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Monthly AGS Meeting Tuesday, October 27, 2009

***Program: "Cousin Camp: Linking the Youngest Members
of Your Family to Each Other and Their Ancestors"***

Presented by: Phoebe ALLEN

Highland Park Baptist Church
5206 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas

6:30 – 7:00 P.M. – Social Time

7:00 – 8:30 P.M. – Program

Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!



Phoebe ALLEN wears many hats. As a self-proclaimed history detective, she researches the "genealogy" of Austin houses and commercial buildings for nomination as historic landmarks. She also teaches classes about aquifers for groundwater conservation districts and is a freelance writer focusing on issues related to education, women, history, and the environment. She taught in elementary Montessori schools for 23 years and served as the chair of the national association of elementary Montessori teachers from 2005—2009. She holds a degree in English literature from the University of Texas and AMI Montessori certification from Italy. She was conceived in Texas City, born in Arkansas, and has been the keeper of her family's tree since she was a teenager.

Phoebe organized a "Cousin Camp" for the summer of 2008 where over a period of a few days, a number of third-cousins between the ages of nine and fourteen joined aunts, uncles and other cousins at the family's original home place to learn what it was like to live in south Arkansas between 1850 and 1950. In her presentation, Phoebe will share how the camp was organized and show a lot of photographs of the activities with the hope this idea will spread and give others ideas about how they might organize a "Cousin Camp" for their own family, whether it be for youngsters or adults.

AGS Business

The AGS Board of Directors met in regular session prior to the September monthly meeting. Topics discussed were the scanning of the quarterlies which is currently underway and progress with the 50th Anniversary celebration. Barbara INNIS reported that there have been a number of wonderful Logo and Slogan

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submissions for the contests. Education Chair Sharon FOLEY reported that the Program Committee has met and the final touches are being completed for next year's program schedule.

The newsletter editor and the quarterly editor both announced that copies of these publications have been submitted to the Texas State Genealogical Society for their annual Writing Awards. Sara GREDLER, chair of the Nominating Committee advised the Board of the slate of new board members proposed for the next two-year term. President Cindy FOREMAN announced the appointment of board member Dona KURTZ as the new AGS Webmaster. Dona reported that the website is in the process of being revamped with the goal to be completed by next January in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary celebration. Given we are at the end of yet another year and there is no monthly meeting scheduled for November, the Board agreed to use a variety of methods to advise members that renewals will open at the October meeting.

Thanks to all who donated books for the AGS Book Sale at the September meeting. Our thanks also go out to Mary TODD and Kate ALLEN who (wo)manned the sales tables. AGS netted \$121.00 and a number of people got great deals on books of interest to add to their libraries!

Pursuant to the AGS Bylaws, six members of the Board of Directors will be elected at the October meeting. The new directors will serve a two-year term that begins January 1, 2010, and runs through December 31, 2012. The slate of nominees was presented by the Nominating Committee to the membership at the general meeting in September. The nominees are: Kate ALLEN, Maud CAIN, Teri FLACK, Dona KURTZ, Mary TODD, and Randy WHITED. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. However, if you want to nominate someone, please be sure to discuss their candidacy with that person prior to placing their name into nomination.

Membership
(by Barbara INNIS)

Good recent rain and cooler temperatures invigorated attendance at our September meeting, bringing 90 folks to socialize, make purchases at our annual Book Sale, munch on treats, and glean all sorts of interesting tidbits about tombstone imagery, courtesy of our enthusiastic speaker, Janene JEFFREY!

WELCOME to our new members and visitors!

NEW MEMBERS

Diana BOLLING - Austin (joined online)
Ashton C. MOUTON, Jr. - Round Rock

RENEWING / RETURNING MEMBERS

Donna EDGAR - Austin
Frank and Norma McCULLOUGH - Austin
Roger and Donna ROYCE - Austin

VISITORS

Kathleen KRAUSE-THOMPSON - Austin
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Jane RAY - Cedar Creek
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AGS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONTEST

YOU can help to make history!
(by Barbara INNIS)

Contest entries were submitted by Alice BAUMANN, Yvonne BEEVER, Karin BRANAMAN, Missy HARRIS, Lorrie HENDERSON, Shirley ROBERTS, Cynthia RODRIGUEZ, Mary SCRUDDER, and Janis TRAYLER.

John MAROSTICA will create a video presentation of the entries to be shown at the October monthly meeting prior to the call-to-order. Enlargements of the logos will be created and posted on the walls of the meeting room. However, we have also posted these entries online. So...

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW the entries for the 50th Anniversary **LOGO** Contest.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW the entries for the 50th Anniversary **SLOGAN** Contest.

SELECT your favorite for use during our anniversary year in 2010.

Choose your favorites — one logo and one slogan.

VOTE* at the October 27th meeting.

* If you will not be able to attend the October meeting, you can vote early by contacting Kay BOYD (836-7484, mkdb1405@aol.com) or Barbara INNIS (340-9932, bagns@sbcglobal.net).

Winners will be announced at the end of the October 27th meeting!

