

17th New England Regional Genealogical Conference



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It is hard to believe, but New England’s Premiere Genealogical Conference — NERGC — is now less than a month away! Returning to the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, May 3-6, NERGC 2023 will feature eight session tracks with 100+ talks. In addition, there will be 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. 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](#).

The Last Day to Order Meals is April 15th

The deadline for ordering meals is Saturday, April 15th, when we stop selling meal tickets and hand off our orders to the caterer. Since no outside food or beverage is permitted in the MassMutual Center, your basic options are:

1. Try to get a quick bite at an area restaurant and make it back in time for your next session.
2. Stand in line at the snack bar at the back of the Exhibit Hall (open when the Exhibit Hall is open).
3. Practice intermittent fasting like you said you would in your New Year's Resolution.
4. Purchase a NERGC meal ticket and have a relaxed meal while listening to a genealogical speaker or discussing genealogy with others.



It is your choice.

Aside from the convenience, most of the NERGC meals have a genealogical speaker, or in the case of Friday's “Table Topics” lunch, facilitated topic-oriented discussions at each table. So, it is not just food for the body, but food for thought that you get with a NERGC meal.

To order meal tickets, go to our ticketing website (powered by Whova) and scroll down until you see the meal choices: https://whova.com/portal/registration/inper16_202201/?source=4188pcp4

ADDITIONAL DEADLINES:

- 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, you can still register onsite in Springfield.
- 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

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD! (A Word From Pam Badini, NERGC Meals Committee)

Conferences are all about networking. Sharing. Exploring new ideas. Interacting with others who share your interests. Even if you are new to the field, there is someone who might like to find the details of your family search.



Conversation is a big reason we feel connected to others, which makes words, facts, and dates just a little bit more meaningful. Remember the big holiday dinners with lots of relatives and discussions and gossip? Sometimes the local authority was a relative, which only adds to the dialogue. Why? Because Grandma was from New England and made the best apple pie! Anyone have her recipe box? And Grandpa was from the South, where peaches are the staple. How did they ever meet? If you listened closely, those bits and pieces of conversation make much more sense now.

Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok are nothing more than a really big dining room table. Some are set very elegantly; others are Sunday afternoon pizza, and everything in between. I know the ritual when Great Grandpa made his

whisky. The Meals Committee has had many conversations about planning the meals. Committee Chair Fran Nadeau keeps track of every single detail. I, on the other hand, wanted the food choices and meal ticket design to reflect the dinner sponsor. Have French fries because the French Society was the sponsor. Allergies, vegan choice, or making sure asparagus was *not* served, greens were served. Gluten free, too much fat on the plate, not enough sweets (that was mine).

Each of the meals has been carefully chosen by the committee. Is there a speaker or table discussion? Served or Buffet? New post-Covid protocols added another dimension. Is the same food being served at another time? What is an alternative meal choice? Each and every decision was made with only you in mind. Enjoy the programs; then relax and enjoy the food. Meet new friends or even new relatives.

Who Can Purchase a Meal?

Meals may be purchased by anyone—ticketed attendees, of course, but also volunteers, exhibitors, as well as guests, spouses, or partners of the above.

The Meals

Breakfast (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). \$12

- Assorted Bagels served with Flavored Cream Cheese, Whipped Butter and Jelly
- Sliced Seasonal Fruit
- Fresh Fruit Juices
- Regular and Decaf Coffee
- Assorted Tea Selection

Wednesday (Pre-Conference) Box Lunch. \$33

Choice of still or sparkling water, choice of chips, choice of cookie, choice of salad, and one of the following sandwiches:

- Smoked salami, capicola, smoked Provolone cheese, roasted peppers, pickled red onions, red wine aioli on ciabatta
- Shaved turkey, Swiss cheese, baby greens with sweet grain mustard aioli, caramelized onions on marble rye
- Roasted asparagus, artichokes, red peppers, olives, sautéed couscous with red onion and hummus in a tomato wrap

Thursday Luncheon (David Rencher on "The Future of Records Preservation"), sponsored by the Massachusetts Genealogical Council. \$45

An Italian Buffet with the following selections:

- Classic Caesar salad, garlic croutons and shaved Parmesan cheese
- Grilled chicken breast with roasted artichokes, peppers, and fresh mozzarella in a yellow tomato sauce
- Rigatoni pasta with peas, yellow tomatoes and asparagus in sundried tomato cream sauce with goat cheese, and lemon truffle green beans
- Garlic bread
- Tiramisu cups and dessert bars

Thursday Box Supper. \$25

The "Basic Box" includes Whole Fruit, Bag of Chips, Dessert and Bottled Water, and one of the following sandwiches:

- Turkey and Provolone
- Roast beef and Cheddar
- Seasonal vegetable with hummus or pesto

Friday Luncheon (Table Topics), sponsored by the New England Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists. \$41

A served salad (chicken or vegetarian), to accommodate Table Topics. Includes ice water, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee/decaf/assorted teas.

