

Austin Genealogical Society Newsletter

Next Meeting: November 27, 2018

AGS Fall Festival



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[Read more.](#)

Welcome to the November edition of the AGS Newsletter

Read about the [latest news](#) this month, including . Find out about [AGS sponsored events](#). Learn how you can [volunteer](#). [Publish](#) your work. Find out

about [online resources](#). Read about several [Non-AGS events](#) you may want to participate in. Enjoy!

Welcome new members!

Callie Williams and Maria Williams

Welcome back to returning member Alan Ferguson!

News Articles

AGS 2019-2020 Board elections. The 2019-2020 board has been elected! Every year, six positions on the board are completing their two-year term and may either commit to another two-year term or replacements will be found.

Thanks to the nominating committee for their help: Robin Raben, chair, and committee members Teresa Devine and Dianne Holley from the Board, and Dianne Harvey Anderson and Beverly Pritchett from the membership.

Thanks also to those who have completed their term and are stepping down - Teresa Devine and Dianne Holley - we appreciate your leadership and support of AGS!

Say hello to our Board members for the Year 2019:

Term Ending 2019

Millijon Crowell
Lise Doss
Erin Garcia
Ann Kippen
Jean Marostica
Robin Raben

Term Ending 2020

James Bridges*
Carol Darst
Nan Kilkeary*
Karen Liston
Elizabeth Price
Rob Richardson*

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AGS Longtime Member Mary C. Forister honored at October meeting

She doesn't get to attend many meetings, but in October we made a special effort to bring M.C. so that we could highlight the seven, yes seven!, volumes of

family genealogy that she has published. Proceeds from the sale of her books go to The Mary C. Forister Fund for special children and to Children's Alliance of South Texas for abused and molested children and their families, both in Floresville, Texas. M.C. grew up in Floresville from 1941 to 1961. She needed special help in school which they didn't provide.

M.C. is a delight and always ready to share about her family. She has made a difference in her communities and for others in so many ways. You can read about her in the "member appreciation" article from the February 2016 edition of our newsletter (Volume 22, Issue 2 can be accessed from our newsletters page: <http://www.austintxgensoc.org/newsletters>)



L-R: M.C. Forister, Program Chair Rob Richardson, and President Nan Kilkeary at the October meeting

Volunteer

Thank you to all of the volunteers for 2018! AGS would not exist without members like you that have stepped forward to assist during meetings, at our annual Seminar and on our committees and projects. Volunteering means meeting others in the society, feeling more engaged and vested and (we hope) having fun! If you are interested in volunteering next year or have an idea for a project or committee the society could sponsor, contact Lise Doss at dossgenresearch@gmail.com.

Publish

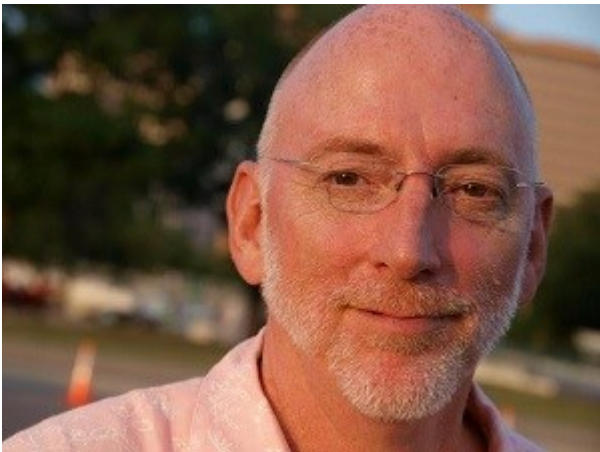
AGS Quarterly is accepting submissions for the 2018 Winter Edition. Deadline is November 17. We share copies of the Quarterly with several institutions to preserve in their collections, including: The University of Texas @ Austin - Texas State Library Genealogy collection, Familysearch library in Utah (some of our editions appear in their online collections,) Allen County Public Library Genealogical Periodicals in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) library in Washington, D.C. Preserve your research today - send in an article for the AGS Quarterly to quarterly@austintxgensoc.org.

AGS Sponsored Events

AGS November Meeting - Fall Fest

November 27, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (NOTE EARLIER START TIME)

Highland Park Baptist Church, [5206 Balcones Dr., Austin, TX 78731](#)



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"When I read a Michael Barnes article, it's like listening to a great story told by an old friend. It always leaves you informed, entertained and feeling somewhat closer to the Austin community. He is our collective memory." — Bob Ward, Chairman, Travis County Historical Commission

In his presentation at our Fall Festival, Michael will select several stories from his book on Austin history, *Indelible Austin*, to reveal things about Austin that you likely didn't know, telling you who we were before we were Austin and how this shaped us into who we are today.

