



Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society

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September 2026

Fall General Meeting Saturday, October 17, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Suzanne Roy Presents



The Enclave and The Legacy

The Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society [MFGS] is very pleased to host well-known Maine author Suzanne Roy as its guest speaker at its Fall General Membership meeting on October 17th in the Androscoggin Community Room of the Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring St., Auburn.

Suzanne's presentation will begin at approximately 11:00 am, following a brief business meeting that begins at 10:00 am. Light refreshments will be available for all attendees. Admission to the meeting and the presentation is free and open to the public.

Suzanne R. Roy, a life-long resident of Lewiston, is the author of *THE ENCLAVE* and its sequel *THE LEGACY*. These are two historical novels focused on the challenges faced by immigrants and by women in the last century.

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

Library Hours

*Limited hours due to fewer
Librarians*

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

Saturdays – by appointment

Email: info@mfgen.org

Visit our Website at:

<https://mfgen.org>



**[https://www.facebook.com/MFGSLibrary
?ref=stream](https://www.facebook.com/MFGSLibrary?ref=stream)**

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President: Fr. Robert Parent

Vice President: Camden Martin

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Corresponding Secretary: Connie Beliveau

*Board Members: Simeon Breault,
Pauline Dionne, Jeanne Letourneau,
Anne Nadeau and Marie Murphy*

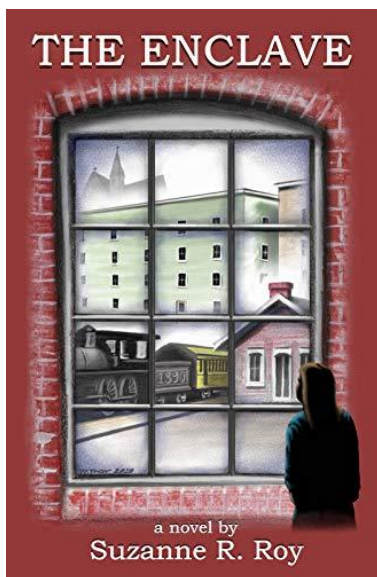
Appointed Positions

Library Director: Fr. Robert Parent

Research Director: Lucille Langelier

Webmaster: Simeon Breault

Facebook: Joline Fortier



The books follow the life of a fictional French-Canadian immigrant named Aurore who grows up in Little Canada and whose journey toward self-determination and self-discovery takes place against the backdrop of real places readers will recognize in Lewiston and Auburn.

Suzanne taught writing in the University of Maine system for several years and is a retired financial institution compliance consultant. She wrote "La Bonne Aventure," the first federally-funded children's television series aimed at Franco-Americans. She also did research for the Franco-American Heritage Center, taught a local history class at St. Dom's, and wrote several one-act plays, one of which won the Bert Bates Memorial Trophy as best play of the year in 2005 at the Ararat One-Act Play Festival in Australia. She is currently working on a third novel.

There will be time for a question-and-answer session at the end of Suzanne's presentation. Some of her books will be available for purchase.

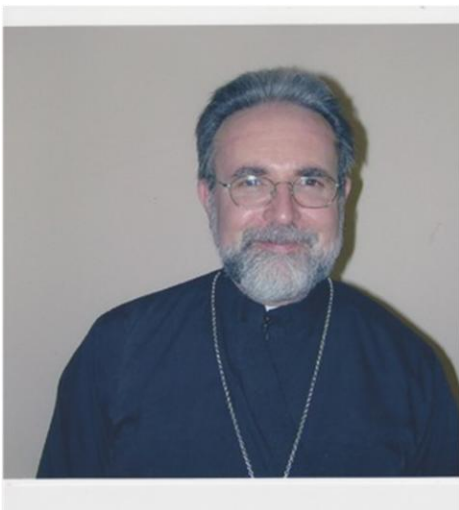
MFGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the study of Franco-American genealogy and genealogical research in the state of Maine.

For more information about MFGS visit www.mfgen.org

For more information about the meeting, contact Connie Hitchcock, MFGS Recording Secretary, at cahitchco@aol.com.

For parking information at the Auburn Public Library, visit www.auburnpubliclibrary.org

A Message to our Members



Dear MFGS Members,

It has been a busy several months at the Society. So much has been happening. It seems just yesterday that we finished our April General Meeting and here we are preparing for our October General Meeting and election of officers. Time has flown by so fast and seems to be speeding up with age!

The Board of Directors, spearheaded by our Recording Secretary Connie Hitchcock, applied for securing a sizable grant to help us in updating our computers and technology in general at the Library to better preserve and make available our resources to our members. We are pleased to announce that we were granted \$900 from Maine Genealogical Society. With this money we have been able to proceed with researching what is needed to

put us in a more up-to-date technology system. See more details in the article below (Tech-Update Matching Fund Drive).

Sadly, we are still in need of new librarians. The Library is open on Wednesdays with two shifts, one from 1-4:30 and the other from 4:30-8:30. We will help to train you and be with you for the first shifts until you feel comfortable.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at the General Meeting on Saturday, 17 October when the election of officers will take place. Our presenter will be Suzanne Roy of Lewiston, the author of the books *The Enclave* and *The Legacy*. More details follow on the presentation in the newsletter. It should be an interesting and informative presentation.

