

17th New England Regional Genealogical Conference



May 3-6, 2023
Springfield, Massachusetts

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Don't let the NERGC 2023 Early Bird discount get away!

Save \$20 on a full conference registration if you order by March 31st.

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New England's Premiere Genealogical Conference — NERGC — is returning to the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, May 3-6, 2023. NERGC 2023 will feature eight session tracks with 100+ talks, seven workshops, a large exhibit hall with vendors and genealogical societies, SIGs, Ancestors Road Show, Society Fair, the Libraries, Archives, and Museums Showcase, and so much more.

Whether you are a genealogical novice just getting started or a seasoned professional, there is something at NERGC 2023 for you. We cover the full gamut of New England genealogy, from colonial-era research to genetic genealogy, from military research to writing for publications, from methodology to technology. There are talks that focus in on each of the New England states, as well as various ethnic groups in New England, including Native American, African America, Irish, French Canadian, Jewish, and Polish.

You can [browse our program online](#) or [download a PDF of our brochure](#) to learn more.

Or, if you want to see what presentations and workshops align with your interests, [take a look at our topical index here](#).

At NERGC 2023 you'll find:

- Featured Speakers: Rich Venezia and Dr. Michael D. Lacopo
- Over one hundred lectures to choose from, with levels ranging from beginner to expert
- Seven workshops
- Four optional Special Research Tracks on Wednesday
- The Exhibit Hall
- Society Fair
- Libraries, Archives, and Museums Showcase
- Special Workshops
- Special Interest Groups
- The Ancestors Road Show
- Socializing and Networking
- And much, much more!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR NERGC 2023

The cost of Early Bird Full Registration is \$190 through March 31; Full Registration is \$210 April 1 and after. Single day registration for Thursday, Friday, or Saturday is available for \$85.

Conference Brochure

Prior to registering, you can download the conference brochure, which includes the full program of the conference, at <https://nergc.org/brochure/>. You may want to print it out and circle the sessions you want to attend and the events you want to participate in. With eight concurrent tracks of sessions, you may have some tough choices to make! Speakers were asked to state the audience level they associate with the proposed presentation. You'll find these in the upper right corner of the boxes in the schedule section of the conference brochure. We defined the levels as:

- (N) Novice – Someone new to this topic, ethnicity, or record type
- (I) Intermediate – Someone with some experience in this topic, ethnicity, or record type
- (A) Advanced – Someone with general experience in this topic, ethnicity, or record type
- (E) Experienced – Someone with widespread experience in this topic, ethnicity, or record type
- (G) General Interest – Informational and not related to research experience

To Register

Online

You can register and pay by credit card at <https://nergc.org/registration>.

OR

By Mail

When you are ready to register, you can fill out and mail the last page of the brochure, along with your check, to the address given.

Note: Those entitled to free admission, such as speakers, exhibitors, and award winners, have been emailed a discount code to be used during online registration to deduct the cost of their ticket. Those in these categories know who they are and should use that code when registering.

CONFERENCE BROCHURE UPDATE

A few errors in the conference brochure came to light since the last e-Zine.

The New England Track session, Rhode Island: What's New Online on Saturday morning at 8:30 is sponsored by RIGS.

The Sessions for 10:00 a.m. Friday are missing their level designations. They are:

F-203 – Untangling New Hampshire Manuscripts – I

F-205 – French-Canadian Genealogy – N

F-207 – Researching Mary Drummond, Oldest Native Negro in New Bedford – N

F-209 – Researching Native Americans in Colonial Massachusetts Records – I

F-211 – Massachusetts Privateers: Revolutionary War & War of 1812 – I

F-213 – Understanding Often Overlooked Annotations on Passenger Lists – I

F-215 – How to Research Adoption in Your Family Tree - I

UPDATED DEADLINES:

- March 31—Early Bird registration ends.
- April 2—the last day to request sign language or another form of interpreter help.
- April 3—the last day to request a scooter rental.
- April 12—the last day to request personal access equipment rentals.
- April 14—the last day to cancel registrations for a refund (minus \$20).
- April 15—the last day to order meals.
- April 28—the last day to register online. If you miss this date, just arrive and register onsite.
- April 29—link to digital syllabus distributed via email.

