

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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Upcoming Regular Monthly Meeting

On Monday, February 23rd, the general meeting of the FWGS will meet in the Tandy Lecture Hall of the Central Library at 7:00 pm. Coffee will be served at 6:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Tom Clark. His presentation will pertain to the social security records and how they can be used in genealogical research. Mr. Clark has worked for the U. S. Social Security Administration since 1978. He is currently a public affairs specialist at the Fort Worth office and is responsible for coordinating public relations activities in the Metroplex. Parking around the Library is free after 6:00 pm. Come early for the meeting and take the opportunity to look over the new materials downstairs in the Genealogy & History area.

January Regular Monthly Meeting

On January 26th, the FWGS held its general meeting at the Central Library. Some forty members and guests were present. Bettye Richardt gave her presentation, "From Legends to Legacies." Bettye has found that while many family members may not be interested in doing genealogical research, they do enjoy knowing about the family's heritage. The trick is to present the information in a way that is more friendly and accessible to them. Typically, the experienced genealogist has notebooks, boxes and file cabinets of pedigree charts, census pages, and other documents. This documentation is essential for the genealogist, but for others it is daunting. Most family member will better appreciate the information is a simplified, digested format. A few of the formats mentioned were: 1) a scrapbook of birth announcements, marriage notices, funeral bulletins, photographs and memorabilia; 2) a compilation of favorite recipes that have been handed down with reminiscences; 3) a video or CD recording of grandmother/grandfather telling some of the old stories; 4) a quilt with blocks prepared by different family members. These items could be shared at the next family reunion or duplicated for family members to keep, enjoy and leave to the next generation. So continue to do the rigorous and detailed research that a good genealogist has to do; but, also think of ways to make a legacy for all of your family.

Have You Renewed Your FWGS Membership?

If you have not renewed your FWGS Membership for 2004, please do so ASAP. If you are not sure if you have renewed, please contact Roy Combrink <rcrom@aol.com> or Terri Meeks <terri.q.meeks@lmco.com>.

Renew Your FWGS Membership

\$23 Individual

\$50 or more Sustaining

Renewing for Year:

\$27 Family

\$250

Contributing

2004

Renew your FWGS Membership by sending your name, address and email to:
Fort Worth Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 9767, Fort Worth, Texas 76147-2767

FWGS CALENDAR

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2004

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY - CENTRAL

TANDY LECTURE HALL

500 WEST 3RD, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

PROGRAM: TOM CLARK TO PRESENT

"SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS AND

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH"

COMPUTER USERS GROUP

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY - CENTRAL

INTEL COMPUTER LAB

500 WEST 3RD, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Monthly Day Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

4001 LIBRARY LANE (OFF HULEN)

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

PROGRAM: TEXAS

Board of Directors Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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Up Coming Community Genealogy Events

March 4 - 6, 2004

(Thursday - Saturday)

Texas State Historical Association Meeting

Austin, Texas

The annual meeting of the TSHA will feature a large variety of speakers on Texas history and culture.

<http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/about/meeting/upcoming.html>

March 12 - 13, 2004

(Friday - Saturday)

Native American History and Genealogy Conference

Lawton, Oklahoma

For more information, contact Lawton Public Library at (580) 581-3450 or

<http://www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/library/conference.htm>

Registration Forms available at the FWPL Genealogy Unit

March 13, 2004

(Saturday)

Williamson County Genealogical Society 2004 Annual Seminar

First United Methodist Church, Round Rock, Texas

Rhonda R. McClure will be the speaker. She is author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Online Genealogy (2nd Edition)* and *The Official Family Tree Maker Fast & Easy Version 9*. Her newest book is *The Genealogist's Computer Companion*.

As a lecturer she has spoken at national conferences and is the current president of the Genealogical speakers Guild.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~txwcqs/Seminar.htm>

April 17, 2004

(Saturday)

8:30 am

The Van Zandt County Genealogical Society Annual Seminar

Garden Valley Golf Resort, Canton, Texas

Interested parties should contact the Van Zandt County Genealogical Society at 903-567-5012, or write to the Van Zandt County Library of Genealogy and Local History, P.O. Box 716, Canton, TX 75103.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/%7etxvzcg/vzgs.htm>

April 24, 2004

(Saturday)

Ancestry in Action Genealogy Fair

Fort Worth Public Library, Fort Worth, Texas

For more information, contact (817) 871-7740 or <http://www.fortworthlibrary.org>

September 8 - 11,

2004

(Wednesday -

Saturday)

Legends Live Forever: Researching the Past for Future Generations

Austin, Texas

For more information, contact (888) FGS-1500 or www.fgs.org

Registration Forms available at the FWPL Genealogy Unit

FWGS Monthly Events

1 st Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editors*
2 nd Monday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central
2 nd Thursday	Monthly Day Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
2 nd Thursday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central

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