



# CCGS NEWS

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## Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 10 AM Brewster Ladies Library

### Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective

#### “Eight Steps to Preserving Your Family Photographs”

Maureen will talk about photo preservation basics, from storage to labeling, and everything in between. Each step includes low cost solutions that won't break your budget. If you want to learn about preserving your treasured family photos, you won't want to miss Maureen's presentation.

As technology changes and innovates, your society is evolving as well in order to stay relevant in today's digital age. As an experiment, this month's speaker, Maureen Taylor, will be “present” electronically rather than in person. Maureen will deliver her presentation electronically using Skype, a medium that uses the internet. This will be a first for the Society as a whole. The German SIG used Skype with a speaker some time ago, and it was a great success. We in the audience will be able to see Maureen on the big screen, and she will see us. We will be able to field questions to her the same as we would if she were in the room.

Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, tea, donuts and conversation.

**Don't forget to please park next door at the Brewster Baptist Church parking lot. There is a short path to the library from the parking lot. Also please use the door to the auditorium as the rest of the library isn't open until 10 am.**



**Come and take part in an innovative experiment for the Society. We want to know how you feel about using Skype for future presentations for nationally known speakers who can't attend in person.**

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### CCGS Connections

**Website** - [Cape Cod Genealogy Society](http://Cape Cod Genealogy Society)

**Facebook**, check out the CCGS pages. Just put “Cape Cod Genealogical” in the search box.

Follow CCGS on **Twitter** @capecodgensoc

**Mailing Address:** Cape Cod Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1394 Harwich, MA 02645

A great way to get involved in any organization is to volunteer. CCGS is totally volunteer run and sometimes we have a need for specific help.

Consequently, this will be a regular column in the newsletter.

This month we will talk about a chance to be part of the leadership!

The Society is now accepting nominations for filling three important positions for 2016-2017. The roles would begin on July 1st of this year.

**Vice-President**--arranges and coordinates the presenters and topics for the monthly programs of the Society, from September through June; programs are already planned through Fall 2016. Vice-President would also run Board meetings in the absence of the President.

**Recording Secretary**--takes notes at monthly Board meetings (September through June) and creates Minutes to send for feedback to Board members.

**Board Member-at-large**--attends Board meetings, September through June, and provides advice on Society directions as well as votes on items which need a Board-member vote. The term is for two years.

Please think about each of these, and:

--Express your interest in any of these, or ask questions, and/or

--Suggest the names of other members who might be interested.

Contact David Martin  
at [davidchina\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:davidchina_2000@yahoo.com) with questions and responses. Thank you!!

What a year this is turning out to be; once again, we saw record breaking attendance at our monthly meeting in February. If you were there, you may remember an announcement that our meeting time would have to be delayed a half hour. After conferring with the librarian, we have come to an agreement which allows us to continue to have our coffee and donuts at 9:30, with the regular meeting to follow. Members are asked to go to the **side entrance** for admittance directly to our meeting and not the main entrance of the library. The library does not open that door to the public until 10 AM and you will not be allowed to enter there. Please remember these two requests: Park in back of the Baptist Church and enter the auditorium directly through the side entrance.

I want to take this opportunity to commend Sue Benoit on the great job she has done this year with our programs. Obviously the choices of speakers and subjects have met with our members' approval. I am sorry that our non-local members are unable to observe the presentation, but the handouts that are provided continue to be available to them by email and there will be a summary of the presentations in our spring Journal. If anyone has suggestions for future speakers or subjects you would like to see us present, please pass that info along to either Sue or myself for consideration. Also, consider joining the Program Committee and be on the front lines to determine our program for next year. With a few people taking on the job of finding and scheduling presentations, the time involved and the responsibilities are shared, so that we all benefit in the long run.

This month, you will be hearing about some new, innovative ideas we are going to try and we will want your response as to how you like them. The first will be seen at our March meeting with Maureen Taylor. More details will be coming over the next couple of weeks regarding some future activities. I hope you decide to participate and that the response to these new program ideas is favorable.

The CCGS's Genealogy Room, located in the [Dennis Public Library](#), 5 Hall Street, Dennisport, is another membership benefit. Are you taking advantage of this important asset? Have you visited the library? CCGS Volunteers are available to assist patrons and beginning researchers and you could be one of these volunteers. Volunteers May commit to as little as a two-hour shift.

