



MTGS Messenger



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The **March 19 meeting** will be at the FiftyForward Knowles Center, 174 Rains Avenue, Nashville, (across from the State Fairgrounds). The program is "**Can DNA Breach My Brick Wall?**" The presenter will be MTGS board member **David R. Dowell, Ph.D.**, who holds two degrees in history and has 35 years of experience as a librarian, four years as a special investigative officer in the Air Force and is the author of [NextGen Genealogy](#). Refreshments will be served and the public is welcome. The meeting begins at **1:00 p.m.**

Attendees are asked to print out the chart on www.mtgs.org/calendar and mark the location of their brick walls and bring it to the meeting, which will be an interactive, problem-solving session.

The annual awards meeting on **May 21** will present **Dr. Judith Morgan** as both the speaker and the judge for our annual Writer's Award. For more information, consult the MTGS website's Calendar of Events page (www.mtgs.org).

Time to Tell: Save your Family Stories for Generations

Learn tips for gathering stories from your elder family members, and how to access your own memories. Get started with interview, writing and recording tips and practice. Enjoy sharing with other workshop participants, and ask your questions of **Deborah Wilbrink**, personal historian and author. Handouts are included and the sessions are free. Meeting dates are as follows:

Friday March 18 1:00-2:00 pm [Hermitage Library](#), Hermitage, TN
Monday March 21 , 5:30 pm [Bellevue Library](#), Nashville, TN
Tuesday March 29 2:00 pm [Green Hills Library](#), Nashville, TN

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As ever, send news of your society or your family to “The Messenger” at marthagerdeman@att.net and to our website at info@mtgs.org.

Don’t forget that MTGS welcomes notices of your family reunions or local events and will publicize them to the entire Middle Tennessee area.

For inclusion in the “Messenger,” email them to marthagerdeman@att.net. Send them to jimlong@comcast.net for publication on the MTGS website.