Members of the California Delegation attending 43rd Congress General Reception & Banquet

Indian Pond Country Club, Kingston, MA
Purpose of Submissions to CA Mayflower Quarterly

To all readers: The purpose of the CA Mayflower Quarterly is for communication between the 14 Colonies and members thereof in this large state of California. All articles and reports submitted are placed in the Quarterly as space permits, by the current editors. These reports and submissions are NOT verified as to exact detail of each event, nor are they published as proven historical accuracy to be quoted as proven research as this is not a research publication.

California Mayflower Members Serving on the General Society Committees

We are pleased to announce four members of the California Society who have been appointed to serve on General Society of Mayflower Descendants committees:

Amy Conboy, San Diego Colony, appointed to the GSMD Juniors Committee
Scott Miller, Orange County Colony, appointed to the GSMD Marketing and Promotions Committee, Chairman
Tawny Welch, Rancho Conejo Colony, appointed to the GSMD Technology Committee
Kenneth Whittemore, San Diego Colony, appointed to the DNA Committee

Thank you all for your willingness to serve both the state and the General Society.

California Society wins the Latimer Bowl Award for 2021
For largest numerical increase in members.
Governor’s Message

As I closed out my message to you in the last Quarterly, California Society delegates were making plans to attend the General Society’s 43rd Triennial. We are now looking at that event in the rearview mirror. Reports were heard, elections were held, awards were announced, and financial decisions were made. Our California Society figured in all these deliberations. There were 49 Societies seated which included Australia and the Netherlands, truly international!

Having a room at the 1620 Hotel puts one at the center of all activities: pilgrim society events, insignia sales, access to the Mayflower II and the Pilgrim Progress to the opening ceremony. The California Society was well represented in the Progress; Pictured are Jay Williams, DGG Scott Miller, DGS Robert Lincoln. Among others dressed for the event were Marcia Maloney, Tawny Welch, and Carol Curran. There was a garden reception and a tour of the Mayflower Society House showcasing the near completion of restoration efforts.

We welcome the new Governor General, Lisa H. Pennington, Esq. She rose from Counsellor General in the last administration to now lead the General Society. We will have the honor to meet her in person at our 2025 Biennial Membership Meeting. Put this event on your calendar now!

Others elected were:
Assistant Governor General: Jeff Stark
Secretary General: Martin Beerman
Treasurer General: Bart Henson
Historian General: Allie Golon
Counsellor General: Jim Wheaton
Elder General: Michael Denney
Captain General: Collier Wiese

DGG Scott Miller nominated Oregon State Governor Beth Lambright to the position of Member-at-Large. She was elected so the western states will have a voice on the General Society Executive Committee. The California delegation, thirty-two strong, had hoped to convince others that increasing the application fee was not necessary. Unfortunately, we failed and are now faced with making decisions related to an increase. At our upcoming October Board of Assistants, the financial impact of this increase will be examined closely.

Among awards made at the Congress, our California Society was honored for having the largest numerical increase in membership in the year 2021 — the Latimer Bowl award. Congratulations go to the CSMD Historian and Assistant Historians for their tireless efforts to submit applications which garnered this prestigious recognition.

Having completed the business at hand, California delegates returned home safely albeit with COVID testing positive. I've not seen any reports from the General Society, but at least three in our society reported contracting the virus. It seems that all in-person events will have a report of those who arrive home to recover from the virus as well as travel fatigue.

Kathy Watson
State Governor
Deputy Governor North

I was excited to be able to attend my first in-person GSMD Congress in Plymouth last month. I am also fortunate because I could combine attending the Congress with a stay and visit with my mom, sister, and brother-in-law who live in Marshfield, MA – about a 20-minute drive from Plymouth. My GSMD activities for the week began with a meeting held by the Historians department on Sunday, September 10th. The Historian’s meeting was informative. It was satisfying to see the successes of last year and very interesting to see the plans for the future direction of Plymouth’s Historians department. Mandy Dunkle, our fantastic CA State Historian, will have more details in her updates.

The Congress officially opened on Monday morning, September 11th. I attended these Congress sessions with my husband, a California Society member in his own right, and with my mom, who is a Massachusetts Society member. (By the way, my mom chose to sit with our California Delegation – because we are definitely a respectful and fun group.)

Over the course of the two days, each elected Society Board Officer and Committee Chairperson presented a review and status of their endeavors. The presentations were professional and concise. One can truly see the dedication and time each of these people has devoted to the betterment of our society. On Tuesday, By-law voting and the GSMD Officer Elections were held.

Only a state society’s DG and AG are allowed to address the Congress and to vote for the state they represent. However, the state delegations are given an opportunity to caucus to discuss their society’s position and decide on the vote. Our DG, Kathleen Watson, and our AG, Scott Miller, represented our society very well. The End of Congress culminated with a lovely dinner at a local country club. It was a perfect evening of merriment and comradery. Everyone was in their finery, and I must say we all cleaned up nicely!

There were some special events held for members of the Governor General’s 1620 Club, with the highlight being a brunch in the almost fully remodeled Mayflower Society House and a self-guided tour of the home.

We were given the opportunity to climb the narrow and steep steps up the home’s cupola stairs with just ropes for railings!
The view of the harbor was stunning. However, the descent down those narrow and steep stairs was not for the faint-hearted! These events were also an excellent opportunity to thank our outgoing Governor General Jane Hurt for her dedication and superb efforts in heading up our society and to congratulate and welcome our incoming Governor General, Lisa Pennington.

The Mayflower Society also organizes several fun and informative tours of the area which one can reserve in advance online (at an additional cost). These do take place during the weekend before the Congress as well as during the Congress itself. So, you may have to make a tough choice of missing out on one of the sessions to attend a particular tour. I highly recommend these tours as a great way to introduce yourself to the area and its rich history. Plimoth Patuxet (aka Plimoth Plantation) is worth a side trip too. This attraction is an actual recreation of the Mayflower passengers’ community as well as a Wampanoag village. There are actors in costume and character who answer questions and engage in conversations with the visitors. It is very informative in an interactive and fun way. Most of all, I urge you all to try a “Lobsta” Roll – there is nothing like fresh New England lobster in a hot dog bun!