### Hours:

**Tuesday 1 – 4,**  
**Thursday 10 – 4**  
**Saturday 10 – 12**

**Help is needed** in keeping this important library staffed for these hours. If you are willing to donate some time, please contact Carol Magenau at

[Carol.Magenau@gmail.com](mailto:Carol.Magenau@gmail.com).

We are particularly in need of volunteers for Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

## Welcome New Members

**Cindy Battis**  
**Claudia Corbett**  
**Karen Debenham**  
**Carol Dubay**  
**Pat Flaherty**  
**Stephen Hemberger**  
**Sharon Johanson**  
**Bruce Needham**  
**Robert Potvin**  
**Joyce and Thomas Prince Richard**  
**Smith**  
**Deborah Sullivan**  
**Kerry Sullivan**

**NOTE: We have continued to have problems with the Membership Committee email address so it was necessary to change it one last time. It is now**

**membership@capecodgenealogy.org**

When was the last time you visited the CCGS Genealogical Library. Although many people think of it when they want to access Ancestry online but there are many other reasons to visit. In addition to published and archival materials under family names, the Library keeps folders containing miscellaneous research under family names.

The collection is strong in guidebooks about how to do genealogy, with files of tips and helpful hints for beginners.

The really good thing is that there are new materials coming in all the time, you can visit again and again. Here is what's new.

The lead article in *Family Tree magazine* for Nov./Dec. 2015, "Solve family puzzles with DNA." Judging from the attendance in Jan., this is of great popular interest! This article's emphasis is on approaches to working with the DNA match list resulting from autosomal DNA.

In "Analyze this!" Michael Tait walks us through ways of reconciling conflicting data found in records.

An extensive article on Welsh genealogy sources points out that Welsh surnames are limited being historically derived from the father's first name, making research that much more complex.

Other topics include: Evernote, marriage records, Elephind.com, Reunion 11, the history of soft drinks, and preservation of family linens.

The Idaho Genealogical Society's *Quarterly newsletter* for winter 2015 has a couple of articles with tips on cemetery research, including picture-taking.

## Organizations of which CCGS is a Member

Federation of Genealogical Societies

<http://www.fgs.org/>

National Genealogical Society

<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Massachusetts Genealogical Society

<http://massgencouncil.org>

New England Historic Genealogical Soc.

<http://www.americanancestors.org/>

NERGC

New England Genealogical Conference

<http://www.nergc.org/>

### The first Armenian Genealogy

**Conference** will be held April 9-10 in Watertown, MA. The conference, which grew out of the Armenian Genealogy group on Facebook—will feature several speakers on various topics regarding Armenian genealogy, history, geography, and presentations on different organizations and initiatives. See

<http://armenianweekly.com/2016/02/19/tracing-family-roots/>

## Falmouth Genealogical Society

### Monthly Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 2016, 10 a.m.

*“A Look at the Falmouth Historical Society’s Archives and Library”* With Brian Nickerson and Meg Costello of Falmouth Historical Society

Downstairs at the Falmouth Library  
300 Main Street, Falmouth, MA 02540



## 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](http://capecodgenealogy.org)**.

**Cape Cod Families** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Next: 3/22, Sturgis Library

**Computer Users** – 2nd Tuesday,

Next: 3/8, 10 AM, Dennis Public Lib

**German** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon

Next: 3/1, \*BLL

**Irish** - 4<sup>th</sup> Mon; 10 AM

Next: 3/28, Dennis Public Library

**Writing Family History** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday;

Next 3/18, 10 AM, BLL\*

\*BLL is Brewster Ladies Library

## Changing Email???

**Please remember to let CCGS know when you change your email address.**

If you know you are changing your email, the easiest way is to just reply when you get your newsletter or other notification and give us the new address.

If you don’t get our communications because your email changed, you can email membership chair, Andrea at [membership@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:membership@capecodgenealogy.org) or Alice Stelzer, newsletter editor, at [aliceplouchardstelzer@gmail.com](mailto:aliceplouchardstelzer@gmail.com).