

Survey Name: CSG Member Survey 2020

Response Status: Completed

Survey send out to 1,515 member email addresses.

592 filled out survey. 39% response rate. 75.9% of members opened the email that contained the survey

Survey closed 8/25/2020

1. Name

Private

2. Age

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
18-30	2	<1%
31-50	15	2.6%
51-70	232	41.3%
Over 70	312	55.6%
Total	561	100%

3. State (or country) of residence

ALABAMA	1
ARIZONA	4
ARKANSAS	1
CALIFORNIA	19
COLORADO	5
CONNECTICUT	306
FLORIDA	20
GEORGIA	3
ILLINOIS	3
INDIANA	1
IOWA	1
KANSAS	1
KENTUCKY	1
LOUISIANA	1
MAINE	6
MARYLAND	9
MASSACHUSETTS	31
MICHIGAN	2
MINNESOTA	1
MISSOURI	3
MONTANA	1
NEW HAMPSHIRE	7
NEW JERSEY	6
NEW YORK	23
NEVADA	1
NEW MEXICO	2
NORTH CAROLINA	4
OHIO	2
OREGON	2
PENNSYLVANIA	6
RHODE ISLAND	4

SOUTH CAROLINA	3
TENNESSEE	2
TEXAS	7
VERMONT	2
VIRGINIA	7
WASHINGTON	5
WASHINGTON D.C.	2
WISCONSIN	4

CANADA	1
GREECE	1
IRELAND	2
JAPAN	1

NOT CLEARLY INDICATED (PARTIAL)	5
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4. Genealogy knowledge:

	Number of Response(s)	Respon se Ratio
Beginner	48	8.5%
Intermediate	332	58.9%
Advanced	188	33.3%
Total	563	100%

5. When do you prefer to attend Programs (Check all that apply)

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Mornings	177	35.6%
Afternoons	269	54.2%
Evenings	144	29.0%
Total	496	100%

159 Comment(s)

I do not attend
 Out of state, sorry
 Weekend afternoons or weekday evenings.
 I am unable to physically attend programs, but would participate in virtual programming.
 Weekend as I still work
 Unable to attend. Prefer online programs.
 On Saturdays
 Mornings
 It is difficult for me to travel to CT. Would happily zoom.
 It would be afternoon but actually the programs take place too far away for me to participate.
 Have really enjoyed the webinars in the evenings. So helpful to hear about tips and tricks to research easier and faster
 Unable to attend programs due to age, distance and health.
 Can't attend programs
 Do not live in your area
 live out of state so cannot attend
 Online in the evenings. In person weekend day
 Time zone issues
 online only because I am not local
 Cannot attend local meetings due to residence
 Retired,so most anything is OK

No preference

In the process of moving into new residence in Arizona from Connecticut.

I live in California so I never can attend

It works best for me if there is an afternoon work session.

Mornings, which is your afternoons

Out of state and 8 hours drive away, I rarely get to attend. If I could, it wouldn't matter much.

unless traveling for a conference, would attend virtual programs best in evening

I won't really help this survey. I live 7 time zones away and never participate in the opportunities you provide.

can Only attend virtual programs

I live out-of-state, so N/A

Not applicable I live in Virginia

I live too far away to attend

Weekends

none

Zoom - Evenings and any day

In person - weekends

varies; I live away from CT so have not attended in the past

But evenings are okay too.

Late mornings if on weekends and evenings if during the week.

I do not travel

Cannot attend

N/A - I am out of state.

I don't attend

Have not attended any programs.

Don't attend programs. Live too far away.

Can not - I live out of state.

Open. Difficult to attend in person

I turned 90 recently but still have my car keys!! Will attend when I can.

or weekends

out of state - don't normally attend

I do not attend meetings..
I am handicapped and cannot get out except for medical appointments.
Unable to attend due to travel distance
Weekends
Unfortunately, I live too far away to attend any programs.
Anytime is good for me.
I may not be of much help. I haven't attended any programs.
It is difficult to get involved with a specific program due to other commitments.
I don't, because I'm a Florida resident
No preference here, though for most- evenings probably better. Can also offer use of our Studio in Manchester which does have a 'conference area' that could comfortably fit at least 25 people (sitting) but some folding chairs would have to be provided.
Too far away for me.
No preference
Unable to attend at this time.
Not applicable
I don't often get to attend.
Rarely attend.
I can no longer attend any meetings as I am now almost 96 years old.
Never able - too far of a drive..I live in Fairfield County and wish there were opportunities for me locally
I can no Longer attend meetings as I do not drive that far.
No earlier than 9AM, which is 6AM in California.
Cannot attend in person - on line prefer afternoons or evenings.
Out of state so unable to attend meetings.
I'm unable to attend any meetings on site.
Any time
As I no longer reside in CT, I will leave the slot blank so as not to skew the results
Sorry, I haven't attended any.

mid-afternoon

I can attend only on-line programs.

Any of these times

I have not attended a meeting

live out of country so do not attend

Live too far away to attend in person.

The only viable programs for me are restricted to digital platforms (Zoom, YouTube presentations, etc.).

Weekends in the daytime

Webinars in the evening

I prefer it when the programs are either online, or networked calls (i.s., Zoom).

Generally, would be willing to work with presenter.

It all depends on the type of program, the day and of course, my own busy schedule (joking about the busy). If morning

hours, I prefer 10AM, afternoon, 2PM, Evening 7PM

Depends on the time of year, week, etc.

I work full time so on my days off when I can find a baby sitter.

Saturday or Sunday

It would be great to have a recorded program available so it could be viewed later in the day.

Does not matter

Over 70, I can't

Hard to drive so I have to rely on others.

and weekends

I don't do virtual.

If I had a choice noon

I have not attended any since becoming a member.

not able to attend

I am employed full time

Cannot: put of state

I work Monday to Friday days. So evenings during the week and afternoon on Saturdays are best

None

I have not attended a meeting in a very long time.

Not active

I'm in eastern CT, on the RI border, so it's about an hour+ drive for me to reach your area.

"Virtual" if only as an observer, best.

Evenings aren't impossible if online, although I prefer days. I do not live close enough to you for live attendance in the evening, and probably not likely for days either.

Since we travel from NJ to CT it is easier to come the evening prior and travel home after the program. This, of course, was before the pandemic.

I'll try to be flexible with work hours.

Number is 10175 but it will not take numbers

I haven't attended programs

Eastern ct

Don't get out much anymore

Evenings and weekends because I work full time

The best times for me to attend programs are after 4pm during the week or on weekends.

I don't travel anymore, so this isn't an issue.

If webinar, all three times are fine. If in person, I would prefer early afternoon to enable me to drive both ways in daylight without the expense of a hotel.

I really don't do programs at all but if I did, it would be in the afternoon. I don't do too well before breakfast.

Unfortunately, the time difference of 13 hours (USEDT) or 14 hours (USEST) makes it difficult to attend webinars.

For example, 7pm US time would be 8am the next morning (EDT). The 1:30pm for a webinar this month is 2:30am here the next morning.

Unable due to living in Florida

I live out of state so I cannot attend programs.

Since I live in North Carolina, I can not attend in-person events

Anytime on weekends, evenings during the week.

I can't.

working during the day

Not in Connecticut, so only able to attend online.

Because of the distance from my home we have not recently been able to attend the programs
Prefer Zoom meetings
Gives me travel time
I live too far away to attend programs.
Being out of state, I'm unlikely to attend any in person.
I work during the day
When the pandemic is over
I'm still working full-time, so unless they're on a weekend, evenings work best.
Evenings are OK too.
Weekday evenings --7 pm is a good time.
Saturday afternoons--1:30 is a good time.
I work Mon-Fri, so evenings are better.
Or weekends.
I don't attend programs
Will not be attending in person
Not allowed to drive after dusk for medical reasons
I am out of state and so it is impossible for me to attend. If the attendance was virtual, I would prefer mornings or afternoon.
Don't usually attend
I can't attend in-person meetings due to distance. I can attend online events that run roughly 9 am - 9 pm, Mountain Standard Time. (We do not have Daylight Savings Time so are 2-3 hours earlier than Connecticut.)
Not interested in attending
I am out of state with a time difference of 3 hours. I cannot "physically" attend meetings.
As long as the weather is nice and I am able, any time works.
Although mornings are better, my schedule is often flexible.
N/A since I live in California.
zoom meetings only at this time
We are in Connecticut in the summer
Since I can only attend virtually, the time of day is generally irrelevant.

Depends on location from my home
 I live out of state
 All day October Seminar is only exception
 Virtual
 I prefer daytime meetings. Whether I attend depends mostly
 on the location. I'm less inclined to drive further than the
 Greater New Haven area.
 Retired
 I will not attend programs.

6. What program format do you prefer? (Check all that apply)

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
"Live Talk"	222	46.3%
"Live Talk" with luncheon	88	18.3%
Webinar	320	66.8%
Other	30	6.2%
Total	479	100%
73 Comment(s)		

Zoom
 I only use the internet for genealogical research
 Zoom
 Can't participate
 Print
 Any type of virtual meeting
 zoom meeting
 Zoom meetings
 What about Zoom
 Prerecorded presentations
 written information

Email
Zoom
Zoom
Phone
Virtual Meetings
ZOOM
Remote
Zoom or Google meet
on line
Possibly a Video
Zoom meeting
Snacks and drink (coffee or juice)
remote interaction or Q&A
Zoom meetomgs
I don't drive to Hartford. Zoom is good
Zoom
via internet
live talk w/ ind. session
printed materials
As living out of state it's hard to attend in person
Depends on the subject.
Right now am able to participate often cause webinar format
goes everywhere. Used to drive up for the October meeting
and sometimes try to catch another one when visiting my
parents, but now that they are in Virginia in a nursing home
is difficult to get away.
I would rather read than participate
Webinar until COVID situation is over.
Prefer virtual due to location
Using Zoom or another community technology for audio
discussions or presentations would be safe and convenient
in these times.
A webinar seems to work best now since the COVID-19 has
thrown a wrench into the different methods of formats,

we have an opportunity to present materials in a cloud format, and even after Covid-19 wanes, we can continue to have lectures [perhaps from earlier events], as well as sharing sessions.

