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## **FGS 2011 CONFERENCE GOES GREEN**

### ***Innovative Environmental-Friendly Initiatives Aboard***

**March 14, 2011 – Austin, TX.** The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), along with local host Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS), announce several environmental-friendly initiatives for its upcoming national conference, “Pathways to the Heartland,” scheduled for 7-10 September 2011 in Springfield, Illinois. These include:

- **Flash Drives for Conference Syllabus:** With the help of conference sponsor **FamilySearch** (<http://www.familysearch.org>), the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference will provide each attendee with a 2GB flash drive containing the conference syllabus. Not only will this eliminate the need for a printed syllabus\* or CD, it also provides attendees with a flash drive for saving and backing up genealogy research data!
- **Ride Sharing Program:** Working with **RideBuzz**, attendees can now participate in the FGS/ISGS 2011 ride sharing program. Especially with rising gas prices, not only would you be helping the environment and saving money, but you can meet conference attendees in your area.

Visit the FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference ride sharing program on RideBuzz at <http://www.ridebuzz.org/events-group/fgsisgs-2011-conference-12865.html> or visit the Travel & Lodging section of the FGS 2011 Conference website at <https://www.fgs.org/2011conference/travel/> for more information

\* Attendees will be able to print syllabus materials using the FGS 2011 Conference website (<http://www.fgs.org/2011conference>) and can purchase a printed syllabus for \$30 when registering for the conference.

This year's FGS/ISGS 2011 Conference offers an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in researching their family history. Over 165 educational sessions and 13 luncheons are designed to balance the needs of genealogists at all levels, exploring a variety of records, strategies, and other tools available to those interested in researching their family history.

We look forward to seeing you in Springfield in September!

## Learn More and Stay Connected

- Subscribe to Conference eUpdates: [2011Conference@fgs.org](mailto:2011Conference@fgs.org)  
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## About the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) was founded in 1976 and represents the members of hundreds of genealogical societies. FGS links the genealogical community by helping genealogical societies strengthen and grow through resources available online, *FGS Forum* magazine (filled with articles pertaining to society management and genealogical news), and Society Strategy Series papers, covering topics about effectively operating a genealogical society. FGS also links the genealogical community through its annual conference -- four days of excellent lectures, including one full day devoted to society management topics. To learn more visit <http://www.fgs.org>.

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