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Please note that the our January meeting was cancelled due to a Winter Storm. We will reschedule Suzanne's presentation for a future General Membership Meeting.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

The first meeting of 2023 will be held on **Tuesday, January 31st** at **4:00 p.m. in the Central Branch Library, Tandy Auditorium. THIS IS A TIME CHANGE.** The meeting will be IN-PERSON only. The topic is titled **"Allocate Ownership & Set-Up a Genealogical Will"** and will be given by **Suzanne Fritz** of the Fort Worth History Center.

Haven't we all wondered how to save our work after we are gone. Will it be thrown out, can we donate it? Suzanne will help us.



Suzanne Fritz is a Librarian with the new Fort Worth History Center of the Fort Worth

Public Library. She relocated to Fort Worth, Texas from Naples, Florida where she worked as a Public Service Librarian and Genealogy Specialist. Suzanne received her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and her M.S., L.I.S., from Simmons College, Boston. Suzanne is interested in a variety of topics including: Italian-American immigration, German-American genealogy, and Native-American records. She's realized that one of the benefits of moving to Texas is working on family history projects that draw from the rich record resources pertaining to Texas.

NOTE: Time change of meeting is 4 PM. Free parking in the garage for 2 ½ hours. Validated



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Central Branch Downtown

On **January 31, 2023** the downtown branch will change their hours. Ending time is 6:00 p.m. everyday. **This will make FWGS change our January meeting time to 4 pm just for this meeting. We will meet at another location in the future.**

NOVEMBER FWGS Meeting

LeAnna Schooley of TCU and **Thomas Kellam** of Tarrant County College presented their most interesting program on their book: **WANTED IN AMERICA: Posters Collected by the Fort Worth Police Department, 1898-1903.** Tom explained that most of the posters were repositied in "The Heritage Room" of the J. Ardis Bell Library (Northeast Campus), 828 West Harwood Road, Hurst, Texas 76054. He invited users to visit to see what other treasures they hold. [Open by appointment Tuesday and Thursday between 10 a.m.–4 p.m.] LeAnna told many of the fascinating stories of the "criminals" and how they were researched. She and other researchers were able to track down some of the family connections and filled in some of their life stories.



Have you joined us on Facebook yet? We have two sites: Fort Worth Genealogical Society & FWGS Talk. Try them both!

JANUARY FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Jan 20, 2023
1:00 pm SW Regional

General Meeting: Tue, Jan 31, 2023
4:00-6:00 pm Central, Tandy Aud

Free Parking in the 345 W. 3rd St. Parking Garage for 2.5 hours with ticket validated at the library main desk. Meters will be in force at this hour.

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth Library
Presents

Allocate Ownership & Set-Up a Genealogical Will

With

SUZANNE FRITZ

Are you an avid genealogy researcher but unsure about how to share your family history with the next generation? Learn how to allocate ownership and set up a genealogical “Will” with Librarian Suzanne Fritz.

THERE WILL BE A SHORT FWGS BUSINESS MEETING TO VOTE on the one Bylaws Amendment presented last November.

DAY: Tuesday, January 31, 2023

TIME CHANGE TIME: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

4th BACK IN-PERSON MEETING

At the Tandy Auditorium, Central Branch Library

Free Parking in the 345 W. 3rd St. Parking Garage for 2.5 hours with ticket validated at the library main desk. Meters will be in force at this hour.

Please observe Health Protocols!



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From the President.....



Happy New Year!

Another year is here and FWGS is proud to welcome a new Board of Directors and Officers. Out of a total of 9 Board members, 4 are returning and 5 are new or first time to the board! That is a great opportunity for our society to take advantage of fresh energy and talents! WELCOME!

FWGS is committed to meeting in person now. Trouble is, many changes are taking place with all the branches of FWPL. In January we will be back at Central Branch in the Tandy Auditorium. **BUT** they are changing their hours. They will now close at 6 pm as of Jan 31st. **SO, we will meet at 4:00 pm for this meeting only. Set your clocks for this change!!! The Proposed ByLaws Change read at November Meeting will be voted on too.**

And with a NEW YEAR comes the expiration of your 2022 dues and the beginning of a New Membership Year in FWGS. **Have your remembered to RENEW your dues?** You can use the membership blank in this newsletter to mail a check or you can go online and us PayPal on the FWGS website. So easy! FWGS sincerely thanks you for your continued support!

Debbie Pearson, President

Membership: <http://txfwgs.org/html/membership.html>

 **TIME TO RENEW or JOIN for the FIRST TIME**

Membership in FWGS runs January 1 to Dec 31. Individual dues are \$23 and a Household is \$27.