If it's a webinar, I can attend from home, it is preferred since I am out of state

2 day conference. The normal talk with luncheon are a bit far for me to attend

With webinar programs I could attend from anywhere I am traveling.

I've been attending a lot of Zoom talks recently.

I live out-of-state, so N/A

none

At this time Webinar is my only option

I don't know what you mean by "Live Talk." If it means being there in person obviously someone like me who lives a thousand miles away could not attend. Thus, a webinar is the only option for me.

Limited internet availability

Recorded for viewing later

Not sure.

I prefer live programs but can do "Webinars".

Do not attend...yet

Unable to attend due to travel distance

I am interested in published information that provides direction and ideas to follow up on with my specific genealogical family interests.

Any that provides content I can use

Webinars are better, less travel, and for the next year or so I won't be attending indoor gatherings.

Webinars are so great now that groups can't meet.

Again, rarely attend.

I always did prefer Live Talk with luncheon

out-of-state

Cannot attend in person

Not applicable

I don't know what 'live talk' is, but if it is a zoom style meeting with live mics, definitely not my choice.

When I lived in CT, I always enjoyed the live talk.

The type of format depends upon the format. Live talk gives you time for question and answers. Webinar is great for learning from home computer. Live talk with luncheon gives networking opportunities.

I have not taken advantage of your online programs as yet and therefore I am not in a position to comment on a preferred format.

live out of country so do not participate

Luncheon if a seminar format

Since I do not live in Connecticut, I would prefer the Webinar format.

Virtual Webinar only if it is live/or have ability to ask questions of the presenter.

Food events are expensive.

Easier for me to participate.

Because I am from Mass.

luncheon would be nice, but might preclude, by price, the attendance by others

I find webinars very useful.

Live talk with luncheon if you expect us to drive to the meeting. Webinar if you expect us to watch on a website.

It's unlikely I would travel out of state at this time so webinars would be greatly appreciated.

With explanation as I don't now what a webinar is

If presenters are willing stream live talk to our remote members via a request to the office

Isn't it a problem to plan a live talk with luncheon in the era of Covid?

Live talk with luncheon is first preference; the other options are okay too.

With illustrations (slides, objects, etc.)

But these days "live" in person is not a great idea

As I am in Michigan

N/A

Not applicable.

Due to Covid-19

since i live out-of-state, only an online program is available to me

Any format is OK if the topic is something I'm interested in. I can attend webinars when it's convenient for me.

After this corona virus pandemic is over, it will be nice to meet in person!

I assume "Live Talk" means in person including both the speaker and the audience. If so, that works for me once it is safe to do so. Webinar might be fine but I've never done one.

Tho webinar was good. Parking easier!

N/A

Now that I no longer live in CT, it's difficult for me to physically attend

Any genealogy talk is a great program.

I prefer an hour webinar that is then available on demand.

And it would be excellent to have some Q&A at the end.

I like a live talk with a break out session so that individual issues can be discussed.

Again - I'll let folks who live in your vicinity make this decision.

Speakers on various topics illustrated and with question and answer time.

not proefficient w eectronics, cannot attend live programs.

Cannot attend in person

See #5

7. What kind of program topics would you like to see (Check all that apply)

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
DNA	283	57.4%
Technology	243	49.2%
Organizing Family History Data	274	55.5%
Ethnicity	110	22.3%
Lineage Societies	128	25.9%
Census	158	32.0%
Church records	281	56.9%
Immigration	259	52.5%
Other	74	15.0%
Total	493	100%
63 Comment(s)		

New York Times
 Connecticut specific topics
 Archiving Family History Data/Photos
 Brick walls
 specific town histories
 CSL and CSG resources
 Local founding families and their history
 writing for publication
 see comments
 Access to adoption records
 Ct county records at CSL
 Ct and New England records.
 family groupings/intermarriages
 Overcoming brick walls-details for specific situations.
 locality specific
 Author talks
 Deeds and probate
 town histories
 Brickwalls
 maritime
 African American and Native American in NE
 Problem solving
 Family research / genealogy

Online Records
UConn collections & other less common sources.
methodology
internet search
how to publish
military records
Military research
Citing sources; Writing family hx; Finding publisher to print
family hx;
on line resources
Research Strategies, Database Searching
Institutions (adults & Children)
What to do if you get stuck.
New England resources
migration patterns (where, why, how, who}
tax records
Brickwalls
record access
Research contacts in European countries
Community structures in CT. IE RELATIONS BETWEEN
INHABITANTS, 19TH CENUTRY AND E
adoption (historical perspective)
Probate
WALLS
Land records, probate, maps
research methodologies; unusual sources or repositories
Irish Roots
Using less common or obscure sources.
Land Records / Methodology / Social Context for
Connecticut
European sources
outside CT
Personal experiences of others.
Land records
road blocks and more barriers
cemeteries in Ct and preservation
CT State Library

Researching adoptions
how to go about finding those "ghosts"
vital records
Native American
veterans
EMMIGRATION FROM NY TO EUROPE
How to find Birth/marriages 1800's
Naturalization
tracing 17th C immigrants to Europe
Probate records
Land records
Connecticut sources
Probate, land records
Women - tips for following the female line
Court records
Migration
Methodology
none
I would like to read old issues of the New York Times on
line.
Big name speakers.
Accessing state and local records (i.e. Connecticut,
Massachusetts, New York)
Have loved the technology webinars and learned a lot.
Looking forward to DNA and immigration classes
Looking for civil war vets grave,
Irish immigrant, my GGrandfather. Hit a wall.
My Barnes ancestors were in New Hartford in the 1700's.
My Atherton ancestors were in Sharon in the 1700's and
moved to Amenia in the Oblong. I would love to hear a
Webinar about the Oblong.
Vital records; church Records
I am open to most anything, except that I am in CT only 4-
6 weeks in the summer
I have a grandmother who was adopted and would like to
find out if I can get access to her adoption records...state
unknown but possibly CT or New York.

Actually I would like any program topic since I live in New Mexico!

Employment Records: i.e. Rail Road, Postal Workers, Government employees, Canal Workers, Manufacturing Companies.

features with case studies from locales, such as Wethersfield, etc

Methods of recording family history, e.g., if I write articles about my family what are the various options for preserving them so they will be accessible for other researchers or future generations. Where best to preserve lineage information?k

Obscure records and methods

Maybe something about what personal database to use.

I always learn something no matter what the topic.

I'm getting into CT Polish history.

My ancestors immigrated to the United States only two generations ago. My interest lies in tracing my ancestry prior to their immigration.

I'm really not fussy. I just enjoy the camaraderie.

I also use property records

Early local history

I find that my 'family' branches are spread far and wide and am concentrating on filling in information in order to avoid gaps.

Immigration from Scotland to Canada figures heavily in mystery, as there seem to be no official records available.

ethnicity especially if it applies to Native Americans

Special Connecticut records and how to access them.

What has gone digital

I enjoy write ups on a particular town, maybe a program about that...or more broadly, CT history in certain identified era

I find DNA very confusing and tend to watch whatever webinars I can find in hopes that it will become more clear over time. Some presenters explain it better than others.

DNA programs are great if you do not need your computer to follow along.

I am focused on the 1600s mainly.

I would really like to hear about replacement options for TMG (The Master Genealogist). What is the best and most comprehensive software or other means to organize extensive genealogy data?

added classes - scanning px to computer and able to send; use of computer programs tool bar...

Cemetery research.

Cleaning of different headstones

Research

Our favorite programs have related to where to find records in CT, original records, newspapers (e.g. Janine Bjork), etc.

More in depth material.

Dead ends over most of my people. Documents hard to find.

Digital resources that are available

Everything that is offered by CSG would be of use to everyone, even if second time around".

I started to narrow my topics then thought better because I have experience but we should have a very varied membership.

One of my biggest research obstacles is this awful CT and the needless restriction on record access at the town and state level. The fees are bad enough, but clerks are the worst.

Lithuania and Poland

I have a probable adoptee b. ca. 1895 in my daughter-in-law's family. I haven't done much of anything about this yet, partly because not sure where to start.

There is so much that I don't know about, I would be interested in most opportunities.

Sorry, this likely doesn't help "sort" data. I'm a family history junkie. Narrowing the focus, tech first, then org data then church records and immigration then lineage societies then census (wish we could see more recent) then ethnicity then DNA.

Connecticut-focused programs

A good chunk of my family hx has already been done by others but I need to work on my paternal grandfather's side. He was born in Mississippi and while I have some info, need to find more, so don't need to do any searches in CT. Hard to say

As I have been working on a family book. First I worked on those ancestors most didn't know from way back when. But now I have been working on those closer to.. today's siblings and etc., for 5 generations.

Irish, Hungarian

Can research on adoption over 100 years ago be done?

Not applicable.

I would like more information on what special schedules were collected with the census and what years they were done.

My only "Ethnicity" is British [Scottish, Scots-Irish, English and Welsh] and German, but changes in name spellings in PA (particularly 1700s to about 1850) leads to many difficulties. Fun topic for presentation!

Looking for marriage 1854 ct or pa. I can't find my great-great grandmothers maiden name or marriage to Walter Ozro Wooster. Her name was Eliza J or I. Born 1823/6 Pa. Died 1862 Stevensville Pa. Lived Wooster St, Naugatuck. I have been looking since 1982. Sons death in Naugatuck lists her as Eliza Payne but can't find her any where. Walters 2nd wife was Emily Pairthree Payne (divorced)

Any and all

Scotland and Germany in particular

Research method's and writing.

I live out of state and would love to see talks from local CT historical and libraries about their collections. Especially the New London Historical Society.

All of the above are great topics.

My biggest dilemma is how to package what I have gathered into a book or website for sharing.

