

THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Austin Genealogical Meeting Tuesday, July 23, 2013

July program

Topic: Digital Legacy: Preserving the Past for the Future

As we enter the digital age feet first, we need help in preserving our audio, video and photos for our future generations to treasure. There will be several viable options on how to do this with a minimum of work and cost. Digital Media Conservation is a very hot topic on everyone's agenda.

How safe is online storage?

Where should I store what and for how long?

How to I transpose older media to be read in future gadgets?

Who is the guardian of my things online?

Bio: Roberta Przybylski retired from the public sector and never thought she'd teach older adults, but after working as an educator, a technical writer, and teaching herself how to use the computer, it seemed like a natural fit. She began volunteering at AGE Computer Learning Center, a non-profit and part of Austin Groups for the Elderly of Central TX, where for the last 13 years she's taught hundreds of adults how to use their computer. She began teaching multimedia applications to digitize the shoebox of treasures or showcase photos for competition at University of Texas for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the AGE Computer Learning Center and has never looked back. In 2011, Roberta won the SXSW Dewey Winburne Award for her community service in teaching with technology, and the effects are lasting throughout the community. Currently she is the Director of the Computer Center. Roberta is married to a fellow pro-hobbyist photographer, Dan, and they have five grandchildren who are very photogenic.

www.agecomputer.org (for AGE class information)

www.austingracie.com (for more on photos and videos)



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AGS Business: *From the Minutes of the Board Meeting*

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, prior to the regular AGS meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as submitted. The following items were discussed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report for May was submitted and accepted as amended.

Board Replacement

Marcia Arn has agreed to fill the Board Position vacancy due to the resignation of Dona Kurtz. She was approved by the board for the position.

Publicity

The Express game on June 11, which was both a fun event and a publicity venue, went well. A number of brochures were distributed. There was discussion regarding the possibility of repeating the event in 2014.

Bank Statement Review

Leslie Inman reported that the May bank statement is in line.

Programs

Jacquie Wilson is seeking topics of interest for the August meeting when the program will be "Member-to-Member: Special Topic Tables" Planning for the September seminar continues. Door prizes, vendors, a brochure, and a syllabus were part of the discussion.

AGS Website

Lisa Smith and Jean Marostica will be the new webmasters, replacing Dona Kurtz, who has resigned. Work on the site is ongoing.

Membership

Current membership is at 318.

Handbook Creation

Missy Harris is working on the handbook and, subsequently, will get it placed on the website.

By-Laws

Carolyn Gresham reported that the committee will meet and address all the comments received thus far. A final draft will be presented. Once a final draft is

approved by the board, the by-laws will be submitted to FGS for review.

Writing Class

Mary Scrudder will be conducting a writing class on July 27 at the Austin Community College campus at Highland Mall. There will be space for 30 people. The hours are from 10 am to 1 pm. It was agreed to keep the fee for the class at \$10 recognizing that future classes may cost more if a free venue is not available.

General Note Cards

Note cards, business cards, and envelopes will be ordered.

Fall Texas History Event

The event will be held on September 7 and is in conflict with the AGS Seminar. Therefore, AGS will not be participating.

Black History Book

A Kentucky black history book is available for free download. An out-of-print history reference book, Kentucky's Black Heritage, can now be downloaded in its entirety from <http://www.kchr.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/B894CE55-D2E6-49EA-B650-84FD7B22A51B/0/KBHBooklet.pdf>

Genealogy Roadshow

The PBS genealogy program, "Genealogy Road Show", will start September 23, after the "Antiques Road Show", and run for 1 hour for a total of 4 weeks. Austin was the first location taped in the series, but no decision has been made on the order of airing.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The most recent Society program was a wonderful reminder of the service and sacrifice by those who fought in WWII and by their families. I want to thank the members who participated in the AGS program by submitting such a variety of photos and keepsakes for us to view. Thank you to the volunteers who artfully displayed the multitude of memorabilia. Everyone took time to take in the history of WWII displayed. I am so encouraged by the dedication of members who spend countless hours contributing to the success of our Society and making it an activity well worth participation. Our latest volunteer commitments come from Lisa Smith and Jean Marostica who are our new co-webmasters. Please direct any AGS website comments or concerns to them at: webmaster@austintxgensoc.org. Enjoy the summer and try to keep cool !

