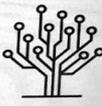




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The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc.
January 18, 2020

Our first board meeting of 2020 was in northern California and was held at the Hilton Oakland Airport on Saturday January 18, 2020. Many members were able to fly in that morning and shuttle directly from and back to the airport.



Deputy Governor North Cathey Graham sharing a report; Susan Oldfield, Treasurer; Miles Standish, Captain; Budd Leef, San Diego; Dianna Saario, San Joaquin Valley

There was celebration and relief that the hard work leading up to the Rose Parade had been a success and was near to an end. Society business was discussed and we were served a great luncheon.

Little did we know in January that our future meeting would have to be from our own homes through our computers, and perhaps we will be doing more of that in the future. Thank you Deputy Governor North, Cathey Graham, for putting this meeting together.



Sally Johnson, Membership Secretary; Marlene Mandeville, Secretary; Ray Raser, CA Governor; Matthew Bowdish, Surgeon; Wayne Skala, Redwood Empire



Jo Beth Folger, Sequoia; Billie Mitchell, Orange County; Susan Christopher, Inland Empire; Robert Lincoln, Los Angeles; Pat Friesen, Honorary Governor; Kathy Watson, Website & San Francisco



Marcia H. Maloney, Honorary Governor; Jan Landt, Elder; Scott Miller, Deputy Governor South; Carole Curran, Foothill; Lorraine Kocen, Rancho Conejo, Sue Butler, former Historian



*See special report from
 CA Surgeon Matthew Bowdish on
 pgs. 12&13*

Governor's Report

As descendants of those one hundred and two Mayflower passengers who survived that perilous journey four hundred years ago, we are now faced with an unknown journey of survival of a public health crisis. Our ancestors relied on their faith and we can be inspired by their legacy to survive these trying times.

Fortunately, we do have a means of communication that our ancestors did not, and that is electronic communication. Therefore, our next California Mayflower State meeting will be an electronic meeting via electronic means.

It was a special privilege to represent the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at the 2020 RootsTech Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah along with GG George Garmany, former GG Lea Filson, Executive Secretary Susan Belekewicz, Historian Midge Hurtuk, CA Captain Miles Standish, and Diane Stone.

It was also a special privilege to join GG George Garmany at the Utah State Legislature session where a 400th Anniversary Proclamation

was presented and unanimously adopted by the Utah State Legislature.

It was very inspiring when we appeared

before the Legislature in our pilgrim dress and were given a standing ovation by the Utah Legislature. The Utah Mayflower Society team certainly deserves recognition for their role in recognition of the GSMD and the 400th Anniversary.

We do have our challenges in California, and I believe that together we can meet those challenges. The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California is very fortunate that Erica Hahn has accepted the position of State Historian and the many challenges of a large backlog of new member applications. We need to give her our full support with handling these challenges. I did speak to GSMD Historian Midge Hurtuk at the RootsTech Conference in Salt Lake City, and she shared that the GSMD's historian's office now believe that California Mayflower is on the "right track" with the revised application process.



*CA Mayflower Governor
Ray Raser conducting March 21,
2020 BOA virtual Meeting*



*California Governor Ray Raser and
Governor General Garmany with statue of
Massasoit on the steps of
Utah State Capitol*

As we move forward with all the changes we must adapt to in our daily life, let's do our best to be thoughtful of each other and be willing to make these adjustments in a positive way.

My hope is that you stay healthy and keep your mind active. A good time to work on your Mayflower ancestors and recording of your family history.

Ray Raser
CA Mayflower Governor

Deputy Governor North

As you know, it is a complicated time for everyone. The situation around the coronavirus continues to worsen. I'm glad so many of you have enjoyed "Going to Meeting" for Board of Assistants meeting.

Social distancing and stay at home directives, except for essential reasons. Warnings to the highest level on reports the coronavirus is spreading. Drastic measures are required, as the scientists and data reports continue to show. Services suspended until further notice, are wide spread. Our California Mayflower Library building is **closed**. No mail or package delivery. Public libraries, State Archives, all closed. My local Post Office, and U.P.S store is closed. I feel fortunate where I live to have home grocery delivery. Amazon and U.P.S. are delivering in my neighborhood, also, and we don't know how long that will last. Health providers and hospitals are stressing and straining at the work load. Though many people complain of boredom "*It's hard*" and lack of freedom, nothing is too hard to remain healthy.

