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# President's Update

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Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society  
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Barry McIlwain, President  
October, 2009

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## Birdman Don McKee to show photos, routes of migrating non-feeder birds through our area

Birding expert Don McKee will be the featured speaker at the Tuesday (Oct. 27) meeting of the Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society at 6 p.m. at the Pascagoula Public Library meeting room.

Former member of the Board of Directors of the National Audubon Society, representing the Southeast, McKee will discuss the migration of non-feeder birds (those that do not eat food from feeders) that pass through Jackson County during winter and spring migrations.



Don McKee

McKee said he will illustrate his talk with Powerpoint slides and show routes the birds actually take in areas where they can be spotted by local residents. A resident of

Pascagoula, McKee also lives on Dauphin Island in Alabama. "This is the best bird watching location for migration," he said.

A short business meeting will precede the program which will be followed by refreshments.

The monthly free door prize drawing will be for the book, "Cotton Gin Port," A Frontier Settlement on the Upper Tombigbee," by Jack D. Elliott, Jr., and Mary Ann Wells. A native of Agricola, Miss., Wells has written several books, including "Native Land," "Searching for Red Eagle," and "A Guide to the Fairs, Festivals in Mississippi." She now resides in Taos, New Mexico.

Dena McKee has donated three additional door prizes: a copy of each of her three newest prints — the Pix Theatre of Pascagoula, The Shed in Ocean Springs, and the Colle Towing Company on the East Pascagoula River.

All Society meetings are open to the public, as is membership. For more information, contact Renee Hague at 228-769-3078 or Joanne Anderson, 228-355-0711.

The **Hooded Warbler** is an example of non-feeder birds who come through Jackson County during their winter and apring migrations.

During the breeding season the Hooded Warbler is more or less confined to the eastern United States. The bird's range extends north just barely into southern Ontario and southern New England. In the South they range into northern Florida and west along the Gulf Coast to the eastern portions of Texas.



Hooded Warblers may be spotted in large, unbroken tracts of deciduous woodland. Small birds measuring 13 centimeters, they prefer a fairly dense understory of shrubs or heavy vegetation. Toward the southern part of their range, Hooded Warblers tend to be more common in moist or swampy habitats.

Check out our new website: [www.jchgs-ms.org](http://www.jchgs-ms.org)

Our new e-mail address: [jchgs2@gmail.com](mailto:jchgs2@gmail.com)

## New genealogy blog offered free by National Genealogical Society

The National Genealogical Society has announced the launch of its UpFront monthly newsletter in blog format. "Blog" is short for "web log," an Internet communications tool that has been growing rapidly in recent years. This format will extend all the conveniences of a blog to UpFront readers.

You can find it free online at <http://upfront.ngsgenealogy.org/> where you will find the latest society and genealogy community news, helpful how-to articles, educational tools, and more.. You can see the latest articles as soon as they are available instead of waiting for the next monthly mailing. You can share your thoughts with other readers by posting comments at the end of any article.

### Society Officers (2009-10)

Barry McIlwain, President

Joanne Anderson, President-Elect

Sherry Owens - Vice President, Genealogy

Kevan Hall, Vice President, Buildings & Museums

Renee Hague - Corresponding Secretary

Liz Ford - Recording Secretary

Linda Grimes - Treasurer

Kay Doyle, Director

Jim LeBatard, Director

Kathie Keene, Director

Else Martin - Editor, *The Journal*

### Committee Chairmen

*Tommy Wixon, Publications; Kathie Keene,*

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*Kevin Hall, Museum and Buildings;*

*Else Martin, Historian; Roger Hansen,*

*Military; Leann Bosarge, Membership;*

*Melanie Moore and Callie Randle, Spring Gala;*

*Kay Doyle, Grassroots; Walter Mansfield,*

*Archaeology; John Ford, Constitution and By-*

*Laws, Peggy Saliba, Scrapbook Historian,*

*Don McKee, Birding, and Pat Haynes, Hospitality.*

## Final genealogy workshop for 2010 scheduled Saturday, November 21

Society member **Else Martin** will hold the final genealogy workshop for 2009 at the Pascagoula Public Library on November 21.

Beginner's group meets from from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and a more advanced problem-solving class meets from 1 to 4 p.m. Special direction is provided during this session.

## New publication for beginners incorporates Internet techniques

A new publication for beginning genealogists, *Paths to Your Past*, edited by Pamela Boyer Sayre, has just been released by the National Genealogy Society. The new 57-page, soft-cover book replaces an earlier publication entitled *Instructions for Beginners in Genealogy*, which was last updated in 2001.

Because the Internet has drastically changed the way we search for our ancestors, the new publication has been rewritten and reorganized to help beginners get started in the search for their ancestors. It tells how to collect information from family, libraries, government agencies at all levels, and the Internet; how to record facts; and how to write citations for sources so that they or anyone else can find them again in the future if need be. You will also find suggestions for learning more about genealogy. The book also includes a glossary for often-used family research terms.

The cost, which includes shipping, is \$18 for members and \$21 for non-members. Look for the PDF version in NGS' online store soon!

## COMING EVENTS

### October

29 Krebs Cemetery Tour Program

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Spring Gala, April 23, LaPointe-Krebs House