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Newsletter of the Birmingham Genealogical Society



JANUARY 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BGS HAS A NEW NEWSLETTER

BGS is beginning 2023 with a new newsletter. Thank you to Scott Martin as he retires from his job as Newsletter Editor after many years of holding this position. He has devoted a lot of time and energy to providing our members with news and great articles. Scott will remain on the Board as a Director.

The new newsletter will continue to be our source of society information but will no longer contain any educational articles or content. It will be available to the general public as well as members so that everyone can see each month what we are doing and what programs are available. Under discussion is an online publication "for members only" that will offer all the great educational articles that we have enjoyed over the years through the newsletter.

MEETINGS

No General Meetings or Programs were scheduled for the months of November and December in 2022 as the fourth Saturdays fell on holiday weekends.

The Board and General Meeting dates for 2023 will be: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, June 24, July 2, August 26, September 23, and October 28. The Board Meetings are at 1:00 PM, and the General Meetings are at 2:00 PM in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of the Birmingham Public Library's main building (in the lobby near the elevators). Meetings will not be scheduled for May, November, and December because these dates fall on holiday weekends.

Please pay your membership dues for 2023.

WELCOME

Welcome to our new Board Director – Terri Hicks. Terri is employed as an Executive Assistant in the President Emeritus Office at Birmingham Southern College. She has an MA in History from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and has conducted many historical presentations over the past decade to organizations in our area.

FREE WEBINARS

American Ancestors is offering four free webinars during January. Please check them out on their website at www.americanancestors.org.

2022 BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Made a decision to return to a combination of online and in-person Board Meetings, General Meetings, and programs for 2022.
- Held four programs for members and guests – April, June, July, and August.
- Partnered with the Southern California Genealogical Society to promote their August Jamboree in Alabama and received a free online booth for BGS to promote our society on the Jamboree website.
- Continued monthly newsletters with educational articles.
- Made a decision to continue our present website for two more years.
- Published the 2020/2021 Annual Report.
- Applied for and received a free Canva subscription for graphic presentations.
- Set up a BGS Instagram account.
- Filled one of the vacant Director positions.
- Continued work on the revision of our Constitution and Bylaws.
- Discussed programs for 2023.

2023 BOARD GOALS

The BGS Board plans to continue monthly programs, publish a monthly newsletter, hold an election in October, work on the revision of our Constitution and Bylaws, discuss a publication devoted to educational articles, write a strategic plan, and recruit members and officers.

BGS Newsletter Editor: Caroline Thomas

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Caroline Thomas, President
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Vacant, 2nd Vice President
Patrick Henry, Secretary/Webmaster
Gary Gerlach, Treasurer/Parliamentarian
Barbara Tillery, Director

Melissa Hogan, Director and Facebook Admin
Scott Martin, Director
Jyl Hardy, Director
Mary Beth Newbill, Director
Barbara Adams, Director
Terri Hicks, Director

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