We have twenty-first century tools our ancestors did not have. We have technology. There are endless You Tube videos to learn anything including genealogy. Professional genealogist experts covering topics you may want to know about, free of charge. Library of Congress, and Archives have websites. If you have no subscription to the top genealogy sites, sign up for New England Historic and Genealogical Society's database update alerts. Why? Because they will email you every time, they upload a new database, like Early Settlers sketches, by Alicia Crane Williams. Each time they add an Early New England Family Sketch, they give free access for one month to non-members.

These can end up being very frequent access for free, for each new database, each time they add they allow access. If you are not a member, or don't wish to be, this may be nice for you. Also, your public library offers free electronic books (new best seller's, too) for the downloading for two weeks. My husband uses this always! You can order new books just released, and get on wait-list, you'll be notified when your book comes in by email. Hathi Trust and Google Books, allow downloads as well although certain pages ranges will be limited. Last but not least, KINDLE. Hundreds of free books are available searchable as always by topic. This is in addition to their huge selection of books to download to your kindle, for a reasonable price without leaving home.

Catherine Graham
Deputy Governor North



Deputy Governor South

Isn't it crazy that just three and half months ago we are decorating and riding on a Tournament of Roses Rose Parade® Float? I am beginning to think that we need more of that "Power of Hope" (the Rose Parade Theme) right now. Who could have imagined then that we would be suffering the collapse of our economy and praying that we don't catch a disease that is devastating – as I write this – 140 countries in the world. The pandemic is just beginning to be felt to shocking effects in our country. As of today, the entire State of California is under "Stay at Home" orders, due to the Corona Virus Pandemic.

It has been very disruptive to everyone, especially the Southern California Colonies. Virtually every Colony has reported that they have either cancelled or delayed their April or May Annual Meetings. This is a really big thing, because it is during these meetings that the Colonies announce Scholarship winners, raise much needed funds to replenish their general funds, continue pursuing their 2020 activities and plan for the rest of the year. To forego these meetings may cause serious hardship for the Colonies. We need to be cognizant of that. For instance, the Orange County Colony, San Diego and Inland Empire Colonies delayed their April/May meetings, because they couldn't afford to cancel them outright. The Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Colonies both cancelled their April meetings. As of this moment, I have not gotten word from the Rancho Conejo or Foothill Colonies on their meeting plans.

As we settle into the new realities of the orders to stay home and the possibility that this disease will have long-term effects even into the fall. We are wondering what these effects will be and if our planned trip to Plymouth for the 2020 Congress in September will be delayed or cancelled.

We hope that this is not the case, as we have been planning on such a great event to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Landing of our ancestors. Also, we are planning on gathering the folks from the Colonies in So Cal for a dinner party to celebrate a couple birthdays occurring that week. We hope that we are still able to do that, but, as of now, we are getting our heads wrapped around this pandemic and possible challenges to come.

We encourage all our members to be safe and to take care of themselves. The challenge with this virus is that it is particularly virulent – especially for the age brackets represented in our membership. Please listen to all of the National, State and Local authorities. We need to take this pandemic seriously. We will get through this and will regain our footing again – hopefully soon.

We in the Mayflower Society are family. So, let's pull together now. I would ask you all to "adopt a buddy". Please have others on your contact list and give them a call, Facetime with them or write them an email. No member should be alone during this time, even though we are "sheltering in place". Reach out, check in and encourage each other during this tumultuous time. If anyone does get sick with the Corona Virus, please let us know. We want to pray for you and help in any way we can.

Scott Miller
Deputy Governor South



Donors List

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way, large or small, with money or time and energies toward the activities surrounding being able to have a float in the January 1, 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

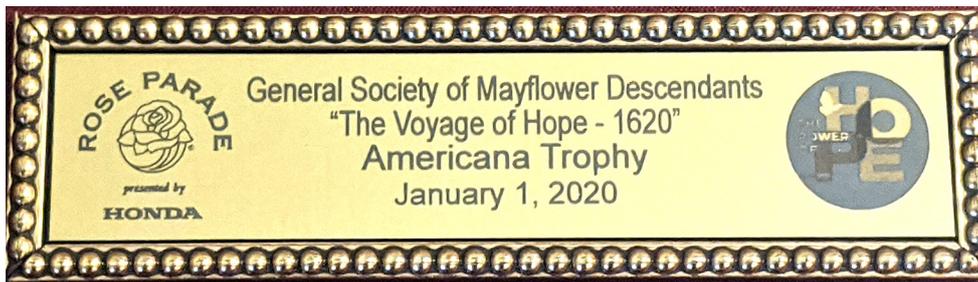
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Jessica Assay	Laguna Coast Associates	Roberta Scherbarth
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Illinois Mayflower Society	Duke Romo	
	San Diego Colony	





We deeply appreciate the guidance from Tim Estes and his team at Fiesta Parade Floats. The award plaque with a photo of the float and this plate as seen below will be on display in the CA Mayflower office/ library in Oakland.



