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Virtual Registration Opens for AGS Conference 2022

The AGS 2022 conference will be a Hybrid event. You may register in-person or on Zoom webinar. We are very excited to see our Genealogy members come and support our annual conference. Diahan Southard will be our in-person speaker. Learn more about our speaker: <https://www.yourdnaguide.com/> The event takes place October 14 & 15 at the Benton Event Center in Benton, AR. Registrants now have a choice! Please register here: <https://argensoc.org/conference/>

Arkansas Crime Lab Analyst Will Speak Friday, Oct. 14 at the AGS Conference



Lindsey Heflin is currently serving the State of Arkansas as a DNA Analyst III at the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory. She has six years of experience, processing over 1000 cases and over 5000 samples assisting in cases from property crimes, to sexual assaults and homicides. She has assisted with the training of incoming new analysts and is involved with audits within the lab to ensure quality work to forensic standards. Lindsey received her Bachelors of Science from the University of Central Arkansas where she also worked as a research assistant using DNA techniques to process tissue samples from armadillos for the presence of leprosy.

TOPIC: Solving Cold Cases Using DNA

VENDORS WANTED



Join us at the 2022 AGS Conference
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Free DNA Mini-Webinars

Forensic Genetic Genealogy — Sep 27, 6:30 pm

Olivia McCarter is a 21-year-old genetic genealogist. As a teenager, she was fascinated with forensic cold cases solved by genealogists. She is now an investigative genetic genealogist and cold case specialist for the Mobile County Sheriff's Office (Alabama).

Please register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8416611955324/WN_GGP_gPoFSFGVFIEYsua8hw

Missing Relative Case Study Using DNA —

Oct 4, 6:30 pm

Ever had a relative who vanished? Or maybe you have a relative who only appears as an adult. We will take a look at how to find a "missing" relative using DNA. Andria Yakoubian will walk through the paper and DNA trails to find a missing relative.

Please register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8416624470998/WN_mJdCnlcwTNm7-VC3f4s20w

Using DNA in Family Research — Oct 6, 6:30 pm

I took the DNA test. Now what? Scott Lee will teach you how to use DNA testing to research your family history. It will cover the pros and cons of each test type, the major testing companies, and techniques to use the information they provide in your genealogy research.

Please register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2116624477192/WN_qPQi_112QA21YaBd5wN6bA

Heritage Seekers Turns 45

The Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club in Little Rock turns 45 this year, the same year that AGS celebrates its 60th anniversary. The two organizations have had many members and officers in common through the years.

Heritage Seekers began in North Little Rock in 1977 and met for many years at the Laman Library after beginner genealogy classes were offered by genealogist Gloria Counts of Hot Springs. It included members from Bald Knob, Benton, and Bauxite initially as well as those from Little Rock and North Little Rock. The club began "to inspire interest in the search for one's heritage and to raise money to purchase research volumes for the Laman Library's new genealogy department." Heritage Seekers later changed its meeting place to Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock before the pandemic.

Since the Covid crisis began, Heritage Seekers pivoted to digital, offering two online presentations via Zoom most months since May, 2020. Heritage Seekers periodically organizes outings such as to St. Joseph Center of Arkansas in North Little Rock or historic cemeteries.

The president is Bonda Moyer. Board member/secretary Mary Evans arranges for most presentations, and she also serves on the board of AGS.

AGS Board members Rita Henard, Ginney Pumphrey, and Carla Hines-Coleman also serve on the Heritage Seekers board.

Congratulations to Heritage Seekers officers and members for sustaining the club's activities over nearly half a century.



Black History Commission Awards Grants

The Black History Commission of Arkansas has awarded Curtis H. Sykes grants for four projects around Arkansas that have a bearing on African-American genealogy and history. The projects are:

Sharing Poetry with the Masses – The Elmer Beard Literary Project of Hot Springs was awarded \$3,500 for the distribution of a poetry book, “Let Reason Roll: Race, Religion & Reflections.” The funds will help EBLP distribute 750 complimentary copies to municipal, church and university/school libraries throughout Arkansas, as well as African American libraries and museum gift shops throughout the country.

Remote/Virtual Repository of African American History on the Banks of Bayou Bartholomew – This project was awarded \$3,500 to help build a fence around the Syrene Missionary Baptist Church Memorial Garden cemetery in Pickens, to help preserve and protect the headstones and grave sites of African Americans and their descendants.

Curating the Legacy of John H. Johnson – The John H. Johnson Museum in Arkansas City was awarded \$3,500 to produce literature, such as brochures, postcards and education resources, to promote the life and legacy of Arkansas-born African American publisher John H. Johnson, creator of Ebony and Jet magazines.

Deep Roots Preservation Project – This project was awarded \$3,500 to jumpstart a research mentorship program that sends interns through the process of research and writing training to tell stories of Black Arkansas history in Helena-West Helena.

Research on Ancestors: The Blue and the Gray

Researching Civil War ancestors will be the topic of a Heritage Seekers Genealogy Club Zoom presentation October 10 at 6:30 p.m. Presenter is Arkansas native Russell P. Baker, archivist, lecturer, historian, teacher, AFH editor, and author. Baker is an AGS board member.

The records of military service and service pensions created during and after this great conflict often contain a goldmine of American genealogical and family history information. Baker will explore how researchers may use these to learn more about ancestors in his presentation.

Early Arkansas Ancestors Roots DNA Project

Are you a member of the Early Arkansas Ancestors Roots DNA Project yet? It's a DNA project of the Arkansas Genealogical Society for persons with Arkansas ancestry prior to 1920. It is also linked to the AGS Arkansas Ancestry Certificate program. You can read more about the certificate program at the AGS website, www.ArGenSoc.org. Y-DNA, MtDNA (mitochondrial), and autosomal test results are welcome. Membership in AGS is not required, but is welcomed and suggested. Board member Thea Baker is our administrator.

DGS Fall Seminar October 22

The Dallas Genealogical Society's Fall Seminar will be Oct 22. The speaker will be Paul Milner on the topic of online British Isles research. Full info is available at dallasgenealogy.org.

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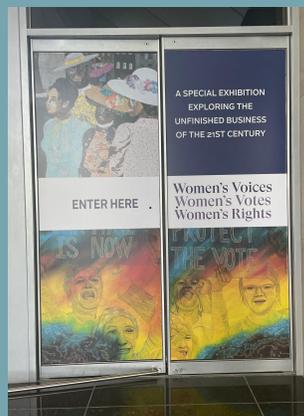
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Women's History Focus of New Exhibit at Clinton Center



Were there some female outstanding achievers, activists or others in your family tree whose lives may need context to frame them properly?

“Women’s Voices, Women’s Votes, Women’s Rights” is the focus of a new

exhibit at the Clinton Presidential Center through April 30. The exhibit was delayed by about two years because of the pandemic. Curator Allida Black is a professor who specializes in studies about Eleanor Roosevelt.

The exhibit will be on display in two temporary galleries, one on the ground floor and the other on the third floor. The exhibit features 18 art quilts that depict brave individuals who fought for the vote and to advance human rights, created by 16 world-class fiber artists. Other important historical artifacts are also included. The connection between civil rights and women's rights activists are highlighted.

Lectures and other events are planned during the run of the exhibit. For more detailed information, please see clintonfoundation.org.