



# IOWA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## Calendar of Events

### July 25 – Summer Slumber Party with Scrapbooking Workshop

Workshop from 5 to 7:00 p.m. Saturday July 25, scrapbooking materials list is at [www.iowagenealogy.org/](http://www.iowagenealogy.org/). No cost if attending the slumber party. Otherwise \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Please pre-register

Slumber party is 5:00 p.m. until 6 a.m. Sunday July 26. 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.

### August 1 at 10 to noon – IGS Executive Board

### August 8 at 10 to 2:00 – IGS Board of Directors

### August 13 – 23 – Iowa State Fair

Stop by our booth in the Pioneer Hall and sign up for the Heritage Quilt Raffle. We also need volunteers to staff the booth. See page 2.

### August 15 at 10 to noon – Military Records

This class will cover the types of records available - enlistment, muster, discharge, pension, bounty - from the Revolutionary War through WW II. We'll also work through where the records can be found, ranging from the National Archives to State Archives to printed abstracts to online sources. Teacher, Theresa Liewer.

### August 22 at 10 to noon – Reviewing Genealogy Software, Installing and Using

Class will review and compare various genealogy software packages, install one program and demonstrate how to use the software. Teacher, Barbara Hug.

### October 4 noon to 3:00 p.m. – Historic Cemetery Walk

Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa. See page 2

### October 9 – 10 – Annual Conference in Des Moines area

Seminar topics by Tim Pinnick: *WWI Draft Card: Don't Do Research without it; Coal Dust In Your Veins: Tips, Strategies, and Resources to Bring Your Coal Mining Ancestors to the Surface; Locating and Using Oral History Collections; Strikebreakers! The Recruitment and Employment of African Americans in the Coal Mining Industry 1870-1900; and Developing the Genealogy of a Community: A Case Study*

Friday seminar topics by Mary Burtzloff, Archivist, National Archives-Central Plains Region: *U.S. Military Records and Using the National Archives Web Site.*

Saturday special topics by Larry Hurto, Historian, Newton, Iowa: *Letters to Abraham Lincoln .*

Saturday special presentation by the Jasper Grays: *Civil War Presentation and Music*

### October 30 – 31 at 9:00 to 5:00 – IGS Heritage Quilt Show

At IGS West Wing. See page 4

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Barbara Lane Hug  
Newton, Iowa

I've been asked by several people to let you know more about our finances. There is no secrecy about IGS business as minutes of our meetings are on our web site and the finance statements are available with the treasurer's report attached to the minutes of the meetings. The minutes with the attachments are located in a notebook at the front desk of the library.

In addition you can always ask the treasurer or president to see a copy of the any financial report. If you want a financial statement, please send me an e-mail to [bhug@prairieinet.net](mailto:bhug@prairieinet.net) and I'll send you the financial statement as an attachment. Or you can send a self-addressed stamped envelop to Barbara Hug, 2715 W 66<sup>th</sup> ST S, Newton IA 50208-8888 or to me at IGS.

I've tried to explain our budget situation below so you can see why we keep asking for donations. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Barb.

## IGS BUDGET AND DONATIONS

IGS has always depended on member donations to maintain and expand its operations. Several members have asked what we spend our money on and why we keep asking for donations. Here's a brief summary.

Our expenses are pretty even throughout the year, except for snow plowing and the subscription to Ancestry.com library edition in the winter. Optional spending such as organizational membership fees, advertising, etc. are paid by donations from individuals.

Our monthly expenses average about \$11,675 to cover the mortgage, gas and electricity, telephone, water, cleaning, security, insurance, postage, Internet server providers, maintenance on equipment, printing and payroll. Notice that supplies and paper are missing from the expenses; that's because those items are all donated by special interest groups and individuals.

Our earned income is from membership dues, publication sales and library revenue which averages about \$8,000 per month with a high of about \$10,000 a month in the winter to less than \$5,000 in the summer. The low revenue in summer months is because most membership dues are paid in December, January and February and very few are paid in May through August.

You can see that on the average we need a **minimum** of \$3,000 a month in donations or fundraising to just pay for ordinary operating expenses. In the summer months we need about \$8,000 in donations or fundraising.

In addition to the regular expenses we owe the county chapters more than \$11,000 in revenue sharing and two businesses about \$3,000. We also know that there have been deferred building repairs that need to be addressed soon.

Yes, we've written some proposal for grants, but most grantors do not pay for operational expenses and/or require matching funds.

Again, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact Barbara Hug at (641) 791-9485 or via e-mail for more information about the following:

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Ricki King has resigned this position and we are looking for someone to take over for next year. This position handles the educational program for the society.

**Events Committee** – The events committee plans and assists in carrying out various events and fund raisers for the society. The events can be local and/or around the state. Remember, you don't have to do everything yourself, share the fun and ask others to chair individual events.

