COMING UP AT TGS

Thursday, June 27  (Monthly Program)
"Using the Kansas State Historical Society Library and Archives"
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library

Sara Keckeisen, reference librarian at the Kansas State Historical Society, will share tips and tricks for using this awesome resource located here in Topeka.

Program is free, and open to the Public. No registration required

July 4 - TGS Library is closed
July 8, 9:30 AM- DNA SIG Group, topic- "FTDNA", at TGS Library
July 8, 1:00 PM- Brick Wall SIG Group, topic- "Researching Southern Records", at TGS Library
July 11, 9:30 AM- Computer Genealogy & Software SIG Group, topic- "Questions & Answers on Computer Genealogy", at TGS Library
July 11, 1:00 PM- TGS Board Meeting, at TGS Library
July 21, 2:00 PM - Computer Genealogy SIG, contact Eileen Davis at 785-235-5845 for more info.
July 25, 7:00 PM- (Monthly Program) "Fun Facts and Important Information about Kansas Counties"; Wendi Bevitt, from Buried Part Consulting, will provide information atout the 105 Kansas Countires that may help with researching your ancstors;free & open to the Public; at TSCPL
July 27, 9:00 AM- (Classes & Workshops) "The W's of DNA Testing -Why, Who, What, Where": Click here to register online ($25 for TGS members; $30 for non-members) Registration must be received before July 22, 2019
Aug. 3, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM- Annual Meeting and Member Picnic, at Brookwood Covenant Church - 3601 SW 33rd

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

Exciting things are happening at TGS this summer. How can you stay informed and participate in this FUN?
1. Check out our web page. Our webmaster is constantly adding new and exciting things both on our public page and our member only site. Do you know who to contact if you are a member and cannot sign on to the member side. Contact Nancy A. at nancygail28@gmail.com.
2. Check out our public Facebook page for great articles on genealogy. Posting happen almost daily. How can I safely follow on Facebook? You can have an account and not have your information out there but there is so much genealogy Facebook pages only and it is so much fun and learning experience. You are missing out if you are not part of this social media.
3. The Brick Wall group took a tour of the Kansas State Library in the Capital Building. We learned this hidden resource is underutilized. We all plan on coming back. They have electronic database and library check out of books for 3 weeks. Fun you don’t want to miss. This group is planning on going to Midwest Genealogy Library in Independence MO August 8 for a day of fellowship, fun and research. You are
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.

ATTEND MCPL’s GLOBAL FAMILY REUNION
Celebrate family connections across the globe during a day-long party at the Midwest Genealogy Center! On Saturday, June 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., MGC will host the Global Family Reunion, a live worldwide family reunion, festival, fair, and genealogy convention created by bestselling author A.J. Jacobs. Throughout the day, attendees will have the opportunity to take part in free activities for all ages—including a photo booth, programs by Mad Science and storyteller Will Stuck, a petting zoo, and activities from the Jackson County Historical Society and Frontier Trails Museum—as well as enjoy a free lunch from Hy-Vee, while supplies last. Learn more and register at http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/events.

ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC
The TGS Annual Membership Meeting and Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 3 at the Brookwood Covenant Church, 3601 SW 33rd Street. This is your opportunity to suggest and make recommendations to the Board of Directors, hear our annual update for finance, plans for the future and other updates on what has happened at TGS this year. Our slate of officers for 2020 through the end of 2021 will be announced. Come visit with friends and make new ones. If you are interested in helping with the picnic contact me at janiceashby3131@yahoo.com. More information to come.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Have you been wanting to get more involved in our local genealogy society but didn't know where you might fit? We have several options you might consider:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - We are always looking for new ideas for genealogy workshop topics that would be of broad interest. Help us continue to build and strengthen our educational offerings. Time requirement is variable.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - If you have a business or banking background and are familiar with forecasting budgets and revenues, or worked in insurance or real estate or have a bookkeeping background, then you might be a good fit for this committee.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE - This group makes and puts out brochures in the Topeka area for our classes and for membership. The group posts what is going on at TGS in our outreach media and manages our Facebook page. We would like to have more exposure on Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest. We are looking to expand our online presence. So if you are knowledgeable about this online world, we are looking for you.

