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Annual Conference
Topeka Gives
Upcoming Events

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Monthly Program Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library at 1515 SW 10th Street.

TGS Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

CALL FIRST IN BAD WEATHER -- CHECK FOR HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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COMING UP AT TGS

May 3, 9:30 am --- Brick Wall Special Interest Group, Kansas State Historical Society
May 12, 9:30 am --- Family Treemaker/Computer Genealogy Group, TGS Mem. Library
May 12, 1:00 pm --- Family History Writers' Group, TGS Memorial Library
May 12, 3:00 pm --- TGS Board Meeting, TGS Memorial Library
May 14, 9:00 am --- Cemetery Research Workshop, TGS and Topeka Cemetery, pre-registration required.
download registration form here
May 15, 9:00 am --- Computer User Group (was PAF Users), TGS Memorial Library
May 26, 7:00 pm -- Monthly Program, "Using Maps in Genealogy," by Rich McReynolds, TSCPL

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 11, 9:00-4:00 -- Basics of Family History Class, TGS Memorial Library, pre-registration required.
download registration form here
June 14, 9:30 am -- DNA Special Interest Group, TGS Memorial Library
June 15, 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 registration form here

NEWS FROM THE PREZ

April showers bring May flowers – Oh wait, we had those May flowers in April. It has been lovely weather in April and I have enjoyed every minute. I want to thank all volunteers who made our Annual Conference the best ever. A special thank you and hugs to our Conference Committee, Jan D, Nancy A, Brenda K, and Barb L. Compliments came from many attendees saying it was the best in 20 years. It was a total over the moon conference … we all learned many things about how to use Google and we will never sleep again thanks to Lisa Louise Cooke. So put next year’s Conference on your calendar. Do not plan anything for our conference weekend, but do plan on being there. Remember, we have Josh Taylor of “Who do you Think You Are? “ Our monthly meetings at TSCPL start back up on May 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

There are important changes to the schedule for May. There will be no DNA class on Monday, May 2, 2016, because I’m doing individual appointments all day with the DNA class. Our Brick Wall SIG (Special Interest Group) is meeting at the Kansas Historical Society rather than TGS on Tuesday, May 3, at 9:00 AM. Any member is welcome to come. I hope to see you there.

Please note this one-time change for SIGs in June: The SIGs will be held at TGS. All members are invited to come to the June DNA class scheduled Monday, June 14 at 9:30 AM at TGS. Our Brick Wall SIG is Tuesday, June 15, 2016 at 9:30 AM. The dates needed to be changed because of our participation in Topeka Gives, located in the Fairlawn Mall on June 7, 2016 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please consider volunteering for this event. Call Sandy Kassebaum...
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.

for details. As they say in the Navy, “All Hands on Deck.” We need volunteers and of course your donation is enhanced by the matching Topeka Gives Foundation funds. Remember, you must go to Fairlawn Mall with your donation to have the % match applied by the Topeka Gives Foundation Funds. The donation can be cash, check, or credit card. It is also tax deductible. It is a great way to support the work at TGS.

WANT ADS……..We are looking for someone who would like to become our Quarterly Editor. Mechelle Foos has resigned, but is willing to train her replacement. TGS will miss Mechelle and wish her well. The board is looking for someone who has worked on Microsoft Publisher or InDesign. Please contact me at marty.flanagan@outlook.com. TGS also needs someone to take the Library Coordinator position. Linda Davis is willing to train. Both of these jobs can be done from home. If you would like additional information or to volunteer, please contact me at marty.flanagan@outlook.com.

We need a few more library volunteers - just one afternoon a month would help. Linda will train a new class as soon as we have a few who are interested. Contact Linda Davis for additional information.

Would you like to volunteer for our annual picnic August 6, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM? Contact Alma Baker

Marty Flanagan

OPEN HOUSE

On April 2, TGS held an Open House to show off our newly-painted library. A good number of guests appeared to be excited about our wonderful facility, and four new members joined at the event! Some of the officers and members of the Society are pictured below at the Open House.

TGS QUARTERLY EDITOR NEEDED

A new editor is needed for the TGS Quarterly as the present editor has resigned after several years of great service to the Society. The new editor will have a chance to work with the current editor to learn the production process and would be responsible for gathering submitted materials and formatting it to create the publication layout. Some familiarity with Indesign or Microsoft Publisher software would be helpful. This is an interesting job that can be done at home on a flexible schedule. If you are interested, please contact Nancy APPELHANZ at 785-925-0651

2016 CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS!

A good crowd thoroughly enjoyed the 44th annual Topeka Genealogical Society Conference and was particularly intrigued when keynote speaker Lisa Louise Cooke showed how to research family history by using Google!

Other session included cold case strategies and how to get the scoop on their ancestors with newspapers, before Cooke finished an eventful day off with a Google Earth game show.

“I think it’s also really an amazing experience when you start to see that you’re actually connected to history, particularly American history,” she said. “I think it’s something that everyone can become very proud of because their family was as integral a part of (history) as any other family and that’s what you discover.”

Learn more of Cooke’s tips and techniques at:
Website and Podcast: www.GenealogyGems.com
Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/user/GenealogyGems
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

TGS will be participating for the first time in the Topeka Gives event June 7 at Fairlawn Plaza Mall. All donations made that day will be matched on a proportional basis by the Topeka Community Foundation resulting in a bonus to TGS.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Midwest Genealogy Center is offering the following activities in May. 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.

Mon. May 2nd 7:00pm - Using Family Search.org
Sat. May 7th 10:00am - Beginning Genealogy
Sat. May 7th 2:00pm - Using FindMyPast
Mon. May 9th 2:00pm - Using ILL (Inter-Library Loan) for Genealogy
Wed. May 11th 7:00pm - Beginning Internet Genealogy
Fri. May 13th 2:00pm - Using Ancestry Library Edition
Tues. May 17th 7:00pm - Walkabout@MGC
Wed. May 18th 2:00pm - Beginning Census Records
Fri. May 20th 2:00pm - Using Evernote to Organize Your Genealogy
Sat. May 21st 2:00pm - Hidden Treasures at MGC!
Tues. May 24th 7:00pm - Native American Research: The Five Civilized Tribes
Wed. May 25th 7:00pm - Using Heritage Quest Online

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

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.