

THE AUSTIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Austin Genealogical Society Meeting Tuesday, August 26

Scrapbooking with Heritage Makers to Excite Your Family History

Join Luci Anderson as she shows how to take facts, photos and memorabilia and tell your family story for future generations.

Wouldn't it be great if your ancestors had chronicled their stories? You would know why it was that your great grandfather moved across the country, or your earlier ancestor left their homeland. You would know how they lived, what they did, what their hopes and dreams were. You can do that for them! Scrapbooks are a wonderful way to share the photos, facts, and family stories you have uncovered, in a quick and simple format. What's more, you can do that for your descendants. By scrapbooking your own life, you share what is important to you with your family -- now. Scrapbooks also leave a trail for your descendants to follow and keep your family history alive in a way that is much less intimidating than traditional genealogical charts and papers.

This presentation will cover steps to create your own traditional or digital scrapbook and, as time permits, a brief overview of other options to share your photos and stories.

A native Texan, Luci has been interested in family stories since, as a child, she learned that her great grandfather was born and reared on the grounds of Mission Espada, one of San Antonio's famous missions. For almost 20 years, Luci has helped people organize their photos and share their stories through scrapbooking. An independent consultant with Heritage Makers, she brings her passion for family history to her presentations, providing insights to help people get their priceless photos out of shoeboxes and into scrapbooks they can share with family and friends.



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

AGS Board Meeting, July 22, 2014

Board Minutes

Members present: Marcia Arn, Inez Eppright, Missy Harris, Patricia Thompson, Anne Mamiya, Carol Mason, Karin Nelson, Winnie Noelke, Kathy Pemberton, Jane Schwendinger, and Don Villoni. Member not present: Lisa Smith-Curtean.

Minutes of the June, 2014, AGS Board meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

The June Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

Bank Statement

Inez Eppright deferred until next month due to lack of information.

Membership

Missy Harris deferred until next month due to lack of information.

Programs

The October program originally scheduled to be presented by Karen Matheson, who will be moving, will be replaced with a program by Leslie Inman and Charlene Mullenweg. They will provide information on using the DAR website and other organizations' websites.

OLD BUSINESS

Fort Wayne Research Trip

The hotel contract was presented to the board and accepted.

PERSI Presentation by Sue Kaufman

Sue turned down mileage reimbursement for her Saturday presentation. The board decided to double Sue's honorarium from \$50 to \$100.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Nominating Committee for Board- Kathy Pemberton volunteered to serve, and Jane appointed her to chair the committee.

Patricia Thompson and Carol Mason volunteered to be the other two board representatives on the committee.

Website Issues

There are problems with the half-price membership registrations. There was discussion regarding whether the half-price membership for the remainder of 2014 is for new members only or for returning and new members as well. The Board felt that the half-price should be as stated in AGS information. Further investigation will be made on any continuing problems with website membership registration.

KLRU

Costs for AGS ads during the "Find Your Roots" series were presented. Discussion followed that included what the viewer rate might be and whether the prices presented were non-profit rates. Missy Harris will check on the rate, and the board will look back at what was done last year before making a decision for the 2016 series.

AGS Printed Publicity

Karin Nelson volunteered to assist Jane Schwendinger design a revised tri-fold brochure for distribution at the FGS Conference

AGS Computer & Peripherals

The current computer works well, but does not have a currently supported Windows program installed. Research will be done on how to bring it up to secure working order. A new HDMI cable will be purchased. The current Quick Books program needs updating, and that will be pursued.

General Business Meeting (held at the beginning of the monthly meeting)

As per the requirements of the by-laws, a general business meeting was held to nominate two members of AGS to serve on the Board Nominating Committee. Kay Boyd and Sharon Foley were nominated and elected by acclamation.

From the President's Corner

Just as I think summer has brought a lull in AGS meeting attendance, over 90 people attended our last meeting. This is about 25% of our membership. We'd love to have more attend, but understand that many live too far away, topics are not of interest to all, and sometimes life activities just get in the way. Let's keep the trend of inviting a friend to attend our meetings going.

The Nominating Committee has been selected. When you are contacted to consider being on the board, understand that you were selected because you are viewed as someone who is active in AGS and has something valuable to contribute. Serving on the board is sometimes time consuming, but is also a tremendous way to get to know others interested in genealogy and to learn more about what is available outside of our Society. Consider saying "yes" when asked.

