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## Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD

a ZOOM presentation on

### "BEWARE! *The Enchanted Forest: Perils & Pitfalls of Online Trees*"



When is it safe to get information from an online tree? Here Jean will discuss where these trees can be found, how to assess them for reliability, how to cite them, how to use them for clues to further your research, and more. Not all online trees are created equal, but most can be evaluated with a few simple steps: don't become victim to the enchantment of an apparent pot of gold.

Jean obtained her bachelors and master's degrees in Speech Communication and worked as a professor in the field for 13 years. She received her doctorate in folklore in 2008. She has been involved in family research for over 40 years and has traced her origins to Germany, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Holland, England, and France. She is the former Director of the Corona, CA Family History Center and has done background work on two genealogy-focused TV programs. A former Board Certified Genealogist (for 10 years), she has been on the board of the Genealogical Speakers Guild; served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Professional Genealogists for four years (and is the past President of its Southern California Chapter). Currently she serves as the President and webmaster of the Corona, CA Genealogical Society. She is the author of the "Ask Aunty Jeff" column of the Jefferson County NY Genealogical Society's newsletter, *The Informer*. Her website: [circlemending.org](http://circlemending.org). Her goal: helping to connect the family circles.

**Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 via Zoom 1:00 pm - sign on 10 mins. early**

**All are welcome to attend this Zoom meeting. Non-members: To receive zoom meeting details send email to [whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com](mailto:whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com) with name and email address by April 17, 2022.**