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Have you heard of the Rougarou? Jonathan Foret was our guest speaker for September and told a few stories of the Rougarou and the loss of our coastland. If you missed the meeting, you can meet Jonathan at the Rougarou Fest. It is family-friendly, a little spooky and rich with South Louisiana folklore from around our bayous. It is also the primary fundraiser supporting the South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center, a nonprofit, tax exempt organization where Jonathan is Executive Director. Proceeds from the event will go to the future construction of the Discovery Center. It is revolutionizing how we think, teach and learn about Louisiana's disappearing coast. Raegan Creppell will be the folklore storyteller at the Fest and she not only tells the intriguing story of the half-man, half-wolf, she also acts out the part in costume! Not so scary that you will have nightmares, but scary enough to be fun and want to come back for more! The 3rd Annual Rougarou Fest will be Saturday, October 25, 2014 – Downtown Houma – 10 am to 10 pm. Yes this is the day of our meeting but you can start off your day at 10 am at the Rougarou Fest, come to the meeting at 1 pm, and go back to the Fest at 3 pm until 10 pm.

GUEST SPEAKER

The October speaker will be **Judy Soniat** with the Genealogy and Reference Departments of the Terrebonne Parish Library, Main Branch in Houma, LA. She will talk about the Fold 3 project and all the good tidbits you can get from it and how to access millions of documents from the library web site.

DEATHS

Mildred **RICHARD BLANCHARD,** 93, a native of Avery Island and resident of Thibodaux, died Friday, Sept. 19, 2014. She is buried in St. Joseph Cemetery. She is survived by her sons, Charles Blanchard Sr., Ronald Blanchard and wife, Anna Mae, and Michael Blanchard Sr. and wife, Brenda, all of Thibodaux; daughter, **Patricia Gravois (member of TGS)**, of Jacksonville, Florida; sisters, Adeline R. Simon and Lorain R. Cazenave; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James J. Blanchard; parents, Taylor J. Richard and Angelle S. Richard; brothers, Herman, Milton and Robert

Richard; and sisters, Eula Mae R. Blanchard, Eloise R. Falgoust and Mary Ann R. Simon. Thibodaux Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL GATHERING

Yes it is almost that time again! Our annual holiday social gathering will be on December 13, 2014 at the **North Branch Library in Gray**, LA. The festivity will begin at 1 pm. It is a pot luck gathering, so bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with everyone and a door prize or two.

REMINDER

Dues come due in March 2015. It is never too late to send in your dues. Membership dues: Family $30.00, individual membership $25, student $10.00. Contact Jess Bergeron to renew your membership at 985-876-2348 or email him at jessndot@bellsouth.net or complete the attached membership form and mail to the address on the form.

SEMINARS

The Federation Genealogical Societies (FGS) and RootsTech are teaming up for a one-time special genealogy event at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, February 11 – 14, 2015. Held just a few blocks from the world famous Family History Library. Visit www.FGSconference.org to register and purchase tickets to luncheons and other activities and links to the hotel websites.

FREE GENEALOGY TUTORING/MENTORING

Patty Whitney, Executive Director with Bayou History Center and TGS President, has offered tutoring on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm at the Main Branch Library in Houma, LA, second floor. All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer to help Patty join her there at 6 on Thursdays.

BAYOU EVENTS

Are you looking for Halloween alternatives? **Grace Lutheran Church Fall Festival,** in Houma, Oct. 25, 9 am to 4 pm; **First United Methodist Church** of Thibodaux hosts its Pumpkin Patch daily from 10 am until dark, Oct 10 to 31st; **First United Methodist Church** of Houma will have Trunk or Treat from 5:30 to 7:30 pm Oct 31; **First Baptist Church** of Houma will have Trunk or Treat from 4 to 7 pm Oct. 26; **Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church** in Houma will have Trunk or Treat from 6 to 8 pm Oct 27; **Night at the Boo-seum** at the Thibodaux Firemen's Fairgrounds in Thibodaux from 5:30 to 8:30 pm Oct. 24. Be safe and everyone have a HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Southdown Marketplace, a 1-day arts and crafts festival, will be Saturday, November 1, 2014, 8 am to 4 pm, 1208 Museum Drive, Houma, LA. www.southdownmuseum.org for booth reservations call 985-851-0154 or email southdownmuseum@yahoo.com.

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