2020 and Float Report to BOA

January 18, 2020, Oakland, CA

WE DID IT, CALIFORNIA!!!!

What an amazing way to begin the 2020 commemoration year with our float traveling down Colorado Boulevard. Mayflower descendants in their correct period attire waved and spread our pilgrim message of hope and freedom to the world. The ship also carried 102 red rose flower vials inscribed with names of the original passengers. 400 years later our pilgrims traveled again!



Marcia Huntley Maloney and Carole Curran celebrate a job well done on the TOR Rose Parade float.

As you probably know, we won the Americana Award for the most outstanding depiction of national treasures and traditions.

The Voyage of Hope-1620 was entirely self-decorated. According to Karen Schwartz, float decorating chair, 500 volunteers contributed over 4,800 decorating hours, filling 700 shift slots, over a period of 5 days. Volunteers came from all over California, Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Governor General George Garmany had such a good time and jumped right in to help with everything. Watching our cousins from around California and the country work together in this endeavor was heartwarming. Many forever friendships were forged.

The Rose Parade float truly educated millions all over the world who viewed the float at the parade, on social media and on TV. Live on Green and post parade float viewing added even more depth to our mission. TV interviews were held throughout decorating week when many of us others shared information regarding why the Mayflower story is important today. Our 2020 Junior Ambassador, Madison Grogan, also had a positive impact on the viewers. Little Grace Jensen was adorable holding her baby doll in the shallop which depicted a family traveling together. My hearty thanks go to so many wonderful people like Scott Miller and others who put their heart and soul into this project. I can't name them all here. Our state junior chair, Amy Conboy, lead the Live On Green exhibit booth at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Thanks to the amazing Carole Curran, float chair and energizer bunny, and Jane Wong, our clothing consultant and advisor, and as well as other members of the committee, we have shared our message with the world. And we are proud.

Our ship and associated costs have been totally self-funded by our society members, relatives and friends. The 2020 committee is still collecting funds and money still coming in and will throughout the rest of the year which is good because we have one more float payment to make end of January.

Submitted by Marcia Huntley Maloney, CA 2020 Ambassador on behalf of 2020 committee.

Former CA Mayflower Governor Shares Her Thoughts

June Brainard Lazich, former Governor SMDCA, says having a Mayflower Society float in the Rose Parade was her "dream". She says she doesn't care who gets credit for the float, but it was a team effort and thanks to everyone, "WE DID IT!!!!"

Jane is pictured with her daughter and granddaughter beside the 2020 float, and at the age of 89, is proud of the fact that she could walk 2 miles to and from the after parade display to see the float in person. June shared that she has not missed watching a Rose Parade since she was a child in Ohio, and learned much from listening to the commentary during the parade.

She feels the Rose Parade is an educational tool that is viewed by the whole world, particularly children and parents of America.



Granddaughter Jayed Davey, June Lazich, Daughter Jeanne Mc Cullen.



June Brainard Lazich enjoys viewing the Mayflower float at the post parade celebration

RootsTech 2020

By Thomas Portlock, Utah Mayflower Deputy Governor General

What better way to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower crossing than to attend the Roots Tech 2020: The story for you. It will be a year to remember for the Society of Mayflower Descendants. We attended 4 days with over 25,000 plus attendees expressing their passion about their family heritage. We handed out and had turned in well over 500 free lineage reviews that help our cousins look at their lineage in preparation for application to the society.

We were able to share with others about the national and local Mayflower societies on this year's current activities. The word is out about the 2020 celebration back in Plymouth.



