

Expressions

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Some benefits of digital albums

First, let me define a digital album as I use the term. A digital album is made up of pages that have been designed on a computer and then printed or photo-processed. The resulting pages are inserted into an album of plastic page protectors. All work is done on the computer - there are no adhesives, scissors, or other tools of that type involved.

Using that definition, I would like to explain some of the benefits of creating albums in this way.

1. Your photos are scanned and the originals are returned to you unaltered.
2. I can crop and resize photos to make the photos fit the page plan rather than planning a page around the photos' physical sizes.
3. Parts of pictures can be extracted and resized to fit the page narrative.
4. I can scan from negatives and slides as well as from printed photos.
5. I can scan or photograph memorabilia so that representations of those items can be used on pages to illustrate the narratives.
6. You can order more than one copy of the completed album or of selected pages so more than one household or individual can have a copy of the album.
7. Copies of the album can be in the original size or can be printed in a smaller size (i.e.: a 12x12 album can be reprinted in an 8x8 size.)



I love my computer and creating digital albums!

Events on my schedule

I had the pleasure of being a vendor at the Williamson County Genealogical Society Seminar on March 17th. I enjoyed the day very much.

The speaker was Christine Rose, a well-known researcher and author. I found her

information on the four chosen topics to be very interesting and thought she was an impressive speaker.

Thank you to all the attendees who visited my area. I enjoyed visiting with many of you and appreciate your comments and

your interest in my work.

My next event will be as a vendor at the Austin Genealogical Society Seminar on May 5. You can register at www.austintxgensoc.org for that event.

Come see me.

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I got into making albums when I made a memorial album about my sister who died a few years ago. I did that in the traditional way using paper and adhesive and physically cutting and pasting. I didn't care much for the process but I really liked having a completed album that had pictures of her through her life.

I wanted to add to that album to include the rest of the family but since I didn't like using scissors and glue, I went looking for a better way. I was already proficient at working with digital photos and graphics because I had been doing that for several years so moving into doing digital albums was a natural transition. I enjoy making digital albums and I'm partial to the look of the finished pages.

I would love to make your albums for you.

Services offered

Evergreen Expressions offers a variety of services related to the production of digital albums.

First, I can help you organize your photos and other items if you are stalled on that or can't decide how you want to organize them.

Since I scan all the photos and other items to be included in the album, I can also provide a CD containing the digital pictures.

If you have photos that are damaged or less than

wonderful, don't feel that they won't look great on an album page. I can do photo restoration on damaged or deteriorated pictures. I can also zero in on the good parts of photos that help illustrate the theme of the page - the rest of the picture need not be displayed.

If you are not comfortable with the idea of writing the narrative for your pages, I can help you in either of two ways. I can give you tips and pointers on how you can do it and actually enjoy writing

your story. If you don't want that, you can give me an outline of the facts and ideas you want to include and I can write the narrative for you.

I specialize in heritage albums but I can also create tribute/memorial, baby, wedding, and other types of albums.

My main focus is on designing the pages to include your images and narrative in an attractive way so you will have an interesting and eye-catching album to share with your family and friends.

Please see my website at www.evergreenexpressions.com for additional information and pricing.