Michael Barnes is an award-winning columnist for the Austin American Statesman and as noted above, the author of *Indelible Austin*. He is a native Texan who earned his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Michael has been a resident of Austin for more than 30 years as both a reporter and columnist observing and writing about Austin's social life, its politics, and its history. So, what did Austin once look like? Who were our stalwart citizens and who were our sinners? And how did their lives influence us today? Find out in November at our Fall Festival. Michael has some great stories to tell.

http://www.austintxgensoc.org/event/ags-fall-festival-november-2018/?instance_id=567

November Volunteers:

Setup: Karen Liston, Robin Raben, Nan Kilkeary, Terri Mirke, Shelley Augustin
Greeter: Wynnell Noelke

Clean up: Carol Darst, Lise Doss, Caroline Sinclair, Elizabeth Price, Richard Gruetzner

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November Writing SIG meeting

Second Tuesday of every month (no meeting in December). Last meeting of the year! November 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Meeting at IHOP, [1101 S MoPac Expy, Austin, TX 78746](#)

The purpose of the Writing SIG is to support members in writing family histories and genealogical articles. We meet once a month and have dinner together while we discuss genealogical topics and those of us that are ready will read aloud our latest work. Come and get inspired with the rest of us! Open to members of AGS. You are welcome to purchase dinner (at your expense) but that is not required.

http://www.austintxgensoc.org/event/ags-writing-sig-11-2018/?instance_id=509

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Basic Genealogy Records

Saturday, November 17

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

North Village Library Branch, [2505 Steck Ave, Austin, TX 78757](#)

Instructor: Debbe Tipping

Come explore the following basic genealogy records with us: Vital Records, Censuses, Land Records, and Religious Records. We will also touch on writing citations and transcribing, abstracting, and extracting

Registration closes November 15.

http://www.austintxgensoc.org/event/basic-genealogy-records/?instance_id=565

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AGS / AGE Computer Lab FOURTH SATURDAY Class - Learn more about Family Tree Maker!

The November FOURTH SATURDAY class will be held December 1.

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Title: Family Tree Maker 2017 (Updated) – 104 – Clean Up and Maintenance

The Computer Lab at Austin Groups for the Elderly, [3710 Cedar St., Austin, TX 78705](#)

Student expectations:

Basic computer skills that include: keyboard familiarity, mouse use (both left and right-click buttons), and Windows 7 or newer navigation/software application interactions. A general understanding of genealogy including an understanding of terms such as “facts”, “sources”, and “media”. “Navigation and Getting Started with Family Tree Maker 2017“ class or equivalent understanding of navigating within FTM 2017.

This class will build on our previous classes. Now that we have a tree, there are times we need to clean up our data and perform maintenance on our data file. This class will walk you thru the most common clean-up activities for Names, Places, and Media, as well as common maintenance activities like running the Data Errors Report, Compacting your file, and Repairing missing media links.

This is a computer lab for AGS members only. Class fee is \$10.00. Seating capacity is 10.

Registration: http://www.austintxgensoc.org/event/family-tree-maker-2017-updated-104-clean-up-and-maintenance/?instance_id=569

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December DNA SIG meeting

First Wednesday of every month. Next meeting December 5, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Meeting at Pok-E-Joe's [2121 Parmer Lane, Austin, TX 78727](#) three blocks east of Mopac on Parmer Lane.

Each month we review a chapter from *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, by Blaine T. Bettinger. It is available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle editions: <https://www.amazon.com/Family-Guide-Testing-Genetic-Genealogy/dp/1440345325>

Everyone is welcome. You don't need to have tested your DNA to come and learn.

http://www.austintxgensoc.org/event/dna-sig-december-5/?instance_id=533

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Hogg family cemetery lot clean-up - there will be another trip to Oakwood Cemetery in downtown Austin to keep the Hogg family cemetery lot maintained. The date has not been finalized but will happen after the first freeze hits Austin - we assume sometime in December. Oakwood Cemetery, is located at [1601 Navasota St., Austin, TX 78702](#). If you are interested in helping out, contact James Bridges via newsletter@austintxgensoc.org.

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October monthly meeting recap

There were 64 in attendance at the meeting.

Helping at member sign in table was Thomas and Judith Morris - thank you!

Thanks to the crew for help with setup/food/cleanup:

Set Up: Sam Martin and Caroline Sinclair

Greeter: Marsha Patterson

Snacks: Marsha Patterson, Lise Doss, Rob Richardson

Cleanup-Jaime Hadley and Marcia Arn.