If you have any questions regarding the registration specifically, please email registration@nergc.org.

If you have a more general question about the conference, email: nergc-help@nergc.org

A TOPICAL INDEX TO NERGC 2023 PRESENTATIONS

The NERGC 2023 Brochure is a great resource for getting a compact, day-by-day, hour-by-hour view of the conference. But what if you want to find all the sessions related to DNA? Or all of them about Irish ancestry? Or are all of them about Vermont? You need to do quite a bit of hunting to track that information down.

Until now...

Introducing the New Topic Index of NERGC 2023 sessions, the fastest way to track down which sessions are in your area(s) of interest. A listing of sessions relating to researching ethnic and other identities is provided below. For more entries, see <https://nergc.org/topical-index/>

Ethnic and other Identities

African American:

- African American Genealogy in New England (Merrick) Fri. 8:30 a.m.
- Researching Mary Drummond, Oldest Native Negro in New Bedford (McCoy) Fri. 10:00 a.m.
- Case Study of Lucy Prince of Sunderland Vermont (Hayden) Sat. 4:45 p.m.

Canadian:

- Researching New England Planters in Canada (McComb) Sat. 1:45 p.m.
- Ancestors Who Called Canada and the USA Home (Lyttle) Sat. 3:15 p.m.
- Going to the “Boston States”: Researching Newfoundland Ancestors (Lucey) Sat. 4:45 p.m.

English:

- Start Right to Discover England’s Genealogical Gems (Cole) Sat. 3:15 p.m.

French Canadian:

- New England’s French-Canadian Millworkers: Who, What, and Why? (Vermette) Th. 4:30 p.m.
- French-Canadian Genealogy (Fortier) Fri. 10:00 a.m.
- Researching Your French-Canadian Ancestors (Gervais) Fri. 1:45 p.m.
- The Registry of Deeds, Dublin, Holds Genealogical Treasures (Galvin) Th. 3 p.m.
- Irish Estate Records: An Overlooked Source for Information (Holland) Fri. 3:15 p.m.
- Using US Records to Find Irish Immigrant Origins (Holland) Sat. 4:45 p.m.

Italian:

- The “Bootleg Queen” of Springfield’s Little Italy (Cascio) Fri. 4:45 p.m.
- Getting Started with Italian Records (Ferretti) Fri. 4:45 p.m.

Jewish:

- Holocaust Research for Genealogists (Kohlman) Th. 1:30 p.m.
- Challenges of Researching Jewish Names (Hoffman) Fri. 8:30 a.m.
- Jewish Genealogy: Finding Family Branches in European Records (Klein) Sat. 10:00 a.m.

LGBTQ+:

- Researching Our LGBTQ+ Family Members (Leclerc) Sat. 10:00 a.m.

Native American:

- Researching Native Americans in Colonial Massachusetts Records (Lambert) Fri. 10:00 a.m.

Polish:

- The Historical Context: Poland and East-Central Europe (Dabrowski) Sat. 1:45 p.m.

Swedish:

- Introduction to the Swedish Estate Inventory Records (Meade) Sat. 8:30 a.m.
- “Major Valentine’s Swedes” (Searls) Sat. 3:15 p.m.
- Using Name Indexes in ArkivDigital (Meade) Sat. 4:45 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS AT NERGC 2023

While we love our NERGC Volunteers, we also love being prepared for your arrival. Please be aware that the volunteer sign-up will be temporarily closed as of April 28th until the volunteer table opens at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3. There are still plenty of available slots for volunteers, and we’ll be prepared at the conference to accept additional volunteers throughout the event! Upon arrival, each volunteer will receive an envelope with introductory paperwork, a ribbon for their badge, information about the volunteer raffle, and any additional paperwork required for your desired task. There may even be a few other surprises for you!

