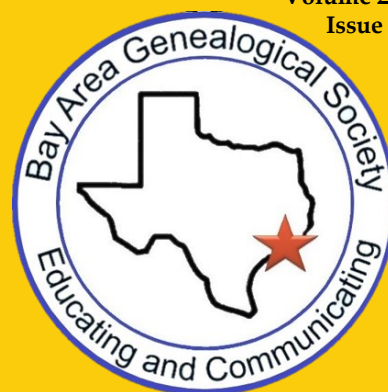


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BAY AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter



BAGS Members Meeting

Saturday, August 26th

12:00pm

Members' Show and Tell Potluck!

University Baptist Church
16106 Middlebrook Dr, Houston, TX 77059

Join us August 26, 2023, for a BBQ/potluck luncheon combined with a members' "Show & Tell" of genealogical treasures! This is your chance to share your research journey's treasures, memories, or discoveries. Contact Kitty at programs@txbayareagen.org if you have a story to tell, heirloom to share, beautiful photos, or a project you are working on. Please do so by August 18th (one week prior).

Your Bay Area Genealogical Society will provide a selection of delicious BBQ meats, plates, napkins, utensils and beverages.

Members are invited to bring a side dish and/or a dessert. Please bring any serving utensils for your dish. Food and presentation set up begins at 11:30am.

Tables for the showcased items and buffet food items will be provided.

11:30am - 12:00pm Set up food, presentations, and socialize. Visit with old and new friends!

12:00pm Welcome of BAGS members and opening remarks.

12:15pm Members enjoy the delicious buffet!

1:00pm Show and Tell presentations begin.

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MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Members Helping Members (MHM) Online Research

Need help with your family tree or a genealogical brick wall? BAGS members can join the virtual MHM sessions via Zoom. Participants may share their screens and demonstrate recent research discoveries. Details are on BAGS [Members Helping Members](#) page

Mondays from 10:00am to 12:00pm with hosts Renee Ball and George Porterfield

Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm with host Kim Zrubek.

If you'd like practice connecting to Zoom or have questions, contact Kim Zrubek at education@txbayareagen.org or by phone at 281-992-2636.

Family Tree Makers MHM Group

Family Tree Maker MHM focuses on helping members take advantage of the many features and options of Family Tree Maker software. Help with technical concerns, such as software upgrading and exporting files, is also available. **Renee Ball** moderates this MHM group. [Registration here](#)

Bay Area Genealogical Society
is proud to be members of
National Genealogical Society,
Texas State Genealogical Society,
Clayton Library Friends, &
International German Genealogy Partnership



INTERNATIONAL GERMAN
Genealogy Partnership



BAGS German Special Interest Group meetings are via Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00-8:30pm. The German SIG is taking a break for August. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 13**.

Karen Engelauf will present a summary of the recent International German Genealogy (IGGP) bi-annual conference held in June 2023 in Fort Wayne, IN. This bi-annual conference included presentations and exhibits from many German genealogy experts and professionals worldwide.

Please complete the [German SIG Interest Survey](#) to join this group!

BAGS Clayton Library Bus Trip – September TBA

BAGS offers **free** bus trips to the Clayton Library in Houston. The next trip will be scheduled for a week day in **September**. Contact Kathleen Williams at 409-344-0567 or countycoord@txbayareagen.org if you are interested in attending! A total of **10 attendees** must be confirmed at least **two weeks in advance**. To receive a trip/text reminder, please include your cell number.

Meet-up spot – Freeman Library parking lot, 16616 Diana Lane, Webster. The bus departs at **9:30am sharp!** Bring lunch to enjoy! Outdoor tables are available for eating and fellowship. Bring a flash drive to save photocopied records. The temperature in the library can vary, so plan accordingly. Return trip to Diana Lane by 4pm, traffic permitting.

This newsletter is a monthly publication of the Bay Area Genealogical Society, a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the people of Harris and Galveston counties, Texas, who are interested in genealogy. Articles on genealogy are welcome. Inclusion is based on space available and is subject to editing. Please include permissions with copyrighted material submissions. Questions or comments about the BAGS Newsletter should be addressed to Editor, newsletter@txbayareagen.org. All rights reserved.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS & GATHERINGS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2024!

