

# SCGS Board of Directors Candidates

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**Diane Adamson** joined SCGS in 2009 and is currently the Society's 1st Vice President, Jamboree Co-Chair and a member of the IT team. She is a native of Los Angeles and is a graduate of Cal State Northridge with a degree in Business Administration. After completing college, she worked for the Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO)'s IT Department for 22 years as a programmer and a manager. Later, she was employed by the Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center in the IT department. Along the way, she continued her academic studies, earning an MBA degree from USC and completing the course requirements for a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. Diane served in volunteer jobs on the Suicide Prevention Center Hotline and as a member of the Board of Trustees and the leader of the Board of Deaconesses at her church. Her area of genealogical interest is Midwestern and Eastern United States, British Isles and Germanic research.



**Debbie Davenport** Born in Los Angeles, Debbie is an Registered Nurse and worked in emergency medicine and public health for over 40 years, earning a BSN and a Masters in Public Administration. While pursuing her career in Nursing, she started researching her family at the West LA Family History Library in 1976 and one day discovered the SCGS Jamboree on a flyer at the library. Now retired, her focus is on improving her genealogy research skills while also helping others discover their ancestors and volunteering at the library. She is a member of the SCCAPG, APG, NGS, DAR, DUVCW, National Soc. U.S. Daughters of 1812, Colonial Dames 17th Century, UGA, NYG&B, Georgia Gen. Soc., and No. Carolina Gen. Soc. Research areas of interest: 17th and 18th Century Americas and the Caribbean, Ulster Scots Irish, Colonial Dutch ancestry, and anywhere there is a family story to discover!



**Kathy Holland** is a native Californian—born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. She have been searching for her ancestors since 1984, and found them all the way back to the mid-1600's. On the education front, she's completed the American Certificate Program at the National Institute of Genealogy (earning the PLCGS certificate), started the German certificate program at the NIGS, completed the Pro Gen program and the DAR genealogy courses. She has attended the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) every year since 2013, working on German studies and methodology skills. She is a member of SCGS, NGS, APG, the APG virtual chapter, the So Cal chapter of APG, the DAR, and the DUVCW. She volunteers on the 4th Saturday at the SCGS library and participates in the German Interest Group. Kathy has a BA and MA degree in Political Science.

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**Megan Lee** refers to DNA as her muse. An adoptee of an adoptee, she solved her mother's adoption and when she met her for the first time, gave her the gift of her own heritage. Now she enjoys lecturing to share the magic behind DNA discoveries, finding relatives, and breaking brick walls. Her adoption research germinated this great love of genetic genealogy. After attending her first Jamboree, she went back to school and gained her BU certificate in genealogy, a certificate in genetic genealogy from Excelsior College, an Advanced DNA certificate from GRIP, and a ProGen certificate. She is a current SCGS Board Member, a SCGS DIGS leader, and runs social media for SCGS's Jamboree.



**Linda Mustion** has been involved with genealogy since 1983; wanting to learn more about her father's side of the family. Linda is also a Military Researcher, Historian and Biographer for Burbank and Glendale's war dead. Linda was named the 2011 Patriot of the Year by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce. Currently, she is a member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, NSDAR and a Find-A Grave Photo Volunteer and a Vietnam Traveling Wall Docent. Linda has been an SCGS Librarian, is currently a fill-in Librarian, the SCGS Historian and on the SCGS Board of Directors. She has also volunteered at Jamboree in the Tech Zone. She currently serves as the SCGS Board of Directors liaison to the SCGS Library Operations Committee.



**Louise Ratliff** A native of Los Angeles, Louise has lived in the Baldwin Hills, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Los Angeles, and the San Fernando Valley. She has been interested in family history since her parents began researching their families in the 1980s, but has only recently begun learning how to do her own research by attending Jamboree and attending talks and webinars. Both of her parents have traced their lines back to the 1100s, in England and Germany. One famous ancestor is William "Buffalo Bill" Cody! As a Librarian at CSUN and UCLA for over 40 years, Louise was active in library automation and cataloging, and was a map cataloger for 12 years until she retired in 2019. Now she helps in the SCGS Library by providing full cataloging for the maps and serving on the Library Ops Committee. She also serves on the Jamboree Committee. Other interests include hiking, gardening with native plants, and serving as webmaster for the Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.