



# CCGS NEWS

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## *CCGS Members' Annual Holiday Celebration Tuesday, December 19, 2017*



The annual December holiday meeting is the perfect time for members of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society to share stories, memorabilia, and/or photos that they have uncovered in researching family roots. Member accounts and treasured discoveries from family histories will surely inspire all of us to share our own findings with family and friends during upcoming holiday

gatherings and in the year ahead. If you have a story to share, an artifact or photos from your family search, or even a recent discovery from DNA testing please consider sharing with fellow members during this annual holiday tradition (to volunteer please contact Ralph Ryall at [ryalfrile@aol.com](mailto:ryalfrile@aol.com)).

The meeting starts at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 19, at the Brewster Ladies' Library, Route 6A, Brewster. Please come earlier (around 9:30) to socialize over coffee and holiday treats (*please* consider baking and/or providing some holiday treats to share with fellow members).

### *Christmas Shopping is upon us!*

Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of purchases to Cape Cod Genealogical Society Inc., when you buy through Amazon.Smile: [smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3551808](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3551808).

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*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.

**Cape Cod Families** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sturgis Library. *No meeting in December.* Next: 23 January 2018. Bebe Brock, chairman.

**Computer Users** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Dennis Public Library. Next: 12 December 2017, 10 a.m. David Martin, chairman. The agenda will include the latest developments in the world of the internet for genealogists, including recent new websites.

Explored also will be the "List of Lists" – Cyndi's List ([www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)), which is a master list, categorized alphabetically, of all current genealogical websites, both free and for pay; several thousand websites are included. We welcome readers to join us!

**German** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday; 10 a.m. –12 Noon. Next: 5 December 2017: topic, German Christmas Markets & Annual German Christmas Party. The purpose of the CCGS German Special Interest Group is to share information and resources to aid in tracing our German ancestors. We welcome anyone interested in learning more about their German ancestors; the history, traditions, and customs of Germany; research strategies in Germany & the US; how to find help in Germany; and much more. For further information, contact Ann Croston at [acroston125@comcast.net](mailto:acroston125@comcast.net).

**Irish** - 4<sup>th</sup> Monday; 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. *No meeting in December.* Next: 22 January 2018. Pat Concannon, chairman.

**Writing Family History** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 11 a.m. Next: 15 December 2017, Brewster Ladies' Library. Alice Plouchard Stelzer, chairman. Looking for a sounding board about writing your family's history? The writing family history SIG Meeting is the place for you. We share our writing and give helpful feedback. We learn from each other. Of course, you are welcome to attend even if you haven't written anything!

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*Christmas Vacations*

**The Technology Group**, usually scheduled for the fourth Friday, will *not* meet in December.

**SIGs Cape Cod Families** and **Irish** will also skip December meetings as noted above.

## JOTTINGS FROM JOAN

IT IS TIME TO RENEW your membership with CCGS!! You should have received a notification, with an attached membership renewal form, the first week in November. If you don't remember seeing it (if you have given us an email address, it would have been emailed to you), please contact Madelyn McHugh, our Membership Chair, at [membership@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:membership@capecodgenealogy.org) right away.

The dues collected from our members allow us to provide services to all our members, wherever they reside. Have you given any thought to just how much we do with the \$30 you send us each year? Here are a few examples:

- ★ MONTHLY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, presented by knowledgeable speakers — For those who are unable to attend our regular monthly programs, with the speaker's permission, all handouts are emailed.
- ★ OCCASIONAL WEBINARS which any member can attend, even if not local. Also, these webinars are taped and a link is sent to all members a few days after the program, for additional viewing.
- ★ *THE JOURNAL*, published by CCGS twice a year, is mailed out to all members.
- ★ OUR INTERNET PRESENCE, whether it is the website, blog, or on social media (Facebook and Twitter), keeps you updated on the activities of the Society.

- ★ AS A SPONSORING ORGANIZATION OF NERGC, we work with other New England genealogical organizations to present a multi-day conference with nationally recognized speakers.
- ★ We have conducted BEGINNING GENEALOGY COURSES at libraries and other locations throughout the Cape, as well as provided speakers for community outreach, whenever requests are received.
- ★ OUR GENEALOGY ROOM, at the Dennis Public Library, provides free access to Ancestry.com, American Ancestors, and Fold3. We also have subscriptions to periodicals and professional journals for your use.

This is only a sampling of what we provide our members and the public with your contributions to our Society. Thank you from CCGS for your continued support. I look forward to working with you in 2018.

– [joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org)

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### DNA Group

The next meeting will be 5 December 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Dennis Public Library. Teri Grey will lead a discussion on X-DNA, and Dick Rich will walk the group through a surname project done with Y-DNA. Bring your questions and problems as there will be lots of time for discussion. A two-page handout will be available prior to the meeting. Teri Grey ([terigrey@gmail.com](mailto:terigrey@gmail.com)).



*\* Membership Committee*

**Make Visitors feel welcome!** A Volunteer (or two) is needed to greet visitors at meetings to ensure that they don't get lost in the crowd. Responsibilities include signing each visitor in, providing him or her with our new member brochure, obtaining their contact information, and following up with a thank-you email, and also maintaining a list of visitors and of those who subsequently become members.

Please contact Madelyn McHugh:  
[membership@capecodgenealogy.org](mailto:membership@capecodgenealogy.org).

*\* Help with Bus Trips*

Once or twice a year CCGS sponsors a trip to Boston for research, shopping, or a day on the town. Volunteers are needed to help with checking passengers in and keeping track of them to make sure no one is left behind. For more information, contact Jane Hester at [jane.hester@capecodgenealogy.com](mailto:jane.hester@capecodgenealogy.com).

*New Resources Book for  
Cape and Islands Genealogy!*

THE SECOND EDITION of the Society's *Resource Book for Cape and Islands Genealogists*, now available, would make a great inexpensive (\$15.) Christmas present for friends and relatives who are researchers, or as a donation to a library.

Order through **Lulu.com** (on [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com), enter the title in "search"). It's print-on-demand and will arrive in about two weeks.

*\* Lead the January DNA Group*

We still need a volunteer to **moderate the January meeting of the DNA Discussion Group**, tentatively planned for 2 January 2018 (first Tuesday), Dennis Public Library. (See Notice on page 3.) Please let Teri Grey know at [<terigrey@gmail.com>](mailto:terigrey@gmail.com) if you would be willing to lead a discussion based on your experience.

*The CCGS Genealogy  
Room*

is located in  
the Dennis Public  
Library 5 Hall Street,  
Dennisport Hours:  
Tuesday 1-4 • Thursday 10-4  
Saturday 10-12

If there is something you would like to see in CCGS *News*, please contact either Alice Stelzer [<alice.stelzer@capecodgenealogy.com>](mailto:alice.stelzer@capecodgenealogy.com) or Jane Fiske [<janeffiske@gmail.com>](mailto:janeffiske@gmail.com). The usual deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month and space may be limited.

*Merry Christmas to ALL*

