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April Meeting – Tuesday April 16th

World War II – Letters To and From a Young Soldier



Over 300 letters found in an attic tell a wonderful tale of WWII both at home and in Italy. Learn about or re-live the years 1943-45 as we travel through his unique service in the U.S. Army.

The program will feature a friend of CCGS, SEEMA KENNEY, who has given excellent programs for us in the past. This time she has a treat for us. Letters from her relative's experience in WWII were found in an attic—every genealogist's dream! We hope to see you all there for this unique and fascinating talk.

SEEMA KENNEY, a wife, mother of three, and an entrepreneur, is an experienced software instructor and a professional genealogist. Based on over 20 years of research, her known roots are deep in New England as well as England, Germany, and Sweden. She has a certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University, completed ProGen, and is an active member of several societies and part of the NERGC planning committee. Seema is also certified as a Guided Autobiography Consultant and a Legacy Planner.

Join us on Tuesday, April 16th, in the auditorium of Brewster Ladies' Library. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., but plan to join us at 9:30 for coffee and donuts and an opportunity to socialize with others who are researching their family genealogy.

Out of consideration for the Library's regular patrons, we ask that you use the adjoining parking lot behind the Baptist church, unless you are disabled and need to park close to the building.

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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 – 4th Tuesday, Sturgis Library. *Next:* April 23, 2019, 1 p.m., Bebe Brock, chairman.

Computer Users — 2nd Tuesday. *Next:* April 9, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. The focus will be on mapping. All are welcome. Bill Horrocks, Bob Oppenheim (Roppen@msn.com), and Jim Sullivan, co-chairmen.

DNA — 1st Tuesday, Dennis Public Library. *Next:* April 2, 2019, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Walter Murphy, winter chairman.
wmgenealogy@gmail.com.

German – 1st Tuesday. *Next:* April 2, 2019, 10 a.m.– Noon, Brewster Ladies' Library. Topic: **"German/American Emigrant Occupations & More - What Did Our German Ancestors Do?"** Ann Croston, chairman. acroston125@comcast.net.

Irish — 4th Monday, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library. *Next:* April 22, 2019. Pat Concannon, chairman.

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday, 11 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library. *Next:* April 19, 2019. Pippa Ryan, chairman. We share our writing and give helpful feedback, learning from each other. You are welcome to attend even if you haven't written anything!

Calendar for April 2019

April 2 DNA SIG, 1:30 p.m., Dennis Public Library
April 2 German SIG, 10 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library
April 3-6 15th NERGC Conference, Manchester, N.H.
April 9 Computer Users SIG, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library
April 16 CCGS Monthly Meeting, Brewster Ladies' Library
April 16 Deadline to sign up for Bus Trip to Boston
April 19 Writing Family History SIG, 11 a.m., Brewster Ladies' Library
April 22 Irish SIG, 10 a.m., Dennis Public Library
April 23 Cape Cod Families SIG, 1 p.m., Sturgis Library, Barnstable
May 2 Bus Trip to Boston

REFLECTIONS FROM RALPH

BACK ON MARCH 11, CCGS Publicity sent out an email to all members who are currently up-to-date with 2019 dues payment and who have provided an email address for CCGS communications.

The subject of the email was the CCGS Members Only Page and the content of the email was the password to gain entry to the Members Only Page on the CCGS website. The original email was sent by CCGS Publicity using Confidential Mode so that the email, containing the password, could only be opened by the intended recipient and could not be forwarded to anyone. This was done to protect the privacy of the Members Only Page. Suffice it to report that the intentions were good, but the outcome was less than satisfactory.

A second email was sent out by CCGS Publicity later that day without using the Confidential Mode but simply communicating the password for the Members Only Page. In retrospect, the dissemination of the password for the Members Only Page should have been handled differently. As CCGS President, I take full responsibility and apologize to all of those who felt ill-informed and/or frustrated. CCGS Publicity was only acting upon my request to share the password.