RESEARCH AND RECORDS PRESERVATION - Oversee, direct and perform duties related to research services and record preservation projects.

ADMINISTRATION - This position requires coordinating, reporting to the correct person on needs, developing procedures for this group, helping the President as requested and invited to come. We will leave at 9 AM from TGS at 2717 Indiana. Let Marty know if you are interested as we will car pool. Contact her at tgstopeka.president@gmail.com. Plan on packing a sack lunch to eat at the library.

Fun and more fun with TGS members:
4. Many new classes were added to our web site. Sign up and enjoy the fun with others. Invite a friend or family member to any of our activities. They are open to the public.
Share the good news we are a fun group.
5. Did you check out the TGS programs at the TSCPL this summer? More fun be sure to thanks Terry Stahl for this outstanding program this year.
6. Save the date for our member only picnic. Great food and a wonderful speaker are planned. Fellowship with folks who love genealogy just like you and did I say good food. 
7. There are two free workshops to attend. Keep informed additional information on these. The first is on August 24 from 1-3 PM. “Genealogy Estate Planning: How to ensure that your work is preserved”. The second is “Telling your Family Story”, by proving and joining a Lineage Society”. Learn why it is important and offers substance to your history. It will be held either in October or November. Check our Web page for further details.
8. Don’t forget the SIG’s (special interest groups) are stilling going strong this summer. I always learn something new each and every time I participate.

Happy Fourth of July, Marty Flanagan
recruiting new volunteers as needed. Most of these duties could be handled from home with a computer and phone.

These are Board level positions requiring attending Board meetings once a month. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or have any questions, please contact Janice at janiceashby3131@yahoo.com or Marty at tgtopeka.president@gmail.com

**BOARD POSITIONS**

In August/September three Board of Director positions will be voted on for the 2020-2021 term. If you are interested in a Board position, you may want to volunteer to be put on the ballot for the position of President, Director At Large, or Recording Secretary. Please don’t let the current Board’s meeting time keep you from these important jobs. The new Board will set the day and time that serves its membership the best. Contact Janice Ashby at janiceashby3131@yahoo.com for more information.

**AUG. 10th - HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE FESTIVAL**

My name is Anna Smith, I am the Executive Director for the Kansas Alliance of Professional Historical Performers.

On August 10, 2019, we are having a Historical Performance Showcase Festival in Admire, KS located 1 mile south on HWY 99, just off the Santa Fe Trail in the beautiful Flint Hills. (intersection of Hwy 56 & Hwy 99). Traveling on KTA 335, take toll booth exit to Admire. This event is FREE & open to the public - click HERE for more info.

Anna Smith  
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**Help us re-name our Annual Conference!**

The leadership team of the Topeka Genealogical Society has endorsed a new vision and scope for our annual conferences, starting in 2020. With the new decade, we begin a new conference journey. We will have expanded venue space, many more breakout sessions, and two full days of conference programming. Our vision includes:

- Reaching out to a **broader geographic area** with shared heritage and history.
- Reaching the **multiple generations** of family history researchers and story-tellers
- Reaching out to include the **diverse ethnic, religious and racial** backgrounds of people who share our Midwest experiences and stories
- Purposeful programming that addresses the needs and interests of those in **different seasons of life and genealogy experience levels**
• Stronger collaborations with partner organizations and colleagues in our region

We invite you to submit your ideas for a new name fitting the new vision and scope of this conference.

Send one idea per email to: Tgstopeka.conference@gmail.com. Be sure to include your full contact information with the email. **Deadline for submittals is June 21, 2019.**

The 2020 Conference Committee will select the winning entry. The winner will receive a full set of the "Zap The Grandma Gap eBooks" ($111.50 value), compliments of Janet Hovorka and her associate Stacy Wightman (Family ChartMasters LLC).

*In case of a tie, the earliest submittal will be chosen. Membership in TGS is not required to participate.*

**JOIN TGS or RENEW YOUR TGS MEMBERSHIP**

If you aren’t already a member of TGS - COME JOIN US!
If you haven’t renewed your membership please consider doing so right away. Your membership ended December 31, 2018. If you have already renewed.....THANK YOU!

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO JOIN!**