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The next meeting of the *Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society* will be at 1:00 p.m. on May 21, 2011, at the FiftyForward Knowles Center beside the State Fairgrounds in Nashville. This is the annual election of officers, as well as the 2011 awards program. **Paul R. White**, who served as judge for the best article in the 2009-2010 MTGS *Journal*, will be the speaker. Mr. White, a Nashville attorney and genealogist, has written genealogical and historical books and articles and is a member of several genealogical and historical groups...as well as the Rolls-Royce, the Cadillac-LaSalle, and the Buick & Riviera Owners Associations. He has presented three legal workshops for MTGS and is working toward certification through the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

On Saturday, August 13, 2011, **MTGS** and the **FiftyForward Knowles Center** will sponsor a land platting workshop. This will be a 4 hour hands-on session conducted by **J. Mark Lowe, CG**. Participants will learn how to plat a deed using the metes and bounds system, identify a neighborhood, and locate the plat on a topographic map. Registration is \$40 per person, which includes lunch and materials. A minimum of 25 registrants is required. Contact Deborah Stillwell at 615-743-3487 or dstillwell@fiftyforward.org to register.

Visit <http://www.mtgs.org> for more details.

The **Metro Archives** has started a new program: First Tuesday. Every first Tuesday of the month there will be a program on a historical subject from 2:30 – 3:30 at the Metro Archives, 3801 Green Hills Village Drive, Nashville. For more information, contact Ken Fieth, 862-5880.

It's not too early to mark your calendars for the annual all day seminar in November. The date is November 19, 2011, from 8:15 – 4:00 at the Brentwood Library. The theme will be "Southern Research: Sources and Solutions." All three of the featured speakers are **MTGS** members. **Elizabeth Shown Mills** (CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS, FUGA) will present a session on "Problem Solving in the Problem-Riddled Carolina Backcountry." **J. Mark Lowe** (CG, FUGA) will cover "Inheritance Laws and Estate Settlements in the Carolinas." And **Chuck Sherrill** (Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist) will present "Service Records are Just the Beginning: Finding Your Family's Whole Civil War Story" and "The Late Unpleasantness: Research in Civil War Records Created after 1865." Mark your calendars and plan to spend a day filled with helpful hints.

If anyone would like to have a new genealogical/historical book reviewed, please send to our Book Review Editor, **Mrs. Shirley Wilson**, 106 Leeward Place, Hendersonville, TN 37075. All materials become the property of the review editor to be distributed as appropriate to genealogical depositories.

Want to announce your local society's events to a wider audience? Send your news to marthagerdeman@att.net for inclusion in the **MTGS Messenger**.

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