BAGS NEEDS YOU!

Nominees are being accepted for all 2024 Board positions

President, 1st VP, 2nd VP (Programs), Registrar, Secretary, and Treasurer

Serving on the BAGS Board is an amazing experience, both personally and genealogically. Volunteering with BAGS can be meaningful for someone who wants to make a difference in helping this community. Please consider volunteering your talents (and a little time) to help BAGS be more effective and efficient next year! BAGS needs volunteers in the following areas:

Email	Hospitality Committee
Publicity	Programs Committee
Website	Telephoning Committee
Social Media	Education Committee
Newsletter Editor	Journal Editor
Yearbook Editor	County Coordinator

Committees typically work together for about an hour (or less) each month! Board/committee meetings are held via Zoom. You can email your interest to a board member, let the telephone committee know your interest, or speak to another volunteer at one of our many events! Your help is vital in making BAGS thrive and grow!

BAGS Meet 'n Munch

Our **Meet 'n Munches** are always well attended! BAGS members and their families share delicious meals and socialize on beautiful Sunday afternoons!

Please join us at the next Meet & Munch on **Sunday, August 27th, 4:00p**, at **Gringo's Mexican Kitchen, 2202 Broadway, Pearland, TX**

Members, family members, and guests are welcome to come!



Calling All Writers: Share Your Epic Family Stories!

The Bay Area Genealogical Society calls every member to share their research findings and stories! Consider sharing your family stories and research strategies. Articles covering any geographical area are welcomed and appreciated.

Email submissions/questions to Todd Roberts at journal@txbayareagen.org.

The journal is published on the Members Only page of the BAGS website. BAGS "[Journal Article Submissions Q & A](#)" provides information about submitting an article for print.



Pedigree Charts!

BAGS members are encouraged to submit a copy of their family tree and share it with other "tree lovers." Pedigree charts don't need to be finished to submit. Please omit vital information about living relatives. Editable pedigree charts are available to download and use from the Members Only page [Pedigree Charts](#).

For questions or assistance, contact Sharon Boeger at pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org.

Board Meetings

All BAGS Board Meetings are virtual via Zoom. Members are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend a meeting, request a link from info@txbayareagen.org

2023 Meetings

Aug 21

Sep 25

Oct 23

Nov 13

Dec 18

Board meetings are on Mondays at 6:30pm. [Board Meeting Minutes](#) are available on the Members Page.



KEEP CALM
AND
VOLUNTEER
TO HELP
BAGS

RECAPS & RESOURCES



Diana Smith was our delightful presenter at the **July Members Meeting**. Her presentation, entitled *It Takes a Village: Community Research*, is available on the BAGS website under General Meetings Handouts and Videos. Diane has researched her ancestry since age 10, speaking since 1980, and writing, teaching, and researching for clients since the late 1980s. She and her husband enjoyed serving as lay librarians at the Westlake, Ohio, FamilySearch Center for over 20 years. Diana enjoys speaking live and virtually at conferences around the country, always looking for new audiences and topics. In addition to genealogy cruises, Diana speaks to large and small audiences around the United States. Virtual presentations have offered welcome new opportunities.

Diana has written for numerous genealogical publications, including NGS News Magazine, the APG Quarterly, and the Digital Genealogist Magazine. Diana also wrote *Finding Your Danish Ancestors: A Primer for Research & History, Chapter 4: "Scandinavia"* of *The Family Tree Guidebook to Europe: Your Essential Guide to Trace Your Genealogy in Europe* (2013), and transcriptions of *Green County* and *Shelby County Iowa Cemetery Records* from Cemetery Readings copied by Graves Registration WPA Project Academy online. Diana is a past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Florida State Genealogical Society, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors. Since concluding a career in software consulting, she has sought new opportunities to learn including, GRIP 2020: Law School for Genealogists, Hands-On Forensic Genealogy, and Land and Property Records.



