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### Two New Books for Sale in the AGS Store

AGS has two new books available for sale! Discovering Famous Graves, by Lynn F. Pearson, is a guidebook to famous burials in the United Kingdom. We also have Lost Villages: Historic Driving Tours in the Catskills, by Mary Robinson Sive. This title was just recently re- printed. We have a limited supply of both titles, so place your order now! For more information on these titles and for order info, please click on our store link below.

[AGS Book Store](#)

### New Items for Sale in our Gift Shop

The AGS 2004 Cemetery Art Calendar is now available! The calendar features beautiful black and white photos by AGS members. For order information, please visit our gift shop by clicking on the link below.

Also new in our gift shop are postcard and notecard sets by Boneyard Art of Brunswick, Maine. They feature photos of sea captain's gravemarkers from coastal Maine. For images of the cards and order information, please follow the link below.

[AGS Gift Shop](#)

### AGS Member to Give Lecture

AGS member Bob Carlson is giving a lecture on August 19, 2003 entitled "Colonial Gravestones on Cape Cod". The talk will be at 7:30 in the Old Colonial Courthouse on Route 6A in Barnstable Village, Mass. The lecture is open to the public, and there is a \$5 charge (all proceeds go to support the restoration of the Old Colonial Courthouse in Barnstable Village). For more information, please contact Bob at [rpcarlson@comcast.net](mailto:rpcarlson@comcast.net)

Also, please take some time to visit Bob's website. The site contains transcriptions and photos of cemeteries in Barnstable County, Mass. To view the site, please click on the link below

[capecodgravestones.com](http://capecodgravestones.com)

## Star Tribune excerpt: Cleaning Limestone Gravestones

AGS member Mike Mitchell forwarded this article from the Minneapolis Star Tribune. AGS Research Clearinghouse Coordinator John Spaulding was consulted for the piece. To read the article, click on the Star Tribute link.

[Star Tribune](#)

## Reminder: Gravemarker Design Competition

The deadline for the Gravemarker Design Competition is fast approaching! The contest was announced in the Spring 2003 Quarterly, and will be presented anonymously for assessment by three judges - a representative of the monument trade, a folklorist, and an artist/art historian. Entries are due by August 1, 2003.

Submit your gravemarker design on a 8 1/2 x 11 inch white sheet, mailed UNFOLDED. The design should be executed in black and white (for possible reproduction). On a SEPARATE sheet, give submitter name, address, and occupation. On this same sheet, indicate the material, color and approximate size you envision for the gravemarker you design. If there are any philosophical considerations behind the design, you might wish to share them also. Submissions should be sent to: Sybil F. Crawford-AGS Design Competition 10548 Stone Canyon Rd. #228, Dallas, TX 75230-4408.

## 2003 AGS Conference Report

Our 2003 Conference Chair Peggy Jenks sent in a report about the event. Also, there was a blue pull over sweater and pair of shorts left in the registration room. If they are yours, please send Peggy an e-mail at: [mjenks@capital.net](mailto:mjenks@capital.net), and we will make sure you get them back. To read Peggy's conference summary, follow the link below.

[2003 Conference](#)

## New Website

AGS member Terri Bertsche has launched a new website. Some of the features are a photo gallery, safety and gravestone preservation tips, and recommended reading. The link to Terri's site is provided below.

If you would like to let other AGS members know about your website, please e-mail us at [info@gravestonestudies.org](mailto:info@gravestonestudies.org), and we'll post it.

[gravestone images](#)

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