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Drawing is 4:00 p.m. on February 21, 2009

Send check to IGS Raffle, 628 East Grand, Des Moines, IA 50309

Upcoming Events & Classes

February 14 and February 21, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month. Displays will include "Center Street in Retrospect" – a privately owned exhibit that chronicles the social history of the 1950s urban renewal period and its impact on an African A.m.ericam community in Des Moines, Iowa. A short oral presentation about this exhibit will be given at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. both days.

There will also be a display of "History of African American Soldiers" from the Fort Des Moines Museum. Short oral presentations about this exhibit will be given at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 14 and at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 21.

The Iowa Genealogical Society's African-American Genealogy Special Interest Group will be available to answer family history research questions. Tours of the Iowa Genealogical Society library will also be available.

Event is free and open to the public. Phone: 515-276-0287

February 21 at 10:00 to 11:00 – Speakers' Bureau training

Call or sign up at IGS, 515-276-0287. Volunteers will be given a format and hand out material to use in giving a 15 to 30 minute presentation to community groups.

February 28 at 10:00 to noon – "Beginning Genealogy" - free

Call or sign up at IGS, 515-276-0287.

March 21 at 3:00 - "Using the USGenWeb to its Fullest Potential"

Cost is \$5 for members or \$10 for non-members. Call or sign up at IGS, 515-276-0287.

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From The President

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Dear Members,

The IGS officers and committees are working hard to provide members with lots of opportunities for learning and fun. Please support IGS by attending as many as you possibly can.

I would like to include more events and activities from county chapters. Please send information directly to me for the newsletter.

Thank You

Thanks to all of you who have donated money or non-cash items this past year. Several people have been quite generous and others have given smaller amounts.

Special thanks to the German Interest Group for providing all of the paper products for the IGS facility. Also thanks to Theresa Liewer for donating all of the paper for the newsletter, publications, copies, etc.

We depend a great deal on donations of any amount to make our society operational.

Hawkeye Heritage

By Barbara Hug

The Hawkeye Heritage has been printed since November but we haven't had the funds to mail it. I was afraid of this happening when I restarted the publication last summer as the cost of printing is \$1,700 and mailing is \$900 to \$1,000+.

I think the Hawkeye is a great way to get genealogical information to our members, especially those of you from out of town. Therefore we must figure out how to handle this situation.

The Board of Directors will be discussing options for both the newsletter and Hawkeye Heritage mailings at their February 14th meeting.

If you have suggestions, please contact me directly or your region representative (see website for their names.)

Don't forget to use [GoodSearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) as your search engine. This year we received more than \$200, but we can make a lot more if more people use the search engine. Check out our website for the details.

From the Cataloging Corner

A total of 936 books were added to our shelves in 2008! And, 35 have been added so far in January 2009. A big THANK YOU to all who donated!



Iowa Publications:

Dallas Co.: Booneville Cemetery

Marion Co.: Caloma Cemetery

Polk Co.: Caldwell Funeral Home records for 1967

Other States:

Kentucky: Boyle, Casey, Christian, Mason, Perry, Shelby Cos.

Missouri: Platte, Shelby Cos.

Pennsylvania: Fayette Co.

Virginia: Accomack, Culpeper, Fairfax, King and Queen, Northampton, Northumberland, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Prince George Cos.

Family Histories:

Anthony Dorchester

George Benjamin Fullerton & Leota Pearl Barrett

Benjamin Goldsberry

John Hasty

Michael Kellar & Catharine Monroe of Fairfax County, Virginia

Laub Family History

Elijah Partridge & Prudence Brown

Eber Peet

Nicholas Robbins

Remember to check the "Recent Library Book Acquisitions" binder on top of the card catalog files when you're at IGS.

Member Tribute

Warren Carter Caldwell, a charter member of IGS, died peacefully on December 31, 2008. Warren was born in Loveland, CO on January 21, 1921. He was a Captain of an Air Transport Command of the U.S. Army during World War II.

Not only was Warren a charter member of IGS, but he was a founding member of the Scottish Heritage Society of Iowa, and played the drums in the Scottish Heritage Pipe Band. He was awarded Scot of the Year in 1999.

Sign up for the IGS e-mail group to get the latest news between newsletters at

<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/usa/IA/misc.html#IGS>

NBC to add "Who Do You Think You Are?" Genealogy TV Show in April

"I have written many times about *Who Do You Think You Are?*, a very popular British television show that has since been exported to other countries. Each country produces their own shows, featuring local television personalities and stories. Now NBC will bring the television program to American viewers, starting April 20. The program will air on Mondays at 8 p.m.