Anything particular to Connecticut as a colony and state! I'm especially interested in colonial records since most of my direct ancestors moved to New York after 1800.

Oh -- anything on the areas under boundary disputes with NY and MA and how best to locate records for those areas!

Many of my brick walls originate in those areas!

repositories;

All are good subjects.

I'm still working from time to time on "brick walls."

Live access to CT Town Hall records is excellent!

8. What would you like to see on the "Member Only" area of the CSG Website? (Check all that apply)

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Reset your password and edit your profile	322	64.6%
Check your membership status and renew your membership	330	66.2%
Access current and past issues of publications	330	66.2%
Watch past presentations	356	71.4%
Newspaper database	396	79.5%
Special interest group chat rooms (databases; ie: Ancestry, Family Search, surnames,	204	40.9%
Other	25	5.0%
Total	498	100%

53 Comment(s)

See below

Members charts collection
publication indices
Local families history
More specific guidelines for submitting for publication
library shelf listing
Help with difficult stone walls
CSG History with present and past officers
see comment
links to State databases, vital records
ancestry service
access to paid subscription site
Available submitted family Trees to obtain with a cost
Webinars
Surnames
See comments.
Links to NARA for military records, links to state military records, etc.
Indexes to CSG publications.
Digitized documents
Frequently asked questions
ask an expert
Index for 1-29 of the Nutmegger.
Asian genealogy methodologies
Help with handwriting.
A members' directory
webinars
Special interest group: DNA testing and its relevance; also historical topics of focus on Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York such as Pequot War and King Philip's War ("The Great Swamp Fight").
Also cumulative index to past issues.
Because I am a life member, I do not need to renew.
Surname blogs
Some way to access sites like Fold 3 through the Society without signing up for full service. Can't go to the local library because of the virus.
Preserving info from Ancestry.com

Digitized records

Almost any topic.

it is a great boon to access the names of the items in the library; adding links to WorldCat entries would also help.

All look interesting

ethnicities

Maybe something about military records.

More concentration regarding research outside of the U.S.A.

Ancestry, family search, surnames

Again, I take what is offered. I have successfully realized most of my family history.

Record access

It would be interesting to see historic information about some historic specific areas and information about the families that were instrumental in its founding and development.

Manchester Historical Society has been saying since early 2019 they were going to offer newspaper archives (specifically from the Manchester Evening Herald) but never seem to do it...

Scots descent on both my father's and mother's side, so of course anything Scottish interests me.

Surnames

Ancestry service = showing members' ancestral charts beyond her/his first five generation (private). It was provided in the CSG quarterly "blue" books in the past, but is not available. I would like to have it back. I enjoyed finding our connections with members.

French-Canadian and Connecticut pre 1850

Find My Past or My Heritage would be great!

searchable family tree data of members

The newspaper database would be most helpful.

Forms that we can fill out and submit online requesting CSG staff to research a book or other data. Can add a nominal fee for staff service and copies/pdf's that are sent to members.

Do you have your own newspaper database? I use the database available through ancestry.com.

Do you have verticle files for one to submit information; Also suggestion for what to do with your research when you die.

Family search

Ancestry

Free access to some sights. Use subscriptions or donations to help make this possible.

I would be very much interested in surnames chat rooms where I could chat and share information with other persons who share the same surname ancestry.

A newspaper database would be very helpful. I realize these are expensive but are a real plus for genealogy research. Hopeful that you would provide something that Godfrey is not providing in this area.

Offer more opportunities for members to interact.

Provide an online platform for members to help members.

Hard to find data. Need some help with items of interest

I have a complete set of current and past issues of publications in my personal library.

I am not familiar with interest group chat rooms and would like to know more about them.

I have mostly Irish ancestry on my father's side..can use all the help I can get,as I find researching Irish innformation difficult.

I'm not sure how a chat room would work, so can't be very specific, but the idea sounds intriguing.

Searchable databases are desirable. (Vital records, cemetery records, family copilations, etc.)

Ethnicities: Scottish, German.

I'm sorry to say I have not looked at the site so cannot comment.

my thought is that you have these all ready

Not applicable

Have not used

I have been for years researching Japanese koseki tohon in regards to my wife's ancestry and I have hit a wall in the existence of the post-World War II Allied-imposed ban on opening genealogy records for certain populations and certain geographical locations. Would love some help.

RootsMagic and other genealogy software

Special interest: All that are listed sound good.

A group chat sounds interesting! Search tips and tricks on genealogy websites would be good things to share.

My CT ancestors were British and removed to Upstate NY by 1810. How about a new special interest group on the migration of CT citizens to other parts of New England?

The few times I have logged in (I haven't logged in recently), I haven't found anything of interest. It seemed to be mostly links and the ones I tried failed. Perhaps I do not know how to use it.

Don't use it

Connecticut based records such as land records.

Finding aids for Connecticut archives, or links to them!

One of the best series was on immigrants by the numbers-- English, German, Irish etc. I often refer people to those issues for ideas for where to get information. Something that would be useful is up dated information on hours and policies at Town/City Vital Records offices.

One of our friends said he doesn't like to encounter a civil servant who is "neither civil nor servile." One clerk asked if I had a problem with the way she ran "her" vault.

No comment.

9. What would you like to see in the public area of the CSG website?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Links to New England Repositories	428	88.7%
Links to Ethnic or Lineage Societies	264	54.7%
Links for translations to English (i.e. French, Polish, etc.)	198	41.0%
Family reunion notices	146	30.2%
Other	22	4.5%
Total	482	100%

27 Comment(s)

See below
 Research tips, sources, organization
 inquiries re family searches where people could try to help
 local CT genealogy libraries
 Queries
 Membership Info
 Guidance for CT research
 See comment for question #8
 Transcribed town records
 Getting started, forms, events
 information on joining CSG
 CT Town Specific Repositories
 Finding Family members
 See comments
 F
 All of the above
 Information (or links to information) on settlement, families,
 ethnic groups.
 See comments, below
 Family Trees
 German translation
 Reviews of books related to genealogy
 Available Resources
 Upcoming events for like NEHGS, NYGB, etc.
 History of the organization, goals; also perhaps synopses of
 individual towns such as history of Wethersfield, Bridgeport,
 Mystic and many, many others.

For starters, listing all CT libraries with a decent collection of the Silver Books published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

rules regarding access to Conn Vital Records

My research takes me to MA, MA, RI. My wall is for John Forristall, Holliston, MA 1705. Unable to find any information for his parents. He may have come down from Nova Scotia but unable to verify. Always on the lookout for information.

Information to get a beginner started that's simple enough for young teens to include downloadable forms to record info.

ability to join, pay for membership on line as a way to encourage working people.

How about posting one or more short interesting genealogies about Connecticut related people. You could maybe change the stories after a certain period of time. This might help generate interest and traffic to the website and could possibly highlight what is available in the CSG library. It was a long time ago that Yankee magazine had a genealogy query area. It was from that source that I was able to link with two family researchers! It is missed very much for sure...

CT genealogy and records access laws, etc.

Provide an online platform to provide resource and research guidance to genealogists from out of state.

PS More important than meeting topics is a wider variety of presenters.

Maybe adding some helpful tips to get more people interested and become a resource.

German documents are many and hard to get translated.

i have deep roots in scotland

I am 90 years old, and genealogy has been my principal hobby since I was 15. I have documented my children's ancestry through more than 700 families. In CT I have hit a brick wall in the Botsford family in spite of years of search. I 'm not in the public area, I am a member
I'm sorry to say I have not looked at the site so cannot comment.

If you mean to let anyone see. Those above should be only for members

Immaterial to me.

Notices of upcoming CSG programs

Links to CT vital records statutes and regulations

Links to CT genealogical repositories, town clerks, probate districts, etc.

An online catalog of CSG library holdings. {Present list doesn't provide much information and is very difficult to navigate.}

Links to search resources of the New England Genealogy Society

This part of the website could be a helpful resource for many researchers.

Not sure why there is a Member and Public.

N/C

anything that can be found on the web or new sites should be included.

Links to Connecticut towns and libraries that might hold historical information!

I've been happy with the website. There's seldom time to read and absorb everything.

Thanks for all you do.

I have no preference.

10. If you have ever called or visited the office, how satisfied have you been with the assistance you received from the staff?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
N/A	211	35.8%
Unsatisfactory	1	<1%
Helpful	92	15.6%
Extremely Helpful	175	29.7%
Other	7	1.1%
No Responses	103	17.4%
Total	589	100%
45 Comment(s)		

So-so
 Hit or miss. While the staff is very helpful, things seem to get lost.
 See comment
 It depends.
 Wish I lived closer
 When I first started researching
 Have no called or visited
 Very rarely call, but when I do, very helpful.
 Have not yet had the chance to visit
 It's been a while but the staff was always helpful.
 Many years ago.
 Once a long time ago
 Stephanie is a gem
 Visited once. Whoever was in charge basically ignored me.
 I felt neither welcomed nor helped.
 It was a wonderful library!!!
 I have not visited the Office.

Had a Zoom meeting with Keith Wilson and a woman (I am away and don't have my notes with me, so can't tell you her name) and they were both very helpful. Would love to be able to do more of those one on one meetings and I bet others would, too.

Have not visited.

I did not find what I wanted, but boy, they gave it a lot of effort.

But I have not been there for a long time.

I haven't been into the office to research in more than 20 years. However when I was first into genealogy in the mid-1990's, I would take a long lunch hour from work to squeeze in some research time. I loved it! Of course, that was before there was any genealogy on the internet...

When living up in CT, everyone there was very helpful.

I have never called the office and have visited only once which was a while ago. At that time the visit was very cordial and successful.

It has been a long time since i have visited.

great staff!

Unfortunately it was a very long time ago so do not know what the library looks like at this time... Also do you accept family histories?

Welcoming and helpful staff.

I have yet to visit or call other than to renew my membership
Sometimes, support is great and other times I leave a question and don't hear back. Onsite resources are limited and need to be more accessible and up to date. An online catalog would be helpful.

