

USRA PROGRAMS 2009

(Please mark your calendars for these events)!

USRA Computer Workshops May 9

There will be two workshops as described below. The registration fee is \$ 10 per workshop. *If you are interested in attending, please contact Jim Blackburn (374-9751 - jblackburn@sasktel.net) (limit 25 per workshop)*

Morning Workshop Agenda (Difficulty rating: easy)

9:00 AM – 12 Noon

This workshop will focus on a couple of activities to organize our work together. The first activity will be "Starting a Family History." For this activity, you will acquire a free account at Google.ca that will give you access to a host of free software and services you can use to help you get started on the big job of documenting your family history. This workshop will also expose you to some ways to search skillfully using the Google search engine, and to assemble and organize your materials (we call it file management).

Agenda

Introductions
Becoming a Google-head -
Getting a free Google Account
A quick overview of the suite of free Google applications
Using Google to explore your family history

Searching skillfully and finding what you want with Google
Using tabs with your Web browser to keep track of several pages at the same time
Using Google maps to find locations of interest
Finding images with Google
Genealogy sites
War records
Land titles
Census data
Using Google translate to convert documents you find in other languages
Using Google Notebook to store resources you find
Using Google docs to write and share a family history

Afternoon Workshop Agenda (Difficulty rating: moderate)

1:30 – 4:30 PM

This workshop will consider a number of useful tools, most of which are available to you with a free Google account. Google provides a suite of free applications that you can use to manage many of the things that you usually have to purchase. One workshop activity will be to subscribe to newspapers, online articles and radio programs and have them delivered automatically and regularly to your own subscription account. Imagine your favourite reading material from a lot of different sources assembled into one place for you, and updated every hour. We call these "newsreaders" or "online aggregators". Don't worry; everything we show you will be

free. We will also introduce you to an inexpensive video camera that will allow you to take videos, edit them, and easily share them.

Agenda

Introductions
Becoming a Google-head -
Getting a free Google Account
A quick overview of the suite of free Google applications
Using Google to find resources you want to read
Using Picasa to manage your photos and share them
Using Google Reader to capture reading material in one place and to organize it
Locating and subscribing to music and radio programs (podcasts)
Video workshop: shooting, editing and sharing video easily

Wednesday, May 20 Birding Excursion

7:30 AM – 2:00 PM

The excursion will begin at 7:30 AM with everyone meeting in the Parking Lot at the Field House (north east corner). Please pack a lunch. Frank Roy, a nationally recognized birder, will lead the group. *If you are interested in attending, please contact Jim Blackburn (374-9751 - jblackburn@sasktel.net)*

June 8 – USRA Annual Barbecue, Faculty Club

5:30 PM – Refreshments

6:00 PM - Barbecue

Sept. 21 – AGM and Banquet

IN MEMORY

Roger Carter

Deceased – Feb. 10, 2009

College of Law

1963 – 1989

Norman McDuffie

Deceased – March 22,
2009

Dep't of Physiology

College of Medicine

1964 – 1999

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E-Mail Addresses Requested

In addition to the distribution of the USRA Newsletter to some members via e-mail, we also distribute reminders just prior to our upcoming USRA Programs to those living in or near Saskatoon. We request that you send us your e-mail address in order to keep up to date with our activities.

Please send us an e-mail to – ss.usra@usask.ca requesting to be added to our e-mail distribution list and, if you wish, for the Newsletter.

We take care to keep addresses confidential by sending the emails as "blind copies".

The date on the envelope (ie 2008, 2009) indicates when your membership expires.

Currently the annual membership fee is \$15. If you wish to obtain a life membership, it is dependent on age according to the following schedule:

<60	\$ 180
60 - 64	\$ 160
65 - 69	\$ 140
70 - 74	\$ 110
75 - 79	\$ 80
80 +	\$ 50

Payment of fees should be sent to:

*Ken Smith, Treasurer, RJD
Williams,*

*Univ. of Sask. Retirees
Association*

*221 Cumberland Ave
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A young couple moves into a new neighbourhood.

The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbour hanging the wash outside."That laundry is not very clean", she said."She doesn't know how to wash correctly.

Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbour would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband:

"Look, she has learned how to wash correctly.

I wonder who taught her this." The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

I hope that you have a very great day!