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**Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 2pm: Guest speaker Lois Gibson,
Forensic Artist for the Houston Police Department**

Public Invited. Join us at 1:30pm for socializing.

**We meet at the University Baptist Church (UBC) in the Chapel on the 1st floor
(16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059 - [online map](#)).**



Lois Gibson will discuss the use of forensic art, age progressing, and age regressing to locate past and present people of interest.

Gibson is recorded in the *Guinness Book of Records* as The World's Most Successful Forensic Artist. She has brought in over 1,266 criminals and continues to use her forensic art to solve more cases. She wrote *Faces of Evil*, a gripping true-crime book detailing her most fascinating cases. Copies of this book will be available at the meeting.

Gibson's sketches based on police photographs led investigators to find the true identity of "Little Jacob," a 4-year-old, who was found dead in

2018 on a Galveston beach. In 2017, Gibson's work supported the claims of Jesse James descendant Sandra Mills that a tintype photograph she owned showed James sitting next to Robert Ford. She also identified the man in the famous WWII "Kissing Photo", taken by Alfred Eisenstaedt. In 2014, Gibson's work supported the claims of New Mexico educator Ray John DeAragon that Billy the Kid was the subject of a photo he inherited. In 2007, Gibson's drawing of a girl who was murdered found its way onto the internet, where it was seen by the girl's grandmother over a thousand miles away in Mentor, Ohio. This helped authorities find the two murderers of two-year-old Riley Sawyers.

Gibson founded The Institute of Forensic Art to teach art students the skills needed to serve an an effective forensic artist. Learn more about Lois Gibson's work at www.loisgibson.com.

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**Next Bus Trip is
Wednesday, March 20.**

**Next Members Helping Members
sessions are**



**Sunday, March 24 at Helen Hall Library
Wednesday, March 27
at Friendswood Family History Center**

Details for both on page 3 and 4.

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Society's Library Exhibit This Month

During the month of March, BAGS sponsored a genealogy exhibit in the foyer display at the Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston. This exhibit helps to promote our society and raise awareness of genealogy as the study of history and the celebration of family. Stop by and check it out! Thank you to the members that shared memorabilia for the exhibit.



In Memoriam

James Bowen, husband of BAGS charter member Annette Bowen, passed away Wednesday, February 27, 2019. A memorial service was held Tuesday, March 5 at the Clear Lake United Methodist Church. Our condolences and prayers go out to Annette and her family. James Bowen's obituary is available online at

www.crowderfuneralhome.com/obituaries/james-milford-bowen

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2019 BAGS Calendar



General Meetings

(date or time changes in red text)

Friday, April 26 at 7:00pm

Devon Noel Lee, *Family History Fanatics*, discusses different ways to organize your research and manage your family trees.

Friday, May 31 at 7:00pm

Potluck dinner and members present quick tips for genealogical research.

Friday, June 28 at 7:00pm

Kevin Kinney, archivist at Rosenberg Library in Galveston, discusses research materials available at the Galveston & Texas History Center in the library.

Friday, July 26 at 7:00pm

Mitch Clendening presents "Going Mobile: Apps, Tips and Tricks for the Mobile Genealogist"

Friday, August 23 at 7:00pm

Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner

Friday, September 27 at 7:00pm

Dana Leeds presents "DNA Basics"

Saturday, September 28 from 10am to 2pm

★ **Workshop:** "DNA Match Clustering Workshop: The Leeds Method & Automated Adaptations" and "Working with Your Matches: A DNA Tool Kit"

Friday, October 25 at 7:00pm

Doryn Glenn "Searching Court Records and what types of information can be found"

Friday, November 22 at 7:00pm

No meeting in December.



Board Meetings

Held at the University Baptist Church in room EB105 at 6:30pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Monday, April 22

Monday, May 20

Monday, June 24

Monday, July 22

Monday, August 19

Monday, September 23

Monday, October 21

Monday, November 18

December no meeting



Bus Trips

Wednesday, March 20

Wednesday, May 15

Wednesday, June 19

Wednesday, September 18

Itinerary for March 20 Trip

8:30am – Depart (arrive by 8:15am) from Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center, 16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062 ([online map](#)).

