

Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



Show and Tell Is Here!



Along with a Winter Social to be held in the church gym on **Thursday, December 5, 2013.**

Photographs from the 2012 Show and Tell will give you an idea about some of the exhibits you might find at this year's Show and Tell. Ten members are planning on sharing their projects with you and there will be lots of

good food to enjoy. Jennifer Eager Ehle, Sandy Garthwaite Zart, Kathy Sparks, Mary & John Madigan, Matt Raines, Rollie Littlewood, Sharon Kampen, Judy McDonald, Jim Honer, DeAnn McAllan, Joanne Kelly, Donna Johnson-Schmidt, Joyce Peterson and LDS posters, were last years exhibitors.



Photographs submitted by Barb Glassel and Patricia Skubis

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Regular DCAGS meetings are generally the first Thursday of each month at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 4505 Regent Street, Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 7 p.m.

*DCAGS Update:
The DCAGS Governing Board meets the third Tuesday of each month.
The next meeting is set for Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Wisconsin Foundation Office 1848 University Avenue Madison, WI. Please join us!*



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Dane County Historical Society – Who knew?

Mary Clark, President of Dane County Historical Society, spoke on November 7 about the county historical society and some of its programs and resources. The mission of the society is to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of Dane County, Wisconsin. DCHS celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011. Over the past 50 years, it has been active in promoting an appreciation of county history and maintaining its collection of historical materials.

DCHS operates at the county level and networks with over 20 community historical societies in Dane County. The origin of Dane County Historical Society was actually with the Madison City Farmers Club. The Farmers Club was organized in the 1940s by several prominent citizens of Madison who had ties to agricultural land. This was primarily a social group. However, from the discussions of that group, many people became concerned about growth in the county and the need to preserve county history and places where significant historical events occurred.

In 1961, the Blue Print for Growth was published by the Dane County Citizens' Planning Committee. Bill Clark served as chair of the Citizens' Committee. The Blue Print cited a need for a county historical marker program and also recommended county funding for this. The Blue Print contained a recommendation to establish a county historical society. This led to the official founding of the Dane County Historical Society in 1961.

Throughout the past 50 years, DCHS has placed many historical markers at sites with significant historical interest. The 45th and 46th markers were placed in Monona and Fitchburg in October. A virtual tour of the markers is available on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/67001991@N05/with/6116998577/>. The

society also hosts speaker programs, publishes educational materials relevant to the history of Dane County, and maintains archives with information about Dane County. DCHS does not maintain any museums, schools, or other buildings at this time.

The Otto Schroeder Records Center, the society archives, is located at the Lussier Family Heritage Center. This collection has materials specific to the history of Dane County, including books, maps, plat books, directories, title abstracts, organization and agency papers, newspaper clippings, and photos. However, it does not include personal genealogy materials. The Records Center is not currently open to the public as it has no paid staff. However, a catalog of the collection is posted to the web site PastPerfect at <http://danecounty.pastperfect-online.com>.

More information about the society and the archives is available on the DCHS web site at <http://www.danecountyhistory.org>.

Submitted by Mary Schranz



December 7: Genealogy Workshop: Organizing and Analyzing

Repeated as a Genealogy Webinar on December 16

Boxes of files? Some digital, some not? Unsure of where you found that copy? Feel unorganized? Reinventing the wheel? Get yourself back on track and learn how to break down brick walls by looking at what you have already uncovered.

We all start our research with a lot of enthusiasm and little record-keeping or adequate analysis. This workshop will show you habits in research that will help you keep on track, get the most from your research, document properly and store your records in the most effective and efficient manner.

Instructor: Lori Bessler, reference librarian
Ticket Info: \$30. Registration required.
[Register online.](#)

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon

Venue: Memorial Library Room 126, 728 State St, Madison.

For the Genealogy Webinar on December 16 from 6-8 p.m.:

Ticket Info: \$30. Registration required.
[Register online.](#)

December 10: Genealogy Webinar: Frontier Genealogy

Do you have pioneer stock? This webinar will provide guidance on how to research your pioneer stories. Special sources and techniques are necessary and not always found online.

Instructor: Jim Hansen, reference librarian

Ticket Info: \$30. Registration required.
[Register online.](#)

Time: 1-3 p.m.

RootsTech

RootsTech, hosted by FamilySearch, is the largest family history conference in the North America. Whether you're just beginning your family tree, an avid hobbyist, or an experienced researcher, RootsTech is the perfect conference to help you connect with your family—past, present, and future!