"*Who Do You Think You Are?* will feature American celebrities, including Lisa Kudrow, Sarah Jessica Parker and Susan Sarandon, as they unearth their family trees. Kudrow's company, Is or Isn't Entertainment, will produce the programs, along with the U.K.'s Wall to Wall Productions.

"The series will examine a star's family tree and uncover stories about love, secrets and triumphs in his or her family's past, while also weaving the family story into the larger narrative of American history.

"This show personalizes history and turns it into a gripping narrative," Kudrow says. The most striking thing about the show is the realization of how connected we all are." Source: Eastman's Online Newsletter, January 27, 2009.

Speakers' Bureau

Other countries have experienced a renewed interest in genealogy as a result of the TV show *Who Do You Think You Are?* and we expect the same to happen in the United States.

Genealogical Societies want to be prepared for this increased interest as a way to recruit members and perhaps transcribers.

The Publicity Committee has developed an easy guide to use for making a 15 to 30 minute presentation to community groups like Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, Women's Club, etc.

A training session will be held Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 a.m. for members in the Central Iowa area. Why not combine this with a visit to our open house and the African American displays?

Regional Representatives will receive the materials at the board meeting on February 14th and will be asked to distribute the material to their counties.

Please call the library at 515-276-0287 to register for the session.

New Challenge by German Interest Group

This group has once again donated \$1,000 to match donations received from members to finish paying the leases on the furniture and the reader-printer in the library. These leases add nearly \$700 per month to our tight budget, so it will help us a great deal to have these paid off.

This is a wonderful contribution from the German Interest Group. Don't let this great opportunity slip away from IGS. Send a check or pay via credit card on line, with the note that this is for the German Challenge.

Stitch Down the Debt

We are introducing a NEW "Stitch Down the Debt" project for a limited time only while supplies last. A beautiful "Family Tree" fabric panel by Pamela Linquist for Benartex is available with an optional color-coordinated architectural strip fabric for borders and framing to the panel.

You might have seen this panel illustrated in various quilting magazines or in the Family Tree magazine Nov 2008 issue.

The "Family Tree" panel is 24" wide and 44" long. It contains 2 blank banners (for personalizing with your family surname) and 1 banner that says, "Our Family Tree." There are 21 ovals for personalizing with individual names; each oval is 3 1/2" wide and 1 1/2" tall. Instructions come printed on the bottom of the panel. This panel can be used as the center for a bed sized quilt or a wall hanging.

Cost

"Family Tree" panel (Ivory background) only is \$20.00.
Optional-Architectural Stripe Border fabric pkg. \$10.00.

Order

No. of "Family Tree" panels @ \$20.00 ea. _____
No. of border fabric packages @ \$10.00 ea. _____
Total order _____

Send your order to: Stitch Down the Debt, IGS, 628 East Grand Ave, Des Moines IA 50309-1924.

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery; postage and handling are included in the cost.

ALL proceeds will be used to pay down the debt on our mortgage.

More Dates to Hold:

March 21-22 – “Spring Fling” Slumber Party.

5 p.m. Saturday March 21 until 6 a.m. Sunday March 22. Cost is \$20 per person. Bring snacks to share. Pizza and pop provided for a late supper. A light breakfast will be served. Please pre-register at IGS or phone 515-276-0287.

March 26th at 10:00 to noon – “Beginning Genealogy” – free

Call or sign up at IGS, 515-276-0287.

April 4th – “Census Basics” with working project by Linda Greethurst.

Cost is \$5 for members or \$10 for non-members. Call or sign up at IGS, 515-276-028

April 16th – “Beginning Internet” by Dennis Allen – free.

Call or sign up at IGS, 515-276-028.

June 6, 2009 – German Conference.

To be held at the Botanical Center. Baerbel Johnson will be returning again this year. Registration will be in the next newsletter.

October 9 – 10 Annual Conference in Des Moines area.

Tim Pinnick will be the main speaker and the theme is Iowa research and history.

November 7 – Legacy Family Tree Software Workshop by Geoff Rasmussen.

Geoff Rasmussen from Melina Corporation will be in town to do a day-long workshop on the new Legacy 7.0, rated among the very top of all the genealogy software. I am trying to determine a location based on the number of people who want to attend. If you are interested, please e-mail Barbara Hug bhug@prairieinet.net so I can begin to tell what size of space we need.

IGS FUNDRAISER - Purchase a Younkers Community Day Coupon Booklet for only \$5.00 and save \$10 or more on Community Day, February 28, 2009. Call IGS for your coupon TODAY!



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