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# THE SEARCHERS

–Innovative–Enlightening–Enriching–Enjoyable–

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE,***

*by Carol Bosworth*

The summer has been a busy time for the Board of Directors planning for some new and exciting opportunities for us.



C.M.G.S will be participating in the annual Johnny Appleseed Art and Cultural Festival in Leominster on September 24, 2022. There will be information

on the society as well as copies of our cemetery books, give-a-ways and activities for all ages and a raffle for membership.

We are also planning a second yard sale for the fall, date still to be determine, sometime in October. If you have had the energy during this hot summer to go through your homes and garages, we would love donations, MA. For more details contact me at [cmgsorg1@gmail.com](mailto:cmgsorg1@gmail.com) All the proceeds from this event will benefit CMGS's educational programs. Looking for donations as well as volunteers.

We are continuing the library help sessions on the first and third Saturdays in Leominster, and planning on beginning a Special Interest Group (SIGs) and other educational sessions for this year.

Our First ***“hybrid” meeting*** occurred on July 26, 2022, at the Masonic Hall in Gardner.

The hall is very large and has plenty of space for social distancing, free Wi-Fi for anyone in attendance, and a kitchen area for serving refreshments to those in attendance. The biggest advantages to this site are 1. NO

- STAIRS TO CLIMB,
- NO SMOKING IN THE ENTIRE FACILITY,
- PLEANTY OF PARKING ON CHESTNUT STREET,
- WI-FI EVERONE CAN ACCESS.

We will continue offering the “hybrid” format for August, September, and November, with carpooling available for those who wish it. It was tempting to just stay a home and not have to “get ready to see people” but I am so glad we did take this step and spend some quality time with others.

The October meeting will be ***in person only*** at the Leominster Public Library with Lynne McKenney Lydick; **“Yours for Humanity: Abby”** (a one woman play about Abby Kelley Foster)

This program will not be recorded  
***Carpooling is available for those wish to attend in person but who do not want to drive at night***

We all have truly enjoyed the wonderful speakers that our V.P Susie Haenisch has provided for us. Susie has given us notice she will be stepping down from her VP position in March of 2023, giving us sufficient opportunity to find several individuals who would like to take over the program committee. We have many talented individuals in the society and are hoping together we will be able to fill the void we will have with this news. Please help us fill this very important position in our organization. Ideas can be sent to [cmgsorg1@gmail.com](mailto:cmgsorg1@gmail.com)

***VP's CORNER***, by *Susie Haenisch*

**What Are Your Doing?**

Just so you know that your VP isn't sluffing off these past few months, here is a brief recap of SOME of the things I've been up to. I've found myself signing up for some enrichment classes to improve my research skills and to achieve some long-term genealogy goals. Besides signing up for several one-time gen classes and the TIARA conference that is happening right now, I have also taken on another round of Research Like a Pro (RLP) with Diana Elder and her daughter Nicole Dyer with the goal of becoming a much more efficient and accurate researcher; signed up and completed a "test course" from Ed Thompson with Genealogy Website Builders in North Carolina (GWB) to finally fulfill a goal to have my own family genealogy website; and am currently in the process of taking (for the second time) a refresher course on Family Tree Maker (FTM) with Carol Clemens of Hilton Head, South Carolina, which will be instrumental in helping me complete a wedding project for my youngest son and his fiancée. Their

wedding on October 2<sup>nd</sup> so I do have a deadline for this latest project!

Diana Elder will be presenting two Zoom webinars for CMGS in August and September. She is fantastic – so don't miss out on her programs. You will get to know her much better during this class and it might inspire you to take one of her next RLP classes. Ed Thompson is taking on new students if your own Word Press website (for any reason) is in your projected future, so check him out. You might remember Ed from his initial efforts with the Evidentia software program. For those of you who need a refresher for – or are new to – Family Tree Maker, Carol Clemens is a thorough and entertaining instructor. I believe she offers this course twice a year, but Google her and request the latest information on her programs.

