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OCTOBER MEETING

The **October** meeting is **Tuesday**, the **31th** at **5:00 p.m.** at the **Fort Worth History Center**. This meeting will be **IN-PERSON**. The topic **Finding Native American Indian Ancestors** will be given by **Librarian Suzanne Fritz**.

Learn how to get started re-searching your family tree and find Native American ancestors. The recent release of the 1950 U.S. Federal Census is a good starting point.



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Unit of the Fort Worth Public Library, now the Fort Worth History Center. She relocated to Fort Worth 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: Meeting Time is now **5 p.m.** Location is moved to the FW History Center, 501 E. Bolt St. **Free parking in their Lot**



FW LIBRARY NEWS

Central Branch Downtown HAS CLOSED!

Fort Worth History Center

501 E Bolt St, Fort Worth, TX 76110
(817) 392-7740

FWHC has added new staff members for your benefit! You know **Linda Barrett**, Manager; **Suzanne Fritz**, Librarian; **Gaby Kienitz**, Librarian; **Joe Riedel**, Library Asst.; **Khara Crawford**, Customer Service Rep; and **Danielle Westervelt**, Library Page. Now meet the new Librarian/Digital Archivist: **Jared Dempsey**.

We hope you are taking advantage of the many new presentations the Center has been offering. The next is on writing your obituary. See flyer inside.

September FWGS Meeting

FWGS was pleased to welcome back **Patti Gillespie**. She gave an excellent program on **Finding Our Scottish Immigrant's Home With American Documents**. She used a case study of one of her ancestors for examples of how she narrowed down his birthplace. She used ship's records (even found a photograph of her ancestor's ship), passenger and crew lists, newspapers, obituaries, Census records, tombstones, Sexton's records, and church records, both here and in Scotland. Wonderful!



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

October FWGS Meetings:

Board of Directors: Fri, Oct 20, 2023
10:30 am FW History Center

General Meeting: Tue, Oct 31, 2023
5:00-7:00 pm FW History Center
501 E Bolt St., 76110

Free Parking is available in the library parking lot and in the La Gran Plaza Mall lot.

From the President.....



Happy Halloween, Happy Fall!

It does not happen often, but our October meeting falls on Halloween this year. I hope you will turn off the porch light and come visit with us to hear Suzanne Fritz give her great program on Native American Indian Research. She is spotlighting some new or little know records now available.

When she presented it earlier this year about 70 came! Also at this next meeting, we will have the vote on the bylaws and standing rules presented at the last meeting and by email. Please come to vote on that. At this meeting there will also be a presentation of the budget and some changes that are proposed from that. Members, please come to be informed and to vote in our Society. Guests are always welcome.

In November, we will have a Show & Tell topic and ask patrons to bring something of your family's that is dear to you. Maybe something you received after digging into genealogy or something held in the family. Should be fun!

Debbie Pearson, President

From the FWGS Mail Bag



Center For Texas Studies at TCU
The FW Library Community Workshops

LOCATION CHANGE THIS MONTH!!!

EARLY VOTING AT SW REGIONAL

TCU'S PALKO HALL: 3000 Bellaire Drive North

Saturday Nov 3, 2023 10:30-12:00

For Zoom Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wcJv0NrxSViCRrFTcFTy5w#/registration

Topic: "Aztec Pottery Reported Missing": The 2001 Antiquities Heist at TCU

By: Dr. Alex Hidalgo & his Grad Students

Did you know that many of TCU precious Columbian Art was stolen in the GREAT HEIST of 2001? Come hear the facts and some theories about what happened. Learn more about this wonderful art collection that survives.

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of TCU!



The FWISD Billy W. Sills Lecture Series

They're Back!

OCTOBER 28th

NEW LOCATION!

FWISD NEW AD BLDG: 7060 Camp Bowie Blvd.

10 AM to 12 Noon (Coffee & Snacks at 9:30)

SPEAKER: Bud Kennedy

TOPIC: Bud Unplugged! Ask him about Anything FW, Restaurants, or Newspapers



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 also pay online here at a secure PayPal site.

Start here:

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

NEW Member: Michele Elekes

Michele joined at the FWGS Table at Fall Fest!

FOOTPRINTS UPDATE: May & August have arrived.

November is completed, ready to print.

Is Your Address Correct? Have you renewed? Don't Ever Miss An Issue!

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH FOR:



- ADHD Awareness Month
American Archives Month (see NARA website)
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Health Literacy Month
Happy Halloween!

Have You Changed Your Address?

Send Address Changes to our PO Box Marked: Membership or Email to vickyseibel1@gmail.com

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

*FWGS Welcomes your written articles & submissions to **Footprints**. Member **Gerry Geiger** recently submitted some Bible Records which will appear in the Nov issue. **Footprints** is the perfect place to submit your copies of the records found in old Bibles!*

WikiTree Day: What Is It?

The following is from **Thomas MacEntee**

WikiTree first opened in November 2008. Last year, 2022, we decided to celebrate our 14th anniversary by officially designating November 5 as WikiTree Day. We marked the anniversary with a symposium, a party and a whole lot more. This year it's WikiTree's 15th anniversary and we had so much fun last year, we are doing it again! Only bigger, and better. There will be a virtual anniversary party, presentations about all the opportunities WikiTree offers, videos about the different projects on WikiTree, a live interview with founder Chris Whitten, a panel discussion about genealogy and artificial intelligence ... plus games, door prizes and much more! It's more than 60 hours of events. We start with a free genealogy symposium with a variety of leading speakers on genealogical topics. The symposium starts **Friday, November 3, at 8am EDT** (noon UTC) and runs non-stop for **36 hours**, ending at 8pm EDT (midnight UTC) on Saturday, November 4. Then our WikiTree Day will

officially kick off at 8am EDT (noon ETC) on Sunday, November 5.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT:

<https://eventactions.com/eareg.aspx?ea=Rsvp&invite=0tvh4d20vkruspdb85y1n1jd0fr1m0xt6d6y2bmvrrpag6vba97s>

GENEALOGY BARGAINS

Thomas MacEntee is one of the most popular and sought after Genealogy Speakers in America today. He has stopped traveling and only speaks by Zoom or at Virtual Conferences. He also has a wonderful genealogy website called **Genealogy Bargains.com**. He runs free articles, news and always knows where to find a good bargain. Sign up for his free newsletter to your email box.

Right now, his website has a 50% off offer for **23&Me** the DNA test that offers some Health info based on your individual genetic makeup. Go to his site....You have to click on the offer from there.



23andMe Secret Sale - Save 50% via Amazon!

Get 50% off 23andMe! Get the **23andMe Health + Ancestry Service** test kit, regularly \$119 USD, for just **\$59 USD plus FREE SHIPPING** using by

<https://mail.aol.com/d/list/referrer=newMail&folders=1&accountIds=1&listFilter=NEWMAIL/messages/APX2FmgLSAy4ZTbGewoKUGly3As>

Check out his website for other deals including a 40% off 6 Months of Ancestry.com. And give the WikiTree Symposium a try too. FREE!!!

FORT WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In Collaboration with the Fort Worth History Center

Presents

Suzanne Fritz

On

Finding Native American Indian Ancestors

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DAY: **Tuesday, October 31, 2023**

TIME: **5:00 p.m.**

PLACE: **Fort Worth History Center**
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OBSERVE HEALTH PROTOCOLS



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Obituary Writing Workshop

October 28, 2023 | 2:00PM | Fort Worth History Center

Establish your legacy and conquer your apprehension by attending this obituary writing workshop, where you will learn the history of the obituary, how to write an obituary, and how to publish an obituary.

