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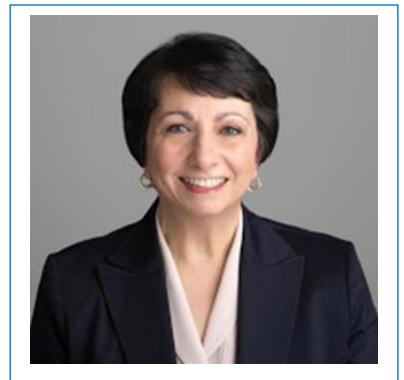
Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 10 AM

Brewster Ladies' Library

"French-Canadian Genealogy"

Margaret R. Fortier

Margaret, a professional genealogical researcher, writer, and lecturer specializing in French-Canadian and Italian-American research, will introduce listeners to the tools and strategies one needs to trace French-Canadian ancestors. Learn how they lived in Quebec, how they differed from European immigrants, where they settled in the U.S., and how to deal with name changes and "dit names" (an alias given to a family name). Margaret will outline, step-by-step, how to track individuals when you know their Quebec location and when you don't.



Margaret Rose Fortier, a graduate of Boston College and Bentley University, holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University. She serves on the board of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, and she is registered as an Independent Researcher with the National Archives.

Come at 9:30 for coffee, tea, donuts and socializing.

Please use the door directly entering the auditorium as the rest of the library is not open.

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CCGS Connections

Website - [Cape Cod Genealogy Society](#)

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Receiving Blog Posts

If you would like to receive blog posts shortly after they are posted rather than having to go to the blog address yourself, just go to the blog (<http://blog.capecodgensoc.org>), put your email address in and click subscribe.



CCGS Genealogy Library

The CCGS's Genealogy Room, located in the [Dennis Public Library](#), 5 Hall Street, Dennisport, **Hours: Tuesday 1 – 4, Thursday 10 – 4 and Saturday 10 – 12.**

Jottings from Joan

It is the time of year that the Nominating Committee goes into action. Every year in January and February, they contact the current Board officers and Directors-at-Large to determine what positions have to be filled for the following year. Once they know who is staying and who will be leaving the Board at the end of the fiscal year (June 30), the three committee members get together and discuss what will be involved in finalizing the slate of officers for the election at the annual luncheon in June.

This year, they will be concentrating most of their efforts on finding a new Treasurer for the Society. Wayne vanBuren has held the position for several years and has notified us that this will be his final year. He has done a great job of maintaining the financial records for us and we will miss him. The Board has taken initial steps to prepare the way for the future treasurer.

Each year our bylaws require that we have a financial review; this year, we will be hiring an accountant, unrelated to the Society, who will review our records and then assist us in setting up a new QuickBooks program, to correspond with all federal and state requirements. Previous experience with QuickBooks and/or accounting programs is helpful for a potential new treasurer, but because we will be working with an accountant to help with this transition, experience is not required. These steps will help to make the job easier for a new individual coming in.

The Nominating Committee will be submitting the names of three individuals to replace them on next year's Nominating Committee. If one of our committee members approaches you about serving in one of the above positions, please consider working with the Board and becoming more involved.

For more information about any Board positions, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members – Dave Martin, Carolyn Weiss, Bob Ward or me (joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org) In order for our Society to grow and be successful, we need the assistance of all our members in many different capacities, but the Board of Directors positions are most crucial to the success of the organization.

Joan



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Once again, we have to turn to our membership and ask that they share their expertise. If you have experience setting up and using QuickBooks, you could be very helpful as CCGS upgrades from the online QuickBooks system to having our own system on a computer. If this is something you would be willing to help with, the Board would be very appreciative. Anyone willing to help, please contact the president, Joan Frederici at joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org or the volunteer coordinator, Suzanne Walton at SEWalton@capecodgenealogy.org.

Let's Ride the Bus!

