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## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CONFIRM DAUGHTERS OF THE KING DESCENDANCY *JOSEÉ VACHON TO ENTERTAIN AT OCTOBER 27TH CELEBRATION*

**T**he AFGS Research Committee has been very busy verifying the descendancy of dozens of members and friends to the Daughters of the King. This year marks the 350th anniversary of the arrival of a group of women from France who are known as Les Filles du Roi, or The Daughters of the King.

These brave women, poor but from good families, endured harsh conditions in a new world and were instrumental in populating the colony.

Nearly everyone of French Canadian ancestry can trace their lineage back to at least one of the approximately 800 French women who immigrated to New France between 1663 and 1673.

AFGS is joining in the celebration by encouraging members and friends to document their connection to any of these filles du roi. Those with connections to these women will have the opportunity to create a straight line chart connecting them to the king's daughter. The charts will be bound into a book which will be available for sale in the future. The AFGS website will also feature a chart listing the Daughters' and the people who are descended from them.

Members who participate are asked to pay a \$15.00 fee and will receive a beautiful certificate suitable for framing and a Daughters of the King commemorative pin. Additional certificates are \$10.00 each (without a pin). The fee for non-members is \$20.00 and \$15.00 for each additional certificate (without a pin). Many participants are purchasing certificates and pins as gifts for their siblings, children and grandchildren.

Complete details about this commemorative program and the required forms are available online at [www.afgs.org](http://www.afgs.org), or you may request hard copies by writing to AFGS.

The Society is planning a gala Daughters of the King celebration at our Franco-American Heritage Center on Sunday, October 27 from 1 to 4 pm. Joséé Vachon will perform traditional French Canadian folk songs and there will be other exciting activities during the celebration. More details will be announced soon.

Seating is limited to 175 people and is available on a first-come-first-served basis. Unfortunately we will be unable to accommodate walk-ins the day of the event. Those who have a Daughters of the King pin will be admitted free of charge. The admission fee for all others is \$10.00 per person. Register by contacting Janice Burkhart at AFGS, PO Box 830, Woonsocket, RI 02895-0870, or by e-mailing [misskoko@aol.com](mailto:misskoko@aol.com).

This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate a defining period in our French Canadian history. We hope to see you at the October 27th celebration.



## INTERESTING INTERNET LINK **TLC Gives *Who Do You Think***

Bill Pommenville, AFGS Webmaster

**H**ere is a free website if you are interested in History, Maps and Libraries. The site is called DPLA. "The Digital Public Library of America" (DPLA) brings together the riches of America's libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world". It provides a wealth of knowledge from libraries, archives, and museums.

Partners include: Mountain West Digital Library, National Archives and Records Administration, Smithsonian Institution, Digital Library of Georgia, Biodiversity Heritage Library, Internet Archive, Kentucky Digital Library, South Carolina Digital Library, David Rumsey, Minnesota Digital Library, Digital Commonwealth, University of Virginia Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, New York Public Library, ARTstor, and Harvard Library.

One example is the David Rumsey collection which includes 38138 items including Maps Plus books by locations. You can search by location and dates. Most old maps are in color and very interesting. Example if you searched Rhode Island, you would get over 500 results some going back to 1830 or earlier. Website is <http://dp.la/>.

### AFGS LENDING LIBRARY NOW DISCONTINUED

**T**he Society's lending library has been discontinued effective July 1st due to lack of use. The lending library allowed members to borrow microfiche of various vital records. Microfiche is an older technology and the film readers are becoming scarce.

### LUCKY MEMBERS WIN SPLIT THE POT DRAWINGS

**C**ongratulations to Paulette Gamache of Woonsocket, R.I., winner of both the April and May Split the Pot drawings. Marcelle Enright from Milford, Mass. is the winner of the June drawing.

## *You Are? New Life*

**E**ight of Hollywood's biggest celebs are delving into their family history to find out where they came from on TLC's *Who Do You Think You Are?* The series premieres on July 23rd.

