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Next General Meeting

On September 29, the FWGS will have its general meeting at the Central Library's Tandy Lecture Hall. The speaker will be Aliene Pokluda, a 15 year volunteer with the North Fort Worth Historical Society. She will discuss the Society's resources for historical and genealogical research.

Do not miss this interesting program. Come and share with your fellow genealogists. Remember parking is free in downtown after 6:00 p.m.

August Meeting

Some thirty-five members and guests of the FWGS met on August 25 at the Tandy Lecture Hall of the Fort Worth Public Library. President Rob Yoder opened the meeting and asked that the minutes and the treasurer's report be read. Then Vice President Ken Hopkins introduced the speaker for the evening, Shirley Apley. Ms. Apley, a Senior Librarian in the Fort Worth Public Library's Genealogy section, gave a presentation on the use of periodicals in genealogical research. Genealogical periodicals are a valuable, but often overlooked source of information. Most genealogists are familiar with some of the national wide periodicals, such as the *Genealogical Helper*, the *NGS Quarterly* and *Heritage Quest*, but there are many others published by regional, state and county genealogical/historical societies and by family associations across the country. The FWPL has over 600 periodical titles, either purchased with Library funds or obtained through the Society by exchanges with other groups.

A significant problem with periodicals is inadequate indexing. Some unfortunately are not indexed at all, and others only volume by volume. Societies are gradually remedying this situation with accumulative indexes. The best source of information, however, is the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) that is produced by the Allen County Public Library, which indexes numerous genealogical periodicals. PERSI is available at the FWPL in book form and CD-ROM. There is also an online version on www.ancestry.com. There are other more specialized indexes that your librarian will help you locate.

Besides indexing, the second problem with periodicals is locating the issue that you need. Your local library may not own it. But often copies of articles can be obtained through the Inter-Library Loan system, a national wide cooperative of public and college libraries that exchange books and other information at little or no cost to the customer. Ask your librarian about this service.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2003

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

500 WEST THIRD STREET

TOPIC: NORTH FORT WORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

COMPUTER USERS GROUP

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2003

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY -- CENTRAL
500 WEST 3RD, FORT WORTH, INTEL LAB

Board of Directors Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)

DATE AND LOCATION TBA

Monthly Day Meeting

(ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2003

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY
4001 LIBRARY LANE (OFF HULEN)

TOPIC: TBA

Databases

Fortunately for genealogists, the Texas State Library decided to continue to include Heritage Quest as part of its package of TexShare databases. If you have not yet used this resource, you can use it from home for free if you have a Fort Worth Public Library card. HeritageQuest includes many of the federal censuses as well as many out of print genealogical books and family histories, which can be downloaded or printed. If you do not have a FWPL card, you can obtain one free of charge if you live or own property within the city limits. The Library also issues non-resident cards for a small fee.

Up Coming Events

- September 20 Cindy White on "Colonial Times", Navarro County Genealogical Society. 10 a.m. at Corsicana Public Library. Contact the library At 903-654-4810
- October 4 Fall Workshop featuring Pat Gordon, Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, 8 a.m. Contact Jane Aronhalt at 817-283-9945.
- October 5 Trip to Salt Lake City, Dallas Genealogical Society. For More information see info@dallasgenealogy.org
- October 25 Texas: The Lone Star State by Lloyd Bockstruck, And Dallas Genealogical Society, Lancaster, TX. 9 a.m. For information see info@dallasgenealogy.org

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
3 rd Thursday	Board Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Southwest Regional
Last Monday	Regular Monthly Meeting	Fort Worth Public Library -- Central

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