# THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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# Austin Genealogical Meeting Tuesday, October 22, 2013

The October speaker will be Caroline Frick. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Texas Archive of the Moving Image as well as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Radio-TV-Film at the University of Texas at Austin. She will be providing an overview of the organizational mission of TAMI, their library collection, and free digitization opportunities. TAMI's video library is available at: www.texasarchive.org

Prior to her work in Texas, Dr. Frick worked in film preservation at Warner Bros., the Library of Congress, and the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Frick also programmed films for the American Movie Classics cable channel in New York and currently serves as the President of the Board for the Association of Moving Image Archivists. Her book, "Saving Cinema," was published in 2011 by Oxford University Press. She has published in a variety of journals including the International Journal of Heritage Studies, The Moving Image, The Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television, and The Journal of Popular Film and Video.

Texas Archive of the Moving Image (TAMI) is an independent 501c3 organization dedicated to the preservation of Texas film heritage. Every year, home movies, television programs, and locally produced films are lost as these visual records of Texas rapidly decompose or are simply thrown away. TAMI works to discover these "orphan" films, to make them available in our online library at www.texasarchive.org, and to educate the public about moving image history and contemporary preservation practice.

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# AGS Business: From the Minutes of the Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, prior to the regular AGS meeting. Members present were Inez Eppright, Teri Flack, Carolyn Gresham, Missy Harris, Marcia Arn, Anne Mamiya, Karin Nelson, Jane Schwendinger, Randy Whited and Jacquie Wilson. Leslie Inman and Jennifer Whitley were not present. The minutes of the August board of directors meeting were accepted as submitted. Minutes from special meetings of Sept. 9 and Sept. 19 were also accepted as submitted. The following items were discussed.

# **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report for August was submitted NEW BUSINESS and accepted.

# **Bank Statement**

The August 2013 bank statement has been reviewed, and it is in agreement with the treasurer's records

## Membership

The current membership stands at 366.

# 2013 Seminar

The September 7th seminar was well attended and very successful.

# Programs

Marcia Arn will be the program director for 2014. She reported that the committee is working on 11 programs and speakers. The 2015 seminar will be on May 30 with Judy Russell. Jane Schwendinger reported that the topics for the 2014 Seminar selected by the board will be Identifying & Dating Family Photographs,

Preserving Family Photographs, Reading Genealogical & Immigrant Clues in 19th Century Photographs, and Walk in Your Ancestors' Footsteps: Plan a Family History Vacation

# TSGS 2013 Conference

Volunteers from AGS who will sit at the AGS booth at the Texas State Genealogical Conference being held at the Wingate in Round Rock on Nov.1-2 will be Karin Nelson, Jen Whitley, Jane Schwendinger, Inez Eppright, Leslie Inman, and Anne Mamiya.

## **November Meeting**

The November meeting will be our annual holiday celebration. The program will be planned by Jacquie Wilson and Sharon Foley. An RSVP invitation will be sent in order to plan the needs for the celebratory meal.

## **Genealogy Road Show**

There was discussion regarding the Genealogy Road Show and the spot sponsored by AGS in support of the show. The board had voted to run a spot featuring AGS to target this audience interested in genealogy.



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Murder, Mayhem, and Misadventures

Mark your calendar for the Seventh Annual Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure Tours at Oakwood Cemetery on October 26 from 10-4. Hear costumed actors tell the stories from earlier Austin. Check out specific times and other information at: <u>http://www.sachome.org/news/news\_pdfs/2013%20MMM.pdf</u>

# **CEMETERY CORNER**



Thanks to Jacquie Wilson for submitting these photos.



# **Murder Indeed!**

Elias is interred at Oakwood Cemetery. He came all the way from Poland with a stop in New York and finally met his end

when he was murdered in Austin.



On the other hand, we have Sprinze Badt who was born in Prussia and died in Austin at the age of 112.

Sprinze is also interred in Oakwood Cemetery.



# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hopefully, you were among the 90+ AGS members who enjoyed the screening of the Austin Genealogy Roadshow at our last meeting. Thanks to those who sent an RSVP for the September meeting. That gave us a better idea of how to plan for the event, knowing that KLRU would be inviting many guests to join us.

I apologize for having to send so many blasts about AGS and TSGS events recently. An effort is made to spread the blasts out over time, but there are times when everything seems to be happening at once. If you click on "opting out" of receiving further emails from us, we cannot get you back on the list of recipients, and you will not receive meeting notices or Quarterly links.

The Seminar was wholeheartedly received. We appreciate your feedback and hope you will plan to attend our next Seminar on May 3, 2013 when Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective, will be our speaker. We welcome our new members who were added to our membership rolls by attending the Seminar. We hope you will be renewing your membership for 2014.

By now, you know how appreciative I am of the few volunteers we can call upon for help with our many projects. It takes a lot of work to create the Newsletter and Quarterly, host eleven programs, a Seminar, and weekend special educational events that many of you enjoy. Much work goes on behind the scenes keeping records, sharing information, and general planning. The board is working hard to make the Society relevant, helpful, interesting, and fun! Please extend your gratitude to those you see helping AGS be the great Society it is! And, if you have some spare time, please say "yes" when someone asks you to help out with something. New people volunteering often brings new life to a tired project!