2013 Board of Directors

Term Ending 2013:	Term Ending 2014:
Inez EPPRIGHT	Carolyn GRESHAM
Teri FLACK	Missy HARRIS
Marcia ARN	Leslie INMAN
Randy WHITED	Anne MAMIYA
Jennifer WHITLEY	Karin NELSON
Jacquie WILSON	Jane SCHWENDINGER

2013 Officers

President	Jane SCHWENDINGER
1st Vice President	Carolyn GRESHAM
2nd Vice President	Jacquie WILSON
Secretary	Inez EPPRIGHT
Treasurer	Teri FLACK

If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to share those with us

CEMETERY CORNER



Thanks to Jacquie Wilson for this month's photo.

James A. Michener, American author.
Born: February 3, 1907, Doylestown, PA,
Died: October 16, 1997, Austin, TX

***Did you know that he is buried at
Austin Memorial Park Cemetery ?***

Have you read his book **Texas** ?



The second GLO Genealogy Workshop of 2013 will be held on Saturday, July 27, 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. at the Texas General Land Office, 1700 N. Congress Ave., Room 131, Austin, TX. To attend, please call 512-463-5277 (or 800.998.4GLO for toll free), and talk to Kevin Klaus or Laurel Neuman or send an email to archives@glo.texas.gov for more information. You may also go to: <http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/history-and-archives/>



and click on the GLO Workshop-July 27 link under "What's New" in the left column of the page. Learn about genealogical resources available at the GLO. Topics include research information in the GLO Spanish Collection, German genealogical resources, pre-Revolutionary & Republic-era ancestry research, and online research opportunities. Full-day or afternoon time will be available in the GLO Archives Research Room. Limited to 20 participants. Registration fee of \$50 includes box lunch & up to 10 color copies.



Local Genealogy Opportunities

There are many opportunities to participate in genealogical activities in Austin and in nearby communities. The list below includes information on regularly occurring meetings in which AGS members may wish to participate.

AGS British Isle Genealogy Special Interest Group meets via email to exchange information. Contact Jane Schwendinger at janesca@earthlink.net.

Austin Genealogy Special Interest Group meets from 1:00- 3:00 P.M. the second Saturday of the month at Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Drive. <http://www.austingensig.com/> Topic for July: "Copyright and Intellectual Property Law Fundamentals for Genealogists" Presented by Attorney Matthew J. Booth

Austin Legacy Users Group meets on the third Saturday of the month from 1:00-3:00 P.M. at the Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton-Creek Blvd., Austin. Rjenkins7@austin.rr.com

Bastrop Genealogy Society meets at 1:00 P.M. on the second Saturday of the month at Pressley Meeting Room, Bastrop Public Li-

brary. <http://www.bastroplibrary.org/genealogy/bastrop-genealogical-society-monthly-meeting.html>

The Annual Conference of the German-Texan Heritage Society will be held **September 20th & 21st**, Winedale Conference Center, near Round Top/Brenham. The conference will feature great speakers, field trips, door prizes, German food. For updates: GTHS website, www.GermanTexans.org/ or Liz Hicks, Genealogy Editor, erootrot@usa.net.

Williamson County Genealogical Society meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Round Rock Public Library. Social time at 7:00 with the meeting at 7:30. <http://www.williamsontxgenealogy.org/> July program: "Historic Preservation – What do Old Buildings Mean to Genealogists?" Sara Gredler

Writing Your Family History: Mary Scudder will be teaching this class on Saturday, July 27, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. This event will be held at Austin Community College - Highland Business Center location. Space is limited and is open to AGS members only. Please contact Jacquie Wilson at programs@austintxgensoc.org This AGS event is limited to 30 attendees. Register soon.

A GRAND DISPLAY

THANK YOU, MISSY HARRIS AND KAY BOYD, for assembling the display and orchestrating the evening that honored our WWII veterans and gave all of our attending members an opportunity to get a glimpse into life during that time in our history.



