



# Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society

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September 2021

## Fall General Meeting Saturday, October 16, 2021

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Place: Auburn Public Library  
Corner of Court and Spring Streets**

**Masks are required in the Library.**

*The Maine Franco-American Genealogy Library is located at 217 Turner Street, Auburn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor above the Fortin Group Funeral Home*

### Library Hours

**Limited hours due to COVID-19**

*Wednesdays - 1:00 to 8:30 p.m.*

*Saturdays – by appointment*

Email: [info@mfgen.org](mailto:info@mfgen.org)

Visit our Website at:

<https://mfgen.org>



<https://www.facebook.com/MFGSLibrary?ref=stream>

### Officers/Board Members

*President: vacant*

*Vice President: vacant*

*Treasurer: Lucille Langelier*

*Recording Secretary: Connie Hitchcock*

*Corresponding Secretary: Connie Beliveau*

*Board Members: Richard Gamache, Jeanne Letourneau, Marie Murphy, Simeon Breault and Arthur Allard*

*Library Director: Fr. Robert Parent*

*Research Director: Arthur Allard*

**Lisa Blue will be the featured speaker at the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society Fall Meeting.**



What's OCR? What's World CAT? Want to make your research easier? Come listen to Lisa Blue explain the latest technology available for researching your Franco-American ancestors! There will be time for a question-and-answer session at the end of her presentation.

Lisa has 25 years of IT support, data analysis, and software training experience. She creates and maintains the MFGS databases and helps staff with technical support needs. When she's not working on databases, you can find her out on the golf course with her husband, Dave, or hiking with her Aussie-Shepherd mix dog, Aster, in her West Gardiner neighborhood.

Join us before the meeting for light refreshments. Our Guest Speaker will begin her presentation around 11:00 a.m. It is free and the public is welcome to attend.

**Parking spaces at the Auburn Public Library** and in the general area, have changed since our last meeting and parking is very limited. The APL suggests: If you can, consider carpooling. Please note that there are timed parking spaces near the Library and the police do ticket. For more than two hours, the Library recommends that you park across the railroad tracks on Library Avenue (in the lot to the left) rather than in front of the Library. There are also public parking lots at City Hall (free) and at the corner of Pleasant and Drummond Streets (some are metered).

## **A Message to our Members**

I hope everyone has survived the Covid Pandemic. Sadly to say, since our last general meeting we have lost our President, Mike Poulin, our webmaster, Norm Cote, former Board Member and Vice-President, Roger Dufresne and Jane Bushey Fogg, who was very active in the Society and researched the history of Franco-Americans who had fought in the Civil War.

On a more pleasant note, thank you to the generosity of Norman Rioux who donated 182 genealogy books to our Library consisting of Canadian, Arcadian, Scottish, Irish, New England Indian, and other books on church records of births, marriages, and deaths.

We have also digitized all the 254 Obituary books into the OCR program which will allow you to search all the names in alphabetical order by married and maiden names automatically. Our guest speaker, Lisa Blue, will tell you more....

A catalogue of all books inventoried was entered into all the computers at the library which will make it easier to find a church, parish, city, or town, etc.

Since we are not able to have a raffle of donated items this year, we will be accepting donations in our “Jack-O-Lantern” donation container at the Fall Meeting.

Arthur Allard, Acting President

## **MFGS Nominations and Elections**

### **Elections will be held at the General Meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Below is the list of nominees. There are no nominees for President and Vice President. If there are any members who are interested in being nominated for either of those positions, please contact me at [rlgamache@comcast.net](mailto:rlgamache@comcast.net).

## ELECTED OFFICERS

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
President		2021-2022
Vice President		2021-2022

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2 YEAR TERM

Board Member	Jeanne Letourneau	2021-2023
Board Member	Simeon Breault	2021-2023

Sincerely, Richard Gamache  
Chairman of Nominations and Elections Committee

**We Welcome** our newest member, Denise Potvin, to the Society.

## **Library Director's Report**

### **Purchase of New Binding Machine for MFGS**

Sadly, Curry Printing, with whom the Society has done business for a few years and who bound most of our books, recently announced it would be closing its doors. The Society was fortunate, due to the goodness of the owner, to be allowed to purchase the binding machine used to bind most of our books. We were given a price of \$750.00 for the machine, including a large supply of binding tapes and clear plastic covers. When I presented this offer to the Board of Directors, not only was it met with approval, but through the generosity of our present and former Board Members, we instantly were able to raise \$600.00 to help cover the cost. Thus, we were able to make the purchase and I have already started re-binding our most used books. If anyone is interested in donating towards this purchase, please make your checks payable to MFGS and note it is for the 'binding machine'.

With this machine we also can offer the service of binding our members' personal books at a cost of \$5.00 each. We can bind books up to a maximum of 350 pages or 1 ¼ inches. Contact Fr. Robert Parent for details.

Thank you,  
Fr. Robert A. Parent, Library Director

## Thank You Norm Rioux

MFGS thanks Norm Rioux, PhD, one of our founding members, for a large and generous donation of 13 boxes of repertoires, genealogy, and French-Canadian history books from his personal library to the MFGS Library. **This is a valuable addition to our collection.**

## New Books at MFGS Library 2021

A box of genealogy books donated by Bob Pelletier

Collection of maps of France donated by Bob Chenard

Repertoire of the civil marriages of Trois-Rivières (co. St-Maurice) donated by Joline Fortier

History of Saco and Biddeford by George Folsom (1830, reprinted 1984) donated by Kim Roy Stone

Births & Deaths of Granby donated by Michel Colin Laliberté (database)

Births & Deaths Roxton (database) purchased \$30.00

Births & Deaths St-Pierre Durham (database) purchased \$30.00

Births & Deaths Acton-Vale (database) purchased \$30.00

## MFGS purchased 5 books from the Vermont Fr-Can Genealogical Society:

St. Jos., Grand Isle Marriages 1863-1940

St. Raphael, Poultney, Bap & Marriages 1866-1963

St. Bridget & Sacred Heart, W. Rutland Bap 1857-1968

St. Jerome, St. Columbian, St. Paul, E. Dorset, Arlington, Manchester Bap 7 mar 1860-1961

St. Thomas, Underhill Bap 1856-1991

Fr. Robert

### Donate-A-Book - Dedicate-A-Book

Do you have a loved one to whom you would like to dedicate a book? MFGS has a list of books that can be purchased. A dedication label will be placed in the inside cover in their memory/honor. Contact the MFGS Library for more information.

The Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society is a non-profit volunteer society dedicated to the collection and preservation of Franco-American genealogical material and helping its members and the general public in their research. Its library, at 217 Turner St. (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), Auburn, houses one of the largest collections of French-Canadian genealogical material in Maine. The Society is dedicated to assisting individuals in discovering and preserving their family history.

For more information visit the MFGS web page at: WEBSITE: <https://mfgen.org>

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*Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society*

Membership Application

MFGS Treasurer, 217 Turner Street, Auburn, ME 04210-6092

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Website: <https://mfgen.org/>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your name and Email Address to appear in our online Email Directory?

(no other information will be listed) \_\_\_\_\_(Yes) \_\_\_\_\_(No)

Types of Memberships:

Individual.....\$20.00      Additional Family Members.....\$10.00

Lifetime.....\$300.00 (15 times yearly fee)

Membership begins in the month in which dues are paid and is renewable on the anniversary of your join date.

Make check payable to: Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society. Dues must be payable in U.S. Funds.