Friday's Banquet (Michael Strauss "Prisoners, Thieves, and Scoundrels: Your Black Sheep Ancestors"), sponsored by the Connecticut Society of Genealogists. \$49

- Choice of meat or vegetable lasagna
- Salad greens
- Dessert
- Ice water, coffee/decaf coffee/assorted teas are included.
- A cash bar will also be available.

Saturday's Luncheon (Debra Dudek "Every Girl Pulling for Victory - Suffrage and Service During the Great War"), sponsored by the Connecticut Ancestry Society. \$43

The "Mass Mutual Combo," being your choice of sandwich from:

- Roast beef, Boursin cheese, caramelized onions, lettuce and tomato
- Smoked turkey, Brie cheese, basil blueberry compote and spring mix
- Fresh Mozzarella, Tomato and Basil Pesto with Balsamic Reduction Roasted Vegetables, Hummus and Spinach

Also, a soup (t.b.d), a salad (t.b.d), kettle chips, assorted cookie and brownie display, and assorted cold beverages

Saturday's Banquet (Dr. Michael Lacopo "Top Ten Things I Have Learned in Four Decades of Genealogical Research"), sponsored by the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists. \$66

- Choice of seared chicken breast or stuffed haddock
- House salad
- Chef select starch & vegetable
- ice water, rolls & butter
- dessert, coffee/decaf coffee/assorted teas
- A cash bar will also be available

How to Order Meals

To order the meals, go to our ticketing website (powered by Whova) and scroll down until you see the meal choices: https://whova.com/portal/registration/inper16_202201/?source=4188pcp4. If you've already ordered other NERGC tickets, please try to use the same email address you used for your previous order(s). If you have special dietary requirements, you'll have the opportunity to note those before you submit the order.

Questions: Send an email to meals@nergc.org.

NEAPG'S TABLE TOPICS LUNCHEON RETURNS FOR 2023

It's not too late to sign up for Friday's Table Topics luncheon, sponsored by the New England Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. The event features informal discussions on particular genealogical topics, each led by a member of NEAPG. Planned discussion topics will include DNA, Research in New England States, Irish Research, Italian Research, Jewish Research, Writing, French-Canadian Genealogy, Records Access, Lineage Societies, and more! To participate, please purchase the "Friday Luncheon w/Table Topics" meal and plan to visit NEAPG's booth in the Exhibit Hall before Friday 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 add a new ticket at https://whova.com/portal/registration/inper16_202201/?source=4188pcp4 using the same email as your original order, and add the luncheon.



THURSDAY LUNCHEON

SPONSORED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL

The Future of Records Preservation

David E. Rencher



David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS, is the Chief Genealogical Officer at FamilySearch (FamilySearch.org). As a professional genealogist since 1977, he has collaborated with private and governmental organizations around the world to gather and preserve vast numbers of records from many sources. He knows records preservation and access issues from many perspectives.

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council (MassGenCouncil.org) is an umbrella organization for associations and individuals concerned with keeping open the records that we genealogists need. In other words, MGC worries about records preservation and free and unfettered access to civil records. Threats to these records pose challenges to genealogists and historians, who rely on the recorded word.

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.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR NERGC 2023

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.

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 immigration and naturalization is provided below. For more entries, see <https://nergc.org/topical-index/>

Immigration / Naturalization

- Discovering Your Immigrant's Origins (Venezia) Fri. 8:30am
- Understanding Often Overlooked Annotations on Passenger Lists (Torella) Fri. 10:00am
- Naturalization Know-How: The Laws and Records of U.S. Citizenship (Venezia) Fri. 3:15pm
- Alien Registrations in America (Venezia) Sat. 10:00am
- Ship Manifest Indexes: A New Look at an Old Resource (Venezia) Sat. 4:45pm

CONFERENCE BROCHURE UPDATE

A few errors in the conference brochure have come to light.

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

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).

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED

As of April 4 at 10:30 a.m. there were 42 open volunteer slots for Wednesday and Thursday at the conference and 96 open slots for Friday and Saturday. It would be so comforting to walk into the conference on Wednesday morning knowing that Wednesday and Thursday options are filled. Still available are:

- Six slots for working at the ADA table – many at meals so that our ADA coordinator can eat;
- Monitors for T-115, T-119, T-120, T-123, T-127, Advanced DNA and Jumpstart Tracks;
- Six slots for working at the Hospitality table – helping people locate local businesses;
- Hosting for Jumpstart Track, T-111, T-113, T-115, T-117, T-119, T-120, T-123, T-127 – remember the introduction is provided and the speakers are happy to meet you;
- Door Monitor and Host for the Land Records Workshop;
- Host for the Photo Workshop;
- Five slots for working at the Registration Desk (all on Thursday);
- Three slots for working at the Volunteer Table; and
- One slot for checking people in for their Workshop on Wednesday afternoon.

Materials will be provided for all volunteers and each hour of your time that you donate assists a participating society in meeting their contracted obligation for the conference. NERGC not only cherishes its Volunteers, we honor them! Please try to sign up before April 29 so materials can be prepared in advance of arrival at the venue. Of course, we'll accept new volunteers during the conference as well. THANK YOU !

HOTEL INFORMATION

Most rooms in our blocs at the conference hotels (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.

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.

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.

