



# TSLAFriends

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TSLA welcomes interns and volunteers who would like to be involved in aspects of library and archival work.

All interested candidates should be detail-oriented and have some background in history or library work.

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## Dear TSLAFriends,

Now that we've had our first successful TSLA/TSLAFriends co-sponsored workshop last February 22 with John Baker on "The Washington's of Wessyngton Plantation", THINK SPRING and good travel weather and mark your calendars for our future workshops highlighting TSLA collections.

Our second one will be May 3, 2014 on "Conservation Basics for Family Collections" by Carol Roberts, Conservation Manager at TSLA, for National Preservation Week. Subsequent workshops will be:

- June 21 with Allen Forkum, Publisher & Editor of "The Nashville Retrospect" monthly newspaper and his use of TN newspapers and collections for his articles
- August 23 with Chuck Sherrill, TN State Librarian and Archivist, on "Supreme Court Records": their use from the TSLA website and at TSLA for Family History Month in August
- October 25 is Darla Brock, Manuscript Archivist at TSLA, on the "Provost Marshall Records": their use from the TSLA website and at TSLA
- November 29 is "Family History Day at TSLA" which will be conducted by the staff to give patrons exposure to TSLA and how to use the collections of all types



We will begin 2015 with Dr. Michael Birdwell of Tennessee Tech on January 24 with his film on World War I and Sgt. York and Tennessee's role in the war to honor the 100th anniversary of the war.

Plans for the forthcoming Ancestry.com event in September will be announced later with details on the many sessions you can partake of.

The "Members Only" tab on the TSLAFriends website ([www.tslafriends.org](http://www.tslafriends.org)) has the last workshop recorded and we hope to add all the future ones. IF

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### **Time to get Social!**

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YOU ARE A MEMBER, you can "attend" the workshop no matter where you live in Tennessee.

The Friends sponsored "Staff Appreciation Day" on April 15 to say thank you to all of the hard-working TSLA staff who are the keepers of all things historical and/or genealogical for Tennesseans. There were door prizes, balloons, doughnuts and coffee as well as music that filled the auditorium and plenty of fellowship. Secretary of State Tre Hargett, Chuck Sherrill and I were on hand to express our gratitude and lots of fun was had by all.

Remember it's "Fun to be a TSLAFriend" so don't forget to renew your membership so we can continue to provide programs, workshops and events that otherwise would not be available to Tennesseans.

**Virginia Gooch Watson**  
President  
TSLAFriends



## **Conservation Basics for Family Collections**

**Saturday, May 3, 2014**

**9:30am - 11am**

In this overview of how to care for historic family records using archival preservation techniques, TSLA staff member Carol Roberts will provide you with the knowledge you need to apply archival best practices to family papers, collections, and scrap-books. Historic family records can easily be preserved at home through proper storage and care. Many different types of media can be preserved easily using good archival storage techniques, basic cleaning and repair, and use of current digital options available today.

Carol Roberts is conservation manager in the Preservation Services Section of the Tennessee State Library and Archives. She is active in outreach programs preserving county government records and consults on projects throughout the state to educate others in the preservation of archival and library materials and disaster preparedness. She has a B.A. in history from David Lipscomb University and M.A. in Historic Preservation from MTSU.

Those wishing to attend this free workshop must contact TSLA to reserve a seat as the number of attendees is limited. Parking is available in the front, on the side, and in back of the Library and Archives building. Patrons can

register by telephone by calling 615-741-2764, or by e-mail at:  
[workshop.tsla@tn.gov](mailto:workshop.tsla@tn.gov)



*Workshop with  
Allen Forkum of  
The Nashville  
Retrospect  
Saturday, June 21st  
9:30am - 11am*

Allen Forkum is the editor and publisher of The Nashville Retrospect, a local history newspaper launched in July 2009. Forkum grew up in Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and has been publishing automotive business newspapers in Nashville since 1988. He became interested in local history while researching his 100-year-old house in the Belmont area.

The Nashville Retrospect reprints news from over 200 years of middle-Tennessee newspapers. The monthly publication also features essays by local historians and remembrances by long-time Nashvillians. Much of Forkum's research is conducted at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. His presentation tells how The Nashville Retrospect came to be and features stories and photos of Nashville history.

[More details and sign up information will be available here as we receive them.](#)