Where: Salt Palace Convention Center,
Salt Lake City, Utah

When: February 6-8, 2014

Your family history starts with simple things, such as, a treasured family story, a historical photo of a loved one, or even your social media tweets and pins. At RootsTech, the Getting Started track offers 30+ classes to help you discover many different ways that everyday things connect your family across generations. Getting Started passes start at just \$19. Classes include topics, such as:

- Using technology and digital tools to find and preserve your family history.
- How social media can be a powerful family history resource.
- Storytelling techniques for your personal and family stories.
- How DNA can help you discover who you are and where you come from.
- Fun ways to connect children and teenagers with their heritage.
- How to build your family tree one branch, twig, or leaf at a time.

To see Getting Started pass pricing information, [click here](#).

[View Getting Started schedule](#). All Getting Started classes have an ID number that starts with GS.



President's Message:

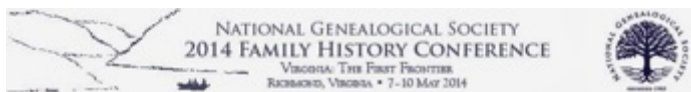
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No New Members

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and families. We're well on our way to Christmas in 4 short weeks. My thanks to Katherine Sparks and John Madigan for their willingness to serve on the board, as well as those that have agree to continue serving. We are still looking for 4 more candidates to serve in what will essentially be At-Large positions. It's never to late to get involved on some level and this is a great place to start.

I'm looking forward to Thursday and hope many of you are planning to bring something of interest from your research. Even if you've not signed up previously bring it, we'll make the space. I've heard a few of you say that you don't think you have anything of interest to share. Don't sell yourself short. What you bring could be exactly what someone else needs to trigger the next idea or to think creatively about how to break down their walls.

Walker Crawford, President walker@viridis.ws



NGS Conference Registration Opens 1 December 2013

The National Genealogical Society is pleased to announce the program for the 2014 Family History Conference is now available in a sixteen-page Registration Brochure, which can be downloaded at <http://goo.gl/KwHTix>. The online version of the program is also available on the conference website at conference.ngsgenealogy.org. Conference registration opens on 1 December 2013 at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/event-registration/>.

A number of special events have limited seating so register on 1 December or as soon as possible thereafter if you plan to attend these events.

The conference will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center and Marriott Hotel located in downtown Richmond, Virginia, 7–10 May 2014. Conference highlights include a choice of more than 175 lectures, given by many nationally known speakers and subject matter experts about a broad array of topics including records for Virginia and its neighboring states; migration into and out of the region; military records; state and federal records; ethnic groups including African Americans, German, Irish, and Ulster Scots; methodology; analysis and problem solving; and the use of technology including genetics, mobile devices, and apps useful in genealogical research.

The first few pages of the brochure provide details about conference logistics and describe several special events. The daily conference program includes the name of each speaker,

the lecture title, and a brief description of the presentation. A number of social events and workshops are also offered during the conference. If 2014 will be your first NGS Family History Conference, check out <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/tips-for-first-time-conference-attendees/> for additional information about what you might experience at the conference.

An exhibit hall with more than seventy-five vendors will be free and open to the public Wednesday through Saturday at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, directly across from the Marriott Hotel. Exhibitors will include genealogy database and software providers, booksellers, genealogy societies, providers of genetic testing, and much more.

Up-to-date information about the availability, amenities, and rates for conference hotels can be found at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/attend/accommodations/>.

Sign up for the NGS Conference Blog at <http://conferenceblog.ngsgenealogy.org> so you do not miss conference news or announcements.

Founded in 1903, the National Genealogical Society is dedicated to genealogy education, high research standards, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington, Virginia- based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, research guidance, and opportunities to interact with other genealogists.

Genealogy Quote

"If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten; Either write things worthy of reading, or do things worthy of writing." -- Benjamin Franklin, May 1738

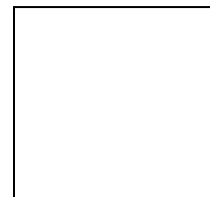
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See you on December 5th

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Meeting Cancellation Policy

The Dane County Area Genealogical Society will consider canceling a scheduled meeting if the Madison Metropolitan School District cancels school or authorizes early release due to severe weather conditions (e.g., blizzard, tornado, etc.) that are expected to continue into the evening hours. Should school not be in session, other community-wide cancellations may be taken into account. A decision to cancel a meeting due to severe weather conditions shall be made by a majority of the Executive Committee.

The President or designee will inform the members and media with the details concerning the cancellation of that day's events. The decision should be made by Noon if possible, the day of the meeting.

Upon cancellation all members with an email address on file will be emailed. The information will also be sent to the following: dcags.org, WIBA/1310 AM, WOLX/94.9 FM, channel3000.com and NBC15.com.