**Grant Writing** – We are still in the need for someone to write proposals for grants. This is something done in cooperation with the President and other members of the Board of Directors.

**State Fair** – We will have a booth at the State Fair again this year at the Pioneer Hall. We'll need volunteers from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Contact IGS, Marcia Guffey at (515) 964-7680 or Denise Gripp at [gripper5@mchsi.com](mailto:gripper5@mchsi.com)

## HISTORIC CEMETERY WALK

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Historic Cemetery Walk to be held Sunday afternoon, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Woodland Cemetery, Woodland & Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

The walk will focus on the history of early Des Moines using the following characters: Businessmen Fred Hubbell, Jefferson Polk, B. F. Allen and Mrs. Allen, as well as Elizabeth Mann, founder of the Home for Friendless Children and Annie Savery, Des Moines' first Women's Rights Advocate.

Volunteers are needed as actors, guides, set up and tear down. Contact LaWanda Nepstad at (515) 252-0283 or [msnepstad@prodigy.net](mailto:msnepstad@prodigy.net) or Kaye Sanchez at (515) 276-5396 or [KKCS@aol.com](mailto:KKCS@aol.com)

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION  
OCTOBER 9 & 10, 2009  
West Des Moines Christian Church  
4501 George Mills Civic Pkwy  
West Des Moines, Iowa**

**Friday, October 9**

8:00 – Registration  
8:30 – Welcome  
8:45 – 4:00: Speakers, vendors, socialize  
5:00 – 7:30: Research at IGS Library (please sign up)

**Saturday, October 10**

8:00 – Arrivals  
8:30 – Welcome  
8:45 – 3:00: Speakers, vendors, socialize

**Members\***

By September 1, 2009 \$75 \_\_\_\_  
After September 1<sup>st</sup> \$85 \_\_\_\_  
One day paid before September 1<sup>st</sup> \$45 \_\_\_\_  
One day paid after September 1<sup>st</sup> \$55 \_\_\_\_

**Non-Members\***

By September 1, 2009 \$110 \_\_\_\_  
After September 1<sup>st</sup> \$120 \_\_\_\_  
One day paid by September 1<sup>st</sup> \$ 65 \_\_\_\_  
One day paid after September 1<sup>st</sup> \$ 75 \_\_\_\_

Registration Fee enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be at the IGS Library Friday evening? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ IGS Member: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Mailing address and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cost includes syllabus, two lunches, midmorning snack, and light meal on Friday evening at the IGS library.

\* Full refund if cancel before September 25, 2009.

Please tell of any special needs you might have: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: IGS Annual Conference, 628 East Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309

**SPEAKERS**



**Tim Pinnick** is a family historian, researcher and writer with more than 20 years overall research experience including all the major U.S. repositories. He has extensive lecture experience on a variety of topics and has been a presenter at over a dozen national and regional genealogy conferences coast to coast. His awards include a 2005-2006 Formby Research Fellowship

and a 2005 Richard S. Brownlee Fund grant to conduct research on African American coal miners in Texas and Missouri.

**Larry Hurto and the Jasper Gray Civil War Singers**



Larry Hurto is a historian and Civil War buff. His program on the Letters to Lincoln tells some fascinating stories.

The singers are named after the first Civil War soldiers who wore gray uniforms. They tell about the war and sing Civil War songs.

You don't want to miss this exciting group.

Left to right, Larry Hurto, Barry Hurto, Gary Kopsa, and John Keller. (Photo by Mary Dell Flattery)



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**QUILT SHOW – OCTOBER 30 & 31<sup>ST</sup>  
IGS WEST WING – 9 TO 5**

Don't miss this opportunity to show off the quilts and other types of bed coverings made by your ancestor. This show will not only feature the quilt or covering, but the person who created the item.

Yes, we want the quilt accompanied by some type of display, perhaps a nice poster, of your ancestor and their relationship to you.

We are asking that you complete an application and send it to us just so we know how to plan the display.

This show is the same weekend as the National Quilt Show being held at the Des Moines Convention Center.

Why not plan a trip for your entire chapter to attend the show and do some research at both IGS and the State Historical Society?

Applications are located on the IGS website at [www.iowagenealogy.org](http://www.iowagenealogy.org)

**HERITAGE QUILT/AMISH BASKETS RAFFLE**



You don't want to miss out on a chance to win this beautiful double wedding ring heritage quilt or one of the Amish baskets. The drawing will be held October 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00 each or six for \$10. You can order by writing to IGS.

Help us make this raffle a success by selling tickets for IGS. You can print off a sales sheet at the IGS website at [www.iowagenealogy.org](http://www.iowagenealogy.org)

Proceeds will help pay for the repair of the glass panels on the front of the building.