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 Berghheimer

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

Since the last E-zine, the Swedish Ancestry Research Association has been confirmed to attend bringing our number to twenty-two. What a terrific addition to the Fair. A complete list of participants 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. Contact SocietyFair@nergc.org for information.



LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS SHOWCASE

FRIDAY, MAY 5 – 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Rhode Island State Archives
Vermont State Archives and Records Administration
Windsor (Connecticut) Historical Society

SATURDAY, MAY 6 –10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Franco American Collections Consortium
Kent Memorial Library—Suffield, CT
Public Health Museum in Massachusetts
Rhode Island Historical Society
Rochester (NY) Genealogical Society
Wilbraham Public Library

Please be sure to save some time visiting our Showcase during those days. As you can see, there are nine terrific exhibitors this year bringing their collections to this conference. It is especially important to point out that each of the New England States plus New York are represented here. Quite a thrill! A listing of all the participants can be found at <https://nergc.org/libraries-archives-museums-showcase>. There will be additional information on the exhibitors in the Daily Newsletters distributed during the conference.

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.

EXHIBIT HALL UPDATE



With start of the Conference less than a month away, the Exhibit Hall remains nearly full at 39 exhibitors/vendors plus the NERGC 2025 booth. We have just a few open booth spaces that will be filled on a first come, first served basis but time is running out. Since a few exhibitors have more than a single booth, 50 booth spaces will be filled with numerous opportunities for attendees to browse for society memberships, research services and tools, books and other genealogy source materials, and specialized information and guidance on Irish, Italian, Polish, French and French-Canadian roots (to name just a few). In addition, there will be booths offering focused attention to subjects such as DNA research, Civil War records, Mayflower & Pilgrim Family Societies, genealogy related jewelry, writing and publishing,

photography, storage and retrieval tools, and lots of fun stuff for just for genealogists. Be sure to make time in your schedule to visit the Exhibit Hall as often as possible!

Speaking of Exhibit Hall visits, the number of exhibitors/vendors who will be holding door prize raffles at their booths has increased significantly as we get closer to opening day! We now have at least 29 of 39 exhibitors/vendors (74%) who will be giving away such items as free memberships, free webinars, books, gift certificates, free subscriptions, research and digitization at the National Archives, DNA test kits and more. The list of those booths offering door prizes will appear in the Syllabus that all attendees will receive in one form or another and the most up-to-date list will be posted at the Conference and on *Whova*, the new Conference app (which everyone should download to get the most out of the Conference and the Exhibit Hall opportunities).



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/>



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.

NERGC ACCESSIBILITY TEAM UPDATE

Just confirmed. We have a vendor for rental of safe scooters for sidewalk mobility to and from hotels in the area and indoors at the accessible but large venue (the MassMutual Center). You'll have one of the most comfortable seats in the house, with arm rests and a basket for all those books and resources you'll gather in the exhibit hall. No racing allowed. But do enjoy your worry free "ride". With their headquarters housed in Springfield, very near our venue, they are in a great position to provide safe and well-functioning rental mobility scooters to meet your needs.



Park your car once with an overnight discounted parking fee at your hotel, and rent your mobility scooter for a comfortable way to navigate to and from the venue and save your energy for the important chats and learning outcomes and new skills provided. Or learn about the accessible spot where you can be dropped off by your driver if you are commuting.

- If you already indicated an interest in a scooter, you will get an email with the phone number to call to reserve your scooter. The pricing will be somewhere between \$145 and \$195 for the weekly rental Tuesday through Monday. A companion can go with you to your car if you are a commuter, and the volunteer companion will secure your scooter until the next day.
- If you are interested now but had not given us a heads up on your registration form – just email Pam at accessibility@nergc.org and we will get you started with your referral and reservation. Pam provides the paperwork that the vendor will require. You would use a credit card for payment and then receive a confirmation. You may reserve up until the week of the event.

Be reassured that no matter how much connecting and chatting, learning and new skills activities you want to do, you can pace yourself to be where you need to be, when you want to be there with less discomfort and worry. Perhaps you will even make it through that dinner speaker you so wanted to hear. Pam and our volunteers will help you figure out what all the "bells and whistles" on the modern, like-new, rental scooters are. Pam will point out the very important safety criteria, and you'll be on your way for the conference. Oh, and you'll get a key (and a battery charger). So, get your referral and reservation set, and be ready to decide where and when you want to "meet" your scooter. Accessibility team members and volunteers will guide you. Remember, the scooter charges with a regular electric plug in a wall socket in your room or in our secure space at the venue.

Learn more about accessible parking and other things "accessible" in the next E-zine. Here's something to think about. Do you know what a personal amplifier is? For those who have made requests ahead of time, we will be offering a variety of low-tech ways to use your own devices or ours to supplement available written and spoken audio sources. Supplemental visual and/or audio materials may be used in efficient ways to meet your hearing visual and focus, or organization needs.

We will have some see-through face masks to protect your health by masking if you wish. Those masks protect without preventing those with hearing loss from lip reading with speakers and friends.

Come visit the Accessibility Table near the registration area. We will problem solve our way through the week together.

Contact Pam anytime: 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.