Activities coming up in the last half of the year include the FGS convention, the AGS trip to Ft. Wayne, and a booth at the Texas Book Festival. Members will be participating in all these events. I hope to see you there.

Jane Schwendinger

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. This is an official AGS activity.

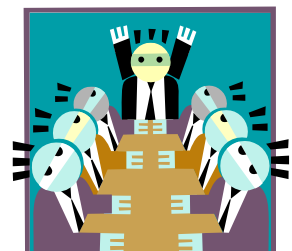
Austin Gen SIG meets from 1:00- 3:00 P.M. the second Saturday of the month at Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Drive. This SIG is a part of Computer Club of Austin and is not an AGS affiliated group.
<http://www.austingensig.com/>

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 Barton Creek Blvd., Austin. [Rjenkins7@austin.rr.com/](mailto:Rjenkins7@austin.rr.com)

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/>

Keep in mind that the Texas State Library and Archive is expanding its hours of operation to accommodate researchers. The Texas State Archives, Texas Family Heritage Research Center, and the Reference and Information Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. The facility is located at 1201 Brazos in Austin.



Some Space Devoted to Our AGS MEMBERS

Thinking of some of our AGS members.....

Sending "get well" wishes to **John Miller** who has recently been ill. We hope that he is on his way to recovery. John is a former AGS president and a long time member.

Carroll Patterson, a Life Member of AGS, who joined about 15 years ago could use our good thoughts.

Moving On.....

Longtime AGS member **Kathy Cox** has moved to Kansas. Many of us have enjoyed her wonderful company on research trips. We wish her the best. She has already told us that she is connecting to other researchers in her new area of residence.

Need Member Input.....

Planning for successful programs begins early. Marcia Arn would like to have your ideas, thoughts, and preferences. What would you like to learn? What have you heard too much of? It helps a great deal to know what YOU, as members, would like to hear. Please send your suggestions to Marcia at mjarn50@hotmail.com Please put AGS Program Idea in subject line.

Thanking some of our AGS members

Our July meeting was a busy one and many of us were involved with making the evening run smoothly. Many thanks to the board members for their donations to the tote bag, as well as to Kay Boyd for donations for the bag, for making popcorn, and for lugging those boxes of books around. Thanks to Sharon Foley and Nancy Stevens for helping with the book sale. Thanks to Jean Shroyer for helping cleanup. Thanks to the board for serving as additional greeters and also for saying goodbye to everyone at the end of the night. Thanks to everyone who helped pull out extra chairs at the last minute as our crowd of attendees grew. We even had a new member pulling out more chairs. Thanks to those who were greeters, brought refreshments, hosted the refreshment table, or worked at the registration table.

Our successful book sale brought in \$88.30. Thanks for making it a successful event. We hope you have some good new titles that will help you in your research. Best possible outcome? Maybe you'll break a long-standing brick wall with your new acquisitions.

Our storage space at the church is now much more limited than it was previously. Please do not bring magazines and similar items to be placed and shared on our 'free' table each month. If they are not taken the month you bring them, we have no space to store them for another month.

Some Things to Check Out from the Comfort of Your Home Computer

The US National Archives and Record Administration (NARA) has announced that it will be uploading all of its holdings to the Wikimedia Commons.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Wikipedia_Signpost/2014-06-25/News_and_notes

Ancestry 2.0 is a YouTube site for genealogist with new videos uploaded frequently by the owner of the YouTube channel, Jason Weekley. He'd like to have us give it a look. There is an accompanying Facebook page.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuf7vXZ9IRb79Zml0le3YQq>

Good Things Coming Up

FGS Conference 2014

The 2014 FGS Conference is practically in our back yard. It is being held August 27th through August 30th in San Antonio. This is too good to miss. For complete information, check out the official website:

<https://www.fgsconference.org/>

[This event is very worth Attending!](#)



MAKING WAVES ON LAND AND SEA

Legends & Controversy in Texas History

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 20 8 AM TO 5 PM WILLIAM B. TRAVIS BLDG

1701 N CONGRESS AVE | AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

Hosted by Commissioner Jerry Patterson & the Texas General Land Office

**Right
here in
town!**

The good, the bad, the ugly - Texas has its share. Our state's history is filled with stories of larger-than-life individuals whose illicit quests for fame and fortune shaped present day Texas. Juan Cortina, John Wesley Hardin and, of course, Santa Anna, are just a few. And for each villain, a hero exists. Stalwart Texans, such as James Earl Rudder, exemplified courage right here at home and on far away battlefields.