Missy and Kay want to thank all of those who assisted with the WW II exhibit at the June meeting. Some folks dug through their closets and drawers to share their family collection of newspapers, ration books, family photos, scrapbooks. Thank you Carol Mann, Mary Todd, Robert Foley, Jane Schwendinger, and Jackie Wilson. Putnam Monroe brought his father's helmet to add some realism to the other items. Carol and Mary also assisted us with setting up the displays, and John Marostica provided audio-visuals in keeping with the WWII theme. Thanks to all for helping make this a special evening.

AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



Fall Seminar

**Sept. 7, 2013
9:00am to 3:00pm**



**at Triumphant Love Lutheran Church
9508 Great Hills Trail
Austin TX, 78759**

FEATURING

LISA ALZO, M.F.A.

Your Immigrant Ancestors

Lisa Alzo currently resides in Ithaca, New York. She earned a B.S. from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1987 and a Master of Fine Arts in Nonfiction Writing from the University of Pittsburgh.

Lisa has published numerous articles in genealogy magazines, written nine books, and has received many awards.

An avid genealogist for 22 years, Lisa currently teaches online genealogy courses and is a frequently invited speaker for national conferences and genealogical and historical societies.

❖ **Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors**

❖ **Immigrant Cluster Communities: Past, Present and Future**

❖ **Silent Voices: Telling the Stories of Your Female Immigrant Ancestors**

❖ **Diseases, Disasters & Distress: Bad For Your Ancestors, Good For Your Genealogical Research**

\$35 AGS Member*

\$45 Non-AGS Member*

\$45 At The Door

**\$10 Optional Box Lunch ~ (or you may bring your own lunch)
Drinks will be provided**

**Please check our website for full details at:
<http://austintxgensoc.org>**

***Preregistration form with payment must be received by August 19 to guarantee your surnames in the syllabus as well as the optional box lunch. You may pay by check, credit card or PayPal.**

TIDBITS

Ancestors in Bell County? *The Temple Daily Telegram* of June 10, printed an article about the Bell County archives. The county archivist, Yolanda Yarbrough, along with her staff, stores, catalogs, and preserves records for every department in Bell County. The large building that stores these archives is behind the Bell County jail in Belton. It stores 10,000 boxes of records. In addition to the boxes of records, there are about 300 handwritten journals dating from 1884. The goal is to get everything digitized. Not everyone has access to these records. County departments can request specific boxes. Nothing in the article mentioned how those of you who might have reason to access these records can do so, but it might be worth contacting them.

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SEND IT IN!

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MEET A BOARD MEMBER — Due to a lack of submissions, this column has been dropped from the newsletter. The Editors

Austin Genealogical Society Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Public Employees Credit Union	10667.61
Wells Fargo	14164.87
Total Checking/Savings	24832.48

TOTAL ASSETS	24832.48
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Total Liabilities	0
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EQUITY

Retained Earnings	21554.5
Net Income	3277.98
Total Equity	24832.48

**Report by the Financial Review Committee of the Financial Records
of the Austin Genalogical Society for the year 2012.**

The AGS Financial Examination Committee met on Thursday, April 4 at the Yarbrough Branch of the Austin Public Library to perform the examination.

The Committee was provided the Society's records in a portable file case, with one folder of records for each month of the year. Also included was a folder containing year-end reports. Generally, the folders' contents included the following items:

Bank Statements

Bank Statement Reconciliation Report

Bank Deposit Summaries itemizing Check Deposits and PayPal deposits

Debit Transaction Forms covering AGS Debit Card expenditures

General Transaction Reports covering PayPal deposits and PayPal fees

Copies of Invoices paid by AGS checks, along with copies of cancelled checks

Monthly Profit and Loss Report

Copy of 2012 Budget with month's transactions shown

Miscellaneous other items, some prepared for Board review covering various seminars, bus trips, etc.

Following a discussion of a general process for the examination, each month's folder was examined in detail by a committee member. The examination included the following:

Comparison of deposits against the bank statement

Comparison expenditures against bank statement, and verifying existence of invoices, etc. to support the expenditure

Reconciliation of the bank statements for the AGS checking account and savings account using the verified deposits and expenditures

Confirmation that expenditures were allocated to regular AGS account categories

Verification that dues and contributions paid using PayPal were properly allocated to proper AGS account categories.
One instance in January was found where a "contribution" made using PayPal was recorded in "membership dues" account category.

