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COMING UP AT TGS

Don’t miss our Monthly Program, “Using Maps in Genealogy,” given by Rich McReynolds. The meeting is this Thursday, May 26, at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library at 7:00 - hope to see you there!

June 1, 9:00-noon -- **Beginning Class on Using Facebook**, TGS Memorial Library
pre-registration required, download brochure [here](#)

June 7, 7:00 am-5:00 pm -- **TGS participates in Topeka Gives**, Fairlawn Mall

June 9, 9:30 am --- **Family Treemaker/Computer Genealogy Group**, TGS Mem. Library

June 9, 1:00 pm -- **Family History Writers’ Group**, TGS Memorial Library

June 9, 3:00 pm --- **TGS Board Meeting**, TGS Memorial Library

June 13, 9:30 am -- **DNA Special Interest Group**, TGS Memorial Library

June 14, 9:30 am -- **Brick Wall Special Interest Group**, TGS Memorial Library

June 23, 7:00 pm - **Monthly Program, "Freedom's Struggle: Order 11."** by Tom Rafiner, TSCPL

June 25, 9:00-noon -- **Intermediate Genealogy Class**, TGS Memorial Library, pre-registration required
download brochure [here](#)

June 28, 9:00-4:00 -- **Basics of Family History Research Class**, TGS Memorial Library, pre-registration required; download brochure [here](#)

July 5, 9:30 am -- **Brick Wall Special Interest Group**, TGS Memorial Library

July 11, 9:30 am -- **DNA Special Interest Group**, TGS Memorial Library

July 14, 9:30 am --- **Family Treemaker/Computer Genealogy Group**, TGS Mem. Library

July 14, 1:00 pm --- **Family History Writers’ Group**, TGS Memorial Library

July 14, 3:00 pm --- **TGS Board Meeting**, TGS Memorial Library

July 17, 2:00 pm -- **Computer Users Group** (was PAF Group), TGS Memorial Library

July 22, 9:00-noon -- **Beginning DNA Class**, TGS Memorial Library, pre-registration required
download brochure [here](#)

July 22, 1:00-4:00 -- **Intermediate DNA Class**, TGS Memorial Library, pre-registration required

July 28, 7:00 pm -- **Monthly Program, "First Territorial Capital of Kansas."** by Paul Bahnmeier, TSCPL

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

May flowers are blooming and looking good from the rain we received. How is your research? Is it blooming too? Come join us at the Brick Wall Group on Tuesday, June 14 at 9:30 AM. We are going to explore our library in a very unique way. If you plan on coming, please bring all the information you have on only one person. Lyn is going to treat us with the how-to on finding those blooming ancestors. NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE, NO CLASS ON JUNE 6th or 7th.

**New Classes Scheduled**
The DNA class scheduled for June 6 is moved to June 13 at 9:30 AM. Anyone is welcome, but this group has moved up to intermediate status. Come if you have had your DNA tested and not sure what to do… This is not a class for beginners.

July 22, 2016 at 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM - we will have a beginning class on DNA. Brochure will be out at our May
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.

A Beginner class on Facebook will be held on June 1 at TGS from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We may not have brochures in time for this class. The cost is $20.00 for members and $25 for non-members.

**Member Involvement**

Please welcome these folks to our Board of Directors (BOD). I'm pleased to announce Teri Stahl is our Education Chair, Dave Haslet is our IT Chair, Karen Robertson is our Web Master, and Brenda Kelly is our Quarterly Editor. Thank you for stepping up to the plate for TGS. I feel a home run coming....

Please consider volunteering as we do need member involvement. Lyn told us at the board meeting yesterday that we need at least 3 volunteer librarians, Library Coordinator, and a chair for Research and Records Preservation. I would be glad to answer any questions about these positions. There are several research projects that need help as well. You can call me at 785-554-1313 for information regarding these vacancies.

Linda Davis is going to train anyone who is interested in becoming a librarian volunteer. The date is June 16, 2016 at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you are interested, please contact me at marty.flanagan@outlook.com or call me at 785-554-1313.