Never been there. Hard to get there.

Never called.

people try to be helpful

They are most professional and very helpful.

I have never come away without a proper answer to my question or request.

Haven't been there.

It's been a very long time ! My bad.

I'm a fairly recent member and don't live in Connecticut; so far, I have just read the journal.

Since we live in NJ, it is easier to call for help. Everyone I have spoken with was knowledgeable and very willing to assist.

Do not want to hear from people who are not from Connecticut

I haven't visited yet

I have called the office and spoken to Stephanie several times. She has always been very pleasant and helpful. I appreciate all the knowledge she shared with me.

My only visit was a long time ago.

The assistance I was looking for was not available since the person at the desk wasn't familiar with the subject.
via email primarily

Did not know there was an office

I have not been in a good many years. Now I am retired and hope to get up there to visit.

Staff and volunteers were helpful

I have been to the office three times since joining. The staff take the time necessary to show me the relevant materials and resources I need to do my research. They are very willing to answer questions and help interpret findings.

I have had to email a couple of times and got prompt responses that solved my problem.

Stephanie is doing a fabulous job.

It's been on my list, but due to Covid I don't dare quite yet...

Saturdays are my only option at this point in time

I wish I could!

11. The Connecticut Nutmegger is currently published three times a year (March, July and November). If CSG were to publish the Nutmegger less than 3 times per year, what would you prefer.

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Once a year as a large annual issue	94	15.9%
Twice a year	224	38.0%
Keep it as three times a year	147	24.9%
Other	18	3.0%
No Responses	106	17.9%
Total	589	100%

44 Comment(s)

- no preference
- See below
- see comment
- Do not publish. Digital only
- I seldom use the Nutmegger
- do not get
- don't use Nutmegger
- continuous e-version
- What ever is the most cost effective.
- 4 times a year.
- none
- No preference
- No preference
- See comment below.
- no preference
- NA
- No preference
- No preference
- When things open up, more articles can be finished for publication.
- I do not receive the Nutmegger.
- Rarely relevant to anything I am researching.

or keep it three times a year and provide specific helpful information for how to get published

Whatever makes most sense to the asociety.

I do not find this publication that helpful or useful...too academic

It's the big reason I belong, and I hope it continues as is.

Would pay more if necessary to keep it that way.

The problem with once per year is there is such a long lead/lag time, things can be out of date or obsolete.

Three times keeps me engaged.

no preference

Once a year is fine as long as updates and reminders are sent via email.

If you need to keep the cost down, twice a year would be okay.

Since I no longer receive print edition, I prefer a quarterly digest, emailed in newsletter format this is what many institutions do now

Whatever is best for the organization.

As often as possible - I love reading it.

I don't always read the Nutmegger when it has a lot of genealogies that don't apply to anything I am studying

No preference

Really enjoy it

No opinion

Prefer digital format, published whenever is convenient for you.

I'd like to get it as often as possible, but if you have to cut back, then twice a year.

You have to consider costs, so whatever works out best for the society is fine with me.

I love receiving the Nutmegger. It gives me inspiration and ideas on where to look for more information

Make it available on the website

I'd prefer to keep it as three times a year. My second preference would be a large annual issue.

It would be fine to receive it via email.

The content seems to be dwindling as the years go by.
Twice a year would be minimum, to keep the CSG name
"out there". I like at as three times, if we can continue to
afford it.

Twice a year if you can't keep it three times.

As my ancestors aren't from CT, I do not get the Nutmegger.
couldn't go back when filling this out. Wanted to comment
on the staff (#10) - when I called, very friendly, engaging,
pleasure to talk to them. Very helpful with reinstatement of
my membership.

Do what you have to do to remain a viable organization
Regardless of frequency, it needs better editing and
proofreading.

Would accept majority decision about publishing frequency.

I look forward to getting my Nutmegger in the mail

I only need online PDF, no paper mailing, send me an email
incorporate articles in The Connecticut Genealogy News

Although the Nutmegger is, in general, a quality publication,
most of the articles don't apply directly to me except as
examples of how to write a genealogical sketch.

I always read the Nutmegger. I would go with whatever
works best for the Society.

Whatever is chosen is fine with me.

I don't usually look at it so any schedule is fine.

Read it when it arrives ... whenever

I enjoy the journal and would continue to enjoy 3 issues a
year. However, if it's difficult to produce 3 issues of quality
material, then a move to 2 issues would be appropriate. I
think that one annual issue would be too large and unwieldy
and raise alarms about the health of the society/journal.

I don't receive it with my subscription. When I was getting it I
would end up keeping them a couple of months and throw
them out.

12. Connecticut Genealogy News is currently published four times a year (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter). How important is it to you to receive CGN on its current schedule?

Top number is the count of respondents. Bottom % is percent	1- Not important at all	2	3	4	5 - Very important
	55	51	124	149	115
	11%	10%	25%	30%	23%

51 Comment(s)

- Keeps you up to date on what events are going on.
- Used to get this thru the mail but I guess it's online now.
- I always learn something, and I look forward to seeing queries.
- Whatever suits you best.
- Quality of content is the most important.
- Very informative in broadcasting events and helpful information
- I am currently not able to take advantage of most information I see in the News.
- With schedule of current and future events and Notation of new resources in the library.
- I always enjoy getting my copy!
- no preference
- Most of what I see in CGN isn't really useful to me. I like the info it provides regarding upcoming meetings and seminars. It might be more useful if there was an index that showed you where to find specific information in what edition of CGN.
- This is my favorite genealogy magazine. Most of my ancestors lived in CT and I find the information informative and interesting.
- I would rather see mailings of meeting notice details, etc. (the inserted center section regularly (as needed)). I find the rest interesting and keep them all, but don't really use it much for my own research purposes.

perhaps fold this info into the Nutmegger and increase

Nutmegger frequency of publication

three times or twice would be good

Very important. i enjoy reading it.

Prefer digital format, published whenever is convenient for you.

I like the 4 times per year yet know there may be problems with writings I think it could be done twice per year without a problem...

It could be published twice a year and I would be happy. It is a great source of information and data.

Whenever it comes I read it. So, whatever schedule is best for you is fine.

I think you should do what is best for you, considering what you know you're dealing with. Those of us sitting home have no idea how you get things done so we're not the best judge, in my opinion.

This can be costly and also hard to have written material provided and to meet deadlines with limited staff. I would not mind seeing this as a digital publication only with it available to membership.

Needs to cover a wider variety of topics.

It would be fine to receive it via email.

As long as they get here eventually! :-)

As long as there is good content.

We need to keep our name and our activities "out there".

Changes happen quickly and there has to be a way to get the information out quickly

News about new publications and meetings could be on the website.

I know you've downplayed out-of-state members in the last few years, but I do like to feel like I am still "in touch" with CSG. I still really miss not getting the meeting minutes, the list of new members, etc., that we used to get years ago.

I imagine you could drop the summer issue and just communicate any new news via email during that time.

I receive the 4 issues but would welcome however it is convenient for CSG to continue its publication.

Enjoyable.

Frequency is not crucial as long as there is sufficient advance notice of events, award deadlines, etc.

I like that publication a lot.

on line... would be preferred

I look forward to reading the news

Whatever works within your budget, it is good for advertising event, but we aren't having "events" of late.

I enjoy the histories of towns in CT.

I would like to read about the town of Waterbury, CT.

As long as notices of upcoming events are published through a different medium like e-mail, it would not matter to me when CGN is published.

I always read the CGN. I would understand if 4X a year is too cost prohibitive.

I enjoy reading the newsletter.

I enjoy the in-depth articles on the individual towns in CT very much. Please continue.

I enjoy reading the articles and seeing the new announcements, references and resources available,

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By receiving it quarterly - it helps keep genealogy in the forefront of a busy life. It helps to remind me to go online or talk to family members.

I do enjoy that publication. Four times per year is nice but not critical to me.

any less would effect the timeliness of some info.

Please don't reduce it to a newsletter, I save some articles and the photos and copy would be less useful to me.

Twice a year would be satisfactory

I enjoy reading this publication very much. I learn a lot and it keeps me connected to the group. Thank you.

I love getting those issues. Read them cover to cover.

I'm afraid I've maxed my access to authentic CT reords, & a move to TX limits my further access.

13. How important to you are the following Connecticut Genealogy News features?

Top number is the count of respondents. Bottom % is percent	1 - Least Important	2	3	4	5 - Most Important
Spotlight articles on Connecticut towns	15 3%	28 6%	91 19%	182 38%	160 34%
Profile articles on series of individuals, such as	26 6%	36 8%	101 22%	188 41%	109 24%
Family stories	18 4%	42 9%	148 32%	166 36%	89 19%
Book reviews	42 9%	80 18%	128 28%	139 30%	67 15%
Announcements of upcoming CSG programs	21 5%	35 8%	87 19%	134 29%	185 40%
News from CSG committees	20 5%	67 15%	126 29%	143 33%	84 19%
Photographs	21 5%	50 12%	134 31%	147 34%	82 19%
21 Comment(s)					

More how to articles.

Since I have very few CT ancestors, I enjoy the history of the towns, but they are not most important. I am no longer collecting books so the reviews are not important.

I enjoy reading the information in the News, but for the most part can not take advantage of it.

VINTAGE photos are important

This was hard to answer since it depends on the particular article.

wide-ranging info more important to appeal to larger segment of audience

It would be helpful to know what article you will be featuring in the next issue of each publication.

This would give us the opportunity submit pictures and or stories. Example: Town Features:

Cromwell. I have pictures of Cromwell Pierson's employees in the early 1900's along with others. Also have picture of the 1938 hurricane of family members in a little rowboat in the flood area of the meadows in East Hartford.

Photos need to be large enough to see details. Some are so indistinct they are just taking up space.

-highlight a genealogy of a member with sources,

-CT family with early roots and sources.

-Profile articles about CT citizens, not necessarily genealogy pioneers. Military could be more interesting, founding fathers of CT, CT history and the entwined citizens, their contributions to what has made CT a unique colony and state.