Make your check payable to FWGS.

Fort Worth Genealogical Society
ATTN: Membership Director
P.O. Box 471789
Fort Worth, TX 76147-1408

Please add your email and print neatly.

You may pay online or print out a membership form and mail a check here:

<http://www.txfwgs.org/html/membership.html>

FOOTPRINTS UPDATE: Footprints has a new Editor. Please be patient as she learns all she needs to do her new job. We are aiming for a February issue!

From the FWGS Mail Bag



**Center For Texas Studies at TCU
The FW Library Community Workshops**

Topic: "Who Eats Cornbread? Who Eats Biscuits? Baking and Texas Identity."

Speaker: Rebecca Sharpless, History Professor at TCU

Location: NEW! SW Regional Library, on Hulen St.

Date: Saturday, February 4 @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

This meeting will be a Hybrid: with in-person at SW Regional branch Auditorium and ZOOM for online.

Register Here for Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cWVHAMH2QyGIU6H11T1gXQ

We celebrate African American History Month with TCU history professor Rebecca Sharpless. She'll discuss the history of baking in Texas & the American South. Speaking from research conducted for her latest book, she will weave together the story of how three global food traditions—Indigenous American, European, and African—collided with and merged in the economies, cultures, and foodways of the South to create what we know as the southern baking tradition. As her title implies, who used white cornmeal and who used yellow, who put sugar in their cornbread and who did not held meaning for southerners, as did the proportions of flour, fat, and liquid in biscuits. Food speaks volumes. Come hear what it has to say!

Rebecca Sharpless, professor of history at TCU where she specializes in women's history, food, and labor Sharpless is the award-winning author of *Cooking in Other Women's Kitchens: Domestic Workers in the South, 1865–1960* and *Fertile Ground, Narrow Choices: Women on Texas Cotton Farms, 1900-1940* and is a contributor to many additional publications. Her most recent book is *Grain and Fire: A History of Baking in the American South*.

Next: Sat, Mar 4 Carol Lipscomb "The Lady Makes Boots"



CHANGE OF ADDRESSES!

Please, Please, Please! Remember to Notify FWGS immediately upon a move. The Post Office does not forward Footprints without a cost to our Society.



FWGS Needs YOU!!!

Your Board is happy to serve you again and we have great NEW members. BUT we still have **2 positions** in need of new leadership: **Newsletter Editor** and **Programs Director**. Both of these positions can have a committee to help them. So that is **4 places** in total to serve right now. You have to have been a FWGS member for at least a year to be elected. See if there is a way you can participate in our genealogy community. Please email **President Debbie Pearson** for more: FWGS-President@Mail.com Specify one of the positions or work on one of the committees above.

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The FWISD Billy W. Sills Lecture Series Returns

Don't forget that they have a different location now -- 100 N. University Drive. Enter the doors in the center of the building. They will be waiting to greet you.

Coffee and snacks at 9:30. The wearing of masks is encouraged.

Lenna Hughes Recer and Pam Harmon Woodson
100 N. University Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76107
817-814-2040

Next Presentation: Saturday, Feb 11, 2023

- Presenter: Debra Nyul, historian and author
- Topic: "If Walls Could Talk: 100 years at Lily B. Clayton School"



Unfortunately Amazon is discontinuing their Amazon Smile charity program. **Thank You** to all who had designated FWGS as their charity partner when ordering from Amazon. The program will be ending in February.

Just Genealogy, on YouTube is brought to you by Heritage Books, Inc. (www.HeritageBooks.com) and is hosted by Craig R. Scott, CG, FUGA (crscott@HeritageBooks.com). Check it out on YouTube and check out Heritage Books for some really interesting books on a huge variety of topics.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Arlington LDS Stake Family History Seminar

It's that time of year again to start planning your attendance for the Arlington Stake Family History Seminar. The Family History Seminar will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023** starting at **9:00 a.m.** **Arlington Texas Stake Center, 3809 Curt Drive** **817-446-7088** Registration begins at 8 a.m.

To Register: <https://arlingtontxfhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Registration-Form.pdf> or see site: <https://arlingtontxfhc.org/family-history-seminar/>

Footprints Submissions?

Do you have ancestors in Tarrant County or surrounding counties? Would you like to see your family tree in print? Do you like finding interesting details about Tarrant County in your research? Is writing about your ancestors enjoyable to you?

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!!!

Footprints Editor Vicky Seibel is seeking family trees, your research, old photos, newspaper articles from early Fort Worth newspapers and other interesting records or stories of Tarrant county. If you have something that is ready in digital form contact her at: vickyseibel1@gmail.com