



*The Santa Clara County Historical  
and Genealogical Society presents:*

**Re-creating a fertile desert:  
Genealogical implications of  
experimental community**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Black Rock City is a notable ephemeral place in Northern Nevada where 70,000 Burning Man participants (many from the local technology community) come together to annually create an alternative city in the desert. It is a landscape steeped with innovation and experimentation that permits freedom to practice radical cultural values and nontraditional social relationships which challenge traditional genealogical patterns.



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**Refreshments and Conversation: 6:30 pm**  
**Business Meeting and Program: 6:45 pm**

**Margie Edinger Room – 1<sup>st</sup> floor**  
**Santa Clara Central Park Library**  
**2635 Homestead Road**  
**Santa Clara, California**

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