Follow BAGS on Facebook!

[Facebook Group \(members only\)](#)

[Facebook Page \(public page\)](#)



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What all can you find on ConferenceKeeper.org?

- ✱ A traditional **Calendar** with all genealogy events
- ✱ A calendar of **Virtual** (online) events of all kinds.
- ✱ A page listing *just* genealogy **Conferences**.
- ✱ Genealogy event pages by **location** - by specific areas of the US or Canada, as well as other world countries.
> The US location pages include **helpful links** to state-level archives websites, and a list of **genealogy societies** for that state.
- ✱ A **Call for Papers** page with opportunities for genealogy speakers.
- ✱ A **Contest** page with genealogy-related giveaways.
- ✱ A page of genealogical **Education Programs** offering degrees or certificates
- ✱ A page listing **Grants & Scholarships** opportunities within the genealogy community.
- ✱ Genealogy **Volunteer** opportunities - if you have even a minute to spare.
- ✱ A page of genealogy **Podcasts** and online Programs
- ✱ A page of genealogy **Job** openings
- ✱ **Travel, Tours & Cruises** that are specifically for genealogy research and vacation.



FUTURE GENEALOGY EVENTS

- ✓ **August 19th**, 10:30am—4:30 pm **Clayton Library Scanning Saturdays and Booksale** more information [here](#).
- ✓ **August 26th**, 10:00am (9:30 social) **Sam Houston Chapter NSDAR**, St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 18300 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay. Visitors are welcome!
- ✓ **September 16th**, WHAGS "new year" presentation — more information [here](#).
- ✓ **September 16th**, 10:30am—4:30 pm **Clayton Library Scanning Saturdays and Booksale** more information [here](#).
- ✓ **September 29th**, 7:00pm (virtual), **Paula Stuart Warren – Finding Maiden Names: Let Me Count the Ways**— BAGS September General Meeting.
- ✓ **October 7th**, 10:00am (9:30 social) **Sam Houston Chapter NSDAR**, St. Thomas the Apostle Episcopal Church, 18300 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay. Visitors are welcome!

AUGUST LIBRARY UPDATES



Freeman Branch Library - Clear Lake City

In-Person Research Session – BAGS Members Only

August 22nd 10:00am to 12:30pm

Located at **16615 Diana Ln, Houston, TX**, in the **conference room**. The MHM session is open to BAGS members for research. If you need help locating ancestors or breaking brick walls, be sure to come! Bring a laptop to use the library's Wi-Fi or the research you are currently pursuing.

Friendswood FamilySearch Center

In-Person Research Session – BAGS Members Only

August 16th and September 20th 9:30am to 11:30am

The Friendswood FamilySearch Center is located at **505 Deseret Dr**, in Friendswood. The entrance to the building is on the side furthest from the street. This center is also open to the public for research:

Tues, Thurs, & Fri 10:00am – 2:00pm
Tues evening 7:00pm – 9:00pm

League City FamilySearch Center

The League City FamilySearch Center is located at **4655 South Shore Blvd**, in League City. The FSC entrance is on the SE corner, at the back of the building, away from the street. Use the first entrance off South Shore Blvd.

The League City FamilySearch Center is open to the public for research:

Tues & Wed 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday 10:00am – 12:00pm

This center has access to the FamilySearch Center Portal page, which gives free access to premium family history software and websites that generally charge for subscriptions.

Clayton Library Friends August General Meeting - Zoom



August 19, 2023, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Program: *State of the Library* by Susan Kaufman, Senior Manager of the Clayton Library for Genealogical Research.

Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research is a special collection of the Houston Public Library. Clayton Library is one of the nation's top family history research libraries, with approximately 140,000 books, 3,200 periodical titles, 90,000 rolls of microfilm, and 203,000 microfiche cards.

An Illinois native, Susan has more than thirty years of experience as a genealogy librarian. She started her career in Peoria, Illinois, then moved to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 2004 she joined the staff of Clayton Library. A presenter at local, state, and national genealogy conferences, she has also held numerous genealogical society board positions in Illinois, Indiana, and Texas and at the national level with the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

Registration is required. You do not need to be a member to attend the meeting. **Register:** [click to register](#).