WEDNESDAY PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

The main conference starts on Thursday, May 4th, but those who plan to arrive in Springfield a day early can sign up to participate in one of our four pre-conference tracks on Wednesday May 3rd. Although these events each have a registration fee, full conference registration is NOT required. To add a Wednesday track, workshop, or box lunch to an existing registration, simply go back to the [registration form](#) and enter a new order, using the same email as your original order, and add the additional tickets.

SPECIAL RESEARCH TRACKS, 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. (\$50 EACH; OPTIONAL BOX LUNCH \$33)

- Revolutionary War
- Advanced DNA (sponsored by Family Tree DNA)
- Jumpstart Your Research
- French Canadian Research

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TWO-HOUR WORKSHOPS, 4:30-6:30 P.M. (\$30 EACH):

- Prove It! Writing a Winning Proof Argument? (Nora Galvin)
- Getting to the Heart of Land Records (Sara E. Campbell)
- Solving Photo Mysteries: Approaches & Analysis (Maureen Taylor)
- Bridging The Decades: Little-Used Clues from the Census (Elissa Scalise Powell).

HOTEL INFORMATION

As of today, most rooms in our blocs at the conference hotel (see below) are sold out for the dates of the conference, but because the status could change from day to day, it is still worth checking those two hotels first. If no rooms are available there, the MassMutual Center has a [page listing other area hotels](#). Note in particular that the Holiday Inn Express and the MGM are an easy walk to the conference, and the others are a short drive away.

The two conference hotels, with negotiated rates, and walkable to the conference, are the Sheraton and the Marriott:



Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel (\$179/night, last day to book is April 11) One Monarch Place, Springfield, MA 01144. Reservations can be made [at this link](#) or by calling 1-800-325-3535 or (413) 781-1010. Mention that you are booking for the "New England Regional Genealogical Consortium" to get the negotiated conference rate.

Marriott Springfield Downtown (\$169/night, last day to book is April 2), 2 Boland Way, Springfield, MA 01115. Reservations can be made [at this link](#) or by calling the hotel at 413-781-7111. Mention our group code, "NE1625," to get the negotiated conference rate.

Contact accessibility@nergc.org for details about the accessible rooms available upon request.

MEALS REMINDER

A fair warning to all attendees: MassMutual Center policy forbids outside food and beverages. We are led to understand that there will be an airport-style security screening on entering the building, and those with contraband comestibles will be turned away. Since the catered meals will accommodate vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free, and similar special needs, it is not expected that the security screening will be granting exceptions for those with such requirements.

The good news is that we have a full range of meals available, from a pre-conference lunch on Wednesday, to the Italian buffet on Thursday, to luncheons and evening banquets on Friday and Saturday.

These catered meals are popular with conference attendees, but we realize that everyone needs to eat, including exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall, volunteers working in their various functions, and even the stray spouse who might want to join you for a meal but is not interested in spending the whole day at the conference.

So, we are allowing anyone to purchase a meal ticket, even if they are not ticketed for the conference. This is true for the luncheons as well as the banquets.

You can read more about our meal offerings here: <https://nergc.org/meals/>

And if you want to order a meal, you can do so here:

https://whova.com/portal/registration/inper16_202201/?source=4188pcp4

TABLE TOPICS LUNCHEON SPONSORED BY NEAPG

The popular Table Topics Luncheon will be back again this year on Friday, May 5. The event, sponsored by the New England Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, features informal discussions on particular genealogical topics, each led by a member of NEAPG.

Some of the planned discussion include DNA, Research in New England States, Ethnic Research, Writing, French-Canadian Genealogy, and Brick Walls.