So, that's what I've been doing. Is there ever enough time to do it all? How about you? Anything you would like to share with your fellow CMGS members? Please submit a short article on what you've been doing lately. You just might inspire the rest of us!

Susie Haenisch  
CMGS VP & Program Chair

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**  
**(SIGS)**  
**ARE YOU INTERESTED???**

The idea has been floating around for a while. Perhaps now is the time to act.

Recently one of our CMGS members indicated a strong desire to organize an Italian Research Special Interest Group (SIG) for those who are like-minded. This can be done quite easily, especially now that

folks are beginning to come out of isolation. Might you be interested?

Years ago, CMGS hosted a Lithuanian SIG that met every month at the Westminster Public Library. I joined in hoping to find more information on my sole ancestor with Lithuanian roots. For those eight members who faithfully participated, much was learned, and much was shared, friendships were developed, and research buddies were formed. We are all better researchers for being a part of that group and, yes, my participation in that small group helped me to find a few elusive records for my own family. I also learned so much about the history of this country, its people, and the politics that drove its existence. It was a classic example of “more heads are better than one!” and our collective information proved most worthwhile.

So now the word is out. There is interest in forming a CMGS Italian Research SIG. If you are interested, please contact any one of our Board members. A SIG can be formed with as little as three members. Indeed, that’s how the Lithuanian SIG began, then grew from there. Depending on where the interested members reside, times and locations can be set up to accommodate all participants. Libraries are our best friends for SIGS, with free use of their small group meeting rooms in quiet locations.

SIGs can be created for just about any genealogical topic of interest. Examples: Family Tree Maker or Roots Tech software users; French-Canadian or Acadian research; DNA; British Isles (Irish, Welch, Scottish &/or English research; Germanic heritage; Emigration/Immigration interests; Timeline techniques; Military research, FamilySearch or Ancestry power users, etc. If you have an idea for a SIG, or interest in forming a small group around a specific topic, please

reach out and let us know. We can act as a clearinghouse to match people with their interests and perhaps set up a SIG or two this year.

The call is now out. It’s up to you. Are you interested? If so, speak up. I promise you, you will only gain from participation in a SIG, while your own knowledge will be readily appreciated by your fellow researchers.

Susie Haenisch  
CMGS VP & Program Chair

**The CMGS Board of Directors** voted at this month’s meeting to offer a SIGS group in conjunction with the Leominster Library beginning as soon as we have feed back from the public (members and non-members of CMGS) as to what specific groups they would like and what day and time is most convenient to hold the group. Leominster Library has a small meeting room we would be able to use.

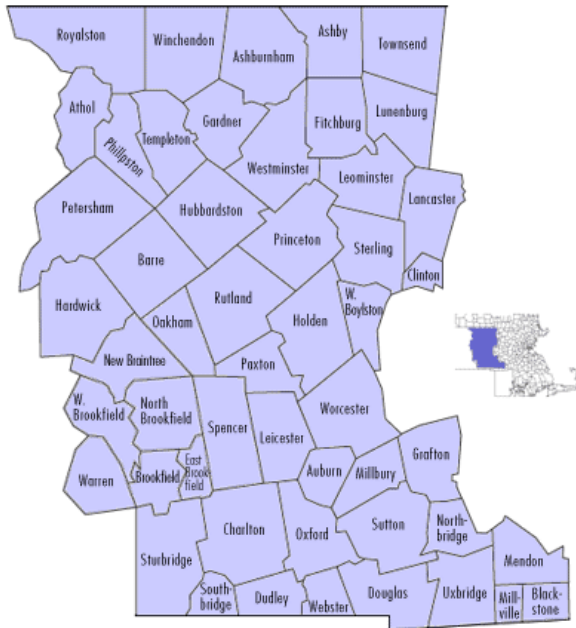
**This means we need to hear from you the readers of this newsletter!!!!**

CMGS Board of Directors has also voted to offer a \$25.00 Visa card raffle to be drawn December 1, 2022, to readers who submit suggestions or respond to the newsletter via e-mail to [cmgsorg1@gmail.com](mailto:cmgsorg1@gmail.com) on or before November 30, 2022.