Utah Mayflower Secretary Susan McEvoy, Utah Governor Gary Herbert, Bryce Bird, Tanya Bird, SMDCA Governor Ray Raser, Ralph Howland, Utah Lt. Governor Spencer Cox, Utah Mayflower Deputy Governor General Thomas Portlock, GSMD Governor General George Garmany. Edited photo credit to Susan McEvoy

Many of our General society cousins come from out of state to help with the booth, including Governor General George P. Garmany. He spent three days with us meeting and talking with everyone he could. From DNA testing to proving ones lineage back to the Mayflower to learning about archives and research, Roots Tech had so much to offer. Thank you cousins.

During the conference on Friday morning many of us were able to participate in the pilgrim progress which was held from the main hall to the expo hall and ended at the Mayflower ship. Governor Garmany and other had the main stage in front of thousands explaining what the society does and its contributions to family history. A Mayflower replica model and display of the Mayflower compact was a center piece for the entire expo hall. The family bible that traveled on the Mayflower owned by William Bradford also made an appearance.

Later in the afternoon, several of us went up to the state capital for the presentation of the Utah House and Senate Resolution - H.C.R.18 - Mayflower 400. We stood and witnessed the reading and voting in both houses of this momentous occasion. We want to thank Tanya Bird for her persistence in this endeavor. This concurrent resolution commemorates the 400th anniversary of the historic voyage of the Mayflower and the signing of the Mayflower Compact here in Utah.

It was exciting to visit with many future Mayflower cousins and see their excitement to prove their heritage back 400 years. We were able to answer many questions and explain the many benefits for being a part of such a society. In the four days of sharing about the society we talked about connecting with ‘family’ and the importance of knowing your ancestry to pass on the legacy to grandchildren. It is wonderful to get to know ‘cousins’, learning more about the Pilgrims, and getting people excited about 2020 which is the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.



Gov. Gen. Garmany prepares to present the 400th Anniversary proclamation to the Utah State Legislature.

We encouraged many to visit Plymouth, Mass. and to see the Mayflower Society House. The Mayflower

House and the gorgeous garden, memorial blocks and library has just undergone a facelift all ready for the 2020 celebration. The society offers so much to people who are looking to belong.

With all of this we were able to create more memories with our cousins and to continue our great legacy of our Mayflower ancestors. We all look forward to volunteering at Roots Tech in 2021, in preparation for the 2021 celebration of Thanksgiving. This could be a tradition for every year. Make sure that you are a part of it.



Ray Raser enjoys a visit with author Diane Stone of Monterey, CA



L-R: Thomas Portlock, Ray Raser, Bryanna Hansen, Terrie Coleman, Kathleen Lange, Susan Belebenicz, Diana Stone, Jackie Coleman, Susan McEvoy, Bill Tooley

CA Mayflower Surgeon's Report

My Fellow Pilgrims:

Writing a short column on the COVID-19 pandemic is a difficult task to take on at the moment. It's not that we don't know a lot about the virus. We do, and we're learning more every day. We know who is at greatest risk for poor outcomes with the infection. We know that barriers like face masks can stop infected people from spreading the virus, even when asymptomatic. We have all heard about uncommon medications like hydroxychloroquine, once a common medication for malaria, now being used for a brand new virus.

We know after being initially less than prepared for such a pandemic, our businesses have pulled together to re-tool factories to make personal protective equipment and ventilators where once pillows or car parts were assembled.



Matthew S. Bowdish, MD

And we've seen the heroism of our fellow Americans in the face of a pandemic. It's not only the front line health care providers and emergency medical service personnel who deserve praise, it's also those who allow us to shelter-in-place, from the farm workers who bring our food out of the fields, the truckers who transport our essential products and those who work all night at Costco, supermarkets and Amazon warehouses that keep us fed and well.

Almost every one knows about these basic facts, so why rehash them here? Never mind the recommendations from our county, state and federal agencies seem to change on an almost hourly basis. What I write today might seem like ancient news by the time you read this column. "Oh, that take was sooo April 5th!"

So, let's address an area that not a lot of people are talking about, and that's this pandemic's effects on our mental health. We have been told by our brightest statisticians that the death toll for COVID-19 could range from 250,000 to 2.5 million nationwide. Our lives have been upended by this virus. We're told to shelter-in-place and many of us have lost our jobs, which not only give us our livelihoods but also adds meaning to our lives.

So issues like extreme stress, depression, frustration and grief are all perfectly normal responses to such a calamity. It's not that our genes haven't seen this before. Remember, half of our Separatist ancestors died in the winter of 1620-21. But for a people not used to dealing with such stressors, this can be a difficult time.

