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## President's Message

N. b.! Your Society President **Valerie LaRobardier will be speaking** at The Genealogy Event to be held at the Metropolitan Pavilion in New York City October 26th and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. You can learn more about this event and register to attend at <http://bbnygroup.com/>

Your Board has been hard at work improving member benefits for our Society. The "Fall Seminar" that was rescheduled to the Spring was a success, the feedback was very positive, and we gained several new members. We plan to keep it in the Spring for the next few years.

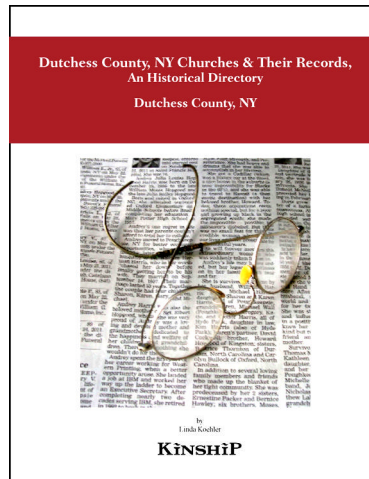
We continue to move forward with the Members Only page for the web site. We decided at the last board meeting to go ahead and launch it with limited content, and then add more content over time, rather than wait until we have new transcriptions added. Our Library VP Mary is hard at work getting lists together for that effort.

Once again I would like to thank our Education VP Mary Ann for her hard work and dedication in making our booth at the Dutchess County Fair a success. People really enjoyed pinning the map with their family's (parents, grandparents, etc.) location in 1940. We passed out flyers and membership applications. Sometimes it takes more than one contact to get a member. I spoke to one couple about joining, and the wife said that they had done so last year at the fair. The husband

was the genealogist, and he said, no, they had picked up the forms but never joined. But he said now he is feeling stronger about joining. We hope we planted many seeds. Even if the people we spoke to do not join or become interested in genealogy, we could hear them chatting among themselves as they walked away...at least they had a little reinforcement about the importance of family and of knowing one's history.

We are beginning to pull together ideas for how we will participate in the Civil War Sesquicentennial and the Dutchess County Heritage Days celebration next year. Mary attended a NARA conference and learned also of their collection of Civil War Headstone information, and is looking into the cost for us to get copies of all the Dutchess County transcriptions.

## Another Plug for Linda Koehler's *Dutchess County NY Churches & Their Records, An Historical Directory*



This book by our past president, available from Kinship, is an excellent resource, as the name implies, for discovering what church records exist and how to locate them. But it is so much more than that, and is really an indispensable

source for any Dutchess County researcher. The main section is organized alphabetically, with each church and locality appearing in alphabetical order. Some sections contain only the name and "see \_\_\_" if the information is to be found under another name, so that you will find the infor-

mation no matter what name is familiar to you. The towns, precincts, patents, hamlets and churches are all contained in this alphabetical list. Each place includes a brief history of how it was formed, prior place names, hamlets found within, along with a list of churches in order of and with the year of their formation. Each church section contains a history, with sources, and inventory of extant records along with where they may be found. Following this main section is a section on churches by denomination, giving a more complete look at how each religion developed in this area. Next is a chronological listing followed by maps and appendices.

Learning what churches were formed by others enhances understanding. Suddenly finding a marriage record in "the wrong" town makes sense, as the towns and hamlets of our county are laced together in ways other than geographical proximity, and these relationships are not always easy to see. I refer to this book many times a day, and each time I do, my hat is off to you, Linda...a truly worthy work!

## Library Notes

### Naturalization records

*Mary Colbert, DCGS Librarian*

Naturalization records (all types) are now available for Dutchess County on Ancestry.com at:

<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1663>

The search screen is a bit ambiguous about what years are covered. One search entry will do the entire collection from 1906 to 1989.

### DCGS at the Dutchess County Fair

*Mary Ann Zatlukal*

This was the second year that D.C.G.S. has had a booth at the Fair. Since this was the year that the 1940 Census was released, it became the theme of our booth display. In addition to giving fairgoers information on the Census, many discovered that the census is released 72 years after it is taken. People were most surprised that the 2,000 census wouldn't be released until 2072. The booth featured display boards that illustrated Life in 1940 - boards showed 1940 automobiles, shopping articles with prices, movies, books and toys. All were incentive for conversation. Our map display asked the question: "Where was you family in 1940?" People put pins in

the identifying places. That also triggered conversation about families and genealogy. One of our most popular handouts was a list of upcoming Genealogy Workshop & Meetings.

A big heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who staffed the booth and interacted with the crowd that attended the display. Thanks again, Mary Ann Zatlukal.

## Membership

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The membership list is not published in the web edition of the Newsletter.

## Local genealogist Jane Wilcox



Kingston NY genealogist Jane E. Wilcox has a radio talk show at 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month on WHVW 950 AM radio in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Some of her shows are listed on her web site and you can hear them by visiting

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/janeewilcox> and selecting a show (with your speakers turned on!). I enjoyed her June 6, 2012, interview with Arthur and Nancy Kelly of Rhinebeck, who publish as Kinship Books (<http://www.kinshipny.com/>).

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