1st stop - American National Insurance Company to view/photo coastline from rooftop

2nd stop – Rosenberg Library Galveston & Texas History Center guided tour (<http://gthcenter.org>)

3rd stop - Dutch Treat Lunch will be at Mosquito Cafe

4th stop - JP Bryan Museum guided tour (\$12/person, must have 10 people)

5pm – Arrive back at the Clear Lake Recreation Center.

If you want to participate in a bus trip, please signup and pay by contacting Deborah Gammon by phone 281-334-4950 or e-mail gammondc@gmail.com The cost of the bus trip is \$5.00 paid in advance. You can pay Deborah IN CASH the \$12.00 (exact amount please) for Bryan Museum that day. You must be at least 50 years old to use the Harris County Precinct #2 bus. We must have 9 people registered to make the trip. TEN PAID people are needed for JP Bryan Museum guided tour.



Kim Zrubek
Education Chair

Members Helping Members Research and General Meeting Recap Sessions

You will now have TWO chances each month to get one-on-one assistance with other members. Also, if you missed the last general meeting, pickup announcements, speaker handout, and discuss the program details. Thank you to Nick Cimino, George Porterfield, Renee Ball, Lisa Franklin, Glen Cress, Gale French, Annette Bowen, and Susan Moyer for providing research assistance during these meetings.

- ✓ BYOR – Bring Your Own Research. Also bring your laptop or mobile device. Free public WiFi is available inside the library and at the Family History Center. There are six computers available at the Friendswood Family History Center.
- ✓ Attendees will receive individualized attention for their research questions from fellow genealogists.
- ✓ Get suggestions for searching family in a specific locale.
- ✓ Use FamilySearch or Ancestry to find records, build trees, attach supporting records and photos.
- ✓ Download/upload family pedigree or DNA information.
- ✓ Discuss which DNA test to take or interpret DNA test results.
- ✓ Get self-publishing assistance.

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Research at Friendswood Family History Center

BAGS is hosting research sessions once a month at the Friendswood Family History Center (FHC), located at 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood ([online map](#)). Enter the building on the side furthest from the street. Come take advantage of the electronic databases and books that are only accessible from within the FHC. Ten people took advantage of the February research session at Friendswood FHC. Thank you to Nancy Royce for serving as our host. **The meeting dates are:**

Wednesday, March 27 from 10am to 11:45am

Wednesday, April 17 from 10am to 11:45am

Wednesday, May 22 from 10am to 11:45am

Wednesday, June 12 from 10am to 11:45am

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Research at Local Libraries

Come join the research sessions once a month at either the Clear Lake City, Friendswood, or League City libraries. **The meeting dates are:**

Helen Hall Library located at 100 W. Walker Street, League City ([online map](#)) in the boardroom (when you enter the building, turn right and walk through the shelves and into an office to access the boardroom).

Sunday, March 24 from 2pm to 4pm

Sunday, April 14 from 2pm to 4pm

Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston ([online map](#)).

Meet us in the conference room on the 2nd floor behind the reference desk.

Saturday, May 25 from 2pm to 4pm

Saturday, June 8 from 2pm to 4pm

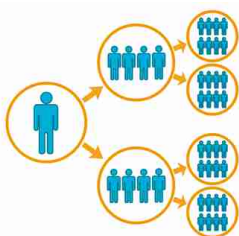
February Program Recap – “Planning A Genealogical Research Trip”

Thank you to Susan Kaufman for spending the evening with us. She discussed preparation tips and tricks to make our research visits to libraries and archives productive. Each repository can offer a unique collection of materials. Susan stressed to focus the available time researching these unique resources for family information. For example, the microprint collection is a unique resource at the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. Many of the microfilms in Clayton Library’s collection have not been digitized or made available online. Search for available microprint materials from home by accessing their online database at <http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/cgi-bin/clayton/microprint.pl> Search tip: Enter key terms for location and type of record such as “Texas” and “vital” if you are looking for birth, marriage or death records in the state of Texas. *Are you planning a research trip this summer? Planning to catch the next BAGS research bus trip? Before you go, access the website for your destination repository. Look for a page titled “Research” or “Special Collections” to preview the unique collections, search their online catalog of materials, and formulate a research plan. Where are you planning to travel this summer? We would like to hear from you!*