We have anticipatory grief, the feeling we get when we think the future is uncertain especially in regards to death. The fact that the idea of a virus is so abstract, ie we can't see it, makes this anticipation maddening at times.

We also grieve for the things in life we've lost. For example, my mom misses going to the movies with close friends. That might not seem like much, but when someone lives alone away from close family, losing that human contact is a big deal.

So, what tools can we use to deal with the stressors of a pandemic. First, we need to understand what is happening to us. Scott Berinato has a great interview in a recent Harvard Business Review with psychologist David Kessler, who has worked with the LAPD and Red Cross crisis teams in dealing with traumatic events. Kessler reminds us to identify our own grief responses to COPVID-19 based on Elisabeth Kubler-Ross classic five stages of grief.

“There’s denial, which we say a lot of early on: *This virus won’t affect us.* There’s anger: *You’re making me stay home and taking away my activities.* There’s bargaining: *Okay, if I social distance for two weeks everything will be better, right?* There’s sadness: *I don’t know when this will end.* And finally there’s acceptance. *This is happening; I have to figure out how to proceed.* Acceptance, as you might imagine, is where the power lies. We find control in acceptance. *I can wash my hands. I can keep a safe distance. I can learn how to work virtually.”*

But Kessler also adds a “Sixth Stage,” which is finding meaning. This shouldn’t be foreign to us. Our Pilgrim ancestors found meaning in their deep faith in God as well as their faith in what they were creating for each other in Massachusetts.

Our Company’s surgeon Samuel Fuller found meaning in healing others. Fuller even traveled to the Massachusetts Bay Colony to tend to sick Puritans. He also traveled to local villages to treat the Wampanoag. As a physician, that is the tact I have taken. We have kept our practice open and I have signed on to be a supplemental hospitalist with our local Sutter hospital should the need arise to count on volunteer medical personnel.

So, the questions that we should all ask ourselves is not whether we’re experiencing grief. We almost certainly are. But where are we in the process and what can we each do to find meaning? Facetime with grandkids? Finish that family genealogy? Check-in with parents or elderly neighbors? Write inspirational messages on the sidewalk for all passing neighbors to see? There is so much we can still do.

*Matthew S. Bowdish, MD
CA Mayflower Surgeon*

*References: Berinato, S. “That discomfort you’re feeling is grief,” Harvard Business Review, March 23, 2020.
Kessler, D. “Finding Meaning: The Sixth Stage of Grief,” Scribner, 2019. www.grief.com*



GSMD and the Corona Virus Pandemic*George Garmany, MD, Governor General**Naomi Mann, MD, Surgeon General*

GSMD has received questions about whether our plans for Congress in September, 2020 have been changed because of concerns about the corona virus pandemic. As you know, this pandemic is caused by a novel corona virus, and the experts are learning more about the virus and human infections with each passing day. We do know that older persons, especially those with pre-existing heart and lung conditions, are more vulnerable to serious illness, and that is very relevant to our Society. Many epidemics caused by similar viruses become less active during the summer months when our Congress is scheduled. Unfortunately right now no one knows exactly what to expect from this particular virus. Up-to-date information from the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) is available at www.coronavirus.gov.

It would be premature to change our plans for the GSMD Congress at this early time, with all of the uncertainty about how the pandemic will evolve. The situation should be much clearer by the end of June, and we will wait until then to decide if any changes will be necessary. In the meantime both of us will monitor the CDC recommendations and recommend appropriate actions for GSMD if necessary.

Member Societies have more urgent questions regarding their meetings planned for this spring and early summer. The situation is different in each geographical area, and some states have declared emergencies. We recommend that your Society follow the CDC guidelines and the recommendations of your local authorities.

***A Conversation Starter from Lisa Pennington****Executive Committee Member-at-Large 2017-2020**As written in the "Mayflower Families and Descendants Group" of Facebook*

Cousins,

We are all challenged during this critical time and I know we are taking care of our family, neighbors and friends.

Plimoth Plantation is ready to share our ancestor's stories in this commemorative anniversary year. With the closing of non-essential businesses in the US and Massachusetts in particular, Plimoth Plantation is missing what was hoped to be a very significant year of revenue from visitors to the museum and the planned activities for Mayflower II. For those of us who know the tragic impact that illness had on our ancestors in 1620-21, it would be a terrible irony for illness to devastate an organization that honors our ancestors' sacrifices and perseverance.