More on resources in Connecticut

It would be great to see more feature articles, e.gg. influx of mill workers to CT, women's suffrage in CT, ethnic bias over time in CT, in-state migration.

I live in Wisconsin so am unlikely to attend.

Reading the CT articles gives me clues in researching in Canada and Northern New England.

Guides to key repositories would be a good series and merit repetition with updates every 10 years or so, as CSG membership turns over and conditions at repositories evolve.

Also, stories on major historical trends or events that affect Connecticut ancestors, such as migration patterns, war land bounties, major religious schisms, etc.

Would be great to see some of the individual profiles published on CSG's website.

Most of the articles in Connecticut Genealogy News have a broader interest than those in the Connecticut Nutmegger. Connecticut Genealogy News should be indexed as is currently done with the Nutmegger.

Just

Local genealogy resources.

Note on "Photographs" -- historic photographs are important to me. Current photos are less important to me as a member at far remove.

I'll take anything about Connecticut history or town history!!

Profiles of CT towns can be found in many other places.

Photographs relating the the subject matter.

14. Would you like to see The Connecticut Nutmegger and the Connecticut Genealogy News merged into one publication?

	Number of Response(s)	Respon se Ratio
Yes	94	18.8%
No	138	27.7%
It doesn't matter to me	259	52.0%
Total	498	100%

65 Comment(s)

The more information the better.

The Nutmegger is useful for providing and receiving research info. The News is of little use.

The Nutmegger seems more scholarly

The News is more attractive and accessible

They seem to serve different functions

I don't find the Genealogy News publication to be of much benefit

The two functions are best separated: company "rag" and research articles.

I haven't received the Nutmegger in a long time by choice.

The news is the way I find out what is going on with CSG but then I would want at least 4 publications a year.

Not sure.

They serve different purposes

but it probably would be more cost effective

I do not get the Nutmegger, only the Genealogy News.

I would be okay with that

save printing/postage costs?

The Nutmegger should remain as the scholarly publication as it currently is. General articles fit the News format more effectively.

I enjoy reading both. Raise the cost but keep them separate.

I would not mind except all the less rigorous stories would be along side the serious genealogical research. I am not a fan of the first person narratives that describe a person's research I often see in the News. Combining would waterdown the nature of the Nutmegger. If they are merged, the new publication would need to be quarterly for timeliness and the fluffier stories would need to be segregated from the more serious research articles.

doesn't matter but might be a great idea

I like it as it is, but if cost savings is important, maybe that would be a good idea

Different purposes

I like both publication and read them cover to cover. I can see the appeal and cost saving of combining the publications, as long as there is not a loss of content and it is published at least three times a year.

Each publication focuses on different types of articles. My concern is that it would be the Nutmegger information getting reduced in favor of the larger articles. I prefer the database type info from the Nutmegger with names and dates, burials, births, queries, etc. and would want more rather than less of this.

I think that would give you more options on the kinds of articles you could run, some that might fit in the gap between family history and hard core genealogy.

If it is cost effective for the society, yes!

If you can find a way to make it feasible. I don't check the website often, so I feel I would be missing important information regarding seminars, etc.

They represent two different presentations.

They are very different types of publications.

Plus, I believe a twice yearly publication schedule would suffice.

If merged, the resulting publication should be quarterly.

I think there is audience that reads The Connecticut Nutmegger that would not like combining the two. They serve different purposes.

If it would be more efficient, then they should be combined.

It might depend on what that does to the frequency and format. Would there be scholarly sections and more general sections? What would be lost?

As long as the quality and quantity of information isn't sacrificed.

Very different organs for different purposes. Please keep them separate.

But if merged it should continue to be 4 times a year.

it would cut down costs of printing them seperately

As long as it comes out often enough to be useful

But if it merges into one, make it more than twice a year!

These publications have totally different focus. I do not think it would be good or wise to combine them.

Only if the CT Genealogy articles are continued.

However merged publication should be printed twice a year.
if doing so is more efficient and cost effective, sure.

First and foremost the Nutmegger is our journal of record.
Before the news was pushed through we had a quarterly
newsletter (items of short term interest) and the Nutmegger
(items of a more permanent nature). Under the old criteria
all but the blue pages would fall under the Nutmagger. I
favor merging the two as the Connecticut Nutmegger and
Genealogy News and sending the blue pages and as
mail/email to our members.

There is an important distinction between a permanent
journal and an ephemeral newsletter.

Good idea

Something is bound to be lost.

If they were merged, the size should stay the same as the
Nutmegger, so that the past, present and future volumes
could be stored in the same bookcase.

However, since publications (CT Nutmegger) are mailed to
me, separate publications would reduce cost of postage as I
don't need the genealogy news.

Not sure.

The combined issues would be good, but would like a paper
copy like the CT Genealogy News that I am now getting.

However, keep the 4 issues a year format.

mentioned above

However, consider renaming Connecticut Genealogy News
as The Connecticut Nutmegger (most of each issue is not
news), renaming the present Connecticut Nutmegger with a
more scholarly title such as Journal of the Connecticut
Society of Genealogists, and updating its cover and font as
NEHGS has done with the Register.

As long as excellent content is kept.

However,,if it makes financial sense it should be done

I tend to want to say "No" if it reduces the times I receive CG
News

My CT ancestors only go back to the Civil War and so the nutmegger articles are often "too focused" for me. The News is more current info concerning local genealogy but also genealogy in general.

If they were merged I would still only read the more current topics and donate my Nutmegger's to the local library.

Only if merged publication would be mailed

Not if it will cost my membership more. since I dropped the Nutmegger, I haven't been too unhappy but my bookshelves are very happy

I think both publications should be reviewed and criteria updated, if necessary

I realize that mailings and publishing costs have increased...an option of getting these magazines online is fine with me. I keep the print copies so I can take them along with me when I travel. PDFs are great too.

They serve different purposes. The journal should be reserved for scholarly articles and held to a high genealogical standard. I feel strongly about this, especially as genealogy professionalizes and develops a rigorous proof standard. The Genealogy News is more informal and fills a different niche. Even the historical articles in the magazine can be in a more "popular" or informal style than those in the Nutmegger should be. Both have their place. very different publications, with different purposes..

As long as remaining at 4 issues.

If it is a cost saving measure then yes

I would assume it would save the CSG money.

15. How important is it to you to receive Connecticut Genealogy News and the Connecticut Nutmegger by postal mail?

Top number is the count of respondents. Bottom % is percent	N/A	1 - Not important at all	2	3	4	5 - Very important
	7	66	35	85	126	177
	1%	13%	7%	17%	25%	36%

72 Comment(s)

I like the News in print. Not sure I need the Nutmegger in print.
 Can take it with me and if we lose power, I can still read it.
 Would prefer digital
 PDF copies are great.

I find I'm more likely to actually read journals that I can touch even though I scan them for my personal digital collection
 I give both to our local genealogy library.
 A pdf file would be fine
 if it was easily accessible and downloadable online, I wouldn't care if it was online.

If power was to go down, how would I be able to access it?
 Email is better
 If online, would need to send periodic reminders...out of sight, out of mind.
 I do keep my issues for reference material.
 Current issues are left on my coffee table for my company to read.
 Available on line, in my opinion, is most. For those members who prefer and for libraries, a print edition should be available.
 Online works , allow download and research of past
 I do quite well on the computer.
 I almost never look at things I receive electronically and save them even less frequently. I find it difficult to find anything in them without wasting hours scrolling through, which is too much trouble. I do flip through paper copies easily and find myself doing so way more than anything electronic.

I like having physical books - can't always read online
I get the CT Genealogy News by mail and opted to stop
receiving the Nutmegger. Since the Nutmegger is no longer
in my face, I don't go to the website to read it either. If
everything was only available on the website, I would
probably let my membership lapse.

Hard copy is always preferred. Old school!

Paper publications are easy to look at. I have copies of the
Nutmegger going back to 1987. Wealth of information at my
fingertips. No worry about technology changes.

Nutmegger-extremely important, that's why I am a member.

The News could go to pdf deliver by email and I'd be fine
with that.

I have no wish for replacements to electronic versions

Please, save paper, go digital!

I prefer hard copies, so I can make notes, tag information
important to me, and have the information on hand.

I use the internet heavily but find paper in hand a more
relaxing way to enjoy reading.

I have over 30 years of the Nutmegger which I can go back
over and review. I would not want to stop getting the physical
copies of the Nutmegger. I would be okay with getting the
Genealogy News online.

I like to handle it!

I read and reread the News and Nutmegger frequently.

Having it only online would make it difficult for me to
reference the articles I'm most interested in.

Especially the Connecticut Nutmegger.

I would be happy to receive the publications electronically via
the internet

Many of my other programs are by email which I can print or
save...

I would be just as satisfied if I could receive them via e-mail.

I like to save hard copies of the issues which have articles
on communities associated with family ancestry.

Provided there are digital copies yet I would not want to exclude those that have no means or desire to read these editions on a device. Perhaps reduced cost for digital as done by most publishers would entice some to try it.

Personally I like the idea of less paper, the ability to search my digital newsletters/journals/periodicals.

News by mail YES

Nutmegger by mail does not matter.

I think via email would be more efficient and reduce costs.

I get others by email only - file them away - and NEVER manage to get around to reading them. The magazine arrives in the mail - I can look at it anytime, anywhere. Great for heading out to doctor appointments, etc.

Being one of your long-distance members, the publications are an important link to my Connecticut genealogy.

Nutmegger on line should be okay for most of us; however, Genealogy News should keep us interested in ATTENDING in person!!!

Some of us don't have internet in our homes, so printed copies are very important.

I currently get the Nutmegger online. If CT Genealogy News were to go solely online, I'd hope to get an email reminding me to access it whenever it is posted.

I prefer a physical copy of the Nutmegger but wouldn't mind getting the News by e-mail. So, 1 for News and 4 for Nutmegger.

email would be fine.