Free Access to Subscription Genealogy Databases

- ➔ Access **Ancestry.com** for free from inside a Houston Public Library, a Harris County Public Library, Rosenberg Library, or local Family History Center.
- ➔ Access **Fold3.com** from home for free through Houston Public Library website using HPL library card <http://houstonlibrary.org/research/resources-by-category/234> or from inside a local Family History Center.
- ➔ Access **FindMyPast** from inside a local Family History Center
- ➔ Access **HeritageQuest** from home for free through any Texas public library. Contact a library to get login details.
- ➔ Access **NewspaperArchives.com** from inside a Houston Public Library or local Family History Center, or from home through Rosenberg Library website <https://rosenberg-library.org/e-library/topical-index>

Pedigree Charts and Surname List available to members



Use the BAGS pedigree charts and surname list to discover other members that are researching the same family names. These charts and lists can be found on the BAGS website (www.TxBayAreaGen.org), click on “Members Page”.

Would you like assistance in creating a five-generation pedigree chart, or copy/moving family information from one software tool to another?

Member Lisa Franklin and others are willing to help. Come to one of the Members Helping Members sessions (dates and times on page 4) for assistance. Or contact Kim Zrubek at newsletter@TxBayAreaGen.org to schedule a meeting time.

The state genealogical conference is in Houston this year!

Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13.

Held at the Omni Houston hotel Westside located at I-10 between Sam Houston Tollway and Highway 6 at 13210 Katy Freeway. Hopefully, we can arrange some carpools.

Interested in sharing your passion and knowledge? Consider submitting a proposal. Texas State Genealogical Society is looking for both lecture (one hour in length) and workshop (up to two hours in length) programming.

The areas of interest may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Basic genealogical topics (How-To, Getting Started, Organization)
- Ethnic research topics (African-American, Hispanic, German-Texan, Czech-Texan, etc.)
- Records and Repositories (land, probate, tax, and other records)
- Technology
- Publishing and Storytelling
- Methodology and problem-solving techniques
- Texas-focused research
- Research in the southern states
- DNA
- Society Leadership.

Benefits

- Conference speakers will receive an honorarium of \$125 for each one hour lecture.
- Additionally, a \$25 bonus per lecture will be awarded for materials received by the syllabus submission deadline. All required dates will be outlined in the acceptance letter sent to the speakers.
- Each speaker will also receive a \$150 stipend as reimbursement for expenses as well as a free registration to the conference. No other expenses will be provided or reimbursed.

Proposal & Syllabus Timeline

- March 22, 2019: Proposals due.
- April 20, 2019: Notifications of acceptance will begin going out to speakers.
- May 31, 2019: All speaker notifications will be completed.
- August 15, 2019: Syllabus materials due.

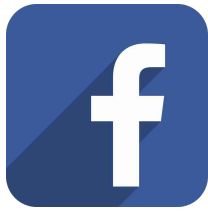
Speakers may submit up to five proposals for presentations or workshops via the online submission form accessible from the TxSGS Call For Presentations webpage
www.txsgs.org/2019-conference/call-for-presentations

All proposals must be submitted by March 22, 2019.

Questions? Contact the TxSGS Conference Committee at conference@txsgs.org.



The graphic is a promotional poster for the 'Blazing Family Trails' 2019 Family History Conference. It features a red top section with a flame graphic behind the title 'Blazing FAMILY TRAILS' in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts. Below the title, it says '2019 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE' and 'October 11-13 ★ Houston, TX'. The middle section is white with the text 'CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS' in large blue letters, followed by 'Submission Deadline: March 22, 2019' in red. A URL 'www.txsgs.org/2019-conference/call-for-presentations/' is provided. The bottom section is dark blue with the TxSGS logo (a map of Texas with 'SGS' inside) on the left, 'Texas State Genealogical Society' in the center, and '#TxSGS2019' on the right.



BAGS Has A Facebook Group

Post pictures, events and other BAGS information on the BAGS Facebook group. To join, log into Facebook and either click on this link www.facebook.com/groups/1123990297740879 or use the search bar and enter the terms **Tx Bay Area Gen** to access the BAGS group. It is a closed group so you will have to request membership. Once approved, you can view it and even post in it. Thank you to Susie Ganch for maintaining this group!

