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General Meeting for October: The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2012 on the fourth floor of the Birmingham Public Library (in the auditorium). The Board of Directors will meet at 1:15 p.m. in the same room.

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL BGS OCTOBER FAIR AND YOU ARE INVITED!

It's time to plan for your exhibit – some ideas to consider for an exhibit - a family heirloom to show - Grandpa's watch fob? The bullet from g-grandpa's war injury? Got a new DNA chart that is going to solve all your questions? Or even old family photos, clothing worn by an ancestor, family histories, articles owned by an ancestor or articles made by an ancestor. Table or wall space will be provided. Everyone will be asked to provide a brief talk to explain what you have brought.

Please email Gary Gerlach at ggerlach@charter.net so that enough table or wall space can be provided.



**Think of the October Fair as a "Show & Tell" for Genealogist!
Ribbons awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners!
Silver bowl awarded to 1st place winner!**

You may begin setting up your display at 1:00 p.m.

~ Members are asked to bring some type of finger food or dessert for refreshments ~

Also, if you do not plan to participate in the fair, your attendance is vital!
We will be presenting the nominations for the 2013 slate of officers!

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE OCTOBER FAIR!

We will also have a used book and magazine sale to benefit the
Birmingham Genealogical Society!



BOO! I am the ghost of unpaid annual dues!

Mail in your 2013 dues today or I will haunt you the rest of the year!

Membership dues are \$15.00/individual or \$20.00/family



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Tips & Suggestions for researching the Dead: Not Just an Obituary

When reading newspapers for information on someone's death and funeral, be certain to check out the "gossip" columns even after the funeral for mention of relatives who came back for the funeral. Sometimes their visit will be mentioned in a "gossip" column a week or two after the obituary.

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