Originally broadcast on NBC, *Who Do You Think You Are?* has been given new life by TLC with eight new episodes. Each hour, a different celebrity takes a globe-spanning journey to uncover mysteries about his or her ancestry.

Kicking off the series on July 23 was Kelly Clarkson, followed by Christina Applegate (July 30), Chelsea Handler (Aug. 6) and then Zooey Deschanel (Aug. 13). Additional participants include Chris O'Donnell, Jim Parsons, Cindy Crawford and Trisha Yearwood.

### AFGS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**T**he Society has announced its workshop schedule through 2013. Classes are offered free of charge and will be held at the AFGS Franco-American Heritage Center. All sessions begin at 9 a.m.

August 17 - **Daughters of the King.** Presented by William Caine

August 24 - **How to Read the Repertoires and How to Use the AFGS Library.** Presented by Janice Burkhart

September 7 - **Using Various Genealogy Software.** Presented by Bill Pommenville

September 21 - **Beginning Genealogy.** Presented by Dennis Boudreau

September 28 - **How to Research at Home for FREE..** Presented by Bill Pommenville

October 19 - **Film room.** Presented by Fran Tivey

October 26 - **Advanced Genealogy Research.** Presented by Dennis Boudreau

November 16 - **Internet Genealogy Searching: How to Improve Your Results.** By Bill Pommenville

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have recently joined AFGS. Welcome aboard!!

Sandra	Auclair Shaw	Rhode Island
Melanie	Bilodeau	Massachusetts
Robert J.	Blais	Illinois
Aline	Bourgeois	Florida
Robert	Desfosses	New Jersey
Madeleine	Fisher	Massachusetts
Irene and Francis	Garger	Pennsylvania
Jean A.	Gasior	Massachusetts
Alicia	Giambo	Rhode Island
Carrie Anne	Guibeau Perez	Rhode Island
Virginia	Holt	Massachusetts
William	Kane	Arizona
Alan and Marianne	Kolaczowski	Colorado
John M.	Labrecque	Massachusetts
Marie A.	Langan	Arizona
Leon J.	LaPorte	Texas
Benjamin	Lovesky	Florida
Juliane	Mangin	Maryland
Fleurette	Massengale	North Carolina
Paulette Lefebvre	Moreland	Texas
Clifford	Normand	Louisiana
Raymond S.	Rainey	Florida
Paulla	Riendeau	Rhode Island
Alfred	Woollacott	Massachusetts

## WANTED: JEANNOTTE AND LACHAPELLE RELATIVES

Are you a Jeannotte or a Lachapelle, or related to someone with those names? You could very well be a descendant of Marin Jannot dit ("said") Lachapelle, a French settler who came in Montreal in 1653 and fathered many Jeannotte and Lachapelle lines that we find today throughout Canada and the United States. We have just created here in Quebec an association (ADMJL) for the descendants of this ancestor and invite you to consult our website [www.marinjannot.org](http://www.marinjannot.org).

You can join the association, and have access to their database of more than 50,000 names and receive the newsletter. Contact Alain Lachapelle, President, ADMJL in Montreal at [alachap@videotron.ca](mailto:alachap@videotron.ca)

## VOLUNTEER EDITOR SOUGHT FOR JE ME SOUVIENS

Je Me Souviens is an English language publication of the American-French Genealogical Society. The Society is seeking a new editor for JMS. This is a volunteer position.

The editor will be responsible for the creation of the approximately 75-page semi-annual publication, including receipt of submissions, select articles for publication, editing copy, oversee page layout, transmission of the publication to the printer. Experience using page layout software, and familiarity with Adobe Acrobat is required.

View a see a sample of JMS at <http://www.afgs.org/afgsjeme.html>

Anyone interested in discussing this position should contact Norm Deragon at [nderagon@afgs.org](mailto:nderagon@afgs.org).