We need someone to coordinate the CCGS annual research trip to Boston. This involves making arrangements for the visit with NEHGS, reserving transportation, working with CCGS Publicity to advertise the trip, collecting responses and payments, and going along yourself for a fun day. Interested? Contact Suzanne Walton, Volunteer Coordinator SEWalton@capecodgenealogy.org.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) 2017

While many think of "NERGC" as a Conference, it is really much more. Originally formed over twenty years ago, NERGC is an association of genealogical societies seeking to bring affordable, cutting edge, National quality genealogical education within the reach of New England genealogists and family historians at an affordable regional price.

Our 2017 Conference will be held **April 26-29** at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA. Wednesday will be filled with special tracks and events. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be the featured days of the conference with many presentations, a large exhibit hall, meals, networking, and plenty of 'cousin finding'!



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Springfield, MA
April, 26-29, 2017

Check NERGC.org for
updates & join our e-zine
mailing list!

New Members

Bruce Colvin

NS DAR Library

Patricia Ryan

Leann Soderberg

Cathryn Wright

Exploring Technology

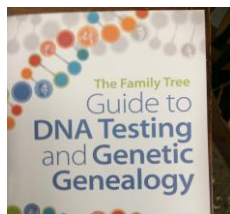
**Are you intimidated by the term
"Technology"?**

Join us once a month, on the 4th Friday of the month, as we try to answer all your questions together! We will be meeting at the Brewster Ladies Library, downstairs, at 10AM. **NOTE: This Committee is separate from the Computer SIG.**

As always, we need feedback from you on what classes you want to do.

Contact Chair at
joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org

Family Tree guide to DNA testing and genetic genealogy



The CCGS Library has acquired our first book on DNA, *The Family Tree guide to DNA testing and genetic genealogy*, published in 2016.

The author, Blaine T. Bettinger, is an intellectual property attorney and a frequent presenter on genetic genealogy, as well as the founder of the popular blog theGeneticGenealogist.com.

In the introduction, Bettinger contrasts the imprecision of genealogical records with the scientific exactitude of DNA information. But he then points out that interpretation of DNA results is still very much in its infancy, and therefore can introduce errors and inconsistencies. Genealogists need to use both tools together to build the best picture available.

The book, intended for all experience levels, is organized into three sections:

- Getting started
- Selecting a test (mitochondrial, Y-chromosomal, autosomal, or x-chromosomal)
- Analyzing and applying test results
- A Comparison Guide (flowchart and tables to help you decide which test and service to use)

Additional information includes a glossary, and appendices:

- A Comparison Guide (flowchart and tables to help you decide which test and service to use)
- Research forms
- More resources (books, blogs, websites)

The book includes helpful features like summaries of the salient points of each chapter. The writing is clear, and the layout is colorful and pleasing, with chapters on common misconceptions, and on analyzing complex problems with DNA. Case studies are used to illustrate uses of the different types of tests.

DNA testing is very young and will continue to evolve. This book will be useful in getting you started on your DNA journey.

SIGs

Special Interest Groups are informal member gatherings for the purpose of sharing information, research techniques, data and references, regarding specific topics or geographical areas. For more information, see the society's website at capecodgenealogy.org.

Cape Cod Families – 4th Tuesday
Next: 3/20, Sturgis Library

Computer Users – 4nd Tuesday,
Next: 3/28, 10 AM, Dennis Public Lib

German – 1st Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon
Next: 3/7, *BLL

Irish - 4th Mon; 10 AM
Next: 3/27, Dennis Public Library

****Writing Family History** – 3rd Friday;
Next 3/17, 11 AM, BLL*

***BLL is Brewster Ladies Library**
**** note change of time**

Donations

We continue to be able to keep our membership fees low because some of our members add a donation when they renew. In future issues, we will continue thanking members who have donated to the Society.

Beverly L. Hamilton
Susan Hutchinson
Sharon Johanson
John Keating
Robert W & Daris E Keeler, MD
Mona S Lamkin
Larry J. Leiper
Janet Harvey Lennox
Barbara L & Elliott Lewis
David S Martin
Madelyn S McHugh

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

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