Diane Douglass
Deputy Governor North

I attended the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Congress in Plymouth in September. There was a large group of members from California in attendance. This membership Congress occurs every three years in Plymouth for the representatives of the 54 societies (one for each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Canada, Europe, and Australia) to hear reports from the GSMD Officers and Committee Chairs, vote on changes to the bylaws, and elect officers for the next three-year term. The Congress starts with the Pilgrim Progress procession of the Descendants in Pilgrim attire from the Mayflower Society House to the monument marking the first burying ground for the Mayflower passengers who died that first winter.
There the procession stops for a short service for those remembered on the monument. It is always a somber moment for me when I raise my hand as a descendant of Thomas Rogers when his name is called. The procession then continued towards the Meetinghouse for the official start of the Congress. This year the Opening Ceremony was held in the nearby Church of the Pilgrimage due to construction in the Meetinghouse.

One of the available tours to GSMD Congress registrants was to the Massachusetts State House and a viewing of the original William Bradford’s *Of Plimouth Plantation*. It was the highlight of my trip to be able to view this original handwritten document. Looking upon the actual paper and ink that is nearly four hundred years old (Bradford started the journal in 1630) documenting my ancestor's Mayflower voyage and the Mayflower Compact was very moving. Many of us would like to know more about our Mayflower ancestors and here I stood next to the journal written by a man who knew Thomas Rogers well enough that when Thomas died, William Bradford took in Thomas' son Joseph. This past Spring, I got past a brick wall that opened another branch of my ancestors. One of the lines in this new part of my tree goes to William and Mary Dyer. Mary Dyer was a Quaker who advocated for better treatment in the Massachusetts Colony for Quakers who were persecuted for their beliefs. I encourage you to look her up as she was a persistent advocate who kept returning to Boston to speak out after being banished. She was hanged on Boston Common in 1660 when she returned after being banished a fourth time. There is a statue in honor of Mary Dyer outside the Massachusetts State House. I spent a few minutes in front of the statue before we went in for the tour reflecting on her commitment.

Past California Governor Scott Miller organized a dinner at a Plymouth restaurant for the California Congress attendees and guests. Seated at the table with my wife, Marguerite, and me were past IE Colony Governor Susan Christopher, her husband Robert Christopher, and three guests of theirs. Robert introduced the guests as his half-brother and half-sister and his half-brother's wife. He explained how he had found them through DNA matches and his research then discovered that all three are Mayflower Descendants. I noticed the name tag of his half-brother had the last name “Dyer” and asked if he was related to Mary Dyer. Turns out the three siblings are Dyer descendants of Mary Dyer, whose memorial statue I had just visited, so we are all Dyer cousins.

*Dr. Robert Lincoln, Ph. D.*
*Deputy Governor South*
Greetings! I wanted to provide you with a brief report from the Triennial GSMD Congress in Plymouth, that was from September 8th – 12th. There were 31 folks from California who signed up to attend. Though a handful could not attend in the end, it was so great to have such a large contingent attend the events and join us in the delegation for the meetings on the 11th and 12th.

On Sunday the 10th, we had our Pilgrim Walk from the Mayflower house to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. We actually had our Welcome Ceremony at the Congregational Church next to the Meeting-house, because of the extensive construction still going on inside. They did open it up for viewing. You can see a group of us in front of the stunning Tiffany stained-glass windows.

On the evening of the 10th, there was a brief meeting, where the Executive Board and all of the DGG’s and AG’s from the Member Societies voted to seat all of the “Acting” members, who had not yet been fully approved by the General Board of Assistants. Since I was replacing past DGG, Ray Raser, and Governor Kathleen Watson, was replacing me as Assistant General (AG), we had to be seated first as Acting DGG and Acting AG. Following this meeting, we had a California Society Dinner at The Tavern on the Wharf, across the street from the Hotel 1620. In all, with the delegates and a good number of guests who attended, we had 35 people attend the dinner. You can see us all in the picture. What a great time we had! It also served as our “Float Rider Reunion”, with six of us who rode on the Rose Parade Float attending. We also were honored to have DGG Bill Elliot and his wife, Chris, our Pilgrim Cousins from Australia, join us!

On the 11th, we were all seated officially by the Board of Assistants. The rest of the day was primarily focused on reports and honoring folks by the various societies. For instance, we gave Melana Maxie, Governor of the South Carolina Society, a GSMD Commendation and beautiful Proclamation made for us by San Diego Colony Governor, Judith Reale, for the gorgeous tee-shirt quilt Melana made us last year, that helped us raise $1400 for our State Scholarship. The main voting for all of the proposals and election of the new General Society Executive Board took place on the 12th.
As many of you may know, the primary proposal that animated the Society much of the year was the proposal to raise the Application Fee for new applicants to the Society. Originally, it was proposed to double the application fee, but that met with such complaint, that they reduced it and proposed a $50 increase. The California Executive Board and Board of Assistants voted to oppose ANY fee increase and leave it at the current rate of $125. Though we continued to oppose any fee increase throughout, the General Board of Assistants finally had a majority approve an Application Fee increase for new members and Supplementals of $25, bringing it to $150. This fee increase will take place on January 1, 2024 for all new applications and supplemental applications. Though disappointed, we are relieved the increase was minimal and will seek ways to help mitigate any negative impacts the fee increase may cause. At our Board of Assistants Meeting this October, the Board will decide how to proceed.

Finally, the new Executive Board of the General Society was elected. Former Counselor General, Lisa Pennington, was elected Governor General, to replace Former Governor General, Jane Hurt. Here is a real nice picture of me with Governor General, Lisa Pennington, and Former CA State Governor and Former DGG, Ray Raser.

