
President's Update

Jackson County History and Genealogy Society
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Barry McIlwain, President

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Dear Fellow Members,

As summer winds down, the JCHGS is gearing up for the fall with special programs, events and activities.

Anyone who would like to help at our book sale booth under the library porch at the **Oct. 3 Zonta Club festival** can sign up at one of our next two meetings. It's a lot of fun and well worth an hour or two of your time.

Renee Gautier-Hague is working on putting together the **Krebs Cemetery Tour** on Oct. 29. And plans for our April 23, 2010 Spring Gala are moving forward.

We are looking forward to Sherry's presentation this coming Tuesday night. Upcoming programs are: Sept. 22 - **Historical Trains**, Presenter Jerry Lachaussee; Oct. 27 - **Birding in Local History**, Presenter Don McKee, and Nov. 24 - **Poetry of Elva Avara**, Presenter Elva Avara. More details on these programs will be forthcoming.

Our "fire sale" on Society publications for members will continue through September. Remaining inventory will then be discounted for the public.

If you have an idea for an upcoming program, contact Kathie Keene. Stories or material for the upcoming journal may be submitted to Else Martin and Joanne Anderson.

Look forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday.

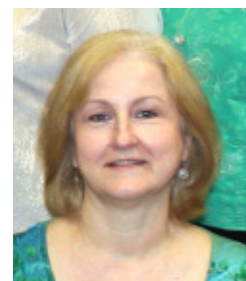
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Tuesday, August 25th Meeting
6 p.m., Pascagoula Public Library
Meeting Room
Free Door Prize drawing
for those present - Public welcome

Female ancestors program to provide research aids

Family researchers will get a short clinic in tracing female ancestors at the Aug. 25 meeting of the Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society at 6 p.m. at the Pascagoula Public Library meeting room.

Sherry Owens, JCHGS vice president of genealogy, will share information she obtained from some of the nation's top genealogists while attending the 2009 National Genealogy Society's conference in Raleigh, N.C.



Sherry Owens

"Researching female ancestors can be a challenge due to the lack of records produced by females throughout most of our history," Sherry said. "This program will provide suggestions on how to find maiden names, how to work around the lack of records for females and which records are most likely to provide information on females."

Sherry hopes the program will inspire researchers to try again to find those elusive female ancestors.

A native of Jackson County, Sherry has worked for 10 years in the Pascagoula Public Library's Genealogy and Local History Department.

As chairman of the Society's Genealogy Committee, she is working on the upcoming "**Pioneer Families of Jackson County**" program which will be available to descendants of Jackson County pioneers, who lived in Jackson County during the time period 1699-1899. Those who submit qualifying family genealogies will receive Pioneer Certificates, suitable for framing.

A short business meeting will precede the program which will be followed by refreshments. All JCHGS meetings are open to the public.