My eyesight is not good enough to read on line

I would not continue my membership if they were electronic-only publications.

I retain information better when I read it in hard copy.

I would like to receive Nutmegger by mail but I do not mind Connecticut Genealogy News online.

Only need the CT Nutmegger. Although viewing online is an option (I think...) having it in my hand to read means I read it soon but online means I tend to forget about it.

Like the book mailed

Digital would be OK .

I would prefer it online and save paper and \$\$

I prefer to access it via email in softcopy or download from the CSG website.

I would consider electronic versions if it would save the society needed funds.

I prefer the Connecticut Genealogy News to be hard copy but I have no problem with the CN through a different media As long as it can be downloaded as a .pdf.

I tend not to read digital copies

It's hard to bookmark pages in an online edition. And hard to keep track of them. My eyesight is not as good as it once was, and reading on a computer is unpleasant.

Prefer hard copy.

I only receive the Genealogy News, and I do like it mailed to me.

As long as I have access to it.

Electronic preferred

I do love it in my hand. Usually read it immediately, set aside and reread.

I guess I could print it but I'd probably never click the link. I always read it when it shows up

Genealogy News could be completely electronic and I'd be happy. For now I'd prefer to receive the Nutmegger by postal mail.

I have a hard time reading on line.

I don't read much by computer anymore and I enjoy being able to take the publications with me. I am a believer in physical BOOKS too!

I'd like to get both. Holding it in my hands is great for reading. Virtual is better for storing.

Always prefer to hold my reading in my hand. If I have to stop reading I use a book mark to keep my spot. Nothing worse than staring at a screen to read.

If I have a magazine on my coffee table or bedtime stack, I will get to it. Online, it's less likely I'll think of it.

I am one of those old fashion lover of holding the book in my hands.

I like receiving the News but do not need to receive the NUtmegger by postal mail. Internet access to the latter is perfect for me.

16. How do you prefer to read the Connecticut Genealogy News and the Connecticut Nutmegger?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
On-line in the Member Area	74	14.8%
Receiving it in the mail	332	66.6%
I read it both ways	95	19.0%
I don't read either of them	5	1.0%
Total	498	100%

52 Comment(s)

I do a lot of computer work. Last thing I want to do is spend more time on the computer

See above

News in the mail

Nutmegger on the member area

I need to visit the website more often.

Due to poor health, I'm really not doing any genealogy work at all. I'm 85 with a stage 4 cancer.

I would like to either receive it as a .pdf attachment to an email or read it online but by a link that I can just click on to get straight to it. I find that if I have to remember to go read something and then find a password, I don't always get around to doing it.

I always read both of them

I'm happy to not receive hard copies

I have about 30 years of the Ct. Nutmegger that I have kept as a reference.

I read as a relief from researching for hours on the internet; I also read items I have tracked down to specific publications, like the CT Nuttmegger.

Paper copies enable me to read the items more casually, such as in bed, not just when I am sitting at the computer.

Right now I receive the News in the mail. I would opt to receive it by email if that option were available

If power was to go down, how would I be able to access it? Beware of "putting all of your eggs in one basket."

Although I read the mailed edition, I do not think it is worth the cost to the group.

I usually skim them first (online is fine) then if I find interesting articles I read them (preferably from a printed copy).

An email alert that it has been uploaded to the members site, and then read it on the members site.

I receive ~~the~~ News in the mail, and read it through. I receive ~~the~~ Nutmegger online and never look at it. (I didn't find it particularly helpful before which is why I went to electronic format,

I work full time. I can read the CGN as it's smaller but don't have time to read the Nutmegger.

I just switched to online so haven't explored that option much yet.

Allows me to read it at my own pace and refer to it later if needed.

As I cannot be on the computer long because of my eyes See above-must have Nutmegger in print, News is ok to send to me via email (I won't go to the website to read it without a push notification).

I understand budgetary issues and would not complain if you had to bring both online only. That would be better than nothing.

Would it be possible to e-mail a link to a download-able version whenever a new issue is published?

The Genealogy News has the longer stories and the accompanying pictures so that would be okay online. The database format of the Nutmegger is better as a physical copy unless it is in a searchable format. I would love to have all the past Nutmegger books combined in a searchable format.

I only use the website when a reference is made to an article in the News or Nutmegger that I need to read.

I can save an article if I wish but if emailed could do the same to save mailing and printing costs...

I'm not the best person to ask. I am old-fashioned when it comes to reading - I like to hold a book & turn pages. I have not been actively working on genealogy in a long time. I do hope to pick up on it again, though.

If only available online in the member area I'd prefer the ability to download to the device of my choice.

News by mail.

Nutmegger online when needed.

I would like to be sent a reminder email with a link or as an attachment.

I get others by email only - file them away - and NEVER manage to get around to reading them. The magazine arrives in the mail - I can look at it anytime, anywhere. Great for heading out to doctor appointments, etc.

I read Nutmegger on line (when we had more Queries, I devoured it in person), but Genealogy News needs to be delivered to the front door! Others in household will see it, and hopefully read.

a kindle, mobi, ebook version would be optimal

Again, it depends which one we are talking about. I don't like reading scholarly articles online and much prefer paper.

News items are easier to deal with on the computer.

To be honest, I rarely read them.

I've never read either online. I read both publications very thoroughly and save them.

I keep the Nutmeggers for future research and reference.
Technology changes and becomes unusable. Books are
always usable.

See previous comment.

An email prompt to alert it is ready

I do read all your publications

I always prefer print versions to electronic, but see note
above.

Save paper!

I prefer the Connecticut Genealogy News to be hard copy
but I have no problem with the CN through a different media.

I just changed over to getting the CN electronically starting
this year.

My membership does not include the mail version of the
Nutmegger

I would like to be able to continue to receive hard copies of
Connecticut Genealogy News by mail. As for the
Nutmegger, how about offering the option of being able to
read online with the option of members being able to receive
hard copies of issues that interest them at no cost.

Do not receive or read Nutmegger.

Online or paper is all the same to me.

see comment above

I prefer read the mailed magazines. but there is room for
more info on the website and I assume search capability.

Nutmegger on line

News by mail preferred

See #15.

17. How valuable do you find each of the following attributes of membership?

Top number is the count of respondents. Bottom % is percent

	1 - Not at all valuable	2	3	4	5 - Very valuable
Connecticut Genealogy News "blue pages"	21 5%	43 10%	119 28%	148 34%	101 23%
Educational programs	20 5%	46 10%	112 25%	135 31%	127 29%
Discounts to events	75 18%	90 21%	116 27%	83 20%	60 14%
Access to CT repository research	12 3%	13 3%	43 9%	112 24%	281 61%
CSG Library and Databases	5 1%	14 3%	51 11%	139 30%	254 55%
Networking	46 11%	82 19%	130 30%	117 27%	55 13%
Website content	14 3%	36 8%	114 26%	164 38%	109 25%
Membership overall	7 2%	12 3%	62 14%	165 37%	198 45%

48 Comment(s)

Blue pages don't help because i'm out of state. I'm sure they would be helpful if I lived closer.

I'm a newer member and I'm not familiar with most of these categories

I'm not using any of the above.

Don't really seem to have much access to "CT repository research" and "CSG library and databases"... could be a '5' if more accessible

Being out of the state, I don't attend anything in person. I do occasionally use the online databases and when I say I value access to the Library, CT repositories and databases, I'm only checking those for online use.

See below.

The membership is invaluable because the organization is an advocate for genealogists in the state as well as keeping the membership aware of legal changes in pursuing research.

It helps to have lineages coming through CT before 1800; then one needs CGS resources. It would help if you spread scope to include the early families of now Putnam and Dutchess Counties NY, as many derived from CT

I am not a professional genealogist but I am a card carrying member of a large, respected organization that helps people recognize my interest and dedication to genealogy. To me that is very valuable.

I am not living in the area, but would find these things of value if I were.

I live out-of-state, so face to face programs are N/A

Since I no longer live in CT I cannot attend programs but I enjoy the information on the website and in the publications. I joined so that I may access town hall records.

Am not able to travel and use benefits as I did when younger I am not currently actively researching, but found it more valuable when I was. (Hope to get back to activity some day.)

The society does a magnificent job of helping..informing and keeping things well balanced for it's members. This is simply a very difficult time in our history. Good work to all of you. I an itching as they say however to get back physically into town hall records.

My ratings are impacted by my inability to get out to anything other than medical appointments tents.

Because I do not live locally, some of these questions might affect locals negatively if I gave an opinion.

Appreciate the Zoom help sessions that started during the pandemic.

Cannot attend in person so would be nice to have access to presentation online either during or after presentation.

I use websites provided with membership if they have friendly, searchable content that can be used for supporting documentation with good citations.

Since I live in southern Arkansas, I can't access any events or resources in Connecticut unless they are online.

Access to town halls vital records

I can't attend the ed programs so no answer

I haven't been on the website for quite some time. There wasn't much for me to use. I just took a quick peek, and it looks as if you have added content and redesigned. I'll try it out.

members should get discounts over public admission fees.

The Nutmegger is the most important aspect of membership to me, because of the large number of CT families in our history. I read every issue from beginning to end.

I'm a non-resident member and know I haven't taken full advantage. I'd like to visit in person when this is practical.

My husband and daughter-in-law both have roots in your state and I hope to do more research there in the future.

One reason I joined was simply to be able to order vital records, since Connecticut is so restrictive.

Honestly, I am a fairly new member and probably not really utilized my membership to its full capacity.

I have learned useful information at town offices, for which my CSG membership card was essential.

I would like the website content value to be 5.

I've recently moved to CT from CA where I was active and involved in Genealogy organizations. However, although I have a large group of ancestors who came to North America during the 17th century, being elderly and in the midst of a pandemic I'm not able to participate much in CSG programming.

Don't know what the blue pages are

My responses reflect the view of a remote member with family ties in the area going back to the 1630's. Thank you.