To participate, please register for the Table Topics Luncheon on the NERGC registration page, and plan to visit NEAPG's booth at the exhibit hall before Friday, May 5 to sign up for the topic of your choice. If you have already completed your NERGC registration, it's not too late to add the luncheon. Simply [enter a new order](#), using the same email as your original order, and add the luncheon.

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL DIETARY NEED?

The MassMutual Center assures us that they will provide for special dietary needs. Gluten-free bread is available. For non-dairy guests, they can prepare sandwiches without cheese. For those attending the Friday luncheon with Table Topics, the chicken salad will be grilled sliced chicken and the protein on the vegetarian salad will be quinoa and chickpeas. They will serve a vegetarian and gluten-free soup of fresh greens and legumes.

The online registration process and the paper form both provide an opportunity to describe specific dietary needs. Complete the registration form, select the meals, and we will contact you to determine the best way to accommodate your request. Remember, if you have questions relating to special meal requests, please email meals@nergc.org.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL ANCESTORS ROAD SHOW CONSULTANTS

The Ancestors Road Show is the place for giving or getting help. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to have a free 20-minute consultation with a professional genealogist. We hope that many of the great professional genealogist/speakers attending the Conference will participate as consultants. The link to sign up as a consultant is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949a9a82aa6fd0-nergc#/>

NERGC Ancestors Roadshow Committee, ars@nergc.org.



INTRODUCING THE CONFERENCE APP

Our official conference app, Whova, will help you improve your conference experience. With the app, you can:

- View the event **agenda** and plan your schedule
- Ask speakers questions in **Session Q&A**
- Plan in-person or virtual meetups with your fellow attendees
- Receive updates such as **last-minute schedule changes** from the organizers
- Ask the conference organizers questions

Download the app; then login with the same email address you used to register for the conference.



FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: PRACTICALITIES

For those unexpected needs that might crop up during the conference, here are some helpful resources in Springfield. [An expanded list](http://nergc.org/practicalities) (dental & medical services, grocery stores, shopping, tailor, shoe repair, etc.) can be found at nergc.org/practicalities.

NOTE: Not all businesses are within walking distance of the MassMutual Center.

NOTE: Hours of operation can change. Contact the company before setting out.

ATMs (All of these are within one block of the MMC)

Bank of America – 1341 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103

Citizens Bank – Inside the Mass Mutual Center: 1277 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103

Santander Bank – 1350 Main Street, Springfield, MA 011033

TD Bank ATM – 1441 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103

Westfield Bank – 1319 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103

Hardware Stores

Ace Hardware

1381 Liberty Street, Springfield, MA 01104 (4 miles)

Phone: 413-781-0578

Hours: M – F: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.; Sat: 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.; Sun: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Home Depot

179 Daggett Drive, West Springfield, MA 01104 (5.3 miles via I-91 North)

Phone: 413-731-9700

Hours: M – Sat: 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.; Sun: 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Pharmacies

CVS

919 Main St, Springfield, MA 01103 (2 blocks from MMC – Same block as the Marriott)

Phone: 413-827-7143

Hours: 8:00 A.M. to 10 P.M. daily

Walgreens

625 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104 (2.8 miles from MMC)

Phone: 414-295-1495

Hours: M – F: 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.; Sat & Sun: 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Printer/Shipper/Office Supplies

FedEx Office Print & Ship Center

1383 Main St, Springfield, MA 01103 (within one block of MMC)

Phone: 413-788-9240

Hours: M – F: 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.; Sat: 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; Sun: closed

Sir Speedy

1441 Main Street, TD Bank Center, Springfield, MA 01103 (within one block of MMC)

Phone: 413-733-6691

Hours: M – F: 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Sat & Sun: Closed

Minuteman Press

1365 Main St, Springfield, MA 01103 (within one block of MMC)

Phone: 413-733-7441

Hours: M – F: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Sat & Sun: Closed

Shoe Repair

Ideal Shoe Service

93 Belmont Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108 (2.7 miles from MMC)

Phone: 413-739-2624

Hours: W, Th, F: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Sat: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.; Sun, M, & T: Closed

Phone: 413-532-0240

A complete list of stores and their hours can be found at:

www.mallsinamerica.com/massachusetts/riverdale-shops#storeslist.