Photos above from the collection of Robin Raben.

Non-AGS Events

Williamson County Genealogical Society

Our annual member share event! (Monthly Meetings)

Thursday, November 15

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Round Rock Library, [216 E Main Street, Round Rock, TX 78664](#) Room A

The November meeting is our annual member share event! Join us as we discuss current breakthroughs and interesting genealogy tidbits!

<https://williamsontxgenealogy.org/eventListings.php?nm=36>

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Study Group

Thursday, November 15

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Emma Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, [600 River St., Austin, TX 78701](#)

Join us on the third Thursday of each month at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center. TGSA members are there 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM to help you or get you started on your genealogy research. You can come and go as you please and the event is open to the public. You may also email tgsa@tgsaustin.org if you have any questions or if you need any specific reference to make sure it is available.

<http://www.tgsaustin.org/component/ohanah/study-group-2?Itemid=>

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Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG)

Elevate your Genealogical Education to New Heights

13-18 January 2019

[Hilton SLC Center, Salt Lake City, Utah](#)

SLIG 2019 opens with a networking social on Sunday and closes with the Completion Banquet on Friday evening. Courses run Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:00 pm; some will include homework, consultations, or labs outside those times.

<https://ugagenealogy.org/cpage.php?pt=524>

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COME JOIN THE GENEALOGY CLUB!

Austin Groups for the Elderly, [3710 Cedar St., Austin, TX 78705](#)

The Genealogy Club at Austin Groups for the Elderly (AGE) is now open to registration for 2019 – and you don't have to be elderly. It is your interest in all things genealogy (and a membership fee) that gets you in the door.

Membership is \$75.00 for the year - that entitles you to eleven 2-hour sessions with genealogists of all levels of experience.

This is a computer-based club. We talk about / learn / share any and everything genealogy, and Family Tree Maker is the primary application. Family Tree Maker sessions are led by FTM super-user Reneé Lasswell. Facilitated by Dianne Holley, the Genealogy Club meets the third Tuesday of every month (except December) from 10:00 A.M. to NOON.

Register here: <http://www.agecomputer.org/clubs/Clubs2019.php>

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Austin Gen SIG

[Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Dr., Austin](#)

Saturday, November 10

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Topic: Genealogy and Social Media - join us as Jacquie Wilson leads us on a hands-on, live look at how social media can be a great genealogical research tool.

<http://www.austingensig.com>

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Austin Legacy Users Group

Meets on the third Saturday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

[Querencia at Barton Creek, 2500 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin](#)

<http://austinlug.weebly.com/>

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Texas State Library and Archives Commission

Open during the week from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month.

[1201 Brazos St., Austin](#)

Questions concerning Second Saturdays may be sent to reference.desk@tsl.texas.gov.

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/arc/genfirst.html>

Genealogy Online

Austin Public Library Genealogical Resources (online)

<http://library.austintexas.gov/database/genealogy-and-people-search-guide>

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Portal to Texas History adds Mercedes Area Newspapers

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/MANP/>

The Portal to Texas History was created and is maintained by the University of North Texas Libraries with a collection of source materials from or about Texas. Recently added to the Portal is the Mercedes Area Newspapers. These newspapers have served the residents of Mercedes in Hidalgo County. The first newspaper, The Enterprise, was published by Isadore Moritz from 1908 to 1914. A series of English and Spanish language papers have since been published, including The Mercedes News and The Mercedes Enterprise.

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Maureen Taylor, Photo Detective, Blog

<https://maurentaylor.com/the-photo-detective/blog/>

Maureen Taylor is an internationally recognized expert on photographic identification and genealogy. She finds clues in photographs as if she were a

private detective. She has a great website, a blog and podcast. The nice thing about her blog is that you can peruse the content at your leisure by going to the link above, or if you want to read each posting as soon as it hits the web you can subscribe so that you will get an email. We hosted Maureen Taylor in our 2014 Seminar at AGS (perhaps you were there?)

Maureen has recently promoted these products for your digital photos. I would say a recommendation from the Photo Detective on family photo tools is one worth listening to!

MemoryWeb - a photo organizer made for Family Historians by Family Historians. Read her review <https://maureentaylor.com/a-photo-organizer-made-for-family-historians-by-family-historians/>

Vivid-Pix Photo Restore - <https://maureentaylor.com/episode-20-vivid-pix-photo-restore/>

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Index to genealogical resources and family search tips.

<https://www.genealogyinc.com/>

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Do you have a useful online resource for genealogical research? Send it to newsletter@austintxgensoc.com!



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