# **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. The October program will be "Where to keep your genealogical data so it's Easy to Share and Easy to Access" http://www.austingensig.com/

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 BartonCreek Blvd., Austin. <u>Rjenkins7@austin.rr.com</u> Bastrop Genealogy Society meets at 1:00 P.M. on the second Saturday of the month at Pressley Meeting Room, Bastrop Public Library. <u>http://</u> www.bastroplibrary.org/genealogy/bastropgenealogical-society-monthly-meeting.html\_

Burnet County Genealogy Society meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:15 in the meeting room at the Herman Brown Free Library on the square in Burnet. <u>http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/</u> ~txburnet/BCGS.html

Kingsland Genealogical Society meets the 2nd Tues. of each month at 2 pm in the Kingsland Library which is a branch library of the Llano Public Library.

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. "Tax Records" is the Oct. topic. <u>http://www.williamsontxgenealogy.org/</u>

# **MAJOR UPCOMING EVENT**

Plan now to join us for the 2013 Texas State Genealogical Society Annual Conference. The conference well be held at the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel & Conference Center in Round Rock, Texas on October 31 – November 2.

Registration is now available on the TSGS 2013 Conference page: <u>http://www.txsgs.org/about/</u> <u>conference/</u>

The full listing of classes and bios may be found on the Speakers' Page: <u>http://www.txsgs.org/</u> <u>about/conference/speakers/</u>

# BLAZING THE FAMILY HISTORY TRAIL

Texas State Genealogical Society

2013 Conference



(Personal message from your newsletter editor regarding the TSGS Conference: Please have a look at what this conference has to offer you. It is nearly in our backyard. The location is just off I-35 in Round Rock. We don't get a conference that close every year. If you have never attended a state conference, now is the time to do it. I confess that I never have done so, but I will be attending this year. The conference offers many top-notch speakers, a wide assortment of vendors, terrific door prizes, a fun-filled Friday night banquet celebration, and much more. I hope to see many AGS members there.)

# The "I NEED" Column: NEW help request

If YOU are in need of something genealogical, we would like to publish that need in this new column. Limit your submission to one sentence and tell us what you need. Submit your needs to: <u>sharonkfoley@gmail.com</u>

Linda Smith needs help with Troup County, Georgia, research. Please email Linda at: <u>lindalu250@gmail.com</u>

# OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS — REGIONAL AND STATE

The Dallas Genealogical Society is excited to announce that D. Joshua Taylor, president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and nationally-known genealogy researcher, author, and lecturer, will be the featured speaker at our 2013 Fall Lecture to be held on Saturday, October 12, at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in downtown Dallas.

Further information can be found at the Dallas Genealogical Society home page: <u>http://www.dallasgenealogy.org</u>

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission will host another Genealogy After Dark event on Friday, October 18, from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m.

Registration, limited to 30 participants, will close on October 11, 2013.

Parking is usually available in the Capitol Visitors Parking Garage at 1201 San Jacinto, one block to the east of the Lorenzo de Zavala Building. There are no parking fees after 5:00 p.m.

The schedule for the evening can be viewed at: https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/genafterdark.html

For more information contact: geninfo@tsl.state.tx.us or 512-463-5455.

To register, complete the form available via this link: <u>https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/sites/default/files/public/tslac/ref/GENEALOGY%20AFTER%20DARK%20October%202013%20registration.pdf</u> Submit it with a check payable to the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas, P.O. Box 12983, Austin TX 78711:

A state-wide genealogical library lock-in will be held on Friday, October 18, 2013, beginning at 12:30 pm. You may attend at a location near you:

Round Rock Public Library (Round Rock, Texas)

Texas State Library and Archives (Austin, Texas)

West Waco Library and Genealogy Center (Waco, Texas)

Programs will be broadcast to all locations, beginning at 12:30 pm. A description of the programs and times can be viewed here <u>http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/home/index.asp?page=9&recordid=23520</u>. Each location will also provide long-distance look ups of items in their collection. Also, the Lone Star Chapter of the APG will be doing their "Ancestor Roadshow" consultations—schedule a free consultation with a professional genealogist!

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Alton C. Allen Historical Conference will take place October 19, 2013, at the American Legion Hall - Hallettsville, TX. A registration form and more information is available at: <u>http://</u> www.lavacacountyhistory.org/Alton%20Allen%202013.pdf

The dates for the 2014 research trip to Allen County Library in Fort Wayne are currently being determined. Stay tuned for that information.

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# **HOSPITALITY REPORT**

Greeters for September were: Robert Tieman, Barbara Innis and Sheila Sargent

Sign-in Table: Jean Marostica, Carol Mason, Linda Milligan, and Martha Carpenter

Many member volunteers helped with our special event. We hope we have not forgotten anyone.

Refreshments: Huge THANK YOU to KLRU for providing refreshments for this special event.

Attendance Report for Sept: 96 Members, Plus approximately 70 visitors

October Greeters will be: Mary Todd and Carroll Patterson

Snacks for the October meeting will be provided by: Jean Kotria, Jan W. Pelosi, Glenda Black, Fred Catrett

### **2013 Board of Directors**

### 2013 Officers

Term Ending 2013:	Term Ending 2014:	President	Jane SCHWENDINGER
Inez EPPRIGHT	Carolyn GRESHAM	1ST Vice President	Carolyn GRESHAM
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Randy WHITED	Anne MAMIYA	Treasurer	Teri FLACK
Jennifer WHITLEY	Karin NELSON	If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please feel	
Jacquie WILSON	Jane SCHWENDINGER	free to share those with us.	

# **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Tuesday, October 22 "Texas Archive of the Moving Image" Tuesday, November 26 Fall Festival– Special Fun Night

Presented by Elizabeth Hansen

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Monthly Meetings on 4th Tuesdays (except December)

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

Highland Park Baptist Church

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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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