Technology

Best Buy

50 Holyoke Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 (In the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside — 8.0 miles but an easy, straight drive up I91 North)

Phone: 413-335-5894

Hours: M – Sat: 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; Sun: 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Staples

1129 Riverdale Road, West Springfield, MA 01089 (5.3 miles via I-91 North)

Phone: 413-739-0026

Hours: M – F: 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; Sat: 9:00 A.M. to 8:00P.M.; Sun: 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Enthusiasm is always high for these popular, informal mini gatherings, which will be held on Thursday evening, May 4 at 7:15pm, at the Mass Mutual Center. It's an opportunity to meet and share with conference participants and hosts on a wide range of topics. Popular past topics will be offered along with several new topics. The confirmed SIGS gatherings are listed below. Watch for other SIG topics to be confirmed.

DNA

Moderator: Kelli Jo Bergheimer

French-Canadian Research

Moderator: Johanne Gervais

Irish Research

Moderator: Pamela Holland

Jewish Research

Moderator: Jessie Klein

LGBTQ+

Moderator: Michael Leclerc

Military Research

Moderator: Kathleen Kaldis

Polish Research

Moderators: Aleksandra Kacprzak and Lucjan Cichocki

Writing

Moderator: William Cole

DID YOU STUDY WITH A PROGEN GROUP?

Did you study with a ProGen Group? There's a meet-up of ProGen Alumni at 5:45 on Friday in the glassed-in area on the second floor of MMC. Stop by and meet a classmate in person, create a group for dinner or the evening banquet, or simply marvel at all the alumni in attendance. For more information, check out the Meetup in the Whova app or contact Eva Holmes at eva@blindhopes.com.

BECOME A SPONSOR!

Some sponsorship opportunities are still available. If you know of organizations that would like to participate, visit <https://nergc.org/partners/> for more details and sponsorship@nergc.org with all questions.

SOCIETY FAIR



Our Thursday evening Society Fair is shaping up to be one of our best. We currently have twenty-one confirmed participants. A complete list of them can be found at <https://nergc.org/society-fair>. Each one of them looks forward to meeting and greeting all. Please be sure to stop and visit with each of them. There is still a limited number of tables available. Don't wait. The space is filling up fast. Contact SocietyFair@nergc.org for information.

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS SHOWCASE

Since the last E-zine, we have added the Rhode Island State Archives to our Showcase, and they are one of the exhibitors highlighted here. The second exhibitor highlighted was interested in 2021 for the virtual version, during our last conference. They were unable to commit at that time but were one of the first to be confirmed for this event. We welcome them both.

The Rhode Island State Archives is home to more than ten million letters, photographs, and important state documents that form a permanent, tangible record of Rhode Island's rich history. As part of its collection, it maintains open vital records transferred from the Department of Health of Rhode Island birth and marriage records more than one hundred years old and death records more than 50 years old. Their team of archivists is ready to assist you in exploring these records in person or online and will be sharing guides and resources for how to access and use these materials for your personal research.



The Public Health Museum in Massachusetts, located in the Old Administration Building on the campus of the historic Tewksbury State Hospital, is the first museum dedicated to celebrating the history and achievements of public health. Additionally, the PHM collects, preserves, and exhibits objects related to the history of Tewksbury State Hospital and other state hospitals. They will be showcasing historic photographs and a campus map from Tewksbury State Hospital, Anne Sullivan's intake record, and a cemetery post from the hospital cemetery, where approximately 15,000 patients were buried. Information on the Museum's genealogy services, campus tours, and membership will also be available, along with other resources.