There have never been any discounts for members but there should be.

The webinars are very valuable

Events/programs would be more valuable to me if they were offered virtually.

Neutral as I am restarting membership after a lack of time.

Wish I lived closer and could use the library and attend programs.

Suggest information in the blue pages be primarily distributed via social media.

I cannot come to CT from CA any time soon, so I need the News!

I don't remember what the blue pages are and I am not familiar with some of the items you mentioned although they certainly sound interesting. I probably need to look at the website again.

Have never used any

I don't know what Blue Pages are. And my ratings are based on the assumption that the service require my physical presence in Ct.

research on line

I've had my membership since 1989 and love ever article and meeting I have spoke or attended. You are my favorite gen.society.

unfortunately, I have found it difficult to travel to CT to take advantage of all your resources. I need to work harder at connecting online.

The only reason I gave a '1' to Educational programs is because I'm in California. I would be very interested in live-streaming or webinar formats that would enable me to benefit from your education programs from a distance!

I don't take advantage of what CSG offers. Now that I am retired I may be able!

18. What suggestions do you have for us to improve the value of your membership?

171 Response(s)

We never received a membership renewal yet. Is it because of the virus?

Webinars on all things Connecticut: sources, repositories, laws, settlement and migration patterns, ethnic enclaves, etc.

Have periodic open hours on a Saturday for those of us who still work. (Like the Thursdayâs)

Get things out on a timely manner.

Anything that the Society can do to improve the availability of online vital records and family/town histories would be most beneficial.

Access to a newspaper /obituary database at home would be great....to compensate for lesser Nutmegger issues.

Special interest group chat rooms online would be great, maybe for beginners, for French/Canadian surnames, for technology apps, for DNA info, matches, etc.

Monthly In-person meetings as well as online webinars. I very much enjoy networking with others.

Members should be able to interact more easily with each other in regards to common interests.

I regret to say I may not renew my membership the next time it comes up due to my health and haven't been reading anything so cannot suggest improvements.

Work to educate researchers in the use of journals, official records, etc. and documentation to produce quality results.

Perhaps more digital content available in the Members Only section, e.g. Newspapers, books.

No suggestions, not an expert,just a causal Member looking for clues to find info.

discounts to genealogy websites

More access to resources for people like me who come to Connecticut about once a year and may never or rarely be able to come to CSG or CSL facilities (yes, yes, I know CSG is not CSL, but... look at what they have in the catalog, vs what is accessible!)

Put more emphasis on online resources, especially for out of state members and then remind us occasionally what kinds of things are available and their genealogical value since we may not know that if we are not CT residents. Emphasize online research and how the society can help members with it.

I am satisfied as is

More databases

More info on how to publish

If things are submitted for publication, timely acceptance or rejection: the submitter should not have to keep inquiring

More info on how to help or volunteer

But THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE AND FOR ALL THAT YOU ARE ALREADY DOING!

Really.

I am quite happy the way it is.

I would love to have a subscription website accessible from home added as a bonus like you once had such as Fold 3.

More live presentations and access to the library of presentations online.

The more information available online the more I will be able to use in the future.

none

None, since I live so far away.

As you can see from previous answers, I have 3 or 4 brick walls that I have been unable to overcome for decades. Any help would need to be very specialized, but any help would be very valuable. Getting recommendations for reliable professional genealogists located in CT would be beneficial, along with some sort of estimate of what they charge, so I know what I am getting into.

Consistent scheduling of webinars would allow me to participate more.

research resources and specific availability of unique sources for various regions would be my greatest need. Since I cannot travel to CT with the pandemic, it would be very helpful to have some way to get research help or ask questions remotely about how to get started, even if there were a fee for it.

None at the moment.

Publish more information. Town records, church records, probate records, deeds, etc. If the information is in more than one place, the better.

I think this survey is a great start. Hope that you publish the results and share what the group is planning to do as a result of the feedback.

More advanced programming and programming aimed at a younger audience. Have been treated like a beginner at events simply due to age.

Lisa Louise, August 3, 2020, Institutional Records, Zoom was well done.

The File (pdf) sent to me via email, had working web links, which I clicked to get me to the web site, Lisa was talking about.

CSG web site should post the event and the file with the active links together.

This could be for members only or a pay to play for nonmembers.

Maybe there could be more info about what is available at the Library. And maybe more communications.
Partnership with subscription-based organizations to provide a discount to CSG members would be nice
More online databases!
Add/restore access to more research databases

Hold webinars, etc. regarding research outside U.S.A.

Survey the demographics of the GSG membership to find out the percentage of members with American ancestors dating back to "Colonial" times vs those with more recent immigrant ancestry. Then adjust your program topics based upon the results.

I am quite satisfied with the work that the board and society members are accomplishing.

Increase online content by perhaps scanning library books that are not currently available at Archive.org, GoogleBooks, etc. Although I have visited the library in the past, it is difficult as I live in NYS. Access to online books would be super-convenient.

I have zero..you have been wonderful.

Do more webinars for those of us that do not live close by.

I think that CSG does a great job and maintains the high standards that it is known for. Keep up the great work.

More queries.

In the ~~new normal~~ it would be nice to see CSG become proactive in hosting Zoom events, tutorials, lectures, special guests (they can be from anywhere, which is the beauty of Zoom), author presentations, techniques on conducting interviews and research, virtual visits to resource centers such as the NEHGS, NYPL NY genealogical society, National Archives.... the list is endless and really could help revitalize CSG.

As much online research as possible.

Just keep updating and evolving!

Happy the way it is

While there is always room for improvement, I think everything in general is excellent..

I would like to see more information on how we can preserve our research.

I would also like to see training, webinars etc. on how to best present our research. Writing classes would be helpful both for style, format, presentation methods like books, websites, etc.

Can't think of any.

I would like to see more research aids to access on the website for members. Maybe a members only section where members can ask & answer questions related to research...like Roots Web used to have?

I am quite satisfied currently!

None at this time

Just keep sending information via email for people like me who can no longer attend any meetings. I have loved being a member of CSG for many yeArs and thank you for all the help I have received which has enableD me to publish six books on genealogy.

offer perhaps one program a year for access to people who do not live in North Central / Eastern CT

Making available more transcribed records from Connecticut.

I'm no longer sure I want to remain a member. I haven't been successful at finding information to break down my Connecticut brick wall. Living on the west coast, it is challenging for me to visit research sites in Connecticut thus I must rely on internet access, or on-site researchers. The on-site researcher's I've been able to contact so far have not been successful at providing useful information. I don't know whether this is because the information I need does not exist, or I have exhausted all the information available, or the researchers are not really dedicated to helping out-of-state members.

none

Being a member makes it easier to view local files and documents.

On line access to CSG paper databases. Special interest or surname groups. Online queries like Rootsweb used to have.

I was so disappointed when we lost Fold 3 and it was gobbled up by Ancestry. A searchable/printable database of all CT newspapers would be great. Any searchable data that would add to the very basic information available from CT Men in the War of the Revolution. It would be great to have access to any kind of other military documents that expands the understanding of a military soldier's involvement in a war, paints a broader picture. This would include early CT naval beginnings.

There are paper records in the state library that are only accessible there. Too bad you couldn't partner with them to make more records available that just exist on paper.

Between the limitations brought on by the virus in 2020 plus existing library limitations like parking or trying to find parking and personal safety of going to the state library area and Hartford in general, it would be so good to have a means of access to records that are not possible without a visit to the library.

Since the Coronavirus, there have been many more webinars and Zoom presentations. These have been very interesting. Perhaps you could offer some of these on various research topics. Maybe you could reach out to members to submit questions which would then be answered on the Zoom presentations. If you were to do this, it is important to record the sessions so they can be seen if you can't make the original presentation -- perhaps have them on You Tube.

Stay relevant and current with the genealogy trends.

none

I'm very satisfied with my membership. I appreciate all you do to keep the society open and serving the members. More opportunities to participate remotely.

My focus is researching my family in New London County between 1740 and 1800. Any content that highlights the life and times of people during this period is of interest to me.

How about posting one or more short interesting genealogies about Connecticut related people. You could maybe change the stories after a certain period of time. This might help generate interest and traffic to the website and could possibly highlight what is available in the CSG library. The biggest benefit I've realized is being able to go to town halls and view vital records. I intend to use more of CSG resources as I begin deeper research into my wife's family. None really. I live in Washington state but am researching the Waterbury area where my father was born and raised. So anything helping folks do long distance research is helpful.

It would be helpful if CSG offered portals into other New England genealogical societies and databases. Being I live in Texas cannot make any suggestions except to be sure that I can access the offerings via email...

More on-line items - webinars, Zoom, etc.

I get so much more on-line from the other genealogy organizations to which I belong. CSG is way behind the time!

Reduce the number of times the publications are posted and use them to more intensely develop the data which they contain.

I wish you were closer to where I live so I could attend your library for research and attend most programs. As it is, I don't usually get to that side of Hartford.

I need to learn to use online access better. But sometimes have questions that I'd like to talk about with real people.

I love being a member of CSG . Thank you for all you do.

Do the best you can with what you have. Use your experience. Don't worry too much about pleasing everyone because that can never happen. Keep up the good work. :) Include some New York and New England crossover help. Online meetings, presentations, and chat rooms would be very helpful to me. I hope to be able to make a trip to Connecticut eventually in conjunction with visiting family in New York, but COVID 19 has put all that on hold. If I am once again able to travel, I am sure that the CSG library, databases, and access to CT repository research will be very valuable.

Remote research databases.

none

My daughter is interested in genealogy also, create something for the kids. Tools kids could use or go to. Restore content quality in CG News.

Provide engaging opportunities, like compiling records access rules from every Town Clerk's Office in CT.

Thanks for asking, we look forward to the results of this survey and updates on the strategic planning process. I live in Florida, I would love to be back in New England!! Just make the sessions easier to attend on line. That is a good idea.

I'm very satisfied

Find my brickwalls but they aren't really in CT.

