

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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Upcoming Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday (July 30, 2007)

Fort Worth Central Library – Tandy Lecture Hall

6:30 pm: Coffee 7:00 pm: Program

“Going Digital”
by Pat Gordon

Pat is a member of Fort Worth Genealogical Society and former President. She has become a well-known speaker in genealogical circles. She will be presenting at the 11th Annual Angelina College Genealogy Conference in Lufkin, Texas, as she did last year. Pat has expertise in most matters digital and wants to tell us some of the ways we can improve our genealogy and the way we keep it by digitizing. She'll cover scanning and preserving documents. Please come to hear more about GOING DIGITAL.

For more info contact Debbie at debeejay@aol.com

*Parking is free on the meters around the Library after 6:00 pm and in the Sundance Parking Lot on 3rd and Taylor after 7:00 pm.

Welcome new members - The Society wishes to welcome the following new members: Dave Gillespie and Kaye Vernon.

Correction: In last month's newsletter we inadvertently reported Edna Perry Deckler as a new member. The new member was actually Joyce Deckler, the daughter of our founding president, Edna Perry Deckler.

Beginners classes – The beginners workshop is conducted by Bettye Richhart the fourth Saturday of each month, from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the Chappell meeting room at the Central Library, January through August. On July 28 her topic will be “**Using Military Records As A Research Tool**”. Review of American Wars, records unique to each, WW I Draft Cards, types of pensions, DAR records, The Confederate Research Center in Hillsboro, which censuses can help.

Computer User Group. The program in August will be given by Shirley Apley of the Genealogy Section of the Fort Worth Public Library. She will discuss features of the Ancestry, Heritage Quest and newspaper data bases available at the Library. The group meets in the Intel Computer Lab at the library at 7:00 Monday August 13, 2007.

Genealogy Announcements

FWGS Calendar

Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, August 27, 2007
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Fort Worth Public Library - Central Auditorium
 500 West 3rd, Fort Worth, Texas
Program: "What not to do when you go to Europe"
Speaker: Dan & Terri Meeks

Computer Users Group
Monday August 13, 2007
 7:00 pm – 9:00pm
Topic: Highlight Ancestry, Heritage Quest and Newspaper collections
Speaker: Shirley Apley
 Fort Worth Public Library - Central Intel Computer Lab
 500 West 3rd, Fort Worth, Texas

MONTHLY DAY WORKSHOP
(All Members Are Welcome)
Thursday, August 9, 2007
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Topic:
 Southwest Regional Library
 4001 Library Lane (off Hulen)
 Fort worth, Texas

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
(All Members Are Welcome!)
August 18, 2007
 10:00 AM –12:00 Noon
 Southwest Regional Library
 4001 Library Lane (off Hulen)
 Fort Worth, Texas

Beginners Workshop
Saturday, August 25, 2007
 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.
Topic: Using Military Records as a Research Tool
 Chappell Meeting room
 Central Library

Preserving Our Past

September 8

"Reflecciones de Fort Worth"
 Delsa Perez, Historian/Photographer of Hispanic Histories

Tandy Lecture Hall, Fort Worth Central Library, 500 W. 3rd St., Fort Worth, Texas 10:30am-12:00pm.

The Fort Worth Public Library Genealogy Unit is pleased to announce in cooperation with H.O.G.A.R de Dallas our next workshop – **Ancestry in Action: Searching for Hispanic Ancestors**. This event will take place, Saturday, July 21st, 1 pm to 5 pm. The topics and speakers are:

- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm – Art Garza: The Basics of Genealogy Research
- 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm – Jesse Thomas: Mexican Migration to Texas – 1897 – Present
- 2:00 pm – 2:15 pm – Break
- 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm – Dorina Thomas: Hispanic Genealogy Research – The Basics
- 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm – Janet Paulos Khashab: Hispanic Research Sources
- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm – Break
- 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm – Iris Arias: What is the Path to Your Roots?

You may register one of two ways for the workshop either by phone, 817-871-7740, or online by going to the following link:
<http://www.fortworthgov.org/library/info/default.aspx?id=37032>. The deadline is July 18, 2007. 9:00 p.m.

FWGS Monthly Events Jan. thru Nov.

1 st Day	Newsletter Deadline	Contact Newsletter Editor*
2 nd Monday	Computer Users Group	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central
2 nd Thursday	Monthly Day Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
3 rd Saturday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library – Central
4 th Saturday	Beginner's Workshop	Fort Worth Public Library --Central

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For information to be included in the newsletter, please contact the editor by the first day of the month.

Changes in the Officers of the Society: Virginia Brown resigned as Society President effective June 18, 2007. Also, Jari Emmons resigned as Recording Secretary and Ann LeFevre resigned as Seminar Chair. According to the by-laws, the 1st president, Rob Yoder assumes the office of President and appoints replacements to the other vacant offices, with the approval of the Board of Directors and the general membership. He appointed Roy Combrink (3rd VP) as 1st VP and newsletter editor, Terri Meeks (Historian) as 3rd VP and Membership Chair, Jan Cowley (Director) as Recording Secretary and Crystal Barth as Director. The position of Historian remains open. These appointments were approved by the Board of Directors on June 16 and by the general membership on June 25.

Nominating Committee: In June each year, a nomination committee is appointed consisting of five members. Their duty is to find candidates for each elected office on the Board of Directors. Two members have already been appointed to this committee; Elly Hutcheson and Debbie Pearson. We need three additional members to help. The elections are in October so the committee has several months to complete their assignment, although they usually don't get started good until September. You will be contacting other members, by phone and e-mail, asking for nominations and verifying

that nominated members are willing to serve. Please contact Rob Yoder at RGYoder@juno.com or 817-535-7931 if you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee.

Grandma's aprons (author unknown)

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears .

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Send this to those who would know, and love the story about Grandma's aprons.

REMEMBER:

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the windowsill to cool.

Her granddaughters set theirs on the windowsill to thaw.

2007 Seminar – The Society's 2007 seminar will be held August 11, 2007 at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden Center, Oak Hall, from 8:15 am until 4:15 pm. The speaker will be Lloyd Bockstruck of the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section. His topics will be: 1. Genealogical Research in Georgia, 2. Colonial and State Statutes: Overlooked Sources for genealogical Research, and 3. Pitfalls. The registration fee is \$40.00 if received by August 7 and \$45.00 at the door. This includes a box lunch (sandwich, chips and a cookie). Surnames received by August 1 will be included in the syllabus. **If you have not registered, note that the cutoff for your surnames to be included in the syllabus is fast approaching.** For more information e-mail us at FWGS@mail.com

Summer Seminar Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Surnames: _____

No. Registered _____ \$40.00 =\$_____ total enclosed

Seminar Schedule:

8:15 am - 9:00 am	Registration - Vendors Set-up - Refreshments
9:00 am - 10:15 am	Session 1 - "Genealogical Research in Georgia"
10:15 am - 10:45 am	Break - Vendors and refreshments
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Session 1 - conclusion
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch - Vendors
1:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Session 2 - "Colonial and State Statutes: Overlooked Sources for Genealogical Research"
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Break - Vendors and refreshments
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Session 3 - "Pitfalls"
4:15 pm -	Closing comments

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