**Welcome
New Member
Linda Gonzalez!**



Available at the general meeting for a donation at the general meetings:

- Laptop Brief Bags (\$25)
- USB drives (\$10)
- Cookbooks (\$10)
- Pens (\$1)



BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 31 January 2019	\$6,054.21
Deposits	\$96.00
Expenditures	<u>\$105.50</u>
Balance on 28 February 2019	\$6,044.71

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 28 February 2019 \$3,863.13
 No interest credited until maturity,
 January 2020.

Expenditures: monthly (meeting room rental, speaker fees, and handouts); publication costs (biannual *Journal* printing and annual mailing) annual costs (membership fees in Clayton Library Friends, Texas State Genealogical Society, and Federation of Genealogical Societies).



Member Services Committee Chair

– We need a volunteer to help disseminate information to new members. If you are interested, please talk to one of the Board members.

Journal Editor

- Are you interested in publishing research and ancestor articles from the Society's members? The Journal is published twice a year with content provided by members discussing ancestors, their lives, or local Houston area history. Melodey Hauch has lovingly served as the editor for both the *BAGS Journal* and *BAGS Quarterly* for nearly 11 years. If you have specific questions about the job, please contact Melodey.

Board Members

– Every two years, we elect a new slate of Society Officers. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members: Susie Ganch, Ron Cox, and Bob Wegner.

Local Events

Clayton Library

The following free programs are offered in the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research located at 5300 Caroline Street, Houston.

Reservation is required, call the library at 832-393-2600. Clayton Library website: www2.houstonlibrary.org/clayton

Genealogy Online: Fold3.com

Saturday, March 30 from 10:30am to noon.

Join us for an introduction to Fold3.com, the website renowned for digital images of U.S. military records. Learn about exploring these records as well as Fold3's collections of international military records and non-military records. Bring a laptop if you wish to follow along during the class. Reservations required.

Preservation Workshop: the Care and Keeping of your Family History

Thursday, April 25 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

In celebration of Preservation Week, we will offer a hands-on workshop on how to preserve your family history collections. Join the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and Clayton Library for a workshop on basic cleaning and mending techniques of family documents. Additionally, learn about basic photo preservation and a scanner where you can save all those photos digitally for FREE. Materials will be provided. Reservations required.

Let's Talk Autosomal DNA: 3rd Party DNA Tools

Saturday, April 27 from 10:30am to noon.

Learn to use these tools to determine how matches connect to you and each other through organizing, clustering, and networking your matches. While open to all experience levels, this discussion group is best for beginners who have completed a DNA test and are unsure what to do with their test results. Reservations required. Presented by library staff member Franklin Smith.

DAR Day

Saturday, April 27 from 10:30am to 4:30pm

Ever wonder how to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)? Representatives from local DAR chapters will be at Clayton Library

for consultation and research help in preparing lineage papers for submission to the DAR. No reservations required.

FamilySearch Classes – Help Sessions Q&A

Friday, March 15 and 29 from 3:45pm to 5:45pm in Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062. also

Thursday, March 14 and 28 at 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Evelyn Meador Branch Library located at 2400 North Meyer Avenue Seabrook, TX 77586.

Join us for these help sessions provided by FamilySearch.org

WikiTree Genealogy

Thursday, March 21 at 7pm in Clear Lake City-County Freeman Branch Library located at 16616 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062.

WikiTree is a free, collaborative, online software. Learn how to build and add to your family history using WikiTree.

Free Genealogy Tools for Your iPad/iPhone

Wednesday, March 27 at 1pm

A free live webinar presented by Devin Ashby viewed at the Friendswood Public Library located at 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX.

Tracking Their Footsteps: Pulling our Past from the Ashes

Saturday, April 6 from 10am to noon at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston.

Using specific examples of individuals, photos, and various militaria from WWI and WWII, this presentation will attempt to provide guidance and tips for researching military records of the 20th century. Despite challenges like indecipherable handwriting and catastrophic fires, it is still possible to discover a great deal about our modern-era veterans and family members.

This program is presented by Kenneth Grubb and hosted by Houston Genealogical Forum. More information is available online at <http://hgftx.org>