



Welcome member of the Massachusetts Geographic Alliance!

The Massachusetts Geographic Alliance (MGA)

is a grassroots organization of hundreds of Massachusetts teachers who are dedicated to improving geography education in Massachusetts. It is one of the fifty state geography alliances affiliated with the National Geographic Society.



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*We look forward to your
involvement in geography
education in Massachusetts*

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SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 8, 2013

Help MGA celebrate its 25th year!

A reception will be held at Sturbridge Village.
You are invited! For the invitation and details,
go to the MGA website or click on the link.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE REGISTRATION... Registration deadline October 15.

WORKSHOP ... October 26th "The Age of Exploration," conducted by the Southeast Massachusetts Geography Network (SEMAGNET) at Bridgewater State University. Part one of a two-part workshop. The second workshop will be held on **Saturday, March 15th** at BSU. Email Vernon Domingo at vdomingo@bridgew.edu for more info.

MGA 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ... November 8th.

GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK ... November 17-23. Visit the National Geographic Education website for ideas about incorporating this year's theme, "Exploration," in your school and classroom.

2013-2014 Seminar Program Human Landscapes of East Asia

FOCUS: CHINA, JAPAN, AND KOREA

Hosted by Clark University, Worcester, MA
Facilitated by Arlene Kowal

Saturdays—1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 3/1, 3/8, 2014 (8:30am-3:30pm) at Clark University

Sponsored by the FIVE COLLEGE CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN STUDIES
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TEACHERS' PROGRAM FOR GLOBAL STUDIES

Clark University, Worcester, MA 01610

IN YOUR SCHOOL & CLASSROOM TEACHING RESOURCES

CLASSROOM RESOURCES are available from Five College Center for East Asian Studies. Visit their [website](http://www.fivecolleges.edu) for a variety of resources and lesson plans relating to the teaching of East Asia's geography, cultures, and history. www.fivecolleges.edu

GEOGRAPHY FOR LIFE (2nd edition) is now available. Click on the [link](#) to learn more about the Geography standards.

LISTEN EDITION. Incorporate content material from NPR radio into your lessons. There is a fee for the service. For more information, click on the [Listen Edition link](#).

EARTHVIEW is a giant inflatable globe that is 22 feet in diameter and two stories tall. It is housed at Bridgewater State University but it makes its way to schools throughout the region. Click on [EARTHVIEW](#) to find out more about this fascinating program, and contact the EarthView team.



Family Geography Nights

Staging a **Geography Family Night** at your school can be a fun way to promote geography while involving the families and community in learning activities. Rob Poirier and the faculty at North Andover Middle School have done this successfully for years. This year, his will be held on October 24th. poirierr@northandover.k12.ma.us

Leadership Institute: During July 2013, the MGA participated once again with the other New England geography alliances (NEGEN), in a four-day leadership institute held at Mystic Seaport, CT. New potential leaders from each state had the opportunity to share ideas and plan future endeavors. Barbara Bys, Robert Poirier, and Amy Durgin represented Massachusetts.

Support Geography Education

A group of geography educators visited the Massachusetts State House on July 23 to talk with legislators about supporting the Geography Education Bill S.200.

There will be a public hearing October 31 (am) at the State House. Your lending vocal support is important.

Please contact your legislator and explain to him or her, the reasons why it is important that they support this legislation.

CONTACT US!

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide educators with current happenings in geography education in Massachusetts. Hopefully, the newsletter can be a forum by which educators share information relating to professional development opportunities, resources, and lesson ideas.

Please let us know what you think of the newsletter. If you have suggestions for the kinds of information that would find helpful, please send them along to John Gunning at jgatmassgeo@gmail.com. And, if you know of programs, resources, and lesson ideas that you would like to share with the readers, please send those suggestions along as well. If you know someone who would like to join the Massachusetts Geographic Alliance, please have them complete the [membership form](#).