All in all, it was a great Congress! I thank all of the folks from California who attended the Congress as Delegates. We had a great showing for our State Society and we should all be proud of the work we did to represent the Society at the Congress.

Finally, for those who have not yet made the pilgrimage back to Plymouth to walk the ground of our ancestors, I want to encourage you to go visit “America’s Home Town”. The Mayflower House is almost completely repaired and is beautiful. The National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting House is still getting repaired and turned into a top-notch visitor center and multi-media experience that will tell the Pilgrim Story for generations to come. The Mayflower II has been fully refurbished and proudly sits in the harbor. When you visit there, I think you will have the same feeling I always have when I go to Plymouth – “I am home.”

Scott Miller
Deputy Governor General
California State Society and Float Rider Reunion Dinner
September 10, 2023 - Tavern on the Wharf - Plymouth

Stephen & Diane Douglass, Jay Williams, Marston & Kathy Watson
Chuck & Debbie Provost, Holly Newcomb, Jennifer Lee, Tawny Welch, Carole Curran & Marcia Maloney (not in picture)
Governor General Jane Hurt swearing in the new slate of officers on September 12, 2023.

Governor General: Lisa H. Pennington, Esq, from Texas; Assistant Governor General: Jeff Stark from Wisconsin; Secretary General: Martin Beerman from Nebraska; Treasurer General: Bart Henson from Texas; Historian General: Allie Golon from Colorado; Counselor General: Jim Wheaton from Massachusetts; Elder General: Michael Denney from Maine; Captain General: Collier Wiese from South Dakota; Surgeon General: David Nash from Florida; Members at Large: Christine Schlosser from Wisconsin, Beth Lambright from Oregon and Jane Schleinzer from Illinois.

Our officers are committing to maintaining our society's mission:

Our Mission
The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is committed to research on the lineal descent of the Mayflower Pilgrims and education about the Pilgrims who traveled aboard the Mayflower in 1620. The Society provides education and understanding of why the Mayflower Pilgrims were important, how they shaped western civilization, and what their 1620 voyage means today and its impact on the world.

Our Vision
To be the leading organization perpetuating the memory of the 1620 Mayflower Pilgrims through excellence in research and the preservation of family history.

Our Values
- Preserve and maintain the highest genealogical standards proving the lineal descent from the 1620 Mayflower Pilgrims.
- Engage and promote new Pilgrim scholarship, research, and publications.
- Instill a passion for history and awareness of the Mayflower Compact and the Pilgrim story through education.
- Support our Member Societies and encourage the establishment of new Member Societies which share our mission and vision and promote the interests common to all.
- Protect, preserve, and interpret our historic properties.
Governor General’s 1620 Club
By Gail Raser, Co-Editor

In our growing society, I am not sure how many of you know about this “club” or why it is important. This first time I heard about it was after Ray came home from a GSMD Meeting when Lea Filson was the current governor. He said she was proposing some important activities at the General Society level that were not funded through the general fund and he felt they were important to the wellness of the society. The way to join this club is to write a check in the minimum amount of $1,620.00 and each governor decides each year how this money will be used within the society.

Each of you can go to the GSMD website and view the information, most of which I will provide for you right here.

The Governor General’s 1620 Club Membership is a designation given the The Mayflower Society’s donor who give at the level of $1,620 or more per year. These donations are designated for special projects that would not otherwise be supported.
1620 Club donors receive an exclusive 1620 Club pin, and an invitation for two to the Governor General’s annual tour, followed by the 1620 Club Banquet. (This event happens the day after a General Congress in Plymouth, or the day after the General Society BOA meeting in September each year.)

1620 Club Donations Make a Difference

The Mayflower Society House was built in 1754 by Edward Winslow, the great-grandson of Mayflower passenger Edward Winslow. The original dwelling consisted of four rooms: the 1754 Dining Room, the Parlor across the hall, and the two bedrooms directly above.

This space is presumed to have been a dining room for the Winslow family. It features 18th century wood paneling, and a fireplace which is thought to remain in its original location. The tiles which adorn the fireplace are “delft,” a style of ceramic historically produced in Delfshaven, Holland. Delfshaven is the seaport from which many of the Pilgrims first embarked for America. Look for tiles like these adorning each of the fireplaces in the house.
Past Objectives Funded by 1620 Club Donations:

- Funding for new researchers for the Silver Books
- An ADA-compliant restroom for visitors with disabilities to the Mayflower Society House
- A new membership database to streamline processing in the Plymouth office
- Removal of the historic balustrade on the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth
- (Without this timely action, the winter storms of 2018 would have destroyed the roof and significantly damaged our headquarters.)
- 2021: Website replacement
- 2022: Mayflower Society House repairs
- 2023: Technology and system improvements

You might consider this donation as you plan the year ahead. I am sure the new Governor General Lisa Pennington will soon have posted as to what her upcoming project will be for 2024.
Views of and from the Mayflower Society House

View from front porch

View from house cupola

Corner chair

Child’s bedroom

Child’s bedroom

View of copper roof

Mayflower house bedroom

Photos courtesy of Ray & Gail Raser
Autumn Greetings! October is here and soon it will be time for our colonies to have their Compact Day Meetings and Thanksgiving celebrations. As we wind down the year, we have much to share as we prepare for 2024. This officer attended the triennial Mayflower Congress in Plymouth in mid-September, and we covered so much with voting in a new Executive Board, as well as changes to policies and fees. The proposal to increase our application fees was a very hot topic and one where many were against from the get-go. In the end, the membership delegates were able to bring down the increase to an additional $25 for both new applications and supplementals. It’s not the outcome we hoped for, but it was better than the alternative. Our State Society will be coming together this month for our quarterly BOA meeting in Tustin, CA and go over our current fee structure for applications. My hope is that we can work with our existing pricing to prevent an increase or have it raised only slightly. With the changes in our submission methods to the General Society being strictly digital, we are becoming more cost effective without having to pay for paper, ink, mailing supplies, etc. Our Executive Board will be sure to keep you apprised of updates once they’ve been confirmed.