Making Waves on Land and Sea: Legends and Controversy in Texas History promises to be a day you'll remember, filled with the true stories of Texas villains and heroes.

Mark your calendar for **September 20** and register today!

Sign up here!

<http://www.cvent.com/events/save-texas-history-symposium-2014/event-summary-e989e41684384e8fb6844fcc65b632f0.aspx>



NOT TOO LATE TO DO THIS.....

The 2014 German-Texan Heritage Society Annual Meeting will be held August 8-9, in historic Comfort, TX, VFW Bldg. 626, Front St. For additional information and registration, please visit the GTHS website: <http://germantexans.org/annual-meeting/> or call (512) 467-4569 or 1-830-625-3075 (toll free).

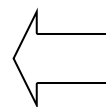
Kerrville Genealogical Society October 11 Seminar

GENEALOGY AND TECHNOLOGY

New Ideas, New Technologies To Learn About Your Ancestors

Speaker, Caroline M. Pointer, will present four sessions.

For registration information, call: 830-377-3172.



**PLENTY OF TIME TO
PLAN TO DO THIS.**

AGS Research Trip to Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana

(This is your newsletter editor's favorite large research library. Just can't resist putting in a plug for it.)

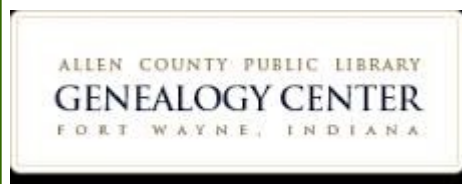
This is really good news if you have been on the fence about joining the other intrepid researchers who have already signed up to go on this research trip. **MORE SLOTS HAVE OPENED UP.**

Officially the trip is October 5th -- October 11th, 2014. However, if you would still like to go or are considering it, but can't clear your calendar for that many days, you are free to join the group for fewer days. If you would like to go and stay longer, that can be arranged, also. How long would YOU like to have for good research time and wonderful camaraderie with this great group?

Lodging at the Hilton Ft. Wayne at the Convention Center for 6 nights.

Tentative cost: \$100 deposit. Final payment of \$640 single or \$301 double . Less if you stay fewer days, of course.

Contact President Jane Schwendinger at president@austintxgensoc.org



HOSPITALITY REPORT

July Greeters were Robin Raben, Jean Shroyer, and Marcia Arn.

Sign-in Table: Martha Carpenter, Jean Marostica, Gary Pemberton, Shirley Villoni, and Arlene Zirkel.

The refreshment table was served by Sheila Sargent.

Refreshments were provided by Martha Carpenter, James Bridges and Jean Shroyer. Kay Boyd made fresh popcorn.

Attendance at the July meeting was 92 members, 5 visitors, and our speaker for a total of 98.

Visitors at the July meeting were Sandra Harris (brought by Arlene Zirkel), Amy Frishkey (brought by Janice Hays), Shirley Scott, Teresa Divine, and Sheila Tucker.

August refreshments will be provided by Ursula Gaines, Glenn Harrison, and Wynnell Noelke,

August greeters will be Martha and Scott Carpenter.

2014 Board of Directors

Term Ending 2014:	Terms Ending 2015
Missy HARRIS	Marcia ARN
Patricia THOMPSON	Lisa SMITH-CURTEAN
Anne MAMIYA	Inez EPPRIGHT
Karin NELSON	Carol MASON
Jane SCHWENDINGER	Wynnle NOELKE
Don VILLONI	Kathy PEMBERTON

2014 Officers

President	Jane SCHWENDINGER
1ST Vice President	Anne MAMIYA
2nd Vice President	Marcia ARN
Secretary	Inez EPPRIGHT
Treasurer	Karin NELSON

2014 PROGRAMS

Your program committee, led by program chair Marcia Arn, is excited to present the scheduled programs for our monthly meetings in 2014.

Aug 26 Heritage Makers - Scrapbooking & Sharing Photos -Luci Anderson.

Sep 23 GATA GACC! DNA and Genetic Genealogy today -Debbie Parker Way

Oct 28 How Lineage Societies Help You Realize Your Family's Part in History

Nov 25 Fall Festival-How Austin Came to Be-Teri Flack

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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