In addition to the activities noted above, several other items of interest were noted.

All checks were accounted for, with several "VOID" checks properly accounted for

Three checks were written for over \$1,000, and they contained two signatures as required by AGS Bylaws

Required reports to The Department of Treasury for Tax-Exempt Organizations and to the State of Texas for Sales Taxes had been properly filed. Additionally, an IRS Form 1096 was properly filed for the stipend paid to Mark Lowe for the Mini-Seminar.

AGS has two accounts with Public Employees Credit Union (PECU): one a savings account, and the other a \$25,000 CD. The status of these accounts was shown only in General Journal Entries and Balance Sheet Reports. (Perhaps, a better reporting procedure can be developed.)

There were several instances of AGS receiving duplicate payments, which caused some additional efforts by the Treasurer to resolve. AGS members are encouraged to be more careful with their payments.

There was one instance of a check having issues with “Insufficient Funds.” Again, this situation caused some additional efforts by the Treasurer to resolve.

In summary, the 2012 financial records are complete, thorough, and have been maintained in an orderly manner. The use of the Check Request Procedures has been properly followed, and the use of the AGS Debit Card appears to have been responsibly used.

The Committee offers the following recommendations

The establishment of a Cash Receipts Form to record all cash transactions for membership, seminars, research trips, etc. that occur during an event and signed by the person in charge of the event. A simplified version could be used for anonymous contributions made in collection cans, etc.

Selection of a person with accounting background to serve on the Financial Review Committee. We believe this experienced person could aid the rest of the Committee in reviewing the documents produced by the QuickBooks Accounting system.

Because this report and previous reports vary considerably in format and content, we recommend the establishment of a consistent format and minimum content requirements for the financial review. We believe this standard should be prepared by someone with an accounting background.

Teri Flack, current AGS Treasurer, is commended for her skills and dedication in keeping the financial records in excellent form and condition.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Todd

Clarence Guelker

Robert E. Tieman, Chair

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Greeters were Mary Ellen Autry and Martha Carpenter.

Refreshments were provided by Leslie Inman, Carolyn Gresham, Nancy Machu, Wynell Noelke,

Missy Harris, Kay Boyd and Sheila Sargent, and Wynnette Harris.

Sheila Sargent presided over the refreshment table.

Registration Table was tended by Jean Marostica, Arlene Zirkel, Ann Cooper, and Carol Mann.

Attendance Report for June: We had 77 members sign in, 11 visitors, plus our speaker for a total of 89 in attendance.

NEW MEMBER: Jerry Benedict Surnames: Benedict, Couch, Hendry, Clardy, Hooper, Wriggle, Hadley, Warren

VISITORS:

Barto Arnold

Marcia Kaylakie: Roberts (Charleston, SC), Swinton-White (Charleston, SC), Kaylakie (Philadelphia, PA)

Burl Baker: Baker (Bell Co., TX)

Scott Thompson: Bond; Thompson

Carol Joiner

John W. Bunner

Darwin Machu: Machu, Pokorny, Knezek, Mayer (all surnames are Czechoslovakian.)

Mary and Ron Root

JULY

Greeters:

Glenda Martin & Lori Henry

Refreshments:

**James Hollas &
Nelda Lillie**

Plus popcorn



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tuesday, July 23

“Digital Legacy, Preserving the Past for The Future” Tuesday, September 24

presented by Roberta

Pryzbylski

“Social Media: Cousin Bair and
Partners in Crime” by Randy Whited

Tuesday, August 27

“Member-to-Member” Special Topic

Tables—AGS Members

Tuesday, October 22

“Texas Archive of the Moving Image”

Presented by Elizabeth Hansen

Tuesday, September 7

Seminar presented by Lisa Alzo, M.F.A.

Tuesday, November 26

Fall Festival—”I Bet You Didn’t

Know That” presented by AGS members

Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays
(except December)

Social time at 6:30; Program at 7:00

Highland Park Baptist Church

5206 Balcones Drive

Austin, TX 78759

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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