



FGS 2012 Event Highlights

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

Focus on Society Sessions

8:30 am – 6:00 pm, Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex

- FGS is always striving to provide excellent services and support to Member Societies to help them grow and prosper. FGS has concentrated on developing a great selection of excellent lectures and focus groups.

Alabama Genealogical Society Opening Social

6:00pm, The Alabama Theatre

- Presented by the [Alabama Genealogical Society](#), tap your foot to great music of Bobby Horton in the grandeur of the Alabama Theater, the Great Showplace of the South. Transportation provided by [FamilySearch](#).

Thursday, August 30, 2012

Opening Session and Keynote Address

8:30 am, Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex

- *The Family History Community : A global powerhouse for collaboration.* Keynote address by **Chris van der Kuyl**, CEO of [findmypast](#).

Exhibit Hall Opens

9:30 am, Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex

- The 98,000 square foot exhibit area with over 77 vendors and 140 booths is open and FREE to the general public.

FGS Evening Social

6:00 pm, Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark

- Join us for an evening of adventure at Birmingham's Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark. Enjoy some Southern BBQ and tour the historic sites on this 32-acre interpretive museum. Attendees will be able to witness a private iron pouring. Sponsored by FamilySearch and FGS.

Friday, August 31, 2012

Extended Exhibit Hall Hours

6:00 – 8:00 pm, Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex

- Starting at 6:00 pm, FGS President Pat Oxley will be in the Exhibit Hall with her parade of prizes, so there should be lots of fun and excitement. Vendors will be giving out great prizes including an iPad from [FamilySearch](#), a Flip-Pal mobile scanner from [Flip-Pal](#), as well as a [Rootstech](#) registration.

A 1940 US Census Celebration!

6:00 – 8:00 pm, Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex

- Come join us at the 1940 Census Project booth for fun, food and prizes as we celebrate all the great achievements of those who helped with the 1940 US Census Community Indexing Project. There will be fun activities, prizes and food! Individuals and societies will be recognized for their contributions to the 1940 US Census.

Launch Party for findmypast.com

8:00 – 10:00 pm, Sheraton Birmingham, Ballroom (main floor)

- After you have the fun, shopping, and door prize winning accomplished during the extended Exhibit Hall hours, the fun won't stop. Just walk to the attached Sheraton Hotel for more fun. Includes food, karaoke, and cash bar. Prizes given away including an iPad, \$100 certificate Maia's Books, a 12 month subscription to findmypast.com, and much more.

Saturday, September 1, 2012

Findmypast Day, sponsored by findmypast.com

9:30 am – 4:30 pm, Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex

- Created for anyone interested in family history, this special event is for those wanting to learn a few family history basics and for anyone interested in discovering how to use findmypast.com as a resource to extend your family tree. The cost is only \$10.00 and you don't need to be registered for the FGS conference to attend this special event.