For anyone who might be able to contribute financial support to Plimoth Plantation, the website Plimoth.Org>Support Us> We'll be History Without You has the details and links to make an online contribution or to send a check. There is no such thing as a "small" contribution!! Every dollar makes a huge difference.

The Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship

Celebrating Freedom, Liberty and the Pilgrim Spirit! The Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship is available to any qualified high school seniors. This new scholarship provides yet another opportunity to celebrate the 400th anniversary and memory of our courageous ancestors. The joyful artwork (STAND FIRM! and Poem) was created by Monterey Bay California Colony member Diane Stevenson Stone. Copies are available now for purchase, with all proceeds supporting this new Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship Fund. Go to: www.themayflowersociety.org, for your 13" X 19" colored copy of this special, unique artwork!"

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STAND FIRM!

All hands-on deck!" Ye Pilgrims, Stand Firm.
This voyage of faith together we all affirm.
Our homeland dear is all that we ever knew,
Where fields of tulips and bluebells grew.

One day what will this tale of historic drama bring?
As folding fog hovers low and covers everything.
Sails snap and flap, lanterns flicker and swing.
Deep in the North Atlantic like a puppet on a string.

In the middle of that vast open sea, a wee baby cries.
While a good, old man lays his head down and dies.
Quiet prayers reach out in tender, distant sighs.
"Were we foolish, . . . or will there be a noble prize?"

Only a few scoops of gruel, oh to smell a shepherd pie!
Or just imagine a feast with a juicy, fat chicken thigh.
Barely a bite of stale hardtack, there's no more supply.
Even ale in the cooper's barrel is practically dry.

To keep one's character without soil or grime,
A formal bond of 41 signatures one at a time.
It creates a Compact of trust - line upon line.
To keep us close and safe for our entire lifetime.

"Ahoy, drop anchor! Big rocks and land in sight!"
Seagulls wings, free forever, rise rapidly in flight.
Hold on to the good; we're in safe harbor tonight.
New strength will carry us forward with divine light.

Another deep, grave is dug, not enough corn for rations.
Pilgrims take courage, one day there will be a new nation.
With land and native Americans, we'll build strong relations.
With each generation, there will be salvation; Stand Firm!

Diane Stevenson Stone

Scholarship applications are handled on-line through GSMD scholarship page.



Researching From Your Home

The following information was taken from our own CA Mayflower Website. Perhaps you will find some new interesting facts and a good book or more to read. Also, you might want to make recommendations of good books you have read about our ancestors and ask they be added to this list.

Books and web sites about the Mayflower:

- The founding of a nation: the story of the Pilgrim Fathers, by Frank Moody Gregg (1915)
- A Romantic Story of the Mayflower Pilgrim, by Albert Christopher Addison (1910)
- The General Society of Mayflower Descendants: Meetings Officers and Members arranged by State Societies ancestors and their descendants, By The General Congress, Plymouth, MA (1901)
- The Story of the Pilgrims, By Morton Dexter (1894)
- California Mayflower Descendants, The Mayflower Voyage and Plymouth Colony
- Register of the Society of Mayflower descendants in the state of California, By Herbert Folger, Historian (1916)
- The Women Who Came in the Mayflower, By Annie Russell Marble (1920)
- Governor William Bradford's Letter Book, By William Bradford (1906)
- Elder William Brewster, of the Mayflower, By Justin Winsor (1887)
- The Signers of the Mayflower Compact and Their Descendants, By Henry Whittmore (1899)
- The May-flower and her log: July 15, 1620-May 6, 1621, Plymouth and the Pilgrims, or, Incidents of adventure in the history of the first settlers, By Joseph Banvard (1886)
- Records of the Colony of New Plymouth, in New England: Laws, 1623-1682, By New Plymouth Colony, Nathaniel Bradstreet (1861)
- The Pilgrims in their three homes, By William Elliot Griffis (1899)

Video Links

The Mayflower Video- Get the facts about the Mayflower in this informative video

The History of Thanksgiving

The Story of the Mayflower. – Creative drawings depict the crossing of the Atlantic. Kids will love it.

