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THE SEARCHERS

–Innovative–Enlightening–Enriching–Enjoyable–



Ruth, our Co-Founder came to celebrate 30 yrs. of genealogy with us at the June 27th Dinner meeting.

Thank you to The Masons for putting on such a wonderful dinner and providing us with this great space for our monthly in person/hybrid meetings!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, *by Carol Bosworth*

The past six months have been very busy for the Board of Directors of CMGS. We have been transitioning to a hybrid – or in person meetings which may or may not be recorded for viewing later. We will continue with virtual meetings, via zoom, for the winter months, January, February and March. The nominating committee, Diane Sanabria and Bonnie Bohnet were able to fill the ballot for our annual elections. The March 2023 annual meeting did not have the required 20 members present to vote on the slate so we had a special meeting on April 10th to vote on the 2023 slate of Officers.

President Carol A. McNeil Bosworth

Vice-President-Lynn Houston

Secretary – Angela Schofield

Treasurer – Erica Milano

Historian- Dwight Fitch

Director Janet Fortunato

Director - Marcia White

Director –June Williams

Director – Joan Bonner

Director – Diane Sanabria

Director – John Johnson

Director – Paul Johnson

Director – Sara Campbell

The Board will have their meeting virtually at 7 PM the **second Monday** of each month enabling individuals who are not able to meet in person to join us as well. CMGS members are welcome to attend the board meetings via zoom, the zoom link will be the same every month:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84154663308?pwd=VnQ0dHd6aWlZMnBqZG00M1BMUE5KQT09>

simply copy the link and you will be let into the meeting.

The Board of Directors has voted to continue the special multiyear membership through this year for those interested.

SPECIALS

Individual Membership:

One-Year \$15.00

Three-Year \$40.00

Five Year \$65.00

Family Membership

One-Year \$20.00

Three-Year \$55.00

Five Year \$90.00

Organizational Membership

\$25.00/year

For your convenience, you may pay your dues online through PAYPAL. To help the CMGS Treasurer credit the dues to your membership, send an email to CMGSOrg1@gmail.com confirming your transaction and the email associated with your PAYPAL account.

Newsletter

We need your help!!

I am not sure how many of you have missed the past three issues of the newsletter but without your input the newsletter, as we know, it will not survive!

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 an article on a topic.

For those of you who say “I can’t write for publication”, simply submit the facts of the article and we will write the article for you.

Ideas might include: (Individuals and/or Places, such as your town, or your ancestor’s homeland)

- a. Interesting ancestors
- b. History of the homestead
- c. Why ancestor settled in a specific place
- 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 of the area
- 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

Grand Masonic Lodge of

Massachusetts tour. The board is looking into setting this up in the late summer or early fall.

PARADE We will also be participating in the 100th celebration of Gardner as a city parade September 17th

JOHNNY APPLESEED

FESTIVLE --Saturday September 24, CMGS will have a booth so please stop by or volunteer to help us

CMGS PROGRAMS JULY 2023 – NOVEMBER 2023

JULY 25, 2023

7PM Hope Lodge Gardner, MA
in Person

Andrew Noone,
author

“The Revolutionary War Murder Conspiracy BATHSHEBA SPOONER”

will talk about his book and the murder conspiracy. Andrew Noone is an independent scholar, beginning this book’s journey after a dinner guest reminded him that Bathsheba Spooner and unborn son were buried in the park opposite his family’s new home.

AUGUST 26, 2023 –

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Hope Lodge, Gardner, MA

Open to the Public.

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY FAIR.

Representatives from various historical and genealogical societies within Central Massachusetts will be discussing their organizations and the research options available to us.

Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society is celebrating its 30th anniversary and is hosting a Genealogy and History Fair to celebrate.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023----

Hybrid meeting,
in person at Hope lodge Gardner,
virtual via zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82137212466?pwd=dE51SHNmZTBpZm45MXJxTmY0MjQ0UT09>

Workshop on our cemetery books
Come and learn about our cemetery project and how you can help us either in person or transcribing at home.

October 24, 2023

in person at the
Leominster Public Library
The Gravestone Girls.

This program is being offered as a joint program with the Leominster Public Library. Come and hear about cemetery art, history and symbolism.

We create decorative artwork using the beautiful and primitive images carved on olde New England gravestones; give lectures and tours on cemetery art, history and symbolism as well as teach gravestone rubbing classes! Our work aims to entertain and educate us on the historical perspective of old cemeteries by documenting and preserving the beautiful art they contain.

November 28, 2023

7-9 PM

Hybrid, Hope Lodge Gardner, MA
virtual via zoom

Richard Reed

“Have A Computer, Will Document, A Review of Genealogy Software for Windows and Mac”

Richard is the director of both the Friends of Irish Research and the David Allen Lambert Library which is based in Brocton, MA. . Once you have started collecting family information and documents, there must be a way to keep it organized and have the ability to generate a presentation book. Most of the online subscription services have some

of these tools but having it at your fingertips on your own computer is priceless.

Fellow Family History Seekers . . .

I have decided that 2023 will be THE year that I delve more deeply into my family's history by doing the following:

- Sign up for and take advantage of the FREE Roots Tech 2023 that is rapidly approaching – March 2-4, 2023. For the past several years I have not completed all the classes I had hoped to watch, but this year will be different.
- Re-start two of my family lines and backtrack my previously recorded information, confirming that all my source citations are correctly cited, and all details are accurate.
- Complete timelines for all my direct line ancestors on my father's, mother's, and husband's dual lines. I LOVE timelines!
- Spend dedicated weekly visits with my 99-year-old mother recording family stories while her memory is still sharp, and her spirit is forever willing.
- Participate in a two-month self-paced series of classes on immigration and naturalization to sharpen those research skills.
- Delve more into the general topic of cemetery research by taking several online classes.

Reach out to more cousins and shirt-tail relatives to glean missing family information from them and, more

- importantly, to reconnect with those who I had previously lost touch with.
- Repeat the Family Tree Maker 4-week course of study taught by our friend Carol Clemens from Hilton

Head, South Carolina. I cannot recommend this course highly enough. The instructor and course materials are exceptional, and the software, which I use almost daily, is dynamic, robust, and phenomenal!

- Register for NERGC 2023 and participate in as many classes as I can. Being on site with hundreds of other devoted researchers will be wonderful after such a long three-year absence from others. If you haven't already registered, DO IT SOON. Early bird discounts fly away after Feb 15th;

Well, that's what I'm doing this New Year. What are your genealogical education plans? Just don't forget to have FUN!

Susie Haenisch
Past CMGS VP & Program Chair

REMEMBER

together with your help we will be able to continue with our newsletter. Send in your ideas and articles cmgsorg1@gmail.com

