COMING UP AT TGS

Saturday, August 18
Saturday Skillbuilder - "Getting Results with Google Search" (Saturday Skillbuilder)
10:00 am to 11:00 am
TGS Library, 2717 SE Indiana Ave.
Presented by Marty Flanagan.
Skillbuilders are free, no registration required, but a small donation is appreciated.

Sunday, August 19 & Sunday, August 26
"Basic DNA in Genealogy" - 2-day Workshop (Classes & Workshops)
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Topeka Genealogical Society, 2717 SE Indiana Ave.
This two-day workshop, held on Sunday August 19th and Sunday August 26th, will cover basics of using DNA testing in genealogy research. Learn the Basics of DNA testing for genealogical purposes - What, Why, Where, How. Social issues for DNA testing, and compare the offerings of different DNA testing companies.
Class will be led by Marty Flanagan.
Pre-registration is required. Registration fee $20 for TGS members, $25 for non-members.
Register HERE

Thursday, August 23
"The Topeka Genealogical Society Library: A Little-Known Gem" (Monthly Program)
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library
Cindy Cruz, Topeka Genealogical Society secretary, will give an audio-visual presentation on the society’s reorganized library that contains a vast collection of priceless documents, books, etc. Program is free and the public is welcome. No registration required.
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.

Your children may not thank you, but if you preserve the family genealogy your great great great great descendants will remember you as super-great!

Join us! click here

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**NEWS FROM THE PREZ**

It is good to review a friendship, business and networks to understand where they have been and where they are going. The annual member picnic was just that time for TGS. Barb presented the analysis of the member survey which was done earlier this year. We reviewed our financial pictures from 2017 and discussed where we wanted TGS to be in five years. We made $8000 over expenditures but when you put it into the big picture that nagging roof will need repaired in 4 years. This may cost us $30,000. Let your BOD’s know what your opinion is.

I’m pleased to announce our new Treasurer, Spencer Smith. We have selected a new Education Chair, Tom Garcia. Both of these additions are going to be great adds to TGS. A great program was presented by author, Bill McFarland. His book Keep the Flag to the Front: The Story of the Eighth Kansas Volunteer Infantry was an interesting look into our state’s contribution in the Civil War. Fried chicken, deviled eggs, pies, cakes, cookies, various salads, and pickled watermelon rinds. What more could you want. It is a time to visit and say hi to those who are new and to those who are old (not in age LOL). Please plan on attending next year. It is the first Saturday in August.

By this time, you have received the ballot for new officers who will be elected in September. New classes have been added to the fall schedule. A whole round of DNA classes will be led by Marty Flanagan. Marty just returned from a week-long class on DNA with CeCe Moore, the DNA Detective, in Pittsburgh, PA. CeCe has made a name for herself in finding criminals and solving cold cases with DNA and genealogy. We have a workshop on writing your family history. This will be led by our adjunct professor, Sally Kahle. Barb LaClair has two workshops coming this fall. Most of the classes scheduled this fall are either on Saturday or Sunday. TGS is truly blessed by many talented members who share their talent with our members. Plan on taking advantage of this unique opportunity. The committee chairs have been meeting and you can expect a report from them soon.

I will look forward to seeing you all at the open house in October. It is your time to invite just one person to see your library that has never been here before. Just think if 200 members would bring just one person what an amazing event we would have. This really excites me. I hope you plan on attending one of the events this fall and enjoy the fun of being a great group of genealogists.

-Marty Flanagan
TGS ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

Forty-one members enjoyed food and fellowship at the Annual Member's Meeting and Picnic. After enjoying all the delicious food we had a short business meeting. Our program was given by Bill McFarland on the 8th Kansas Infantry during the Civil War. The library has acquired a copy of his book, *Keep the Flag to the Front: The Story of the Eighth Kansas Infantry*. Come to the library and check it out!

CHANGE OF SLATE OF CANIDATES FOR OFFICE

The Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate of candidates for the positions open in 2019:

- **Vice-President**  Barbara LaClair
- **Corresponding Secretary**  Nancy Brock
- **Treasurer**  Spencer Smith

There has been a change in the Treasurer ballot: Bernadine Boyer has removed her name and the new candidate is Spencer Smith. The ballot is being sent out to members by a blast email or mailed. If you will not be at the September monthly meeting September 27th, please mail your ballot to:

Topeka Genealogical Society
PO Box 4048
Topeka KS  66604-0048

Advance/Absentee voting must be postmarked by Sept. 15th to be included in the vote. The process will be completed at the September meeting on September 27th, 2018.

- Janice Ashby, Cindy Cruz, Barbara LaClair - Nominating Committee
TGS OPEN HOUSE - OCTOBER 7th

Mark Your Calendars for the TGS Open House!

October is Family History Month, and we're planning to celebrate with our Annual Open House. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, October 7, 1:00-4:00 pm. We hope you will join us, and that you will tell your friends and encourage them to attend. We're reaching out to the community in every way that we can think of to spread the word and raise awareness of our library and the many services and resources that TGS has to offer.

Activities will include library tours, information on how to get started researching family history, "Ask an Expert" consultations, membership information, information about TGS classes and programs, drawings for door prizes, and light refreshments.

Please put the date on your calendar, and help us to spread the word!

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING WORKSHOP

Beginning Friday, Sept. 21, three consecutive Friday workshops are planned for those interested in writing their family stories. Sally Kahle and Terry Stahl will lead the interactive sessions, covering how to get started, how to engage a reader's interest, different forms such as memoirs, biographies, autobiographies, life stories and fictional accounts based on truth.

Basic word processing software and skills are a prerequisite, and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops if they have them.

Preregistration is required by Sept. 17th. Class size is limited. Cost is $25 for TGS members and $30 for nonmembers. The workshops will be held in the TGS Memorial Library, 2717 SE Indiana, Topeka, from 10:00-12:00.

Visit the TGS website for more information and the registration information.

TGS MEMBER, DUANE HERRMANN -- PUBLISHED BOOK

ESCAPE FROM EARTH: the Journal of a Planetary Pioneer

In this future, on Earth millions, or billions, of people have died due to a massive rise in the sea level about fifteen feet!

As a result, when a wormhole (however unstable it may be), is discovered to another planet, people take advantage of the transit. Anything is better than the horrors on Earth - even if only body parts arrive! What might community building look like there?


Available as an ebook or PDF.

The fine print: If 1,000 copies sell by the end of December 2018, the publisher will issue this book in a paper edition also. For a $4.00 rebate: mail a printed copy of your purchase confirmation, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to: Duane Herrmann, PO Box 102, Berryton, KS 66409. This offer is good only for the first 1,000 copies sold, or until 31 December 2018, whichever comes first.

Please share this information with as many people as possible to reach the 1,000 goal before the end of the year.
OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN & RESEARCH:

Topeka Genealogical Society - website; TGS Library; Special Interest Groups; Skillbuilders; Classes/Workshops; & Events; go to [https://tgstopeka.org/](https://tgstopeka.org/) and find out more.

Topeka Shawnee County Public Library - Genealogy Center on 2nd floor; check out their newsletter/website & sign up for genealogy & computer classes at [https://tscpl.org/](https://tscpl.org/).

Midwest Genealogy Center - website, online genealogy databases (with membership), library, events, & classes; check out their website - [https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/](https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/).

Wichita Genealogical Society is conducting a research trip to St. Louis, MO & Fort Wayne, IN Sept. 8-16; Arrangements can be made to pick up travelers in Emporia & Kansas City area!! For more details- [https://wichitagensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=63](https://wichitagensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=63)

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