Cape Cod Genealogical Society's Annual Luncheon Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Old Yarmouth Inn

JOIN OTHER CCGS MEMBERS at our annual luncheon meeting at the Old Yarmouth Inn. There will be a brief social gathering beginning at 11:30 a.m., with the annual election of Society officers and directors-at-large to follow at noon. Following lunch there will be a presentation by invited speaker Mark A. Wentling on “Identifying Early Family Photographs”.

From Mark’s presentation, attendees will learn how to distinguish between 19th-century forms of photography and read physical and internal clues to establish when a picture was taken. Attendees will also discover how to discern the identity and relationships of individuals using provenance, personal characteristics, genealogical research and modern technology.

Mark A. Wentling, M.L.S., is a professional genealogist with more than 20 years of experience. He is the owner of Ancestor Introductions genealogy research service. Mark holds a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland and a certificate in genealogical research from Boston University. Besides early photograph identification, his specialties include 16th-century-to-present New England and New York State ancestry, researching lighthouses and lighthouse keepers, and publication indexing. Mark has deep colonial roots on Cape Cod on both sides of his family stretching back to the Pilgrims.

A reminder that the reservation deadline for the annual luncheon is June 5 (please refer to the Annual Meeting Invitation for details). The luncheon will be held at the Old Yarmouth Inn located at 223 Route 6A, Yarmouth Port, MA.
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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: 27 June 2017, Sturgis Library.

Computer Users – 2nd Tuesday, Dennis Public Library. Next: 13 June 2017, 10 AM.

German – 1st Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon
Next: 6 June 2017, Brewster Ladies’ Library. This will be the last meeting until October.

Irish - 4th Monday; 10 AM. Next: 26 June 2017, Dennis Public Library. No meetings in July and August.

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday, 11 AM.
Next: 16 June 2017, Brewster Ladies’ Library.

Exploring Technology
Are you intimidated by the term “Technology”?
Join us on the 4th Friday of each 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

Cape Cod Genealogical Society is a qualified section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Membership Dues and Donations are Tax Deductible as permitted by law.
**Jottings from Joan**

Over the next few months, board and committee members will be making plans for the 2017/18 season. If you have requests for specific speakers or topics for presentations or for special events, it is important that you let us know. The Education Committee is planning a series of classes and workshops to supplement and extend the coverage that are already provided in our Beginning Classes. What would you like to see covered in some of these presentations?

On a related note, I have been approached and asked about beginning new Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Three areas that have been suggested the most are English/British Isles, Polish or Eastern Europe, and DNA. I am also asked regularly if we would consider bringing back the Canadian SIG. In all instances, my answer is the same: we would love to see these programs happen; but we need someone (or two, working together) to lead these groups each month. If any of these areas of research is something you have been following regularly, consider taking on the task of leading a small group of enthusiastic people. You do not have to be an expert, just have enough knowledge to start a discussion or assist someone who has hit a brick wall. The advantage of a great SIG is that everyone can learn from each other.

CCGS is YOUR genealogy society. We are here to assist you in your research and to educate you about the latest news from the genealogical world. To help us succeed in this endeavor, we need your assistance! What do you need from us? What programs and events would you like to see us sponsor? What information will help your research? What do you want and expect from your genealogy society? I cannot guarantee we will be able to do it all; but we want to be sure that we are offering what you want and need.

I can be reached at joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org

**Volunteers Needed**

The Communication Committee maintains the website and assists the Society in communicating with its members and others through the various online platforms that are available. We also explore new ways that the work of the society may be augmented through the website and related tools available through the internet.

We are looking for members to help in a variety of ways. You don’t need to be an expert in website design or computer systems (though if you were, we would love to have you!). We need help in the following areas:

- Maintaining and updating our Facebook Page
- Maintaining and updating our Twitter Feed
- Assist in keeping the website up to date.
- Assist in the maintenance of the Society’s blog
- Assistance in identifying and integrating new technologies into existing platforms

Some of these tasks (such as updating Facebook or Twitter) only take a few minutes 2-3 times a week. Others may be an hour commitment a week or even less.

Chair: David Frederici
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**CCGS Connections**

Website: Cape Cod Genealogy Society

Mailing address: Cape Cod Genealogical Society
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Harwich, MA 02645.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS !!!

A good time was had by all the volunteers and their guests at the Volunteer Reception held on April 24th. And a few lucky winners had an especially good time! The raffle winners were:

Dorothy Robinson - One Year Membership in CCGS
Jane Fiske - 2017 Annual Meeting Luncheon
Pat Van Buren - Spring 2017 Bus Trip
Deborah Ryall - Centerpiece

The Reception, held at the Kingsway Meeting House (see photo below), was a thank you for the thousands of hours of service our volunteers give to the Society, without which we simply could not sustain our activities. Calculated at minimum wage, these 2,000 plus hours had a value of over $20,000 to CCGS in the last twelve months alone.

If you’re not already a volunteer, please take a look at the “Volunteers Needed” or “Help Wanted” notices in this and every monthly Newsletter for information about how you could be of service. Many of our committees have needs for various skills with flexible schedules. Perhaps you have an idea for a project that you could lead. Let us know. If you are already a volunteer, thank you!

HELP WANTED!

WRITERS FOR CCGS JOURNAL
WHO WOULD LIKE TO DESCRIBE:

- An intriguing story of genealogical research
- A mysterious genealogical coincidence
- A genealogical technique which led to success
- The story of an historic Cape Cod house
- Any genealogical topic of interest to others

Questions? Contact Carolyn Weiss, Coordinator of the Fall 2017 Journal Issue, at:

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Tips for writing will be provided.
Deadline for Fall Manuscripts: September 30, 2017

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