Silver Books were another anticipated topic in the hopes we’d have more information as to when new volumes would be released and what else is in store for the books in production. As of right now, the Silver Books Committee is working to release an index-only book sometime before the end of the year. This would be useful for those looking up surnames and wanting to see where those names are found in other passenger-specific volumes. Right now, we’re waiting to provide more information when it becomes available.

For the rest of my time in Plymouth, I enjoyed spending it with my husband, Joe, and daughter, Amelia, as well as spending time with my fellow CA members and friends from across the country. It was great to catch up and discuss plans for the future of the GSMD and the Historian department. Our new Historian General, Allie Golon, has some wonderful ideas and initiatives that she’s putting into motion, and I can’t wait to see how they come to fruition! I’m sharing a couple photos from my trip with meeting up with the group in the Mayflower Library and my daughter’s first visit to Plymouth Rock.

As always, if you have any questions, you may always email me at historian@camayflower.org. The Historian team has submitted approximately 94 new member applications and 68 supplementals since April 2, 2023. Since April 2nd, 2023 - 78 new applications and 59 supplementals were approved.

Mandy Dunkle
California State Historian
2024 Scholarship Competition
Sponsored by
The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.

Requirements:
Completed application
Write a letter from one of your Mayflower ancestors to their family in England or Holland.
Describe the contributions of the Mayflower women in the colony.
Personal essay (not to exceed 500 words)
Two letters of Recommendation: Academic & Character

Eligibility:
High School Seniors (academic year 2023-2024) who are descendants from a passenger on the Mayflower in 1620.
Scholarship applicants must be either a member of the California Mayflower Society or be descended from a parent, grandparent, great grandparent, aunt, uncle, grand aunt, grand uncle, great-grand-aunt or great-grand-uncle who is a living life member or dues paying member of the California Mayflower Society.
There are no restrictions regarding the state of residence of the scholarship.

For application and instructions, scan code or visit
https://www.camayflower.org/society-scholarships.html
New Members from
Jun 28, 2023 – Sep 26, 2023

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Michael D. Weiss
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12th from John Howland

Louis Windhurst III
GS# 104586 CA# 10524
12th from Francis Cooke

Derek Brown
GS# 104723 CA# 10536
12th from William Brewster

**FOOTHILL COLONY**
Sharon Stothers LaCom
GS# 104742 CA# 10545
12th from Richard Warren

**INLAND EMPIRE COLONY**
Carrie (Schram) MacDonald
GS# 104492 CA# 10505
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Preston Anton Schram
GS# 104495 CA# 10508
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Logan Nathaniel-Bishop MacDonald
GS# 104493 CA# 10506
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Wraith Anthony MacDonald
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GS# 104507 CA# 10514
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Rodrigo Ancheta Hammond
GS# 104547 CA# 10519
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Charity (Hammond) Kuczynski
GS# 104548 CA# 10520
11th from Edward Doty

**LOS ANGELES COLONY**
Pamela Jo Perkins
GS# 104496 CA# 10509
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Marilyn Gwen Shields
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James S. Veijvoda
GS# 104510 CA# 10517
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Derek Stephen Gould
GS# 104671 CA# 10530
13th from John Billington

Sylvia (Kohl) Watkins
GS# 104698 CA# 10532
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Karyn Connolly
GS# 104708 CA# 10533
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Thomas Saunders IV
GS# 104851 CA# 10561
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Michelle Ingersoll Boskin
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Fall 2023 - October 20, 21, 2023 in Tustin, CA
Winter 2024 - January 19 & 20 - (Virtual)
Spring 2024 - March 15 & 16 - (North)
Summer 2024 - June 14 & 15 - (Virtual)
Fall 2024 - October 18 & 19 - (South)

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Colony News

Los Angeles Colony

The next meeting of the Los Angeles Colony will be our Compact Day Celebration at the Tam O’Shanter on Los Feliz Blvd on November 11. Our featured speaker will be author Donna Watkins. She is the author of two books about Plymouth Colony: Diverse Gashes: Governor William Bradford, Alice Bishop, and the Murder of Martha Clark, Plymouth Colony, 1648, and Weaker Vessels, the Women and Children of Plymouth Colony. She will speak to us on “Law and Order in Plymouth Colony: From the Scrooby Covenant, to the Mayflower Compact, to Pilgrim Watchfulness”. She will have copies of both her books for sale at a reduced cash price at the luncheon. Donna Watkins provided me the following preview for her presentation.

“Daily life in Plymouth Colony was governed by a code of law based, first of all, on the Bible, and then on the culture of Separatism. From their origins in Scrooby England, the Pilgrims were a very independent group, yet controlling over each other. The Biblical ideal was their goal. For nearly a decade they fought mightily to achieve their goal. They fearlessly made grand plans and risked their lives along the way, but they also plotted, coerced and cajoled to get there.”

I hope that you will be able to attend what promises to be an enjoyable and interesting luncheon. I will be sending the RSVP forms via email and if you don’t receive yours, please contact me at drrlincoln@yahoo.com so I may update your email address.

Dr. Robert Lincoln, Ph.D.
Los Angeles Colony Governor

Sequoia Colony

The next Sequoia Colony event will be November 18th at the beautiful Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. We look forward to a presentation by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) about the DAR’s history, programs, and qualifications for membership. And as time allows, we’ll share stories of our Revolutionary War ancestors.

This is a luncheon meeting from 11:30 - 1:30.

If you would like to attend please contact me:
sharon.winslow.erickson@gmail.com

Sharon Winslow Erickson
Sequoia Colony, Governor
It was a distinct pleasure to join with fellow Mayflower descendants to attend the 43rd General Congress in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The weather was beautiful and we learned about Mayflower history. The artifacts at the Pilgrim Hall Museum are a must while in Plymouth. Cemeteries were also on the agenda and it was a personal thrill to see the marker at the grave of my ancestor Constance Hopkins Snow. Kicking off the conference by participating in the Pilgrim Progress through town in pilgrim attire was a joy. The entire week was inspirational.

