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**Next meeting:**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**7:00 PM – New Berlin Ale House**  
**16000 West Cleveland Avenue**  
**New Berlin, WI 52151**



IT'S HARVEST TIME!

*Come enjoy the next meeting to watch the annual  
**SHOW & TELL***

*Gather your friends, kids, grands and good neighbors.  
Grab a flannel, mug of cider and bowl of chili then  
head to the meeting!*



## OCTOBER PRESENTATIONS



## SHOW AND TELL

- ***The Lady In The Hat***  
***By Linda Murphy***
- ***Researching Mystery Photos***  
***By Bob Miller***
- ***Another Murder In The Family***  
***By Sam Colon***
- ***Are Hobbies Hereditary?***  
***By Debbie Bluett***
- ***Old Letters From Home***  
***By Randy Ray***
- ***New Animations Of Old Pictures***  
***By Bob Heck***

## SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

### • **ADOPTION IN THE TREE**

**By Linda Murphy**

- We covered some of the intricacies involved in searching for more information on people in your tree that are adopted.
- There are many different types of adoption. We covered most common ones and discovered they really are very individual. Kingship, International, Foster, Domestic, Infant, Closed, Open, Agency or Attorney. Many options for gleaning the research path to take.
- There are standards established within most of the software packages and sites like Ancestry.com, to know how to denote the differences between biological and adopted parents and children.
- Most important take-away is to review all the many methods of documenting, find the one that most suits your needs and stay consistent.
- Remember that this is delicate information and not all family members may be-in-the-know. Be respectful and sensitive in gathering details, researching methods and communication involved to keep integrity for the process and all involved.

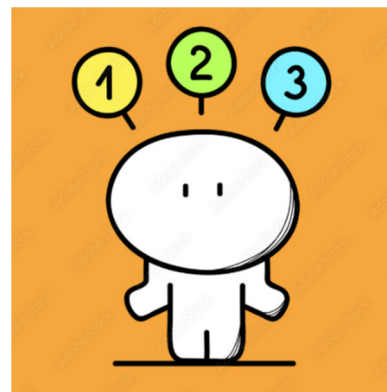


### • **DISCOVERY AT MPAFUG ~**

**Presentations & handouts**

**By Bob Miller**

- Bob did a fantastic job taking everyone down memory lane – literally!
- In the back of the room, there was a great chance to view some of his museum pieces from his personal collection. MPAFUG has been going strong since inception and helping members feel confident in combining research and technology to advance their own individual heritage journey.
- From prior workshop itineraries, field trips to Madison, to progression of technology. Bob brought out so many great things that have helped along the years.
- Please go through his handout from the meeting as there was a huge amount of information covered that may be applicable to all your current needs.
- The real intention of the blast from the past was to not just stir memories but also get member involvement on what you may want to revisit in future meetings.
- Please come forward with any thoughts and ideas on what you may have been inspired by and what you want to cover in future meetings.
- Fantastic job Bob and what an inspiration – thank you!!



## **MUSINGS & MUTTERINGS:**

October brings us into the maturity of the season where all the hot growing time that summer had to offer and show off into the great harvest that is pumpkins, cider, canning all the goods to make it through the winter.

- Take some time to get out and enjoy the beauty that is Wisconsin in the Fall
- Walk in the leaves
- Go to a craft show – Pumpkin Patch Festival in Door County is phenomenal and the bonus really is the beauty in the drive up there. Weekend of Oct 11<sup>th</sup>
- Start getting your chili chops back in shape – top with cheese of course because you live in Wisconsin
- Learn a new skill – you'll have all winter to practice
- Carve a pumpkin a new way – utilize cookie cutter forms to pound into the pumpkin or drill hundreds of holes to shine candle light everywhere.
- Go to the museum for a great fall weekend outing
- Learn to make cider
- Go through the corn field maze
- Try your last rounds of golf for a bit.
- Mini golf if you are feeling cheeky lol
- Go to visit Old Wade House – see how they did things back in the day
- Also offering authentic blacksmithing and baking is Old World Wisconsin
- Enjoy the beauty is the botanical gardens at this time of year

## **SEPTEMBER meeting attendance**



## **LET'S TALK MPAFUG! 2026**

WHAT'S NEXT?

ring Committee is already busy planning meeting topics for 2026 and would like your help.

## **This group is your group.**



- What do you want to hear about?
- Would you be interested in:
  - Guest speakers?
  - Demonstrations?
  - Workshops?
- What research do you want to know more about?
- Q&A sessions with Bob and Randy?
- Specific ethnicities information challenges and tools to use?
- Are there suggestions on your mind that we should incorporate?
- Keeping the hunger for heritage alive is challenging. Would you like to be a speaker?
- What can you do to bring the next generation into your research journey?
- Attendance at our meetings pre-covid were 100+ routinely. We are looking to grow our attendance again as we now average 30.
- What would you like to see to help raise attendance?
- Bring a friend, neighbor, relative, spouse, co-worker. It's fun stuff!

## ***WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!***

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

*Membership in MPAFUG is open to anyone interested in learning more about computer genealogy.*

**\$12** – the cost per calendar year membership that covers individual and family



Please send a check for \$12.00 made payable to MPAFUG or bring to the next meeting:

Include: name, address, email & phone number.

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## **RESOURCES**

### ***The Family Search Center***

9600 West Grange Avenue, Hales Corners  
The Family Search Center Library hours:

**Tuesday:** 8:30AM – 3:30PM

**Wednesday:** 8:30AM – 12 Noon

**Thursday:** 8:30AM – 3:30PM and  
6:30PM – 9:00PM

**Saturday:** 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Enter at the main doors facing West Grange Avenue and follow the signs to the library.

On Thursday evenings, Bob Heck and Randy Ray are the volunteers on duty who will assist you in your research.

For some extra special help from May through September, Cheryl Heck is there to help you. Cheryl is LDS Mormon and is the expert in the Family Search website and LDS issues.

There are numerous portal systems available for free use at the center.

**Come enjoy this resource!**

## **MPAFUG KEY INFORMATION**

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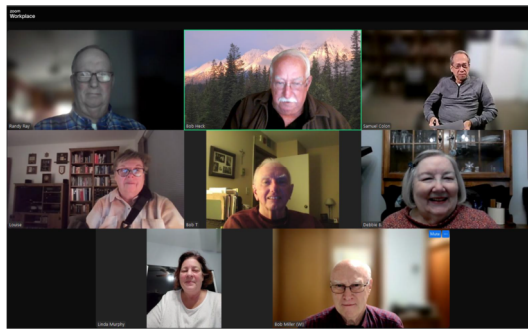
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## **STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

|               |              |           |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Bob Heck      | Jane Orne    | Randy Ray |
| Bob Miller    | John Canapa  | Sam Colon |
| Bob           |              | Steve     |
| Tatalovich    | Linda Murphy | Gulgowski |
|               |              | Merilyn   |
| Debbie Bluett | Louise Stack | Romani    |

Steering committee meetings are held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month except in December. The Steering Committee is an informal group of members who get together to plan topics for future meetings.

**All MPAFUG members are welcome to attend.**



### **If you would like to make a presentation or have a suggestion for a meeting topic**

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<http://mpafug.org>

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**Members of MPAFUG have access to a members-only web page which contains past newsletters and handouts from our meetings.**