



The National Huguenot Society

A monthly dispatch from the patriotic, religious, historical, and educational society.



MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT GENERAL AND OTHER OFFICERS

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Hello Cousins, I am Jo Lee Potts, and I am excited to be the newest President General. I love this Society and I hope you do too.

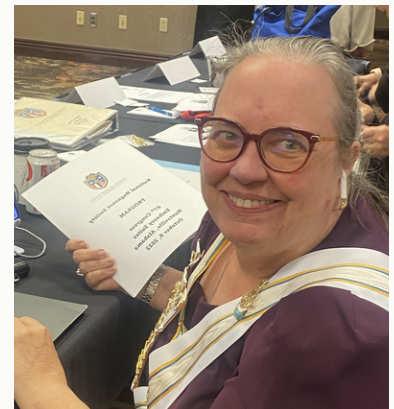
I have been a member of the NHS, the Huguenot Society of Florida, and the Jean Calvin Chapter of the HSFL for 20 years. I have held several positions at the chapter, state, and national levels for over 20 years. Yes, I was handed a green folder as I was leaving my installation meeting and I never looked back.

My husband and I have been married for 40 years. We have 2 daughters, an adopted son/nephew, and 3 grandchildren. My husband and I are originally from Ohio. We have been in Florida for over 30 years.

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Jo Lee Potts



... Meet Your New President

I started my genealogy journey when I was 16 years old, knowing the very basics of my family. I wanted to prove the family lore to be fact or fiction and to document what had been passed down as oral tradition. Here I am, 18 heritage societies later, including Jamestown, Crown of Charlemagne, Baronial Order of Magna Carta, Indentured Servants, and Postmasters, among others.

I have a BS in Mechanical Engineering Technology from the University of Cincinnati and an MS in Engineering Management Systems from the University of South Florida. I spent a couple of years working at a global fresh fruit company, more than half a decade at a global beverage company in packaging design and development, and nearly two decades at a global graphics company in an ISO Engineering position. I retired in 2016 as the North American Management Rep and started my own ISO global auditing and consulting firm which I still operate.

All of your General Officers do what we do out of love for the Society as volunteers. None of us are paid. Please keep us in your prayers as we attempt to do our best. We are always looking for additional volunteers. We currently need a CPA for the Financial Review Committee and a Graphics Designer for award certificates. Please let us know what we can do to make our Society better. We serve you.

We are grateful and thankful to be here.

2023-2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD

- **Jo Lee Potts - President General**
- **Robin Towns - 1st VP General**
- **Nancy Schultz - 2nd VP General**
- **Joyce Ball Patton - 3rd VP General**
- **Rev. Joel E. Strauch - Chaplain General**
- **Elizabeth Sewell - Recording Secretary General**
- **Marjorie Wilson - Corresponding Secretary General**
- **Karen Pogoloff - Organizing Secretary General**
- **Catherine Paunov - Treasure General**
- **Katherine Totten - Registrar General**
- **Sumner Hunnewell - Historian General**
- **Nancy Brennan - Genealogist General**
- **Lynne Ostfeld, Esq - Counselor General**
- **Shirley B. Vanderbeck, PRP - Parliamentarian General**



*Thank
You!*

HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF GEORGIA

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 88TH CONGRESS

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Tours



Executive Board Meeting



Friday Night Gala





Thank You!

HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF GEORGIA



Congress



Thank You certificates to the Huguenot Society of Georgia



Memorial Service



Installation



Saturday Night Pizza Dinner





YOUTH CONTESTS

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November 20: Closing date for current year Youth Contest Candidate Submissions.

Program Requirements - GO TO THE NHS "MEMBERS ONLY" TAB FOR DETAILS

1. Candidates must be students in either elementary school, middle school, or high school and must be able to show Huguenot lineage.
2. ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD CONTAIN - The Youth's Name, Grade, Age, Address, proven lineage, and title. Attention should also be paid to spelling and grammar. If you are a junior member, show your current member # and lineage is not required.
3. Prepare your submissions in Microsoft Word format (or JPG format for the Level 1 submission) whenever possible; if not possible, use PDF. **Please email submissions to Martha Ann Whitt at youth_contest@nationalhuguenotsociety.org between January 1st and November 20th.**

Contest Topics and Prizes

Level 1 - Grades 2-4: Submit an art piece to illustrate the contributions of Huguenots or Huguenot descendants to America.