As the warm days of summer subside, Foothill Colony is looking forward to Compact Day on Sunday November 12. Deputy Governor General Scott Miller will share “400 Years of Thanksgiving – How Our American Holiday Came To Be.”

Did you know that the story of Thanksgiving with Pilgrims and their new Wampanoag friends was actually lost to history for 120 years? In fact, the Thanksgiving we celebrate today was much different for much of our early history. We will learn why the Pilgrims celebrated that first Thanksgiving Harvest Feast and how the holiday evolved through the centuries to finally return back to those roots of the Pilgrims celebrating Thanksgiving with their newfound, Wampanoag friends.

Together, in the same spirit of thankfulness, we will share a feast of our own. Reservations can be made by emailing foothillmayflower@gmail.com

Carole Curran
Foothill Colony, Governor
San Joaquin Valley Colony

The San Joaquin Valley Colony is looking forward to our November 4, 2023, meeting. Our featured speaker will be the well-known author and historian Caleb Johnson whose presentation will focus on recent discoveries into the origins and history of the Mayflower passengers in England. Look for the flyers (which will include Caleb's bio) announcing the meeting.

Our Colony hopes everyone has had a wonderful summer. One of our board members, Diane Nitta and her husband, made a brief trip to Cape Cod with their 14-year-old grandson Colby. As a 14th generation descendant of Edward Fuller, Colby was able to see and experience some of the amazing history of our pilgrim ancestors. One major highlight was a meeting orchestrated by Karen Rinaldo and Kevin Doyle (our June meeting presenters) at the Mashpee Archives with Wampanoag Chief Flying Eagle (Earl H. Mills, Sr.). Also present was Oregon Governor, Beth Lambright. It was an entertaining couple of hours hearing the Chief relate the Wampanoag story, tell of his personal life and careers, sing a few songs, answer questions, and engage everyone in the conversation. Everyone should read about the Chief and all that he has accomplished – even his culinary pursuits, and how even today he continues to influence the Wampanoag culture. At 94, he is full of life and is an amazing communicator. Certainly, this experience will be a rich and lasting memory for all. When Beth Lambright was introduced to Colby, she greeted him enthusiastically, immediately presented him with her Mayflower pin, and encouraged him to continue his interest in his pilgrim heritage. Thank you, Beth!

Dianna Saario
San Joaquin Valley Colony, Governor

Inland Empire Colony

Members and guests of the Inland Empire Colony gathered together on September 23, 2023, at Russo’s Italian Restaurant for lunch, Mayflower friendship and education.

Following the “Pledge of Allegiance” and the “Pilgrim Pledge”, new members Carrie MacDonald and Nancy Horton were introduced and presented with welcome bags.

Governor Pam Mikkelsen installed three New Board Members who were unable to attend the April 23rd meeting where CA Governor, Scott Miller installed the other Board members. The new Board members are - Ben Hobbins, Assistant Governor; Sheila Bostater, Membership Secretary; and Carrie MacDonald, Communications Secretary.

The Mayflower Moment was presented by Susan Christopher, Immediate Past IE Governor. She along with her husband Bob, attended the Forty-Third General Congress of the Descendants of the Mayflower Society which was held in Plymouth, Massachusetts on September 8-13th.
Susan talked about the $25 dues increase for new member applications and supplements that passed at the business meeting. She shared their experience at the Plymouth Plantation and eating an authentic pilgrim meal. The most impressive part of their stay was visiting the State Library of Massachusetts for a private viewing “Of Plimoth Plantation, also known as the Bradford Manuscript, which was written by William Bradford from 1630 to 1650 and documents the travels and everyday lives of the settlers of Plymouth Colony. It is a seminal work of the United States history, and it contains the only existing handwritten version of the Mayflower Compact, the colony’s governing document.”

Sarah Schilling, Recording Secretary, read the April 2023 meeting minutes followed by the Treasurer's report given by Susan Christopher, Treasurer.

Contact Pam if you would like further information on the following announcements which were made:

- The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, “Leave a Legacy Voyage of Hope – 1620” program where you can start your legacy by leaving a planned gift to the CA Society through your Will or Trust.
- Orange County Colony invitation to their Compact Day Luncheon on November 18, 2023.
- The next Board of Assistants meeting on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

Ben Hobbins, representing The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented a Certificate of Commendation to the Inland Empire Colony “In Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism In the Display of The Flag of the United States of America”.

Following lunch the Ancestor Roll Call resulted in a three-way tie among the Colony’s ancestors with Alden, Bradford, and Brewster each having four members present.

Ben Hobbins introduced our speaker, Erica Hahn.

Erica is a retired administrative law judge and is currently the Counselor for the California Mayflower Society and the Assistant Historian.

Erica’s presentation was “New England Before the Mayflower”. She began with the early adventurers who popped in and out of what would become the Colonies and then the United States of America. The Basque and the Portuguese came first for cod fishing and then progressed to those more interested in colonization. She talked about Bartholomew Goswold and John Smith, bringing us to the time period of familiarity and the arrival of the Mayflower.
Our next meeting will be “Compact Day” on Saturday, November 11, 2023, for our traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Russo’s. Scott Miller, the Immediate Past CA Governor will present “How Our American Holiday, “Thanksgiving” Came to Be”.

The meeting was closed with the following thought. “Life is boring if you don’t laugh, joke around and be a little crazy every now and then. At the end of the day, it’s all about being Happy!”

San Diego Colony

Colony members were busy traveling over the summer hiatus, many journeying to the east coast for Mayflower activities and locales of historic interest. I look forward to sharing those stories in our newsletter and the next quarterly edition. The busy summer continued into the fall, and we decided to take a year off from our very successful October Plimoth Plantation Revisited Event. We have held it three times in Balboa Park. The members all look forward to participating in 2024.

