

Godfrey Memorial Library - Events Calendar

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September 2019

NOTICE The library will be closed on Saturday, September 7. Genealogy Club will not be held.

SPECIAL EVENT

Godfrey members and the general public are encouraged to attend the Official Launch and Re-Commissioning of the Mayflower II at Mystic Seaport Museum, 75 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT.

September 7, Sat 2:00 - 3:30 pm
"Mayflower II's Official Launch and Re-Commissioning"

Following a three-year restoration at Mystic Seaport Museum's Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard, Plimoth Plantation is proud to present the official launch and re-commissioning of MAYFLOWER II. An engaging program of speakers and entertainment will set the stage for the ceremonial christening before the ship is lowered into the Mystic River for the first time since her restoration began in November 2016. In the weeks following the launch, the remaining stages of the restoration will be completed. The ship will be readied for a spring 2020 return to Plimoth Plantation from Mystic Seaport Museum.

Free with Mystic Seaport Museum admission (standing).

Adult: \$28.95 Senior (65+): \$26.95 Youth (13-17): \$24.95 Child (3-12): \$18.95 Child (2 and under): Free

HELP SESSIONS

September 10, Tue 9:30 am - 10:30 am
September 18, Wed 9:30 am - 10:30 am / 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
September 21, Sat 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
September 27, Fri 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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Free to Godfrey Members. \$10 per session for all others. Open to the general public. No pre-registration necessary.

BU GROUP

September 18, Wed 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

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GENEALOGY CLUB

October 05, Sat 9:30 - 11:00 am

***“Using the Connecticut State Library’s Website for Genealogy”
with Bryna O’Sullivan***

Sponsored by Wadsworth Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

The Connecticut State Library (231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT) has an extensive online collection of materials useful to genealogists and family historians. Bryna O’Sullivan will discuss how to navigate the website and search its digital resources, including newspapers, genealogy indexes (e.g., probate records), vital records indexes (e.g., marriages, deaths), databases (e.g., Fold3), aerial photos, court records, legislative histories, portraits, and so much more.

Free to Godfrey Premium members. \$10 per session for all others. Open to the general public. Attendees will have time after the presentation to do research at the library.

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October 05, Sat 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (after Genealogy Club)

October 08, Tue 9:30 am - 10:30 am

October 16, Wed 9:30 am - 10:30 am / 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

October 19, Sat 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

October 25, Fri 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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GENEALOGY CLUB

November 02, Sat 9:30 - 11:00 am

“Doing Genealogy Research at the Mystic Seaport Museum”

with Paul O’Pecko, Vice President of Research Collections and Library Director

Paul O’Pecko will be joining us to talk to us about the museum’s resources of interest to genealogists and family historians, and how and when to access them. The museum’s Collections Research Center (CRC) is the nation’s leading maritime research facility. Located across the street from Mystic Seaport, the former J. Rossie Velvet Company houses the museum’s collections and offers safe and easy access to maritime researchers and scholars. Artifacts at the CRC include more than two million examples of maritime art, tools, buildings, imprints and other documents, photographs, ship registers (1,000), audiotaped oral history interviews (600), videotaped interviews (200), and historic and contemporary maritime-related video footage (1.5 million feet). Don’t miss this great opportunity to learn more about one of Connecticut’s premier research facilities and how it can help genealogists and family historians.

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November 12, Tue 9:30 am - 10:30 am

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GENEALOGY CLUB

December 07, Sat 9:30 - 11:00 am
"Hidden Discoveries about Your Civil War Kin"
with Clay Feeter, of Find Your Civil War Ancestor

"Your Civil War ancestors' stories are always much deeper than the few lines about them that you might—or might not!—find in your family genealogy book," says researcher Clay Feeter, who will give an informative talk and visual presentation on the subject.

Even if all your genealogy book says is "Killed in the War of the Rebellion," you will learn how to use those sometimes dry and hard-to-understand facts to bring your soldier-ancestor's story to life.

Learn about the challenges and hardships of the Civil War. Not only did our Civil War soldier-ancestors suffer during that great conflict, but their families at home had it just as hard ... running the farm and taking care of the kids, canning food or making socks to send to the boys on the front line.

Before attending the talk, you will want to research your family history. Most Civil War-age men were born between 1815-1847. Try to find out where they fought, marched, were wounded, captured, and even where they died. Many of our kin may have fought at the same famous battles, or maybe even side by side in the same regiment! This is all valuable information to pass on to the next generations, so bring a pen and notepad.

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Normal Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 9 am - 4 pm

Saturdays (1st & 3rd): 9 am - 1 pm

Wednesdays (3rd), additional hours: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Closed

Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays

Saturdays (2nd & 4th, 5th)

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