Prizes: 1st place=\$100; 2nd place=\$50; 3rd place=\$25.

Level 2 - Grades 5-8: Submit either: (1) An essay on "What it means to me to be a descendant of a Huguenot." Information about their specific ancestor may be cited. - OR - (2) Read and submit a review of one of the books listed on the NHS website.

Prizes: 1st place=\$200; 2nd place=\$100; 3rd place=\$50.

Level 3 - Grades 9-12: Submit essay on "What I've learned about the migration of Huguenots to other lands."

Prizes: 1st place=\$500; 2nd place=\$250; 3rd place=\$100.

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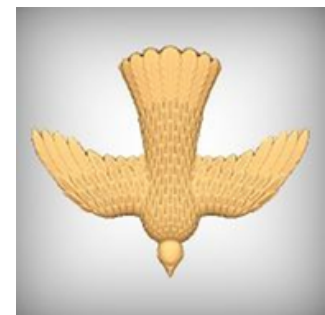


NEW INSIGNIA

Written by Jo Lee Potts & the Insignia Committee

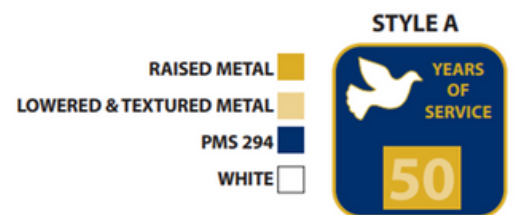
New insignia was approved to be purchased by NHS Congress "when funds become available".

First is the "New Member" Pin. A member may purchase 1 pin for each new member they sponsor to join the society. The pin is 3/4" x 3/4" and can be purchased with a lapel pin back or a charm loop. With the lapel pin back it can be worn on the insignia ribbon, lapel, or as a tie tack. With the charm loop, it can be worn on the insignia ribbon with a bow or branch bar, on a charm bracelet, or as a necklace. The cost including postage is \$35 and will be available through the NHS home office.



New Member Pin

Second is the "Years of Service" Pin. The pin is available for purchase once the member reaches 10 years as a member of the Society and every 5 yr. thereafter. The pin is 1" x 1" and comes to the member unengraved. It is only worn on the insignia ribbon. The member can bridge gap years; AKA none contiguous if they need to drop out for a year or two.



Years of Service

There is no exchange program through National. A member or their family may donate old pins for resale. The member may resale their own pin. The cost including postage is \$20 and will be available through the NHS home office. continued









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Third is the new “Past State President’s” Pin. Only available to past state presidents, the pin is large at 2" x 1-1/8". It comes to the member unengraved with an engraving bar on the back. It is available from the NHS office and must be purchased by the State. Note: the picture on the right shows gold letters, but the actual letters are white.

The pin comes with a pin back and may be worn on the insignia ribbon or on an insignia bow on the insignia ribbon side. The cost including postage is \$50, it is the only pin that comes standard in a gift box.

GOLD METAL FINISH

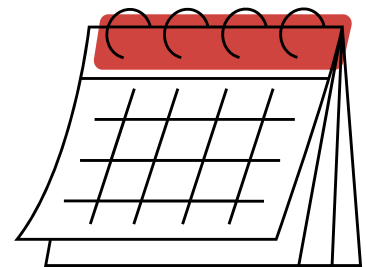
- RAISED METAL 
- LOWERED METAL 
- WHITE (+printing) 
- PMS 294 
- BLACK 
- PMS 186 



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Spring Mid-Year Meeting**
April 10, 2024, 12:30 PM EST
Army and Navy Club, Washington, D.C.

- **89th Annual NHS Congress**
Hold October 3, 4, 5, 2024
San Antonio, TX
Stay tuned for more details





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Unscramble HUGUENOT

HUGUENOT unscrambles and makes 93 words!
Can you find them all?

Need help? Phone a friend or family member.

1 - 7 letter word:

5 - 6 letter words:

5 - 5 letter words:

21 - 4 letter words:

46 - 3 letter words:

15 - 2 letter words:

We will post the results in next month's newsletter
Let us know how you did.