## SEEKING DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH ST. DENIS

My name is Ellen Paul and I have begun a surname project through Family Tree DNA to prove or disprove that Joseph St. Denis who was the spouse of Mary Shannon (1832 - 1905) was a son of Charles and Thérèse (Maisch) St-Denis of Lachine and a descendant of Jacques Denis dit St-Denis and Anne Gauthier. It is my hope that AFGS members may be able to assist me.

If you are a son of a son of a son (etc.) in an unbroken male line of descent from one of the sons of Charles St-Denis b. 1810 who married Adelaide Monet 6 Jul 1835; Georges b.1818 who married Adeline Beaudriat 19 Oct 1840; Louis b.1821 who married Bridget Campbell 1 June 1850 or Joseph St. Denis b. 1826 who married Mary Shannon ca 1855, and have documentation, please contact me at [surnameproject@mail.com](mailto:surnameproject@mail.com) and I will provide you with a Y-DNA kit free of charge.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Paul

## CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR AFGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**E**ach year at the AFGS Annual Meeting, members have the opportunity to vote on the slate of directors up for election.

Society vice president Rob Gumlaw chairs the nominating committee. Anyone wishing to serve on the board of directors may submit their application to Rob for consideration.

According to the AFGS bylaws, Any candidate for the Board of Directors must be an active member in good standing. Nominations shall be made with the

primary consideration being the nominee's strengths and the ability to contribute to the overall good and benefit of the Society and its tenets and not in the furtherance of any other purpose or agenda.

Candidates must affirm that they will attend the monthly board of directors meetings at the AFGS Franco-American heritage center in Woonsocket, R.I.

Members interested in serving on the board should contact Rob by e-mail at [rdg@email.com](mailto:rdg@email.com) no later than August 30, 2013.

## 2014 DUES NOTICE

**W**e are pleased to announce that the annual AFGS membership dues will remain unchanged in 2014.

The first notices will be in the mail soon. Members may either renew in person at the Society during regular library hours, by mail, or online at [www.afgs.org](http://www.afgs.org).

The membership year is October 1 to September 30. Our current membership roster totals just over 1,200 from nearly every state in the USA, Canada, Europe, the Middle East and Australia.

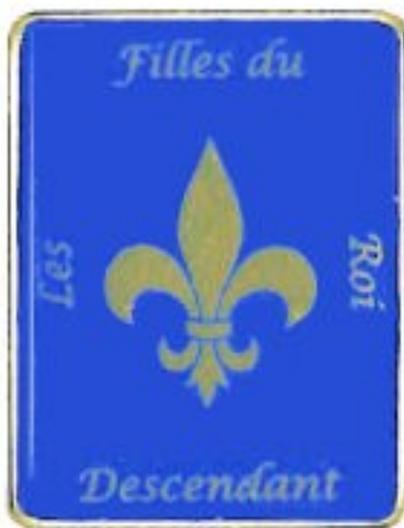
## AFGS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS OCTOBER 19

**E**arlier this year the AFGS board of directors voted to move the Society's annual meeting from the third Tuesday in October to the third Saturday in October. The move was made in order to accommodate more members who often were not able to attend on a Tuesday evening.

Rhode Island law requires all non-profit organizations to conduct at least one annual membership meeting per year. Members will have the opportunity to vote on the slate of directors up for election this year and will hear reports from the officers and committee chairs on their activities for the past year.

The meeting will be held at the AFGS Franco-American Heritage Center at 78 Earle Street in Woonsocket, RI. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. with a free Continental Breakfast. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and will be followed by a free workshop by Fran Tivey on the AFGS film room and its many resources.

We ask that members R.S.V.P. with their attendance plans to [nderagon@afgs.org](mailto:nderagon@afgs.org) no later than Friday, October 11.



**Les Filles du Roi Descendant pin** presented to those who have submitted a straight line chart showing their connection to a Daughter of the King. Details about how to submit your chart are located on the website: [www.afgs.org](http://www.afgs.org)