There is still space available on both Friday and Saturday to showcase special collections to the attendees. For more information, please email LAMShowcase@nergc.org.

In the next issue of the E-zine, the Friday and Saturday schedules will be published. Please be sure to save some time visiting our Showcase during those days. A listing of all the participants can be found at <https://nergc.org/libraries-archives-museums-showcase>.

EXHIBIT HALL UPDATE

We now have fifty (50) booth spaces filled for the May Conference, including one for NERGC 2025 (which you should stop by to visit to be added to the potential exhibitor list for that Conference). There are now thirty-nine (39) distinct exhibitors occupying those spaces and the list on the website at "Conference/Exhibit Hall" should be up to date soon. We still have a few booth spaces available. They will be filled on a first come/first served basis. We have twenty-two exhibitors holding door prize raffles(56%).

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

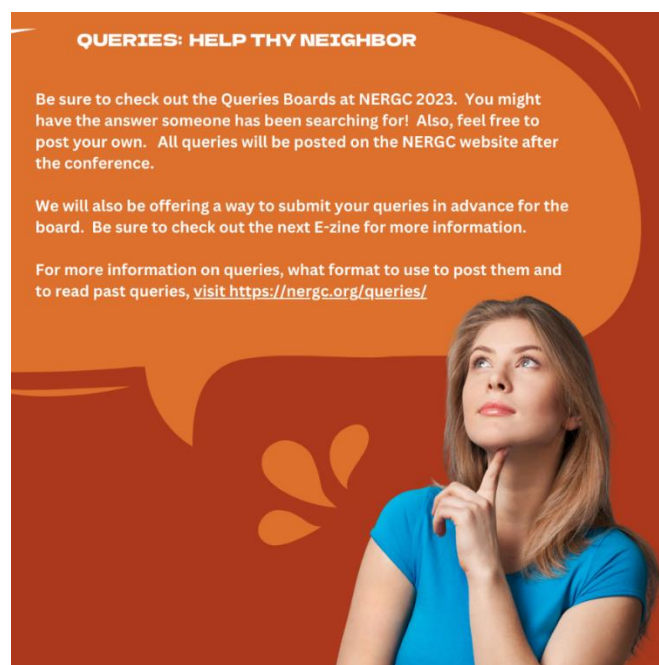
Volunteers are the lifeblood of the NERGC conference. That's one thing that helps keep our prices lower than so many other regional conferences. From Wednesday morning through Saturday's banquet there are opportunities for you to loan your time to the conference to keep things running smoothly! We start on Wednesday with tasks for check-in at pre-conference events and the congenial task of helping to stuff envelopes and tote bags for conference registrations. Conference check-in will open on Wednesday afternoon and requires many volunteers from Wednesday through Saturday. Other opportunities to volunteer include being the host or hostess for a session (introducing and working with the speaker), being the door monitor for a session (checking badges, collecting evaluations, and controlling lighting), answering questions in the hallway, helping with Exhibitor check in on Wednesday, and working at the Hospitality or Volunteer table.

Credit for your volunteer hours is given to one of the participating societies in fulfillment of their agreement to provide conference volunteers. Help the conference and help your society in one fell swoop! You can sign up now for your desired volunteer opportunity from our website—www.nergc.org/volunteers.

QUERIES

A Query Board will be set up in the lobby area of the MassMutual Center. The preferred format uses standard abbreviations and the date written as 27 July 1927. Show birth, death, marriage in that order, with event location shown before date and all known information stated before the question is asked. Remember to include your contact information!

SAMPLE QUERY: JONES, Mehetable, b. Hartford CT abt 1790, m. Middletown, CT 23 Mar 1823 to BUSHNELL, John b. Hartford OR Wethersfield, CT c 1785 Need bdt, par of John.



QUERIES: HELP THY NEIGHBOR

Be sure to check out the Queries Boards at NERGC 2023. You might have the answer someone has been searching for! Also, feel free to post your own. All queries will be posted on the NERGC website after the conference.