## DOES THIS MAP LOOK FAMILIAR??????????

It represents all the towns in Central Massachusetts and therefore all the potential resources we CMGS represent. We have members from many of these town, and some from well outside the boundaries of Central Massachusetts. Think of all the libraries, town halls, court houses, historical societies,

cemeteries, and other hidden gems with in each of these towns. I am sure all of our members and potential members would love to hear about these gems and how to access them.



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## ***We need your help!!***

The newsletter needs to focus on Central Massachusetts. The resources and interesting information relating to our community activities and/or special research opportunities that make us unique. We are asking you all to help us

If you **or** *someone you know* would be willing to write a series of 6 articles focused around one topic. These articles would be printed in each of the newsletters throughout the year (6 newsletters per year)

If you prefer to author with others that works as well, so long as the topic is submitted together.

All the articles would be submitted by December 10 2022 for inclusion in the 2023 newsletters. Articles can be a couple of paragraphs or longer.

1. You would decide on the topic
2. Ideas might include:
  - a. Interesting ancestors
  - b. History of the homestead
  - c. Why ancestor settled there
  - d. Unique offerings within the community
  - e. Military
  - f. Historical offerings
  - g. Brick walls that you have been able to breakdown (or not)
  - h. Boundary changes
  - i. Occupations of a specific era
  - j. Value of memberships
  - k. Or any other topics you can think of

Questions or submissions can be sent to Carol Bosworth at [cmgsorg1@gmail.com](mailto:cmgsorg1@gmail.com)



## Up Coming Meetings

August 23, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

7PM – 8:30 PM

Registration link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

HYBRID --Masonic Hall Gardner, MA

Everyone welcome

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

“The Family Search Catalog: A  
Researcher’s Best Friend”  
Presented by Diana Elder

September 27, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

7 PM-8:30 PM

Registration link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

HYBRID --Masonic Hall Gardner, MA

Everyone welcome

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

“Location, Location, Location: Putting  
Your Ancestors in Their Place”  
Presented by Diana Elder

October 25, 2022

Joint meeting with the Leominster Public  
Library

**\*\*IN-PERSON PRESENTATION \*\***

6:30 -8:30 PM

Leominster Public Library

“Yours for Humanity: Abby” (a one  
woman play about Abby Kelley Foster)

Presented by

Lynne McKenney Lydick

*This program will NOT be recorded*

November 15, 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING

7 PM-8:30 PM

Registration link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

HYBRID --Masonic Hall Gardner, MA

Everyone welcome

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

“Murder, Mayhem and Town Tragedy”  
Presented by Liza Alzo

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Other local meetings you might be  
interested in as well that are free and open  
to the public

**the Capt John Joslin, Jr Chapter of  
the NSDAR**

### **CHAPTER PROGRAMS 2022 – 2023**

*September 10, 10:00 historical/Educational  
2022 AM*

Location: Fidelity Bank 9 Leominster Connector  
Leominster MA

Program: Framing an Enduring Legacy, A Story of  
the US Constitution

Presenter: Attorney Mark C. Bodanza. Esq.

*October 8, 2022 10:00 AM historical/Patriotic*

Location: Fidelity Bank 9 Leominster Connector  
Leominster MA

Program: Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary  
Murder Conspiracy

Presenter: A Reading by the author Andrew Noone

Carpooling will be available for our Hybrid  
meetings. If you need transportation please  
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before the meeting

### CMGS WORD SEARCH

Have some fun, answers will be in the next issue

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CIVIL

Submitted by Bonnie Bohnet

DEATH

FAMILY

FATHER

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HOMESTEAD

HUSBAND

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