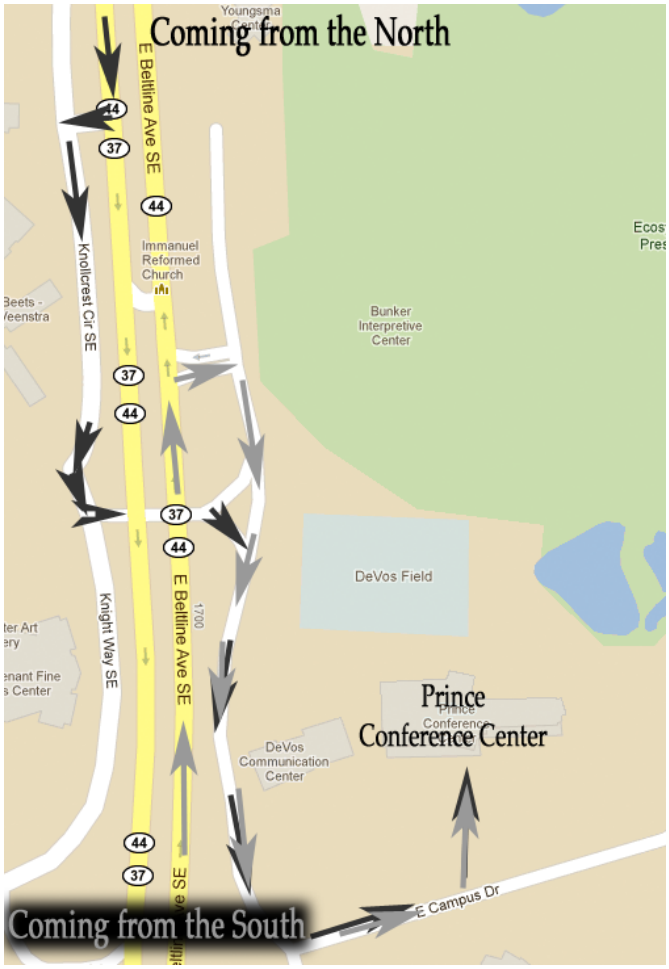
The Prince Conference Center at Calvin College



How To Get There…

The Prince Conference Center at Calvin College is located at 1800 East Beltline SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Entry to the Prince Conference Center can be gained from both north and south bound East Beltline. From the North, the darker coloured arrows indicate the way on to Knollcrest Circle and then under the Beltline to the Prince Conference Center. From the South, the light arrows indicate the way past the Prince Conference Center on the East Beltline, then turning off and making a u-turn on East Campus Drive to go south to the Prince Conference Center.

You can download a full page map of the campus from

http://www.calvin.edu/map/campusmap.pdf

Parking is FREE

Our Speaker

Cyndi Ingle is the owner and webmaster of *Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet*, www.CyndisList.com, a categorized index to over 335,000 online resources. In its 20 years online *Cyndi's List* has consistently remained in the top tiers for genealogical research tools online. It is an award-winning site which helps millions of visitors worldwide. It has been featured by the History Channel web site and in the media and several publications, including ABC News, NBC News, USA Today, Time, Newsweek, Parade Magazine, Wired, Family Tree Magazine, Family Chronicle, and Internet Genealogy magazines. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 36 years, is the recipient of the 2016 National Genealogical Society President's Citation. She is a past-member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society. Cyndi is a nationally known guest lecturer for various genealogical society meetings and seminars (http://www.CyndisList.com/speaking-calendar/). Cyndi is the author of a best-selling book for genealogical research on the Internet titled, *Netting Your Ancestors*. She is also author of another book, a printed version of her web site, *Cyndi's List*. Her latest book is *Planting Your Family Tree Online: How To Create Your Own Family History Web Site*. Cyndi and her son, Evan, live in Edgewood, Washington.

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