COMING UP AT TGS

On Thursday, January 25, our monthly programs resume after the holidays. This month, Anna Smith, a historical reenactor, will portray Deborah Samson, the first known woman veteran who fought to receive a pension for military service.

We hope to see you at 7:00 at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library.

February 2, 9:30 - Class, "Family Tree Autosomal DNA," TGS, register here
February 2, 9:30 - Family History Writers' Group, TGS
February 8, 9:30 -- Family Tree Maker Computer Genealogy Group, TGS
February 8, 1:00 -- TGS Board Meeting, TGS
February 12, 9:30 -- DIG (DNA Interest Group), TGS
February 12, 1:00 - Brick Wall Session, TGS
February 17, 10:00 - Saturday Skillbuilder, "Using Wolfram Alpha," TGS
February 22, 7:00 - Monthly Program, "Genealogy and the Civil War," TSCPL

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March 12, 1:00 - Brick Wall Session, TGS
March 17, 10:00 - Saturday Skillbuilder, TGS
March 18, 2:00 -- Computer Genealogy (formerly PAF group), TGS
March 22, 7:00 - Monthly Program, "Veterans' History Project," TSCPL

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

Welcome to 2018. It has rolled in with cold weather and a little snow, but now it feels like spring. “I just love Kansas weather.”

Are you ready to get back in the groove and start searching, writing, or learning a new skill? We are here and have geared up to meet your needs. In January, TGS had:

- A class on Ancestry DNA by Marty;
- DNA Interest Group which learned how to use mtDNA and the X factor to break through brick walls;
- In the Brick Wall SIG, we learned how to use the Ancestry Card Catalog;
- A Skill builder on using periodicals (TGS has over 800 + 12,000 books) was led by Barb;
Did you know that TGS has hundreds of publications of Shawnee County records, other Kansas records, and records from across the country? Click here to see what we have to offer.

Try our new online “join us” option! Click here

- And a Sunday afternoon class from 2-4 PM on computer genealogy. This group is led by Eileen Davis and is open to anyone who uses any kind of computer genealogy program, even online sites such as Ancestry.com.

Next up, the Writer’s Group led by Terry Stahl teaches writing skills and techniques to help solve many writing issues. They meet the first Friday of every month at 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Do not forget the Family Tree Maker class led by Jan and Rich! They meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. All of our classes and SIGs are held at SE 2717 Indiana in Topeka. Check out our web page as we have updated and made it user friendly, www.tgstopeka.org.

On Thursday January 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM, our monthly program at TSCPL will have a re-enactor from the American Revolutionary War. You will learn the story of a very special soldier. I promise it will be historical. Did you know these Classes and SIGs go on each month? You can drop by and see what it is like anytime. We hope you will want to add it to your schedule.

So, what is scheduled for February? Starting on the 2nd, we have a class on getting the most out of Family Tree DNA, led by Marty. Sign up on line or stop by the library and enroll. The DNA Interest group will review what GedMatch is all about and the tools available, plus a look at DNA Painter. This tool is very addictive. The Brick Wall Sig will have a video on tap to enhance your research. Check TGS’s web page on weekly basis because we are always adding new and exciting classes. Come out and join us. You do not need to be a TGS member to participate in any of the scheduled activities.

A reminder, if USD501 Schools are closed due to winter weather, so is TGS. If ice or snow starts during the weekday morning before 12:00 PM, our librarians have been told to stay home. If you are unsure if TGS is open or closed, call ahead. As spring rolls around, a gentle reminder-if there is a tornado alert of any kind, check our web page, Facebook page, public or closed group, for updated information regarding cancellation. If we have enough time, we will send out an email blast to members. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday at our monthly meeting.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW FOR OUR 2018 CONFERENCE!

The 46th Annual Conference of the Topeka Genealogical Society will be held April 20 & 21, 2018 at the Kansas State Historical Society, in Topeka.

Conference registration information is available on the TGS website or you can register at Eventbrite. Paper registration forms will be available at TGS. It is strongly suggested you register before March 17 as there is an additional processing fee as well as the $10 late fee after that date.

The featured speaker on Saturday will be Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS, board certified genealogist, editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, award winning writer and author. This will be a great conference!
Library Volunteers. This consists of assisting library patrons and helping us to keep the library clean and orderly. Our current needs are (1) one slot the first Saturday 12:30 to 3:00 pm and (2) one position on the second Saturday 12:30 to 3:00 PM. Training is provided and new library volunteers are paired with an experienced librarian. Please contact tgslibrarycoord@gmail.com.

Administration Chair. This position requires coordinating, reporting to the correct person on needs, attend BOD meetings, developing procedures for this group, helping the President as requested and recruiting new volunteers as needed. Most of these duties could be handled from home with a computer and phone. Please contact marty.flanagan@outlook.com.

Finance Committee. If you have worked in business or banking and are familiar with forecasting budgets and revenues, or worked in insurance or real estate, or have a bookkeeping background, then you might be the right person for this committee. Please contact our Treasurer at topekaphil@aol.com.

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. Our current Newsletter Editor and Webmaster has resigned her position effective April 1. We are searching for two co-editors which would ensure back-up for that position. We will also need a person for the Webmaster position which would require more technical expertise. Karen would be available to train her replacements until April. Please contact marty.flanagan@outlook.com or Barb LaClair at barb.laclair@sbcglobal.net. These jobs can be tailored to your schedule and can be handled from home. Training is also available. Please consider these opportunities, we need your help. Other opportunities for volunteers this year will be the Annual Picnic, Open House, Nominating Committee, and our Conference. If you are interested, please contact me at janiceashby3131@yahoo.com and I will let the appropriate chair know of your interest.

BLEEDING KANSAS PROGRAMS

The 2018 series of weekly historical programs presented by Historic Lecompton has been announced. The programs are held at 2:00 p.m. at Constitution Hall in Lecompton. A donation of $3 is suggested for adults. The programs are:

January 28 - "Saving Constitution Hall."
February 4 - "Weapons of Kansas and Missouri: Cavalry Carbines of the Civil War."
February 11 - "Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War."
February 18 - "The Bandit Rides Again: Jesse James, Whiskeyhead Ryan, and the Glendale Train Robbery."
February 25 - "The Wyandots, Quindaro and Other Immigrant Tribes of Bleeding and Civil War Kansas."
March 4 - "Black Civil War Veterans Build a Church in 1867."

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR TGS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018?

We have added a new, convenient feature to make your experience of joining or renewing a breeze. On our website click on “Membership – Join Us”, then choose “online join” and follow the guidance. It’s that simple! Thank you for your membership in TGS!
If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: Unsubscribe.

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