



Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies Member Benefits



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Established in 1980, the **Colorado Council of Genealogical Societies (CCGS)** is a non-profit organization addressing the needs and interests of the Colorado genealogical community through cooperation and support of the member organizations. CCGS is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization.

Four Quarterly Meetings

Speakers give presentations on informational topics and delegates from member societies share projects and seminar info and include useful tips from their societies. Meet in January, April, July, and October.

Birdie Monk Living Volunteer of the Year Award

"The Birdie Monk Award" is given to an outstanding living individual, society, group, library, archive or other organization that has provided outstanding volunteer service or some area of genealogical service in Colorado. Nominations are due by October 1 of each year. Please visit our website for details on applying for this award. Only voting member societies are eligible for this award.

First Families of Colorado Recognition Program

Recognizes our pioneering Colorado ancestors in three categories: First Family (prior to 1861), Territorial (28 Feb 1861-1 Aug 1876) and Centennial (100 years prior to application date). Lineage must be proven through documentation. Certificates are suitable for framing. Only for voting member societies!

David S. Vogels Deceased Volunteer Award

David S. Vogels Award recognizes deceased persons who have given outstanding service to the genealogical community. The nominee must be deceased for at least two years prior to the nomination. Deadline is December 1 every other year. Please visit our website for details on applying for this award. Only for voting member societies!

Educational & Informational Videos

The Council provides two different video series on our website. The general genealogy series is hosted by our Certified Genealogist, Carol Cooke Darrow, located on our home page. The 30 to 60 minute management and general meeting videos are located in the Members Only section

Zoom Teleconference Service/Vimeo Video Storage Service

The Council offers our teleconference service to all voting member societies for FREE. Some limitations apply! Up to 100 users with Zoom can be recorded and played back for later use via an email link using Zoom or the Council's FREE Vimeo video service. Reservation is required 10 days in advance to prevent duplicate dates and times. Contact the Council's technical advisor (webinars@cocouncil.org) for details and instructions.

Mail Chimp Service

Our delegates can send emails to promote their programs, classes, videos, and conferences or other genealogy matters. For regular voting members only!

Society Management Workshop

Our biennial Society Management Workshop provides 20 management type classes for our member societies. The classes focus on helping member societies with management examples for their Board and committee chairs taught by experienced facilitators or instructors. Many exhibitors display their products and services providing many door prizes for the attendees. All voting society or associate members are eligible to attend.

Speakers Bureau

We provide a list of experienced genealogy speakers in Colorado regarding their expertise, credentials, lecture topics, contact info, and their fees. The public and private directory is updated twice or more each year.

Council Website & Facebook Page

Our website includes lots of information relating to the above topics with a monthly calendar of our member activities, educational or informational videos plus our secure members only section with member quarterly reports, important Council information, and speaker approved presentations. Our Facebook page includes current society member events, genealogy tidbits, and photos.