See you in October,

Fr. Robert A. Parent, President MFGS

MFGS Nominations and Elections

It's hard to believe, but the time for the MFGS 2026 Elections will soon be upon us. This year at the Fall General Meeting on October 17, the open positions will include all five of the Officers and three Elected Directors. All open positions will be for a two-year term. The Slate of Nominees approved by the Board at its September 14th meeting is as follows:

Officers:

President: Fr. Robert Parent

Vice President: Camden Martin

Recording Secretary: Connie Hitchcock

Corresponding Secretary:

Treasurer:

Directors:

Marie Murphy

Pauline Dionne

Open seat

The Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary positions are open as well as one of the Director seats on the Board.

We can fill these positions by placing a nomination for any or all of these from the floor at the Fall General Meeting. If anyone would like to be nominated for the Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary or Director position at the Fall General Meeting, please let us know and the necessary arrangements will be made. If you email me at the address below, please put "MFGS Election" in the subject line. Please also know that if you wish to contest any of the nominees on the Board approved slate, you may do so by placing your name in nomination from the floor for that position at the October 17th meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Connie Hitchcock, Recording Secretary MFGS

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MFGS Membership Grows – A Warm Welcome to all

Please welcome the new members who joined our Society in the 2026 calendar year:

Dennis Pierre Gagnon, Elizabeth Crookham, James Crookham, William Riina, Mark Dubois, Ann Marie Grochmal, Nancy L'Heureux, Thomas Melendy, Cynthia Giguere-Unrein, Glenn Picher, James Saucier, Diane Chaplin, Paul Cote, Louise Cote, Wayne Smith, Perley Laliberte, Daniel Dore, Michael Roberge, Roger Turgeon, Peter Rottmann, Linda Rottmann, Susan Rottmann, Roger Philippon and Celeste Philippon.



MFGS 2026 TECH-UPDATE MATCHING FUND DRIVE

MFGS needs to upgrade all its current equipment in order to continue providing our patrons with access to our Franco-American genealogical collection and to digitize parts of our collection for preservation. We also want to add new databases through scanning, making them searchable-friendly through OCR as well as preserving them. The Board enlisted the services of MASSIF MSP, tech consultants, to determine exactly what equipment was needed to accomplish this goal.

To make this a reality MFGS needs to raise \$5800.

MFGS is pleased to announce that it received a \$900 donation from the Maine Genealogical Society and that **an anonymous donor has generously agreed to match donations from other members up to a total of \$2400!**

MFGS hopes you will be part of this exciting Tech-Update.

Donate today! No amount is too small.

Make your check payable to MFGS and remit to: MFGS, 217 Turner St., Auburn, ME 04210

Thank you for your support.

MFGS looks forward to seeing you at our October 17th General Membership meeting where you'll be getting further updates on our progress.

Gift Idea - Do You Know Who Your Ancestors Are?

What should you get Mémère and Pépère for any occasion gifts? Or any other hard-to-buy-for relative? Think Genealogy! What about a direct line back to your immigrant ancestors from France? MFGS researchers are pleased to offer this unique gift. Using MFGS resources, they will attempt to identify one individual line of French ancestors with dates and places of marriage for up to 13 generations back to France in the 1600's for a flat fee. This ancestral line chart will be printed in color on ivory parchment suitable for framing.

Member price: \$20.00 Non-member price: \$40.00

Plan ahead – Christmas is not all that far away.

Contact us and we can create this beautiful gift for you to give to your loved ones.

Email info@mfgen.org for more information or to place a request.

Once Again – A Very Successful MFGS Garage Sale

On Friday and Saturday, 28-29 August, we held our third Garage Sale. It was a success due to the co-operation and hard work of so many of our members and friends. Many thanks to our chairwoman, Sue Beaulieu, and our many volunteers who worked so hard organizing the sale. Their work in organizing the sale and all the “stuff” to be sold in the days before the sale was of inestimable help. Also to be recognized, are all the other workers who came to help on the days of the sale, and all who donated things to be sold and all our patrons who came to shop, many of whom left donations to benefit the Society.

We raised \$1,500. Thank you to all who helped and participated in all capacities.

We are grateful for all who contributed items to raise money for our Society. As with all garage sales, there are always items that are left over. We have dispersed the remaining items to organizations including: Alter 207 Thrift Store, Auburn (operated by Kaydenz Kitchen nonprofit – all proceeds support shelter resources for the Lewiston/Auburn unhoused community); Community Little Theatre in Auburn for their fund-raiser Yard Sale; and books to the Auburn Public Library for their book sales.

As they say - one person's unwanted items are another's treasures! We have proven this to be true!

Once again, we can't thank you enough for all your donations and help to make this a huge success!

Garage Sale Committee and MFGS Board of Directors

Thank You!

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.





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Membership Application

Name _____

Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Country _____ Tel. # (____) _____

Email address _____

Do you want your Name, City, State and email to appear in our online email directory?

No other information will be listed. Yes _____ No _____

Types of Memberships:

Individual \$25.00

Family \$25.00 plus \$10.00 for each additional member of the same household

Lifetime \$300.00 [this amount equals 12 yearly fees / 12 X \$25 = \$300]

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, or MFGS. Dues must be payable in U.S. Funds. Return completed form with your payment to: MFGS Treasurer, 217 Turner St., Auburn, ME 04210