

Orangeburgh German-Swiss Genealogical Society

Oktoberfest, 2019

October 11th & 12th

*At the First Baptist Church Family Life Center
2875 Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC*

Dear Friends and Members,

It is time to register for **Oktoberfest, 2019**. We are extending an Oktoberfest invitation to everyone with an interest in the event speakers, family history research for Orangeburgh District and the adjoining areas. Everyone is welcome to attend -- Society members and non-members. We have many talented speakers and authors who will be presenting on topics of interest to our OGSGS membership. We are planning two days of fascinating presentations, including by Tom Elmore, Fritz Hamer, David Brinkman, Gene Henrikson, Dr. Jason Lee, M.D., Eric Powell, Lynn Teague, and Margaret Waters. We also hold the OGSGS annual membership meeting during Oktoberfest.

Don't miss a fantastic dinner October 11th! Our Friday evening President's dinner speaker, **Tom Elmore**, will speak about the topic of "*The Scandalous Lives of Carolina Belles Marie Boozer and Amelia Feaster: Flirting with the Enemy.*" Mr. Elmore is the author of *Columbia Civil War Landmarks*; *Potter's Raid Through South Carolina: The Final Days of the Confederacy*; and *Carnival of Destruction: Sherman's Invasion of South Carolina*.

Saturday, October 11, 2019, presentations will include the following speakers:

- **Fritz Hamer** will speak on "*Barbecue Farming and Friendship: German Prisoners of War and South Carolinians, 1943-1946.*" Mr. Hamer is the Curator of History and Archivist at the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum and is the author of *Glory on the Gridiron: A History of College Football in South Carolina*; *Forward Together: South Carolinians in the Great War*; and *Charleston Reborn: A Southern City, Its Navy Yard and World War II, 1940-1946*.
- **David Brinkman**, the 2017 South Carolina Archaeologist of the Year, will present on "*Full Genome Testing Compared to 23andMe, FTDNA, Ancestry, and Genetic Connections to King Richard III.*" Mr. Brinkman presented last year at Oktoberfest, 2018, "*Finding Granby Project: The old South Carolina*

town of Granby.” Mr. Brinkman is the author of *Miracles to Yesterday: Sciences and faith come back together*

- **Dr. Jason Lee, M.D.**, a practicing physician who has been a genetic genealogist since 2012, will present on **“*Visual Triangulation.*”** Dr. Lee founded several genealogy-related Facebook groups including AncestryDNA Matching, Death Certificates for Family History and AncestryDNA Ethnicity. Dr. Lee’s YouTube channel features presentations on topics such as DNA triangulation, centimorgan values and GEDmatch.
- **Past OGS GS President and author, Lynn Teague**, will present on **“*A Keller Family of Calhoun County.*”** Mrs. Teague was the longtime Curator of Archaeology of the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, and is currently a retired archaeologist, active VP for the League of Women Voters of South Carolina, and is an administrator of the FTDNA Orangeburgh District DNA Project. .
- **OGSGS Secretary, Eric Powell**, will present on **“*What’s New with the Orangeburg County Historical Society.*”** Mr. Powell is the Director/Archivist at the Orangeburg County Historical Society located at the Salley Archives.
- **OGSGS Member, Gene Henrikson**, will present on **“*The Riley Family (includes Felder) of Orangeburgh District*”**
- **Margaret Waters, immediate past OGS GS President and author**, will be available for a question and answer session on the FTDNA Orangeburgh District DNA Project. Ms. Waters is the author of several books including *A Preliminary Study of the Colonial Landowners of Orangeburgh Township, SC. (1833 - 1749)*, OrangeburghPlats.com, and is an administrator of the FTDNA Orangeburgh District DNA Project.

We also have other authors, past presenters, and members who have been invited to sell their books at Oktoberfest, including Bret H. Holcomb, professional genealogist. Mr. Holcomb is the author of many books and publications including, The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research (SCMAR).

Kindly plan to attend Oktoberfest, 2019. We will look forward to your participation and hope you will take part in the family research poster presentation where you are welcome to share and

publish what you are currently working on in a poster style presentation. The research titles, descriptions, and authors name will be published in our OGSGS Newsletter. Topic ideas would include DNA success stories, family research topics, family collections, and old family owned records including Bibles. Please be sure to indicate on the registration form if you require a display table.

Remember the **Early Registration Discount**: Register by September 1st, 2019 to **Save \$5**. **Deadline** for dinner & lunch reservations is October 5th, 2019. **We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Oktoberfest**. Oktoberfest registration is by mail and also can be found on the OGSGS website, www.ogsgs.org

Sincerely,

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