Hospitality

(by Elizabeth Johnston)

A big THANK YOU goes to our September greeters: Charles CLINGER and Robert SAGE, and to those who brought snacks: Wynnette HARRIS, Sheila SARGENT, and Janis TRAYLER.

The following people are scheduled to be our **October Greeters**: Glenda BLACK, Carroll PATTERSON, and Janis TRAYLER.

Bringing refreshments for the **October** meeting will be Kate ALLEN, Glenda BLACK, Elizabeth JOHNSTON, and Carroll PATTERSON. Thanks to these people for adding to a pleasant evening.



THANK YOU to all of you who signed up to bring food or help in other ways
with the **December Social** on December 1st.

Although no "reservations" are required, we do need to get a general idea of the number of people who plan to attend so we can have an adequate amount of meat to serve. Please let Elizabeth or Kay know at the next meeting if you plan to attend and what you plan to bring as a dish. If you are not able to be at the October meeting, but plan to be at the Social, please let us know by contacting Elizabeth or Kay by telephone or email. Elizabeth JOHNSTON, 251-0093, elizabethlj@sbcglobal.net or Kay BOYD, 836-7484, mkdb1405@aol.com.

Coming Programs

Tuesday, October 27th

Topic: Cousin Camp: Linking the Youngest Members of Your Family to Each Other and Their Ancestors

Presenter: Phoebe ALLEN

Tuesday, November 24 — no meeting



Tuesday, December 1st — December Social

AGS provides the main course, members provide the side dishes and desserts! Various members of AGS will present the program. This is the last meeting of the year and an evening you will not want to miss!

There will be more information in next month's newsletter.

Educational Opportunities

Friday, October 30; 6:30 p.m. to midnight

Central Library, 1717 Austin Ave., Waco

10th Annual LOCK-IN

The Waco-McLennan County Library together with the Central Texas Genealogical Society (CTGS) is sponsoring the **10th Annual Genealogy Lock-in** at the library. This event is free and open to anyone who has an interest in genealogy.

This year the annual event features a Beginner's Class, a variety of lectures or discussion sessions representatives of ProQuest, the Texas General Land Office, and the National Archives Southwest Region in Fort Worth.

There will also be re-enactors from the American Revolutionary period and the Civil War. The Lone

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Star Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) will be sponsoring an 'Ancestors Road Show' before and during the Lock-in.

For more specific information, visit their website at http://www.waco-texas.com/CITY_DEPTS/libraryservices/genealogy.htm

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. There will be no admittance after 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Bill BUCKNER, Manager of the Periodicals/Genealogy Division at the Waco-McLennan County Library at (254) 750-5945 or e-mail him at bbuckner@ci.waco.tx.us.



Friday & Saturday, November 6 & 7
TSGS Annual Conference & Awards Banquet
Omni Hotel, 9821 Colonnade Blvd.
San Antonio, Texas

"Genealogy with a Mission" is the theme of the **Texas State Genealogical Society's 2009 Conference**, co-hosted by the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society.

Conference information is located on the TSGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txsgs/>. Click [here](#) for the registration form. You can register for the two-day conference, Friday with lunch, Saturday with lunch, or the Friday night Banquet only. The Friday Banquet includes Speaker David BOWLES, author and a member of the Austin Genealogical Society. The Writing, Volunteer, and other awards will be announced at this time. **AGS is nominated in several categories** and we are hoping to win or place in the divisions. October 19 is the deadline for early registration and the rates go up after that date.

Are you planning to attend this conference? Would you like to share a ride with others attending? If so, contact Kay BOYD at 836-7484 or mkdb1405@aol.com and she will connect members who are interested in carpooling.



Saturday, November 7, 2009
Registration 9:30; Classes 10:00 to 3:30
ROOTS, BOOTS & BRISKET
LDS Oak Hill Stake Center Building
5201 Convict Hill Road, Austin, TX

Tracing your roots - Texas Style. This event offers 16 classes for all levels of genealogical study including topics on DNA, Internet genealogy, journals, and indexing. There is also an exhibit hall featuring family trees, scrapbooking, and charting. This event is free to all who have an interest in learning more about finding out who our ancestors are and why that information can be very interesting and sometimes very important.



Saturday, November 14, 1-3 p.m.
Genealogy SIG
Triumphant Love Lutheran Church
9508 Great Hills Trail

The November Genealogy SIG meeting will discuss two different topics:

- Forms and other research aids
 - * Computers are great, but sometimes you need a good form to help you organize your work.
- Returning the favor
 - * A look at just a few of the many ways you can volunteer and help make more genealogical information available to more people

John MAROSTICA will have a variety of forms and list of websites where useful forms can be found and he will share information about several volunteer opportunities, but he invites you to come and share. Come share what favorite documents you use or let us know where you volunteer your time and talents. John says, "As always, I expect to learn a lot from you – after all, we all learn more when we all learn together!"

Research Trips

Successful Annual Bus Trip

On Monday, October 5th, a full busload of very early risers left Round Rock then Austin on the annual day-long bus trip. This year's trip was to Clayton Genealogical Library in Houston. Everyone had a great time, but most were ready to head back for home when the time came to leave. Many thanks go to Kay BOYD and her crew for another successful genealogical adventure!