BAGS INFORMATION

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*A Warm Welcome to
Our Newest BAGS Member!
Cherry Toney Roegner
from Lincoln, NE*



Statement of Activity as of July 1, 2023

Checking Account	\$2,238.58
Saving Account	<u>\$11,871.16</u>
Total Monetary Assets	\$14,109.74

Dear BAGS members,

It is with regret that I have resigned as President of BAGS, as family and health issues are demanding my full attention. I am honored to have served in this role for the past two and a half years. Participating on the Board is a very rewarding experience, providing opportunities to utilize your talents, learn leadership skills, and really get to know one another. I encourage members to participate and to consider attending a board meeting or two (or more!) and/or serving on the Board in any way they can. I have no doubt that BAGS will continue to be an excellent organization. Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve.

Warmest regards,

Lisa Smith

Additional points of contact:

Don't know the Members Page password?

registrar@txbayareagen.org – George Porterfield

Research questions or to provide research assistance:

education@txbayareagen.org – Kim Zrubek

Have an article or idea to share with the Society?

newsletter@txbayareagen.org – Cindy Austin

Submit information for the Journal:

journal@txbayareagen.org – Todd Roberts

Ideas on where or how to advertise BAGS:

publicity@txbayareagen.org – Terri Myers

Submit your pedigree chart to share with membership:

pedigreecharts@txbayareagen.org – Sharon Boeger

Not receiving emails?

emailcoord@txbayareagen.org – Lisa Smith

Want to go on the Clayton Bus trip?

countycoord@txbayareagen.org – Kathleen Williams



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For the latest news and event updates,
visit our website at tbbayareagen.org



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Calendar of Events - 2023

AUGUST

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| 3 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 7 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 10 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 14 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 16 | 9:30a | MHM In-Person Research at
<i>Friendswood FamilySearch Center</i> |
| 17 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 21 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 6:30p | BAGS Board Meeting |
| 22 | 10:00a | MHM In-Person Research at
<i>Freeman Branch Library</i> |
| 24 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 26 | 11:30p | August Members Potluck Meeting –
(12pm) <i>Members' Show & Tell, University Baptist</i> |
| 27 | 4:00p | Meet 'n Munch, <i>Gringo's – Pearland</i> |
| 28 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 6:30p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 31 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |

SEPTEMBER

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| 4 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 7 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 11 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 13 | 7:00p | German SIG |
| 14 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 18 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 20 | 9:30a | MHM In-Person Research at
<i>Friendswood FamilySearch Center</i> |
| 21 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 24 | 4:00p | Meet 'n Munch, <i>TBA</i> |
| 25 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 6:30p | BAGS Board Meeting |
| 28 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 29 | 7:00p | September Members Meeting –
<i>Finding Maiden Names: Let Me Count the Ways,
Paula Stuart Warren (Zoom)</i> |

OCTOBER

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| 2 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 5 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 9 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 11 | 7:00p | German SIG |
| 12 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 16 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 19 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 23 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 6:30p | BAGS Board Meeting |
| 26 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 28 | 12:00p | October Members Meeting – <i>Got Lemons?</i>
<i>Make Limoncello - Building an International
Genealogical Community, Nick Cimino (Zoom)</i> |
| 29 | 4:00p | Meet 'n Munch, <i>TBA</i> |
| 30 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |

NOVEMBER

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|----|--------|---|
| 2 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 6 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 8 | 7:00p | German SIG |
| 9 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 13 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 6:30p | BAGS Board Meeting |
| 15 | 9:30a | MHM, <i>Friendswood FamilySearch Center</i> |
| 16 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |
| 17 | 7:00p | November Members Meeting – <i>How to Find
Your Ancestors in Church Records,
Sonny Morton (Zoom)</i> |
| 20 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 27 | 10:00a | Members Helping Members #1 |
| | 7:00p | Members Helping Members #2 |
| 30 | 7:00p | Family Tree Makers MHM |