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The **Society's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards and Winners Program** will be held on May 23 at 1:00 p.m. and will feature **J. Mark Lowe, Certified Genealogist**, as speaker and judge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Writer's Award for the best article in the **MTGS Journal**, Volume 21, 2007-2008. Winner of the writer's award will receive \$100 cash; the Distinguished Service Award will be presented along with other awards.

A native of Robertson County, Mr. Lowe has been a researcher for over 35 years and is a nationally known lecturer who conducts workshops and seminars. He is also a very funny guy and is guaranteed to keep you highly entertained! **Note that this is the fourth Saturday of May and not the normal third Saturday meetings.** Visit <http://www.mtgs.org/mtgsdate.htm> for directions to the meeting.

**Past President Virginia Watson** will be teaching two upcoming classes. **Advanced Genealogy** will be held at the FiftyForward Knowles Center on May 4, 11, and 18 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Register by calling 615-743-3400. Visit <http://www.mtgs.org/mtgsdate.htm> for directions to the meeting.

She will also teach a **Beginning Genealogy** class at **Columbia State Community College** in **Franklin** on **Fridays** in **June**. The cost is \$59.00; contact Monteia Moore at 931-540-2862.

On Tuesday, June 23, a Brown Bag Lunch and Learn Session on **"Heirloom Vegetables and Container Gardens"** will be held at FiftyForward Knowles Center. **Master Gardener Barbara Sullivan**, Director of the gardens at the Croft House at the Nashville Zoo, will conduct the workshop, which will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Visit <http://www.mtgs.org/mtgsdate.htm> for directions to the meeting.

Another workshop, **"Free Falls, Pitfalls, and Brick Walls for Beginners in Genealogy,"** will be held on June 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at FiftyForward Knowles Center. Conducted by **Shirley Roach Thompson**, this class is designed for beginners but is a good refresher course for experienced researchers. Visit <http://www.mtgs.org/mtgsdate.htm> for directions to the meeting.

It is with great regret that **MTGS** announces the loss of two long-time members. **T. Vance Little** died in March and **Mary Sue Smith** in April. Both Vance and Sue held different offices in the Society and both authored books we have all used. The Society had awarded both of them Distinguished Service Awards. All of us will miss them very much.

The grand opening of the **Frank G. Clement Railroad Hotel Museum** will be held on June 2 from 5:30 until 8:00 p.m. Located at 100 Frank G. Clement Place in Dickson, across the street from the depot, the Hotel Halbrook is the site of Governor Clement's birth. The public is invited to the ceremony.

The **MTGS Messenger** is your vehicle to announce news from your local society or county. Send news to Martha Gerdeman, 1028 Ridgcrest Drive, Dickson 37055 or [marthagerdeman@att.net](mailto:marthagerdeman@att.net).

As always, check our website <http://www.mtgs.org> for the latest information on our classes and meeting notices.