Salt Lake City here we come!



AGS will be sponsoring its 4th research trip to Salt Lake City April 19 – 25, 2010. This trip is scheduled for the week just prior to the National Genealogical Society's (NGS) annual conference, so you might want to consider a two-for-one with your plane ticket.

Speaking of plane tickets, for this trip you will need to book your own flights as we were unable to get a reasonably priced block of tickets with any airline. Plan to arrive as early as possible on Monday the 19th (no rooms are available on the 18th) and leave anytime on Sunday the 25th. This will give you five full days of research Tuesday through Saturday until 9 pm each night) and a partial day on Monday. If you wish to stay into the next week for

the NGS conference, please contact Pat OXLEY at pat@theoxleys.com for details about rooming. For those of you who have never been to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, we will arrange for a tour and orientation.

The cost of a double room for the six nights is \$300 for AGS members (\$325 for non-members) and this includes a hospitality room with snacks and networking with other AGS members and friends. The cost of a private room is \$570. We only have 20 rooms available so it will fill up quickly. We encourage you to share rooms so more people can go on this trip. We need a \$100 deposit to hold your spot. Please tell me if this is a double or single room and if you have a roommate please identify them. As soon as you have your flight scheduled, please let me know. Please make your check out to "AGS" but mail it to Pat OXLEY (trip coordinator) at 2012 Red Oak Circle, Round Rock, TX 78681. Your final payment for the room will be due no later than February 1, 2010.

There is no group dinner built into this package, but we will arrange for a group dinner at a local restaurant on Monday night (when the library closes at 5 pm) with everyone paying for their own dinner. More details will follow in the February Newsletter.

Bits & Pieces

Help Wanted. As you may have read in the last newsletter, AGS is in the process of digitizing our past quarterlies. *We are in need of volunteers* to add digital bookmarks to the PDF files using Adobe Acrobat software. If you have the full version of Adobe Acrobat and are willing to help with this project, please contact Dona Kurtz at webmaster@austintxgensoc.org.



Halloween Event, October 31, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3rd Annual Murder, Mayhem, and Misadventure Walking Tours at Oakwood Cemetery.

Come hear the stories from times past and enjoy a stroll through Austin's oldest cemetery. Sponsored by [Save Austin's Cemeteries](#). Free, but donations are appreciated.



Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 24th

Time: 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

507 E. 10th St., Austin, TX 78701

The [German-Texan Heritage Society](#) presents a celebration at the German Free School in Austin featuring a fun afternoon and evening of delicious food, tasty German beer, great live music, and lots

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of activities for children. Find more details at www.germantexans.org.



October 31st, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m, Archives Clinic at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe

Bring in your personal and family records to receive preservation tips from students and faculty from the University of Texas School of Information and the Kilgarlin Center, along with staff archivists from the Austin History Center. Reception Room, Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe Street.

Membership Renewals

It's almost that time again.

Membership renewal forms will be available at the October Meeting. Please pick up your form when you sign in.

January 1, 2010 is the date renewals are due.

Renewal forms will be mailed to current members who do not pick them up at the meeting and the forms will also be available on the [AGS website](http://www.germantexans.org).

Notes from the Editor:

Did you notice? For the first time in a number of months, we are happy *not* to report any deaths we know of in the AGS community. If you have a death in your family or know of a death in the family of an AGS member, please let us know. Providing a copy of an obituary or a web link to an obituary would also be very helpful.

By the same token, if you or a member of your family, or if you know of another AGS member or their family who has an exceptional or noteworthy event such as retiring, receiving an award or a significant promotion, publishing a book, etc., please let us know about those things, too. Please understand, however, that as wonderful as these events are, there would be inadequate space to publish announcements regarding the births and marriages of children, grandchildren, etc.

You can contact me at newsletter@austintxgensoc.org or get in touch with Kay BOYD at 836-7484 or mkd1405@aol.com.

This edition brings a bit of a new format that I hope will be easier to read and follow. I've jumped headlong into the world of "Microsoft Publisher" with the belief and expectation (or should I say "HOPE" and "PRAYER") that using this program will simplify and speed up the process. With any luck at all, future editions will continue to improve.

I hope many of you will be able to attend the next two meetings. This month, Phoebe's program has great promise of providing very helpful information and ideas on the intriguing idea of "Cousin Camp." There's a hint of what she will talk about in the last AGS Quarterly. If you missed it, dig it out of its hiding place and give it a good read.

After that, we must wait until the 1st day of December to gather again. This social event being planned by the Hospitality, Education, and Membership committees should be more than a little fun. And then, of course, there's the food, food, food. We are nothing if not a group that loves to eat! I hope to see you there. (I won't look at your plate if you don't look at mine!)

So until next month, as you continue searching for those souls from the past, Happy Trackin' (and don't let the goblins gitcha!)

Janis



2009 Board of Directors

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Teri FLACK
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Dona KURTZ
Elizabeth JOHNSTON
Robert SAGE
Randy WHITED

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Cindy FOREMAN
Sara GREDLER
Janis TRAYLER

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We are here to serve the members of the Society. If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to share those with us.

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