Now our thoughts are turning to our Compact Day Meeting on November 18th which will be held at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum. We truly enjoy the quality of the traditional Thanksgiving repast that they serve us! If you have never seen the museum, it has more than Revolutionary War artifacts. It contains historical information on the arrival of the Mayflower and the early history of our country, actually an entire wall.

As members of the Mayflower Society, we can never learn enough about the passengers on board the ship and the perilous journey they undertook. It is with anticipation of a great story, that we look forward to welcoming Colony member and author, Jonathan Mack, as our guest presenter for our Compact Day meeting.

His book "A Stranger Among Saints" will skillfully take us on a journey, enlightening us to the importance of "Stephen Hopkins, The Man Who Survived Jamestown and Saved Plymouth".

One of our own California Mayflower Society Historians, Linda Longley put it this way. "Jonathan Mack has written an unforgettable story of Stephen Hopkins and how his indenture of seven years at Jamestown later helped in the settlement of Plymouth Colony.Bit by bit, Mack extracts from early extant writings an intimate and insightful account of Stephen Hopkins of the Mayflower. Mack tells of Hopkins’s critical role as liaison between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe with new insight and intimate detail.

Pam Mikkelsen
Inland Empire Colony, Governor
If you think you knew the story but wish for more, this deeper understanding of Hopkins and his service in the founding of Plymouth Colony will delight you."

This officer is happy to mention that her Hopkins supplemental has been approved!

Our Colony continues to grow with the addition of new members who we warmly welcome! We are also happy for several members who have moved. Two of them are from our Executive Board and have gone east. Deputy Governor Jim Taylor and his wife are headed back to Kentucky where they have friends, family, and business interests. Deborah Warner Anderson, our Secretary, has gone to North Carolina to be closer to her family. They are truly missed; both are wonderful people and have been enthusiastic volunteers. You are welcome to join us at a meeting anytime!

Judith Reale
San Diego Colony, Governor

Redwood Empire Colony

The Redwood Empire Colony will host our Annual Compact Day celebration for 2023 with a luncheon meeting November 18th in San Rafael. This invitation is sent to all members now to assure that every one of us has an ample opportunity to secure a place for this meeting of three colonies, San Francisco, Alameda and Redwood Empire. Past experience suggests that this may well sell out, as it is a favorite every year, and includes a wonderful program by one of our own.

Please consider registering a bit early. If you have any questions, please contact me at rovingjohn@sonic.net and I will reply promptly.

John McNeill
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor

Rancho Conejo Colony

It appears we are truly emerging from the doldrums of Covid with attendance growing steadily! More than 40 members and guests joined us for the festivities at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks on Saturday, 26 August. We were especially blessed by the presence of 4 prospectives and 3 new members! Following our opening ritual, Membership Chair Don Morris had his hands full with the introductions! New members Cheri Kennaley (Richard Warren), Lisa Manners (Richard Warren) and Kathy Mattei (James Chilton) were welcomed and presented with their Rancho Conejo Colony certificates! We greeted prospective members DeAnna Grove and her son Kane Agar (Stephen Hopkins) and Jennifer Levin (Edward Doty) whose papers were pending in Plymouth. We found out, the next day, that DeAnna and Kane’s applications had been approved! And September 15th two more, Jennifer Levin and her son Simon are new members! YAY! We’re eager to greet them officially in November! Also joining us as a prospective was Kristine Kittredge, the sister of new member Kathy Mattei.
Of course, there was business to attend to as well! Lorraine Kocen, Delegate, gave us a report on the June BOA, where she also presided as State Elder. In addition, she updated us on the status of our soon to be live, Rancho Conejo Colony website! Very exciting, we’ll pass along the details in November!

Kim Wizer, the Chair of our newest effort ‘The Robert E. Dempster Memorial Scholarship’ reported that all is in readiness for the launch November 1! She outlined the Guidelines and shared the recently completed Press Release and Flyer! It is open to all high school seniors, Mayflower descent NOT required. We will award one scholarship of $3000 for the first year, 2023/2024. The topic is “The Mayflower Compact: How it helped shape America”. For details please contact kimwizer@earthlink.net.

Our regularly featured ‘My Mayflower Ancestor’ presentation honored JOHN TILLEY and was given by colony librarian Darilyn Rice, his 10GGranddaughter. We learned about his wife Joan Hurst as well, neither survived that brutal first winter in Plymouth. Their daughter Elizabeth was featured prominently, you likely know that she went on to marry John Howland. That union produced 10 children who all survived, married and went on to leave a tremendous legacy.

After lunch, Peter M. Small, an historical impressionist brought Thomas Alva Edison to life. His performance was greatly appreciated and packed with tons of things you’ve forgotten about Edison and even more that you never knew, amazing!

Our colony Treasurer Holly Newcomb and I are just back from the 43rd GSMD Congress, we will share the details in November. It is always humbling to be in Plymouth and walk in our Pilgrim Ancestor’s footsteps. Our COMPACT DAY meeting will be Saturday, 11 November in Thousand Oaks.
Monterey Bay Colony

Monterey Bay Colony has been fortunate to hold its luncheons at some of the spectacular venues in the Pebble Beach area. For our Compact Day meeting this year we will return to the Monterey Peninsula Country Club Beach House which was built in 1925 and is located right on the Bay. This thanks to our long time member and past governor Marilyn Riehl. Our meeting will be November 18, 2023 at 11:30.

Our speaker will be former Governor of the California Mayflower Society, Scott Miller. He will be discussing how our Thanksgiving holiday came to be.

John Reed
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor

Santa Barbara Colony

The newly elected officers of the Santa Barbara colony are settling in to their position – they are: Jay Williams Governor, Leslie Lechner Deputy Governor, Ruth Jackson Secretary, Ray Garrett Treasurer, Marjory Friestad Elder and Tami Wilkening Membership & Books. Our next meeting (Compact Day) will be held on 28Oct2023 and feature guest speaker: author Donna Watkins, who wrote the book: “Weaker Vessels: the Women and Children of Plymouth Colony”. We will continue to have two simultaneous meeting locations (one in Santa Barbara and the other in Arroyo Grande) that will be connected to each other through Zoom.