I would really like to have access to iconn. The majority of my ancestors settled in Connecticut very early on. I have been surprised access through the Society hasn't been available.

I have tried to gain access to the CT State Lib. through the link on your website but a Spanish website related to casinos keeps popping up truffa.net. Which may be why I've gotten a security alert several times when I used csginc.org in the url address line.

I would like to see the web site with some type of valuable databases something like Godfrey or New England Historical has.

some continued connectivity with other members, beyond attendance at personal programs.

Keep up the good work.

I have been satisfied with all the suggestions that were offered to help me find answers or research for my questions.

I feel that you are doing a very good job!

Elizabeth Sager

Recorded webinars. Kindle, mobi, or ebook capabilities

Maybe.....group chats about different topics via FB or Zoom.

Remembering that not everyone is available during the day.

1. Tips concerning genealogical research in Conn.

2. New genealogies published.

Already extremely valuable. Continue to pursue discounts for CSG members to access other online sites.

You are doing great. Please look at adding online resources if you can.

Just don't "ignore" the out-of-state members. Maybe you don't have enough of them to make it worthwhile, which would put me in the minority. But I really do value my membership and look forward to each publication I receive.

More in- person programs (when it's safe to resume, of course)

Irish topics

Castle Garden information

During this pandemic it's made it hard for networking and collaboration. I'm really at a loss as to how to address this now until the pandemic is over. I hope others have good ideas.

I would welcome CSG's taking a leadership role in making more material digitally accessible. Example gravestone inscriptions or vital records. At a minimum, get the town indexes digitized. Ideally we could use expanded indexes (i.e. not only names, but date of event, parents, spouses, so folks could know WHICH town has their records, or can figure out which records they should order. The argument should be made that clerk's cooperation will cut down on site visit, when and if they become available again. I think members would be willing to do transcribing if CSG could break the log jam at the repositories. Maybe a cooperative effort with Family Search or Ancestry. keep up the great work.

I am at a loss to adequately provide any suggestions at this time. I do value my membership highly just as it is.

Use footnotes instead of endnotes.

I am very satisfied with the value of my membership. I am sure you will find ways to enhance it even more, and I will enjoy that very much.

I like the opportunity for help on "stuck branches" on Thursdays. My first one is this month and I'm hoping to "break a line" with help. More opportunities like this would be wonderful. Mostly looking for online opportunities, preferably "self service" so I can do them around my schedule. CSG is great! Keep up the good work.

Do not ignore those not in Connecticut

For those of us who receive the publications online, it would be helpful to receive an automatic email notification that an issue is now available.

Need more information on the history of slavery here in Connecticut

Living outside of CT makes it difficult for me to be an active member as far as meetings are concerned. As a researcher in CT places from time to time my CGS membership allows access to records. This is very important to me. Also as an occasional contributor to the Nutmegger, I would be sorry to have it reduced in scale. It provides a very useful way to share research with others who value a serious academic approach.

digitized records are important to me...

I have been a member for many, many years now. I think at a certain point the Lifetime membership should kick in. I was never able to afford the total fee at one time and certainly cannot now. But I have way overshoot what would have been the total for lifetime membership. My recollection is that at one time it was 20 times the annual rate. I guess I feel that since I have been a member for over 30 years, that should count.

Several suggestions made above. Overall, elevating the calibre of the Nutmegger would much enhance the Society and the value of membership. I infer that is hard, from the frequent ads seeking content. But other journals draw submissions from excellent genealogists because of the quality of editorship and the reputation of the journal. Genealogical scholars who contribute to the Register, the Record, TAG, the Mayflower Descendant, and The Genealogist also appear in Vermont Genealogy, The Maine Genealogist, The Essex Genealogist, etc. Develop a list of a couple dozen such and personally invite them to submit their next Connecticut-related research to the Nutmegger instead of the Register or TAG (which will never lack for quality material). But this will only work if they feel they are working with a peer in the editing process. A review of the CSG membership rolls might reveal some candidates for editorship among the respected and prolific researchers. Workshops to help members find ancestors

Keep the office open with Stephanie there to help. I don't get out much now, but plan to visit the office in the future. She has answered many questions in the past for me over the phone. She is great!

Online research is the best

Sessions with genealogists to ask questions after 4pm during the week or on weekends.

Make an effort to get all members to supply their own lineage.

Improved website functionality and content would be valuable. Less pre-recorded national speaker programs and more Connecticut focused content.

I would like to see some form of a member to member help request area on subjects like surnames, research techniques, reviews on research tools/links, photo editing, and other activities. Also a volunteer calendar and organizing tool for cleaning and digitally documenting cemeteries across the state.

None at this time.

Publish at times, hints and what a member may and may not do in any town hall while looking at records. What may or may not be used to copy or record records. I think some offices may have different rules, due to the personality of the town clerk.

Have more webinars!

Maybe you could get us associate membership into other Conn. family/genealogy libraries that can be accessed on line.

I have been a member for a very short time, thus i do not have enough time as a member to suggest anything on this subject .

none at this time

Email alerts of events and publications.

I am happy with what you have been doing.

More members are likely to live out of state in future so please keep that in mind as you plan ahead.

Just keeping the good work you do.

Have more access to CT Naturalization Papers and CT Passports.

I like the library of family genealogies and would appreciate it being extended to newer volumes.

Would be great to publish for members on something like TNG (the Next Generation Genealogy Sitebuilding) CT Founders and descendants say up to 1776. The Western Michigan Genealogical Society does this:

<http://trees.wmgs.org/index.php>

Also, CSG should "manage" the profiles of CT founding families on WikiTree. Eg., the Founders of Windsor at: https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Category:Founders_of_Windsor

or
Access to obituaries in newspapers around the country.

Do You have a list of genealogists that do research with their specialities?

None

None, Satisfied with service.

No suggestions

That little section where people look/ask about missing info/connections. I always enjoyed reading with the thoughts that perhaps I may be of assistance.

No suggestions at this time.

no suggestions

Since I do not live in Connecticut, providing online access to CT records would be great. And being able to watch a webinar at a more convenient time than the original air-time would also be great.

More webinars such as those with Lisa Louise Cooke.

More "training sessions" each month in addition to the regular program meetings.

Some programs and training sessions offered on evenings -- not just Saturday afternoons.

Access to more online databases from home.

Is there any way that our membership in GSC could be extended into the GSNE?

Is there a way to get a discount on Ancestry.com yearly membership RENEWAL?

Thanks, Everybody...Good, well thought out questions, happy to take your survey.

Stay well,

PH

More online access to 1700s records from Sterling and Voluntown.

I've enjoyed the publications. I've attended some of the classes and found them to be very informative. I was looking forward to coming in for some one-on-one help. I have recommended this organization to others who are also interested in genealogy. I recently took some classes online with NEHGS and really enjoyed them. Online classes would be good for CSG since the building is not able to hold very many people at the same time. I like hearing about unusual places to look for information, online and off. I believe that we are so accustomed to using the internet that we get stuck when we can't find something there. I would like a class on migration routes and history, in the US and coming to the US.

More free programs available to paid membership

Continue providing helpful genealogy info to assist other researchers. My research in CT has been minimal to date, but I want to find out more about them.

I recently had a very helpful Zoom consultation with two CSG expert genealogists. They gave me new leads to follow by researching the people/places I was having problems with. L

If I remember correctly, there was a DNA boot camp of some sort a couple of years ago which I was not able to attend. Was that recorded and could I see it online along with being able to print handouts?

Life has a way of getting in the way of my genealogy research but the pandemic has been a wonderful excuse to spend HOURS on it! It has kept me calm, excited, and never bored. I thought I'd be working on quilting or both but Ancestry.com and AncestryDNA gets most of my attention. I do miss going out to dinner and lunch with my husband and friends but at least I have lunch and dinner with my husband and takeout!

Thank you for all your efforts.

keep as is

I haven't been making good use of all aspects of my membership but hope to do more in the future.

I'd like to see/continue to see more access/links to other organizations and a continuation of "live" presentations when we finally get to that point again.

CSG is a great resource and I'm pleased with the resources available.

State repositories on line and guidance to local records

Closer ties to the Connecticut Ancestry Society

More CT-specific online data that isn't already available elsewhere.

Utilize email more to disseminate important news such as changes to our research â€” from legislature.

Perhaps compile a list on the website of each town and their research hours and individual rules. Some towns require appointments, some close their vault earlier than the office closes. Even though we have certain privileges, some Town Clerks do not afford us all the liberties we are entitled to and make the situation uncomfortable at times. A member could reference the list and know what to expect. None. I think membership is a good value.

You are doing a great job.

having programs that all of our members can participate in.

I would really like access to CT newspapers

Ability for on line attendance at programs by out of state members

Keep doing what you are doing...its worked for the first 52 years and it should work for the next 52!

Depending on the percentage of your membership that lives outside of Connecticut, I hope you'll consider outreach to your distant members through things like webinars and live-streaming of Connecticut-oriented talks especially. (We have many options for webinars about methods and basics of genealogy, but few options for webinars specifically about Connecticut. Given how many Americans have ancestors who started in New England, I would think you could build a real niche with high-quality Connecticut-specific presentations.)

Access to on-line newspapers for obituaries.

I would like to see more time for 1:1 help and small group classes.

You are doing a great job.. Thank you. Hopefully I will be able to get to the library in the near future.

Should be more content for member section. As for the website no real advantage for paying for membership.

Have experts available for consult or a place to submit
research brick walls for analysis

None at this time

more digital books available. Continue to list available
hardback & pp books for sale.

Most valuable has been the license this gives to go into
archives and do research.

I believe I get great value from my membership. The CSG
is not a large powerful organization, and I realize there are
limits to the CSG's ability to grow or offer greater service. I
would like to see a strengthening of the databases and/or
the search engine utilized for the database.

Thank you.

I am unable to travel to CT so the more available digitally the
better.

Thank you for all you do! I appreciate your work and stay as
a member to support the society and your contributions to
Conn. genealogy.