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President's Message

Dear Members,

Welcome back! I hope every one of you had a wonderful summer.

The season is starting with all new chapter programs. September's programs have been described in this issue of Past Times. To see the chapter's complete listing, go to the MSOG website at www.msoginc.org. Members are reminded that you are welcome to attend the meetings of your own chapter, plus you are free to attend any or all chapter meetings. Don't miss out on the nearly 50 programs being offered this season.

There are many member benefits to enjoy. Not only are there the chapter programs, there are the Member's Surname List and the complete collection of *MASSOG* publications on the MSOG website. In addition, chapters are conducting special projects and we hope you will join in by taking advantage of them.

The Society is moving ahead this season with technology that we believe will be of benefit to MSOG members. One item is PayPal. The board voted to implement PayPal in time for membership renewal and the upcoming annual meeting. There is quite a bit more we are working on. We will announce these benefits as the year progresses. We suggest you visit the MSOG website frequently and read the technology articles in this and future issues of Past Times.

During the summer, the board voted into acceptance the first Policies and Procedures Manual. The manual is on the MSOG website in the Members Only section for you to read and use where appropriate. The manual is a living document, meaning it is subject to change. It will reside in this area for everyone to use: board, committees, delegates and members. The Policies and Procedures Committee was chaired by Hope Tillman with committee members Ginny De Haan, Seema Kenney, Karen Trearchis, Rick Wetmore and yours truly. The Committee welcomes your input. Please send your comments to Hope Tillman at hope@hopetillman.com.

As you can see, we've had a busy summer and are eagerly looking forward to a new season. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the meetings and hearing from you.

Patricia Stano-Carpenter
President

Joint Middlesex Chapter and Merrimack Valley Chapter Meeting – September 10, 2011

FAMILY RESEARCH DAY

400 Essex Street Lynnfield, MA

Saturday

September 10, 2011

8:30 am–4:00pm

Register Now!

Website: <http://www.familyresearchday.org>



OVERVIEW OF TOPICS

Keynote Speaker Marcia Melnyk on

“Investigating the Dash, Following an Ancestor from Cradle to Grave”

Beginning Genealogy, LDS Websites, 1940 Census Countdown, Deeds and Probate, Irish Research, Immigration Records, Acadian History, Networking with Relatives, Google Books, Family History Maps, Revolutionary & Civil War Records



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And/or lunch is optional.



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For information EMAIL: info@familyresearchday.org
or call Leslie Carabello 978-777-9031

Worcester Chapter—September 13, 2011

The Worcester Chapter will meet on Tuesday September 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Auburn Public Library. Special guest speaker will be Michael Brophy who will talk on the 1940 Census: Countdown to April 2, 2012. Genealogists anxiously wait for the release of the 1940 census. Find how this census was taken, how the information gathered can benefit your research, and what you can do now to prepare for the release. Find out what information can be gathered from the census, as well as some ideas of doing research in the 1940's and beyond.

Michael Brophy is Professional Genealogical Researcher, Columnist and Lecturer in the Boston area. He is program director for the Massachusetts Genealogical Council, and past publicity director. He holds an MBA from Suffolk University and a BBA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.



The Auburn Public Library is located at 369 Southbridge Street, Auburn. For more information please contact Jane Cain at jaincain10@gmail.com

Martha's Vineyard Chapter—September 14, 2011

The Martha's Vineyard Chapter will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month at the Family History Center in Vineyard Haven at 7:00 P.M. This workshop meeting will help members catch up on the new technology ideas being implemented by MSOG and to review ideas presented in the surveys taken last spring. Discussion will also take place concerning the opportunity to work with the Martha's Vineyard Museum and to catch up with members after the summer hiatus.

For more information on the September meeting, please contact Marna Waller at catbird10@verizon.net

Bristol County Chapter—September 17, 2011

The Bristol County Chapter will meet on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. at the Somerset Public Library, 1464 County Street, Somerset. Members will be sharing their summer research and how they have progressed in their family history journey. If summer flew by and you did not have time to research, come to the meeting to get inspired and motivated. If you have hit a brick wall, we might be able to help. It's that one bit of information that can turn your research around. Our group is all about helping others and sharing information.

Our meetings are open to the public. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact President Gaile Fletcher at gfletch00@aol.com or 508-636-8067.



Welcome New Members

Bristol Chapter-

Joanna Couto, Vivian Joy Miller

Merrimack Valley-

Anthony J. and Catherine B. Troia

Middlesex-

Alice Kane, Midge Frazel, Brooke Harlowe, Lorraine A, Lee

Welcome Back– Marianne Fisher, Robin C. Mason

Worcester-

Judith Morris



We welcome you and wish you the best of luck. Thanks very much for joining us and happy family history/genealogy searching.

A total of 379 members have signed up for 2011, choosing affiliation as follows:

Bristol 39 Martha's Vineyard 21, Merrimack Valley 55, Middlesex 88, Worcester 161 Organizations 15.

If there are any comments or questions concerning **Membership** please feel free to contact me at Masog99@ymail.com.

Genevieve De Haan
State Membership Director

Introducing the Technology Column.....by Hope Tillman

Watch the website for news of Society activities and Chapter programs for the coming year. Also be sure to check out the Members Only section to access the issues of *MASSOG* and for other member content.

We have added upcoming Legacy webinars to our Society calendar and are happy to add other events of interest to members. If you have an event to post on our calendar, please send it to me or to the chapter representatives:

- Bristol: Joy Miller • Merrimack Valley: Robert Ankenbauer
- Middlesex Chapter: Mike Maglio • Worcester Chapter: Seema-Jayne Kenney

Also follow MSOG on Facebook and LinkedIn. They are good spots to see the latest news and member activities.

The newly formed Technology Committee is looking at both technology education programs of interest to members and the technology we should be using to communicate with members. We will kick off the committee meeting by conference call and face to face before the September MSOG board meeting. If you are interested in joining this group, send your message of interest and the area of technology for genealogy that you are most interested in to Hope Tillman, webmaster@msoginc.org

Membership Information

- The newsletter, Past Times is on the MSOG website free to all. If you prefer to have the Past Times mailed to you, there is a \$7.95 fee per year for the postal service. Members also receive free *MASSOG* Journals, free queries, participation in the Member's Surname List and free attendance at the Annual Meeting.
- Membership is from January 1st to December 31st, with membership renewals due by November 1st. INDIVIDUAL dues are \$25.00 per year; FAMILY dues are \$30.00 per year. Membership applications received October 1 and thereafter will be applied to the following year's membership.
- Membership choices are BR/Bristol, MVI/Martha's Vineyard, 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 at, <http://www.msoginc.org>.) Send your application and check to the treasurer or membership person of the chapter you wish to join. Addresses are below.

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