In September, Governor, Jay Williams, represented the colony as a California delegate to the 43 Mayflower Society Congress and GBOA conference. The colony is caught up on providing Silver Books to the libraries we support.

Jay Williams
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor
Mother Lode Colony


Dr. Matthew Bowdish, California Mayflower Society Surgeon, and Mother Lode Colony member, was guest speaker, the program topic, DNA. A question and answer session with audience followed the presentation. This was an opportunity to learn more about DNA, updates to know, and Dr Bowdish shared personal experiences. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Dr. Bowdish, by Carl Olson.

Member Betsy Andrew-Samson accepted the executive committee’s invitation to fill our vacant position as colony Historian. Her sister Karrie Samson sadly passed away earlier this year, after serving as our historian for many years. The sisters have been members several decades. We look forward to having volunteer on board. Mother Lode Colony descendants and guests were 35 attendees, including one child.

Immediate Past Governor, M. Elizabeth Ware, filled in for me, while I attended General Society of Mayflower Descendants General Congress September 08, 2023 - 12:00 AM until September 13, 2023 - 12:00 AM, as a delegate in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

It was informative and of interest to all attending Mayflower Descendants, to learn of the accomplishments of the board during past three years, despite challenges like Covid, forcing cancellations, closures, and production shortage. They focused on what could be accomplished under the given circumstances: the mayflower Meeting House: “We are Leaving a great Legacy”, and upgrading the Mayflower Society House, to save for a hundred years and more. The task is not finished, while the path has been made to continue plans, raising funds will and must take place to further the mission of our newly elected General Governor, Lisa Pennington, Esq., and Board. What has been successful; donations, grants, endowments, they believe will continue, they believe it can be accomplished. I hope we donate to this worthwhile, important piece of our story.
We will meet next at California Mayflower Society Mother Lode Colony Compact Day Luncheon Meeting, Saturday, November 4, 2023. It will take place at the Cliff House of Folsom. We request all members and guests wishing to attend respond no later than 21 October 2023, by mail to invitation sent.

Topic for program:
Insights from Plymouth and Mayflower Society meetings.
Panel: New voices from the Anne on the 400th Anniversary of her arrival.

Orange County Colony

We had a wonderful turn out for our ice cream social and potluck on July 15th, 2023 at my house and enjoyed meeting new members and visiting with existing members. Billie Mitchell was our winner for the best dish. I attended the GSMD 43rd General Congress in Plymouth from September 9th to September 14th, 2023. New officers were installed and we kept the increase for applications down to a $25.00 increase. My mom and daughter came with me and we were able to see many of the Plymouth historical sites. We went to the Pilgrim Hall Museum, Plimoth Plantation, Alden House, Memorial Hill Monument, Mayflower Ship, The Rock, the Grist Mill and many statues! We had 32 delegates from California, only one short to tie Massachusetts for a great turnout to represent our state of California.
Our November Compact Day is Nov. 18th 2023. Please mark your calendar! Presentation: The First Thanksgiving Painting and In the Wake of the Mayflower book and painting discussion. Speakers: Karen Rinaldo and Kevin Doyle Ms. Rinaldo, a well-known visual historian, will discuss her commissioned painting of the first historically accurate painting of the first Thanksgiving. The painting inspired the book In the Wake of the Mayflower by co-authors Karen and Kevin Doyal. Kevin is a lecturer, historian and student of heraldry. Their collaboration tells the story of the Pilgrim adventure in an easy to read. The book tells the story of the Pilgrim adventure in an easy-reading vignette that provides in-depth research about unique people, places, and events. Prints of the painting and the book will be available to purchase and a signing. You will never look at this painting the same after this presentation!

We got to visit Pilgrim Hall Museum to see original painting On our trip to Plymouth. L-R Kevin Doyle, Donna Cole, Lisa Shaw, Everett Konkolewski, Karen Rinaldo, Nancy Konkolewski, Amy Shaw

Lisa Shaw
Orange County Colony, Governor
The Mayflower Society House Garden

Excerpted from the GSMD website October 2023

Our Colonial Revival Garden was installed around the turn of the 20th century, as part of an extensive renovation of the Mayflower Society House (then called the Winslow House). The owner of the property at that time, Charles Willoughby, hired famed architect Joseph Everett Chandler to oversee the renovations. In the 1920s, additions were made to the already extensive garden, and the red brick wall which still borders the south and east sides of the property was erected.

Order An Inscribed Brick For The Garden Walkway

Inscribed bricks are available for a donation of $150 per brick. The 4" x 8" laser-engraved red bricks can hold three lines of text, with a maximum of 20 characters in each line. Your order, which is considered a donation, is tax deductible.

The Society accepts orders year-round and bricks are generally placed in the Garden Walkway twice per year – once in the spring and once in the fall.

The center Octagon in the Garden Walkway has been completed with inscribed bricks. Thank you all for your support! A new location to honor Officers past and present will be announced soon. Brick orders can only be made by mail at this time.
The Mayflower Society House and Its Ties to the Red Cross

The beautiful Mayflower Society House has an historic tie to the Red Cross and World War II. In December of 1941, the Winslow Estate sold their home to the Society of Mayflower Descendants. It was at the time of World War II and the focus was on the needs of the war. The Mayflower Society turned the house over to the Plymouth Chapter of the American Red Cross and the house was used by the Red Cross for the duration of the war.

The Red Cross used this historic home for its many and varied activities including preparing care packages for America and its Allies in prisoner of war camps, shipping supplies overseas, and initiating a national blood supply program of shipping millions of pints of blood used by the armed forces.

