

Fort Worth Genealogical Society

Newsletter

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Change is Coming

In an effort to trim our expenses, the FWGS Board of Directors made the decision to make a major change in our newsletter. By May, we will convert to electronic publication and distribution. Soon, members will receive their newsletters via e-mail, instead of snail-mail. The elimination of printing and postage will save the Society over \$700 per year in expenses.

Some members have already begun receiving newsletters over the Internet. If you are not receiving your newsletter by e-mail, then we do not have your correct address. Please send your e-mail address to us at FWGS@mail.com in order to continue receiving news from the Society.

The original FWGS Mailing List will not handle attachments so we're setting up direct mail from FWGS@mail.com. If you are using spam filters, please be sure to add FWGS to your trusted sites, or add us to your address book. It will take some time to set up the mailing process and iron out all of the bugs. For a few months you may continue to receive a paper version.

Why the change? - Well, we have been experiencing negative cash flow in the general fund for about eight years and have been dipping into our publishing fund to balance the budget. The publishing fund was created years ago to finance our book projects. We have depleted it to the point where it will be extremely difficult for us to publish future hardback books. Our current projects are planned to be published on CD-ROM, a more economical option.

Another board action moved our inventory storage into a much smaller and very cramped room which should save over \$500 per year. So far we have trimmed about \$1,200 from the budget, but we're only about half way there. There is more work to do.

Footprints (our largest expense and at the same time our greatest asset) has been dodging budget cuts every year. Most of us do not want to take steps that change our treasured quarterly; however, we cannot ignore the immediate need to trim more from the budget. Unless there is a significant increase in the cost of publishing, we believe we can allow Footprints to finish 2007 without cuts; however, you can probably expect a big change the following year. We are consistently watching other societies cut back to two issues yearly, drop from the exchange program, or just stop publication entirely.

We value your input. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Computer user Group — Clois Richardson will lead the March meeting of the Computer User's Group. The topic will be "16 ways to tag your pedigree charts fast".

Beginners classes — The beginners workshop will again be 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. On February 24 her program will be "Using the Federal Census for Family Research".

WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS - If you did not also receive this newsletter via e-mail, then we need your address. Contact us at FWGS@mail.com. If you do not have e-mail, notify us at the address on the back page.

RENEWAL TIME - This could be your last newsletter. We are watching the mail for the renewals from about 70 of last years members. Check the expiration date on your mailing label. We need your support in order to continue bringing you quality programs by top speakers. Your dues also support our Exchange Program where we acquire over 100 quarterlies from societies across the nation to place in the Genealogy Department at the Fort Worth Library. Contact us if you have any questions about your membership.

WELCOME - The Society wishes to welcome the following new members: Wayne Butler, Sanders Marshall, Terry Grant, Janet Thornhill, Henry Angus, Kay Armstrong, Ron & Carolyn Scott and Richard L. McNabb. We would also like to say "Welcome back" to these folks who have been members in the past: Harlen T. Wilson, Raydene Rankin, Jean B. Van Orne, Louise Armstrong Moxley, William R. Holden and Pamela Kate Maxwell Wyatt.

Recent Deaths of members: We have lost two of our honorary life members this month. On February 3, Weldon Hudson passed away and on February 7, Nancy Samuels also passed away. Both were long time members and will be greatly missed for their work for the society.

FWGS Calendar

Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 26, 2007
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Fort Worth Public Library - Central Auditorium
500 West 3rd, Fort Worth, Texas
Program: Genealogy of a Neighborhood
Speaker: Shirley Appley

Computer Users Group
Monday March 12, 2007
7:00 pm – 9:00pm
Topic: 16 ways to tag your pedigree charts fast.
Speaker: Clois Richardson
Fort Worth Public Library - Central Intel Computer Lab
500 West 3rd, Fort Worth, Texas

MONTHLY DAY WORKSHOP
(All Members Are Welcome)
Thursday, March 8, 2007
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Topic: Early Texas Records
Southwest Regional Library
4001 Library Lane (off Hulen)
Fort worth, Texas

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
(All Members Are Welcome!)
Saturday March 17, 2007
10:00 AM –12:00 Noon
Southwest Regional Library
4001 Library Lane (off Hulen)
Fort Worth, Texas

Beginners Workshop
Saturday, March 24, 2007
10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.
Topic: “Researching at the County Courthouse”
Chappell Meeting room
Central Library

Upcoming Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday (February 26, 2007)
Fort Worth Central Library – Tandy Lecture Hall
6:30 pm: Coffee 7:00 pm: Program
“Introduction to Heraldry”

David B. Appleton will present the program. David has been researching and teaching about heraldry since 1983. This on-going interest has taken him all across the United States and Canada and to Europe on numerous occasions to participate in congresses and symposia on the subject. He is a long-time member of a number of heraldry and genealogy societies and organizations, as well as a participant in a number of heraldry internet newsgroups. In addition to his illustrated lectures and presentations, he has written numerous articles for a variety of publications on the topic. He has also created a number of computer bases PowerPoint style programs teaching various aspects of heraldry.

You may call Debbie for more information at 817-691-3257

*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.

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$27 Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Contributing	<input type="checkbox"/> 2007 <input type="checkbox"/> 2008

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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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