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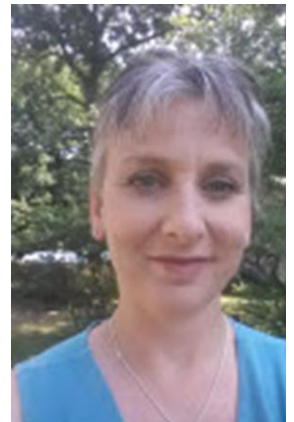
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Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 10 AM Brewster Ladies Library

If you are considering using, or have already used DNA testing, and/or if you are confused by the results and are unsure what to do next, this is one meeting you don't want to miss!

Shellee Morehead, Certified Genealogist, well known author, researcher, and speaker will talk about genetic genealogy and the use of DNA for defining ancestral relationships and what DNA can and cannot do for your family history. Shellee will describe in understandable terms the different DNA tests and how they allow genealogists to see into the past. Using hypothetical pedigree charts and descendency charts, she will identify who should be tested and what questions can be answered by the use of DNA technology.



She will demonstrate specific methodology to define questions, find candidates, and design hypotheses that can be tested using DNA and genetic genealogy. Shellee will help you understand the different tests and give you insight as to which DNA test you may want to use and how to use the results to further your genealogical research.

Come a little early to socialize and have coffee and donuts.

Don't forget to please park next door at the Brewster Baptist Church parking lot. There is a short path to the library from the parking lot.

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CCGS Connections

Website - [Cape Cod Genealogy Society](#)

Facebook, check out the CCGS pages. Just put "Cape Cod Genealogical" in the search box.

Follow CCGS on **Twitter** @capecodgensoc

Mailing Address: Cape Cod Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1394 Harwich, MA 02645

Jottings from Joan

If you did not attend our January monthly meeting, you missed a record-breaking attendance. We had 100 people attend, with more than 20 guests! The large number of guests (believed to be the largest in the history of the Society) was due primarily to the full page Public Service Announcement in the *Cape Cod Times* newspaper on Dec. 30, 2015. Our Publicity Committee, primarily Alice Stelzer and Jim Sullivan are to be recognized for the great job they did on this full page ad. Thank you!

Our Board of Directors and all our committees work hard to make sure the Society is functioning and is providing as much support to our members as possible.

I would like to mention one necessary committee, who tend to be the most overlooked. Each June, along with the Board officers and two Directors-at-Large, you elect three individuals to the Nominating Committee for the following year. The job of this committee is to look for qualified people to fill elected positions for coming terms. It takes time and a lot of discussion to come up with a list of individuals who are qualified and would be willing to take on these responsibilities.

Although some officers agree to continue their position for another year, in June, we will have two positions open that need to be filled. – Vice President (VP) and Recording Secretary. The VP has a dual role – he/she assists the President and stands in for the President when that individual is unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities. In addition, the VP also holds the position of Program Chair and works with a Committee to schedule

Welcome New Member

Frances Caddigan

NOTE: The email address for the Membership Committee is memberccgs@gmail.com.

There is no “s” after member. If you add an “s”, you will be communicating with another society.

Volunteer Help Needed

A great way to get involved in any organization is to volunteer. CCGS is no different. We are totally volunteer run and sometimes we have a need for specific help. Such is the case now:

Membership Chair Andrea Forbes (memberccgs@gmail.com) needs to add someone to the Membership Committee. This person would help input membership information into our new membership program – Past Perfect. If you have computer skills to do data input (Past Perfect experience would be awesome but not necessary) and could spare a couple hours a month on a continuing basis, with a flexible schedule, please contact Andrea.

CCGS GENEALOGY LIBRARY

The CCGS's Genealogy Room, located in the [Dennis Public Library](#), 5 Hall Street, Dennisport, is another membership benefit.

Are you taking advantage of this important asset? Have you visited the library?

CCGS Volunteers are available to assist patrons and beginning researchers and you could be one of these volunteers. Volunteers May commit to as little as a two-hour shift.

Hours:

**Tuesday 1 – 4,
Thursday 10 – 4
Saturday 10 – 12**

Help is needed in keeping this important library staffed for these hours. If you are willing to donate some time, please contact Carol Magenau at Carol.Magenau@gmail.com.

We are particularly in need of volunteers for Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

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 at capecodgenealogy.org.

Cape Cod Families – 4th Tuesday
Next: 2/23, Sturgis Library

Computer Users – 2nd Tuesday,
Next: 2/9, 10 A.M., Dennis Public Lib

German – 1st Tuesday;
Next: 2/2, *BLL

Irish - 4th Mon;
Next: 2/22, Dennis Public Library

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday;
Next 2/19, BLL*

*BLL is Brewster Ladies Library

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programs. The Recording Secretary maintains the records, including the minutes of all Board meetings.

Our bylaws set the term for both positions at one year, although it is hoped that the individual will stay in the position for two or more years in order to establish continuity on the Board. It is also hoped the VP will agree to move into the President's position, when the President steps down.

In addition to these two officers, we have an opening for a Director-at-Large, which is a two-year term. This individual represents the membership on the Board and may be asked to help out with short-term projects or special committees.

In order to qualify for these positions, a candidate must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of one calendar year. Any previous non-profit experience, especially as a Board member, is helpful, but not required. Board meetings are held the first Wed. of the month, 10 AM-12 noon, Sept. – June, at the Brewster Ladies Library, and a candidate for any board position should be willing and able to attend these meetings. (Most board meetings are open to the public, to see what is involved, stop in and observe!).

If you have an interest in helping the Society, now or in the future, or if you have questions about any of these positions, please contact me (joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org) or one of the members of the Nominating Committee – Dave Martin (davidchina_2000@yahoo.com), Carolyn Weiss (carlysue01@comcast.net), or Bob Ward (arlinkwa@yahoo.com).

Finally, if you are approached by a Nominating Committee member, please consider taking on one of these positions. We look forward to seeing some new faces around the table after July 1st!

Organizations of which CCGS is a Member

Federation of Genealogical Societies
<http://www.fgs.org/>

National Genealogical Society
<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Massachusetts Genealogical Society
<http://massgencouncil.org>

New England Historic Genealogical Soc.
<http://www.americanancestors.org/>

NERGC
New England Genealogical Conference
<http://www.nergc.org/>

This is Your Newsletter

Is there something you would like to see in this newsletter? If there is, email me, Alice Stelzer @ aliceplouchardstelzer@gmail.com.

Falmouth Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

Saturday, February 13, 2016, 10 a.m.

“Genealogy of the Wampanoag Tribe and Acceptance Criteria”

With Rita Lopez, Enrollment Director of the Wampanoag Tribe

Downstairs at the
Falmouth Library
300 Main Street,
Falmouth, MA 02540

Membership Renewal

Don't miss out on the benefits of membership.

- Monthly Meetings with Local and National Expert Speakers
- Educational Workshops
- Access to Research Library
- Semi-annual Journal
- Many discounts
- Special Interest Groups
- Monthly newsletter
- **Plus much more**

Have you sent your renewal in yet? CCGS's membership year ended December 31, 2015.

If you have not received your renewal form, please contact Andrea at memberccgs@gmail.com or your membership will shortly be canceled.



Please remember to let CCGS know when you change your email address.

If you know you are changing your email, the easiest way is to just reply when you get your newsletter or other notification and give us the new address.

If you don't get our communications because your email changed, you can email membership chair, Andrea at memberccgs@gmail.com or Alice Stelzer, newsletter editor, at aliceplouchardstelzer@gmail.com