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Message from the President.....

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OCGS President 2012

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Unless otherwise specified, all meetings will take place on the third Monday of each month

Society Notes.....

After much experimentation with the renewed Smoke Signals last year, the plan is to go back to the electronic version for 2012. It is hoped you enjoy the new look of our quarterly. Members will receive monthly postings by email. Unless by subscription, all exchanges will be electronic, much like several other societies.

Let's get social! The society Facebook page is now up and running: just search Smoke Signals and look for the distinctive masthead art by Hildred Ables or type in <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Smoke-Signals/120449541360865> (direct link). This social networking page is an effort to better network the society and, perhaps, gain new members.

Do you have a program idea or presenter? If so, contact Fredrea Cook, fredrea@gregathcompany.com or 918-542-4148, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. By presenting interesting programs, it is hoped that we not only help the membership learn, but to attract new members. Be a part of this goal!

Last, but certainly not least, visit the Ottawa County Genealogical Society website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~okocgs>. Judy Good has handled this page for some time and will, no doubt, have plenty to share on the site in the coming months.

Should you have any queries, news items and/or ideas, please feel free to submit them to the Smoke Signals. The address is fredrea@gregathcompany.com. Don't forget to share any upcoming genealogical or historical events. The information will be added to the calendar.

Society Launches BLOG.....

In 2012, the Ottawa County Genealogical Society launched its' very own BLOG. **Carrie to finish**

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2012 Events Calendar

The events calendar lists those submitted to the Smoke Signals

- May 9-12 NGS Annual Meeting - Cincinnati, OH
National Genealogical Society ★ <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>
- June 1-2 North Arkansas Ancestor Fair – Marshall, AR
ragland1935@yahoo.com ★ www.ancestorfair.us/
Searcy County Historical Society and the Searcy County Library
- Aug. 29-Sept. 1 FGS & AGS Conference – Birmingham, AL ★ <http://www.fgs.org>
Federation of Genealogical Societies and
Alabama Genealogical Society
- September 15 Ozark Genealogical Society Conference – Springfield, MO
Doug Corbin ★ dbcornin@swbell.net
- September 22 Genealogical Workshop, Baxter Springs, KS Heritage Center
FREE of Charge ★ Limited seating
Gregath Company, Inc.
www.gregathcompany.com/workshop/2012
- October 13 Family History Fair, Community Center – Grove, OK
Cowskin Prairie Chapter, UDC ★ www.okdivudc.com
Lectures ★ Vendors ★ Something for Everyone

Always consider attending various events to learn more!

IF you know of other events, please contact the editor.

New FREE Site.....

Eric G. Grundset, Library Director of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution just announced the following, which you may find quite useful:

A PDF of the NSDAR 2008 publication Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War and a new supplement covering additions, corrections, and much more bibliographic information are both now available at the link below for free access and downloading.

The printed copies of the 2008 book sold out the middle of 2011, and we decided that we would prefer to make the publication available online for anyone interested at no cost. I've already started another supplement for 2012 onwards as our research in this subject area continues and as we watch for new publications, articles, dissertations, etc.

<http://www.dar.org/library/fp.cfm#Download08>

The NSDAR has a fine reputation of sharing genealogical information, not to mention their fine unpublished archives and research library.

The availability of more and more genealogical source material in the Online Community can do nothing but help each and every researcher. Therefore, sharing your knowledge of any new or helpful free sites is greatly appreciated by all of us. Please notify the Smoke Signals Editor if you have any such information to share.

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