Our Corresponding Secretary has resigned effective this month. If you have time once a week to pick up mail at the Gage Post Office and return it to the Library and sort it, please contact me for additional detail at 785-554-1313. This is a position that needs filled as soon as possible.

**Topeka Gives**

Remember Topeka Gives event June 7, from 7AM-5PM. You must bring your donation to Fairlawn Plaza on June 7th for % matching to take place. Please come on that day and make a donation. The donation form for Topeka Gives is also at TGS Library. It will help if you fill out and take it to the pay station and then you can wander the event.

Marty Flanagan

**LEARN TO USE MAPS FOR GENEALOGY**

You won't want to miss the program this Thursday, May 26. Long-time TGS member Rich McReynolds will have lots of tips and techniques for extracting valuable information from maps. Rich has been working on his family history since 1977 and has enjoyed having more time to work on it since his retirement from KDOT in 2009. His goal is to complete the digitization of his photos and paper files before another 6 years of retirement.

**SPECIAL EVENT COMING UP!**

Don't miss the opportunity to support your favorite non-profit organizations like TGS at the annual Topeka Gives Event June 7, Fairlawn Plaza Mall, 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM. This is a day to learn more about non-profits in the community and support your favorites. All donations made in person that day will be proportionally matched by the Topeka Community Foundation resulting in additional funds for those organizations. A minimum of $25 to a maximum of $1000 may be given per organization. Donor sheets will be available at the event or may be picked up at the May 26 TGS meeting.

Worried about parking? Additional parking will be available on the east side of Topeka West. You will be shuttled to and from the mall.

TGS will have a designated display table so information about the organization and its Library may be shared during the event. If you can volunteer for a 2 hour period, please contact Sandi Kassebaum, 785-862-7499. Topeka Gives – a fun day of giving sponsored by the Topeka Community Foundation.

**SAVE YOUR DIGITAL PHOTOS FOREVER**
A new service promises to safely store your digital photos for 100 years past your lifetime! With a free account on Forever.com, you can edit, organize, store, and even (optionally) share your photos, videos, and more in the cloud. You can create and print photo books as well as convert your old media to new digital formats. With a paid account, your content will always be safe in your permanent digital home at Forever.

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**USING GOOGLE SEARCH TO FIND FAMILY MEMBERS**

*Thanks to our TGS Members Only Facebook page for highlighting this article from the Deseret News:*

Being more specific while using Google’s search engine can lead to greater flow in relevant genealogical information. In order to maximize Google for your genealogy searches, take note of the following:

- Use quotations around specific names or phrases, such as “John Green”
  - The quotations ensure that the words are not just found at some point on the website, but that they must be together and in that order.

- Add an asterisk in the search terms, such as “John * Green”
  - The asterisk acts as a placeholder and Google includes results that contain something in between, such as a middle name or initial.

- Use a dash, such as “John * Lincoln” — Abraham
  - A dash subtracts or excludes a keyword from search results.

- Add a date range, such as “John * Lincoln” — Abraham 1790..1830
  - That searches for results within the years selected.

If you’d like to read the entire article, it can be found [here](#).

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

Following is a sample of the classes the Midwest Genealogy Center is offering in June. The Genealogy Center is located at 3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road, Independence. All activities are free, but registration is required - call 816-252-7228. More details [here](#).

- Friday, June 3 - Using Inter-Library Loan for Genealogy
- Monday, June 6 - Using Family Search
- Tuesday, June 7 - Using Ancestry Library Edition
- Wednesday, June 8 - Beginning Genealogy
- Thursday, June 9 - Using Census Records
- Thursday, June 9 - Practical Preservation
- Saturday, June 11 - Walkabout at MGC
- Tuesday, June 14 - Using HeritageQuest

**TGS MEMBERS PICNIC** - August 6th, 11:00-3:00

**TASTE OF KANSAS** - September 16-17. The Kansas Historical Foundation is sponsoring this bus trip following the footsteps of John Brown. More information [here](#).

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**OCTOBER 22** - If you missed seeing Lisa Louise Cooke at our conference, you can catch her next October at the Johnson County Genealogical Society's annual seminar in Overland Park. More information [here](#).