This is why as you visit the Mayflower Society House today, you will find items on display that represent this important service to our country and recognition to the role the Mayflower Society played in this service.
Information obtained from “Mayflower Society House Plymouth, MA Audio Tour” YouTube
Photos provided by Ray Raser.
Richard Warren, Draper of London and then Mayflower passenger

by Louise Walsh Throop

When Ruth and Myles Walsh made four month-long trips to London about 1980 in order to research their common Mayflower ancestor Richard Warren, they researched London church records at the Society of Genealogists and records at the Guild Hall. They researched Warrens of Welling, south of London, and Warrens of Wellingsley, south of Scrooby. They researched the apprentice papers of Bristol, England and Rudds’ book, "Merchant's Marks." ‘They looked into the Richard Warren of Poynton who fled to Leicester with 19 children; this man married in 1583 Elizabeth Rudyard and both were buried in Leicester, England. A researcher in Salt Lake City searched wills in England for Richard Warren [MQ 51(3):109-112 (August 1985)] There were lots of Richard Warrens but not the one they sought! And all that was known of their Mayflower passenger back then was that he was a merchant "of London" [see "Mourt’s Relation" (1622) p. 15 in TAG 78 (2):84 fn #18]. Other sources, now about 120 years old, said he was probably from Essex, England.

Apparently, one depository was missed. The Drapers’ Company, one of the 111 livery companies in London, England, has its own building in London and now has records indexed on a free database [londonroll.org]. A draper is someone who weaves and/or sells cloth [from "Middle Ages Compendium"]. Drapers’ shops were an essential part of the high street, selling cloth and fabrics by the yard.

It appears a teenager who had lost his father or step-father by death in the 1500s and 1600s was often apprenticed, as a way to provide him food and lodging while being trained in a profession. An apprenticeship in London was also the way young men of all social classes from other shires became freemen of London, thus becoming a resident and allowed to transact business on the streets of London. Once Richard Warren became a freeman through the Drapers’ Company, he could then say he was "of London."

The digitized index of the Drapers’ database has only been available on the internet for a couple of years. Percival Boyd (1868-1955) made a handwritten register of apprentices and freemen of the Drapers' Company of the City of London. A search of this database, including the Boyd’s index, found several interesting entries in the Drapers’ Company records, which follow:

* In 1576 John Warren was given freedom of London; his master was John Carr [was John Warren related to Richard?].

* On 22 January 1596 Simon Adams was given freedom of London; his master [for the seven years past] was Henry Whitacres.

* On or about 14 February 1609 Richard Warren was given freedom of London; his master was Edward Dobson. Richard then had his own apprentices: beginning in 1610, Henry Melin/Mellyn; and beginning in 1612, Nicholas Simpkins.
Notice of a likely father of this Richard was made recently: another Richard Warren, who was baptized 8 February 1564/5 in Little Clacton, Essex, although his death date remains unknown at present. Was he a mariner who died at sea? William King, proposed stepfather of the passenger, was buried 1 May 1602 in Harwich, Essex, as "A mariner dwelling about London" [see CMQ 47(2):38-39 (Spring 2023)]. It appears Richard Warren was about 19 years old when apprenticed about 1602.

Richard's years of servitude under his master Edward Dobson, from about 1602 to 1609, allowed him to make the acquaintance of the family of another guild member, Simon Adams. Simon married in London 23 September 1599 to Doratie, who was baptized in August 1573 in Baldock, Hertfordshire, the eldest daughter of Augustine Walker [St. Martin Ludgate, London; also see TAG 78 (4):274-275 (October 2003)]. She, however, was buried 6 March 1605/6 in St. Margaret Moses, London [see the database: freereg.org.uk]. It is not surprising to find Richard Warren marrying Elizabeth, the youngest daughter of Augustine Walker, on 14 April 1610, being the first Saturday after Easter Sunday that year. The Church of England did not allow marriages during certain times of the year, amounting to about one-third of the year. In the week after Easter Sunday a marriage was allowable, but only in the morning [David Cressy, "Birth, Marriage & Deaths: Ritual, religion and the life-cycle in Tudor and Stuart England" (Oxford University Press, 1997) p. 318].

This 1610 marriage in the parish church of St. John the Baptist at Great Amwell, Hertfordshire, was commemorated recently this year by the unveiling of a grey slate plaque as part of a tour by The Warren Cousins. Great Amwell is about 39 miles from London.

It has been 20 years since a researcher discovered the 1610 Warren-Walker marriage record and the 1613 will of Augustine Walker, indicating the four Walker daughters and naming three Warren granddaughters [Edward J Davies, "The Marriage of Richard Warren of the Mayflower," TAG 78(2):81-86 (April 2003)]. The will of Augustine Walker, of Great Amwell, gives half of his "goods & chattells" to daughter Elizabeth, implying she was living with him and caring for him. As Elizabeth was to receive the other half of these goods and chattels at the death of her stepmother, it is pretty certain Elizabeth was caring for her parents in their last years [1610-14]. Did those chattels include horses? [Elizabeth and her sons owned a total of seven horses (four being colts, or under two years, or 'young') in Plymouth Colony town records for a 1 January 1661/2 tax listing, giving earmarks and a 'P' brand; see Vol. 1 - 1636-1795 (1889):211-212.]

Chattels did include business contracts, so Elizabeth apparently inherited her father's business---most likely a transport contract for barrels of beer from the area of Baldock, Hertfordshire. Elizabeth was baptized in 1583 in Baldock, then a market town and center for brewing beers.

Thus Richard, the Mayflower passenger, would have become a "merchant of London" before 1620 with his business as draper, as well as by being the husband of Elizabeth. Hopefully, more records of this Richard Warren, his family of origin and his ancestry will be found sooner than 20 years from now! The story of how his wife and daughters were "left behind," so William Brewster and his print crew could escape detection, is told elsewhere [CMQ 46(2):9-10 (Summer 2022)].

Photos submitted by GSMD Executive Secretary, Martin Beerman.