As a reminder, the address to the CCGS website is www.capecodgenealogy.org. The Members Only page can be accessed from the Home page of the CCGS website (see the right-hand side of the page). You will also see instructions pertaining to the Username that members should use to gain access. This username, in combination with the password that was provided in the email of March 11, will allow access to the content of the Members Only area of the

website. If you are having trouble accessing the Members Only area, please contact me by email (ryalfrile@aol.com) or contact any member of the CCGS Board for advice.

When you do access the Members Only area of the website, you will find a treasure trove of genealogical information. Included are (1) all issues of the Journal of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society, dating from 2011 to current; (2) available issues of the CCGS Bulletin, dating from 1977 to 2010; and (3) speaker notes from some of our recent monthly programs. We will continue to identify information that would be appropriate for this important Members Only area. On behalf of the CCGS Board, I would like to express a special note of thanks to Tim Martin, who worked tirelessly to activate the Members Only page and to populate it with some of our valuable assets. I also request that as a CCGS member you respect the security of the Members Only area, and not share access information (namely, the password) with non-members.

—Ralph

Welcome to New Members

Barbara & Joseph Bioty
Debi Crosby
William & Linda Dalrymple
David & Joan Groh
Linda Redding

CONSTRUCTION DELAYS

Members planning to attend SIG meetings in DENNIS PORT should be aware of construction there on Route 28 with possible detours. Allow extra time!



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Come one, come all to the April 16th meeting when we will find out which lucky volunteers are going to be taking home prizes from the Volunteer Drawing. Five prizes ranging from a \$100 gift certificate to lunch at the Annual Meeting will be the Society's way of saying "thank you" to our volunteers. Please come and say "thank you" too.

Are You Interested in Online Newspapers?

IF YOU ARE a resident of Massachusetts, you can get an e-card from the **BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**. This will provide access to several online databases including newspapers. Some of these are:

Current:

Boston Globe 1980-present (not a digital archive—there is a search window)

Boston Herald (current three months)

New York Times (current)

Historical:

Boston Globe (1872-1987)

New York Times (1851-2015)

Sunday Times (London) Digital Archive (1822-2006)

Times (London) Digital Archive (1785-2012)

Irish Times (1859-2016)

This is only a partial list. For more, take a look. Patty Porcaro of the Writers' SIG explains how to do it. She says that it may

sound a little complicated but is pretty straight forward:

Use your search engine to go to: **Boston Public Library**.

- Select **SERVICES** (from menu bar)
- then select "e-card" (Note box in upper right corner "get an e-card")

After you fill out the short registration form, you will get your library card number and have selected your 4-digit pin number.

- For newspapers, go to **BOOKS & MORE** (from menu bar)
- Under *Learning & Research* click on **ONLINE RESOURCES**
- Under *Format* select **NEWSPAPERS**
- Click on the resource you want and another window opens to insert card # and 4 digit pin.

Have fun exploring—there are many places to go.

— Patty Porcaro

The CCGS Genealogy Library
is located in
the Dennis Public Library
5 Hall Street, Dennis Port

Hours:
Tuesday 1–4 • Thursday 10–4
Saturday 10–12

Access to *Ancestry.com*,
AmericanAncestors.org, *FindMyPast* and
more!



April Is National Volunteer Month

ANNUALLY WE PAUSE to recognize and thank the many volunteers who are necessary to keep our Society going strong. From the monthly meetings, to the various SIGs, the Genealogy Library, the Journal, the Newsletter, none of this would be possible without the many hours of service they provide to the benefit of us all.

We're fortunate to have a core group of volunteers who know the organization well and who year after year devote their time and energy to our mission. But equally important, if not more important, is the need for people new to the organization to become involved in its operation. All organizations need "new blood" to keep them vital and moving forward. There are many ways for members to do this from joining a committee to helping out at a single event.

Our existing volunteers, who are listed below, have given many different reasons for why they chose to volunteer. You may have read some of their stories in the bimonthly Volunteer Highlights article in the Newsletter. The reasons vary from wanting to know more about how the Society operates to wanting to give back. Meeting new people is often high on the list. If you're a new member or a member who hasn't as yet stepped up to volunteer, what might your reason be for doing so? Perhaps you'd like to see the Society engage in a new benefit for members or offer more of something we're already doing. You can make it happen! Just look at the new DNA SIG or the Members Only page on the website or the webinar offerings. These are all new to the Society and are happening because members stepped up to make them happen.