We will also be offering a way to submit your queries in advance for the board. Be sure to check out the next E-zine for more information.

For more information on queries, what format to use to post them and to read past queries, visit <https://nergc.org/queries/>

NERGC ACCESSIBILITY TEAM REMINDERS AND UPDATES

Don't forget!

While registration will remain open through April 28th, potential attendees or those already registered with mobility, hearing, or visual concerns impacting access and participation at this conference should contact me, Pam Roberts, NERGC 2023 Accessibility Liaison (accessibility@nergc.org), at your earliest convenience.

Need a scooter rental? Deadline for requesting a rental is April 3, 2023

A rental vendor for scooters and other equipment is ready to receive your personal orders should you wish to arrange a rental at \$175 for the whole conference, with delivery to the venue or hotel for your convenience. **Email accessibility@nergc.org NOW.**

Interested in an assisted personal listening device?

We will be deciding on how many, if any, we request. We have a quote from a vendor and MUST confirm an order before March 25, 2023. If you registered and identified a need in your registration form but have not heard back, you should have already received a call or email from me. Be sure to check your spam and junk mail and respond or email again. If you are interested in attending, please register NOW indicating your need for accommodations so follow-up can occur, and your needs can be addressed.

Need Sign Language or another form of interpreter help used by persons who are deaf or blind?

Do you have access to a portable device (smart phone or tablet or laptop) you would like to use during the conference to access audio to text screen capabilities? Do you have headphones you could use during a session to turn text to audio or audio to text? Do you use headphones to hear the written word if you need spoken language access to written material? Please be in touch by no later than March 25, as it takes up to six weeks to request and receive a confirmation to secure a sign language interpreter. If you know of an "ASL sign language interpreter" available in the greater Springfield area, let me know. We will work toward meeting your needs. Email accessibility@nergc.org NOW.

Vendors' inventory may be limited, and confirmation and reservation for equipment or interpreter services will be on a first come first served basis.

Hotel reservations must be begun by you by following the instructions given. But if you are having difficulty getting what you need, do contact me and I can help you advocate for what you need.

Is accessible parking still a concern even after reading the Hospitality article in E-zine 6? Watch for more specific updates and pictures from a Springfield visit I will make at least two weeks before the conference.

Please use your invitation to take advantage of the Mobile App to set your preferred itinerary by identifying the sessions you hope to attend each day, what meals you are attending, etc. BUT if you need to have other supports, I will need your itinerary or “agenda” as Whova calls it. Please follow the instructions in your registration confirmation. Sign into Whova and fill out your AGENDA no later than April 2; earlier if possible. Let me know if you need help, and we can do it together.

Stay connected and enjoy the conference. Stop by to check in at the Accessibility table near registration on arrival. We welcome your ideas and feedback. Pam Roberts (accessibility@nergc.org).

FOLLOW NERGC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

E-zine

Continue to follow our E-zines to keep up to date on the planning and the excitement of this conference. They are sent periodically to all those on our mailing list. If you're not already receiving them and would like to do so, go to <https://nergc.org/e-zines/>, enter your email address, last name, and first name in the form on the right side of the screen, and hit the “Sign Up” button. Back issues of the E-zine are also posted on the E-zine page.

CONFERENCE BLOG

Keep up to date with breaking news about the many special events and conference activities that are planned. Find out more information about the lectures, speakers, exhibitors, hotel, research facilities, and the City of Springfield. Check out the blog to get the most out of the conference: <https://nergc.org/blog/>.

FACEBOOK

Thinking about attending NERGC? Don't miss the excitement! Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NERGC> to learn more about the conference, check out the photos from past Conferences, and write on the NERGC “wall.”

TWITTER

Follow the #NERGC Conversation on Twitter, where we are @NERGC2023. Also follow #NERGC for other buzz about the conference.