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President's Message

Well, our membership year is winding down. Chapters are having their last meeting of the season while making plans for staying in touch over the warmer months. At the same time, we welcome in new chapter officers with fresh ideas.

Thank you to chapter officers who are stepping down, some after giving years of service. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

While enjoying warmer weather sounds like a wonderful idea – your officers within MSOG will also be busy on many projects between now and the beginning of the 2020 membership year. There is a group working on updating our By-laws; we are rolling out new recognition programs; program schedules are being made; work continues on the

annual meeting details for 2019; MGC will soon roll out information on their 2020 conference; and work starts soon on the NERGC 2021 conference.

In addition, we are actively looking for volunteers to organize our webinar programs again; edit our *Past Times* newsletter; and assist with our many social media platforms.

If any of these projects sound like something you would enjoy, please let us know. We can always lighten the load by adding more hands!

Personally, I always look forward to being with family in the warmer weather. That gives me the opportunity to collect and share more family stories. Remember that it's easier to ask now than regret later that you never asked a relative about that photograph or mysterious ancestor who left few records for you to find. Interviews of relatives don't have to be formal, just ask a simple question when next you meet. A complicated answer could be the genealogy gem you've been waiting for!

In addition to family meetings, the

summer brings educational opportunities. I look forward to representing MSOG at the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) conference in Washington D.C. this August. I plan to attend many sessions about Society Management as well as a few that relate to my own family research.

And, the good weather means better travelling conditions, so there will be at least one trip to Maine in my plans – visiting with cousins and trying to get the last few documents for my DAR application.

What do your warmer weather genealogy plans look like? Please be sure they include a renewal of your MSOG membership *BEFORE September 1, 2019* in order to maintain your member status for voting in the fall and attending our annual meeting on November 2, 2019.

Enjoy the warmer weather and be ready to share your genealogical finds with friends, family, and your MSOG Chapter!

Seema Kenney

CALENDAR

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Statement of Purpose

The Society’s mission is to promote and encourage Massachusetts genealogical research at all levels—beginner, amateur, and professional. The Society is a Massachusetts nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. The corporation was formed for the following reasons:

- “To bring together all persons interested in genealogy, beginner, amateur, and professional;
- To set standards of conduct; to insure public access to records; to provide education in genealogical research;
- To act in whatever manner needed to promote genealogy and family history; and
- To bring together families both past and present.”

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 6 June 1975

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Membership Information

Members receive the *Past Times* newsletter, free issues of MASSOG, free queries, and access to webinars. Membership is from September 1 to August 31, with membership renewals due by July 1.

- INDIVIDUAL dues are \$25.00 per year
- FAMILY dues are \$30.00 per year

Membership applications received July 1st and thereafter will be applied to the following year’s membership.

Membership choices are:

- BR/Bristol
- MV/Merrimack Valley
- MX/Middlesex
- WR/Worcester

Chapter affiliation is at the complete discretion of the member, regardless of residence. The membership application is on our website.

Join using PayPal online or mail your application and check.

Address any questions to president@msoginc.org or to the appropriate officer, committee chair, or delegate; email addresses are listed on page 5.

MIDDLESEX

Saturday, June 1

1:30 PM

“Essex County and the Mayflower Connections” with Linda MacIver

Bedford Public Library
 7 Mudge Way
 Bedford, MA

MERRIMACK VALLEY

Saturday, June 22

10:00 AM

“Essex, England: the Home of the Mayflower?” with Linda MacIver

Georgetown Peabody Library
 2 Maple Street
 Georgetown, MA

DNA SIG: June 29, 2019

WORCESTER

Tuesday, June 11

6:30 PM -8:30 PM

“Breaking Down Those Brick Walls” – Cooperative Session

YWCA
 One Salem Square
 Worcester, MA

BRISTOL

Saturday, June 15

Contact chapter to reserve a seat

11:00 AM Business Meeting

11:30 AM Chapter Officers

Annual Reports and PatSC Award presentation

12:00 PM Annual Meeting Buffet Luncheon

1:00 PM “Tracing Your English Ancestors” with Linda MacIver

Agoro’s Restaurant
 County Street
 Somerset, MA

SAVE THE DATE

MSOG Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Marlborough Country Club, Marlborough MA

Watch for details!

MSOG’s **Board of Directors** will meet next on Sunday, June 23rd in Sturbridge. If you would like to attend, a video link can be provided.

Contact any of the officers for details.

News & Notes

- **Chapter elections** - please watch for details on casting your vote for your chapter officers, or for election results coming from your chapter. Thank you to all new volunteers!
- **Volunteers needed:**
 - MSOG delegate for NERGC
 - Coordinator for the webinar series
 - Editor(s) for Past Times,
 - People to assist with our social media accounts
 - Members interested in updating our policies & procedures manual.

Contact president@msoginc.org or one of your chapter officers to learn more.

MASSOG Writing Contest Winner

Bristol Chapter Member Rebecca Smith receives the MASSOG Writing Contest 1st place award and check for \$100.00 presented by Bristol President Kathleen Rubano. Rebecca was not able to attend the MSOG Annual Meeting to receive her award.



You Are Invited to Submit an Article to MASSOG

MASSOG is looking for more articles. If you have a family story, a repository you frequent, a website you use constantly (other than the big four), or a story of discovery, please consider writing it up to share with the Society. While formatting guidelines are available, the many members of the Editorial Board will gladly assist you with the formal portions (grammar, footnotes, etc.) of an article. You need to have an idea and some words on paper. The editorial board works with all authors. Write a short article now and you'll be that much more prepared for a longer article as an entry to the 2020 Writing Contest!

At The Chapters

Kathleen Kaldis presenting her lecture "Through the Looking Glass: The Massachusetts Catholic Order of Forester Records (MCOF)" at the Middlesex Chapter, May 11, 2019.



Middlesex Chapter enjoyed learning about "Swedish Genealogy" from Michael McClellan on April 13. Thanks to all who came!



Three Free Services on AmericanAncestors.org

1. Have you investigated the English origins of the early Great Migration (1620-1640) settlers in your Massachusetts town, or in your family tree? The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) has developed a mapping feature on their website to help visualize where those early New Englanders came from. Try it out at <https://www.americanancestors.org/specials/great-migration-parish-map>
2. NEHGS is offering an online family tree which is free but can be upgraded for a fee. <https://www.americanancestors.org/ancestrees>



3. And lastly, an online chat is available Tuesdays from 3:00 – 4:00 pm where you can ask a quick genealogy or local history question. <https://www.americanancestors.org/chat>



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By the Numbers: MSOG on Social Media



FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/msoginc (*Organization Page*)
483 Followers
302 Likes / 316 Follows

www.facebook.com/groups/talkaboutgenealogy
(*Discussion - Public Group*)
1,953 Members



INSTAGRAM

www.instagram.com/msoginc
250 Followers



TWITTER

www.twitter.com/MAGenealogists
546 Followers

Upcoming Education Events

- The **Federation of Genealogical Societies** 2019 Family History Conference, August 21-24, 2019, Washington, DC. FGS.org
- It's not too early to SAVE THE DATE for the 16th **New England Regional Genealogical Conference** (NERGC), April 14-17, 2021, Springfield, Massachusetts. <https://www.nergc.org/>



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