It would be wonderful to see lots of new names on the volunteer list the next time it's published. In the meantime, please take this opportunity to thank the people whose names do appear, and come to the April meeting to see who will be the lucky prize winners in the volunteer drawing. *If you believe that your name has been mistakenly left off the list, please contact Suzanne Walton, Volunteer Coordinator (SEWalton@capecodgenealogy.org).*

<i>Shirley Barron</i>	<i>Ellen Geanacopolous</i>	<i>Madelyn McHugh</i>	<i>Pippa Ryan</i>
<i>Robert Bartholomay</i>	<i>Teri Grey</i>	<i>Carol Mead</i>	<i>Karen Schrader</i>
<i>Judy Bedigian</i>	<i>Jane Hester</i>	<i>Debra Merigan</i>	<i>Ray Sears</i>
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<i>Pat Concannon</i>	<i>Judy Jones</i>	<i>Judy Needham</i>	<i>Jim Sullivan</i>
<i>Louise Crespi</i>	<i>Jim Keating</i>	<i>Joan O'Donnell</i>	<i>Rebecca Sullivan</i>
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<i>Phyllis Day</i>	<i>Margo Lewis</i>	<i>Dorothy Robinson</i>	<i>Suzanne Walton</i>
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<i>Joan Frederici</i>	<i>Tim Martin</i>	<i>Arlene Ryan</i>	

NERGC 2019
**15th New England Regional
Genealogical Conference**

Family—a Link to the Past &



a Bridge to the Future

*NERGC is a regional conference with national reach. We bring you affordable, cutting edge,
expert genealogical education within the reach of New England genealogists and family
historians at an affordable regional price.*

DoubleTree by Hilton — Manchester, NH
3-6 April 2019

For Those Who Have Registered for NERGC:

You should have received, within the past week, two emails from the NERGC Registration Chair —

- **The syllabus** for all the open sessions of the conference ... this includes the handouts that speakers have provided, in advance, for their presentation. If you have ordered a flash drive version or a printed version of the syllabus, you will get that at the conference when you pick up your registration materials. This digital version is IN ADDITION to any other version you may have ordered and will give you an opportunity to view these materials prior to the conference.
- The second email contains **information about an APP** that can be downloaded onto your phone, tablet, or computer prior to your arrival at NERGC. By downloading this APP, you will be assured of receiving all updated information that you will need while you are in Manchester. This is the first year that NERGC has used this and we are looking forward to hearing about your opinions following the conference.

-- Joan Frederici, joanfred4@comcast.net

Cape Cod Genealogical Society Sponsored
Bus Trip to Boston
Thursday, May 2, 2019



Want to do some genealogical research at the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) on Newbury Street or the Boston Public Library in person or maybe go shopping?

The Cape Cod Genealogical Society is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston on Thursday, May 2, 2019. The bus will drop off at NEHGS, two blocks from the Boston Public Library at Copley Square and a short walk to the Prudential Shopping Mall, Newbury Street shopping, and the Swan Boats.

We'll leave Patriot Square (Route 134, Exit 9, Dennis) promptly at 8:00 a.m., with stops at the Commuter Lot at Exit 6 at 8:20 a.m. and the Sagamore Bridge Park and Ride at 8:40 a.m. The return trip will leave NEHGS promptly at 3:00 p.m., and you will be home at dinnertime.

To reserve space, mail your completed form and check payable to CCGS Bus Trip, PO Box 1394, Harwich, MA 02645. Please include a \$15 fee if you are not a NEHGS Member.

Deadline for Reservations is April 16, 2019.

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Member CCGS (\$41) _____ Non-member (\$45) _____ Non-member NEHGS (\$15) _____

NEHGS MEMBER # _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ CHOOSE PICK UP LOCATION:

PATRIOT SQUARE _____ EXIT 6 LOT _____ SAGAMORE LOT _____

EMAIL jane.hester@gmail.com with any questions.