



# Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society

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*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 and fewer Librarians**

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

*Saturdays – by appointment*

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

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### Officers/Board Members

President: Fr. Robert Parent

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## Spring General Meeting Saturday, April 30, 2022

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

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

**Masks are recommended in the Library.**

**Anna Faherty will be the featured speaker at the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society Spring Meeting.**



**Anna, the archivist at the Franco-American Collection, is a graduate of Simmons University's dual degree Master's program in History and Archives Management. Before working at the Franco-American Collection, she worked at Fort Ticonderoga, an 18th Century military site, integral in the French and Indian War (also known as the Seven Years War), and the American Revolutionary War.**

**Anna's historical background is in labor and immigration in the United States from the 19th-early 20th centuries.**

**Anna can help answer your research questions, assist you in using the Collection for research, arrange a visit with your class (K-12 or college), arrange donations of heritage materials from you and/or your family, and include your cultural programming at the Franco-American Collection.**

**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 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).

### **MFGS Officers and Board Members that were Newly Elected at the 2021 Fall General Meeting**



**Left to right: Marie Murphy, Board Member; Arthur Allard, Vice President; Jeanne Letourneau, Board Member; Fr. Robert Parent, President; Simeon Breault, Board Member; and Ann Nadeau, Board Member. Other members of the Board and Officers are: Connie Hitchcock, Recording Secretary; Lucille Langelier, Treasurer; Connie Beliveau, Corresponding Secretary; and Richard Gamache, Board Member.**



## A Message to our Members

Dear faithful members of MFGS,

With everything that has happened in the last couple of years, and now the war presently raging in Ukraine, it is easy to forget that our society is still here. Our library is now open and we hope to be getting back to a more normal schedule with the beginning of our regular bi-annual meetings featuring interesting and informative speakers. All this would not have been possible without the dedicated work of our Board of Directors and our selfless volunteers who have kept our regular projects and activities going as much as possible. But all their work would not be possible without the support of all

our members and friends who have remained faithful, and who have consistently come through for us in times of need. Thank you!

That being said, if we are to resume our pre-COVID schedule of opening the library on Wednesdays and Saturdays, we will need new librarians. Presently I barely have enough librarians to cover the weekly Wednesday schedule and some of them have taken on double shifts to meet the need. If we are to open on Saturdays, I definitely will need more new librarians. We do provide training and you will not be left alone until you are comfortable. It is a great way to help your society, its members and guests and to meet other genealogy buffs! We will have a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting, and you will have the opportunity to speak with the present librarians. Please think about it.

Lastly, we have the opportunity to purchase a great number of used books to add to the library's collection. These are mostly repertoires that we do not have and many are from New England parishes. I am able to purchase these from Québec at basement bargain prices (pennies on the dollar and we may even save further with the exchange rate). I will personally travel to Québec to pick up the boxes of books thus saving a bundle in shipping charges. Although we have been doing relatively well considering the closure of the library and the cancelation of the raffle in the past year due to COVID, our income and savings have gone down. So, I am putting out an appeal for donations to help in the purchase of these books. The total cost is \$430.00 Canadian for over 60 books some of which are multiple volume sets. There will be a special donation basket marked "Book Donation" at the General Meeting or you can mail in your donation with a note "For 2022 Book Purchase". Whatever extra we receive will be applied to future book purchases. Of course if anyone wishes to make a donation to the general fund, Lucille Langelier, our faithful treasurer, will be more than willing to accept your checks! Thank you!

Hope many of you will be able to attend the meeting and I look forward to seeing you there or at the library doing research or as a new librarian (hint, hint!!!).

Be well, stay well and God bless,

Fr. Robert A. Parent, MFGS President

**We Welcome** our newest members to the Society: Richard H. Bouchard, Virginia J. Charest, Garrett Forss, Gerard Henault, Linda Henault, Debra Ireland, Michelle L'Heurux, Robert Lemieux, Camden Martin, Maurice Nadeau, Gloria Nadeau and Kathleen Stone.

## **MFGS Nominations and Elections**

Although the 2022 MFGS Fall Elections may be several months from now, it is not too early to start thinking about the need for nominees to fill the open positions for the Board of Directors. The open positions are as follows:

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| <b>1. President</b>               | <b>5. Treasurer</b>    |
| <b>2. Vice President</b>          | <b>6. Board Member</b> |
| <b>3. Recording Secretary</b>     | <b>7. Board Member</b> |
| <b>4. Corresponding Secretary</b> | <b>8. Board Member</b> |

The term for each of the open positions is two (2) years. The MFGS Board of Directors meet once a month on a Monday evening at 5:30 PM at the MFGS Library, usually on the first Monday of the month with some occasional exceptions. I am hoping that there are individuals who will consider serving on the Board of Directors.

If anyone is interested, please contact me [rlgamache@comcast.net](mailto:rlgamache@comcast.net).

Sincerely, Richard Gamache  
Chairperson for the Committee on Nominations and Elections

### **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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Membership Application

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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.