Learning, Tutorials and Guides

The Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony

Mayflower Families-Searchable databases and the newsletter Colonial Gazette

Mayflower Steps – A United Kingdom site all about the Mayflower

Mayflower History-The internet's most complete and accurate web site focused on the Mayflower and the Pilgrims, and the early Plymouth Colony

Genealogy.com Learning Center

Cyndi's List Tutorials and Guides

Hiring a Professional Genealogist

Genealogy.org

**New Members Approved
March 21, 2020**

Alameda Colony

Sally Jo Palmer Lagomarsino
GS# 96562 CA #9561
12th generation from Issac Allerton

Virginia Sue Clausen Rood
GS # 96698 CA # 9568
12th generation from Edward Fuller

Melissa Margaret Graham Farley
GS# 96777 CA# 9575
12th generation from John Alden

Daniel Connelly Saulsbury
GS# 96779 CA #9577
10th generation from John Howland

Foothill Colony

Joy Marie Workman Murakami
GS # 96728 CA # 9571
13th generation from John Alden

Christopher Peyton Bates
GS# 96804 CA #9578
12th generation from John Alden

Inland Empire Colony

Mona Marie Reynolds Lowe
GS#96630 CA #9566
11th generation from Stephen Hopkins

Lesley Dianne Ashworth Gonzales
GS# 96805 CA #9579
12th generation from William White

Los Angeles Colony

Bradley Robert Allen Douglas
GS # 96526 CA #9557
11th generation from William White

Jill Ann Gunther
GS# 96527 CA # 9558
11th generation from William Bradford

Susan Elizabeth Hanks
GS# 96561 CA #9560
12th generation from William Bradford LIFE

Dustin Zane DeYoung
GS# 96001 CA #9563
14th generation from William Brewster

Joshua Scott DeYoung
GS #96602 CA #9564
14th generation from William Brewster

William Scott DeYoung
GS #96603 CA #9565
13th generation from William Brewster

Sara E. Cole
Sara Elizabeth Cole
GS 96825 CA #9582
14th generation from Stephen Hopkins MS.

Mother Lode Colony

Todd Arthur Graham
GS# 96778 CA# 9576
12th generation from John Alden

Orange County Colony

Michelle Elizabeth Field
GS # 96727 CA# 9570
12th generation from Richard Warren

San Diego Colony

Shirley Ann McGuire Jeter
GS# 96528 CA #9559
12th generation from John Howland

Mark Thomas Bennett
GS# 96824 CA# 9581
11th generation from Myles Standish

San Francisco Peninsula Colony

Laurian June Unnevehr
GS# 96699 CA #9569
10th generation from John Howland

San Joaquin Valley Colony

Lorraine Crovo David
GS# 96000 CA #9562
11th generation from William Bradford

Santa Barbara Colony

Tracy Lynn Jenkins Larson
GS # 96806 CA #9580
12th generation from Richard Warren

Kristin Ellen Voris Wood
 GS# 96729 CA#9572
 13th generation from John Alden

Patricia Virginia Fischer Anixter
 GS# 96754 CA# 9574
 11th generation from John Howland

Sequoia Colony

Lynne Marie Wadman Howe
 GS #96663 CA #9567
 11th from Isaac Allerton

Transfers Requests

Foothill Colony

Christopher Alden Higgins
 GS #51748 CA #9583
 10th generation from John Alden
 From Hawaiï

San Diego Colony

Diane Kay Wagener
 GS #38549 CA #9573
 From Indiana

Reinstatement Requests

Orange County Colony

Bill May
 GS #38003 CA # 3233

 Raymond Perez Cobb
 GS #51049 CA #4664
 9th generation from John Howland

San Joaquin Valley Colony

Roger Merritt
 GS #70547 CA # 7231

Sequoia Colony

GS# 55401 CA # 5251
 11th generation from Edward Doty
 Karen Lindquist Lemes



Supplementals Received Since January 2020

Alameda Colony

GS# 95840 CA # 9517
 Margot Ramirez Acquistapace
 12th from Myles Standish

Mother Lode Colony

Catherine Anne Hall Graham
 GS# 91274 CA#9144
 Silver Supplementals
 11th from Richard Warren
 12th from William Mullins
 11th from Priscilla Mullins
 10th from Henry Samson

Sandra Jeanne Carr
 GS #95521 CA# 9485
 11th from Stephen Hopkins

Orange County

Deanna Durazzo Jasper
 GS 95505 CA 9484
 12th from Degory Priest

Judy Sporleder Davin
 GS #74642 CA # 7676
 10th from John Alden
 11th from William Mullins
 11th from Thomas Rogers

Redwood Empire

Ronald George Kilby
 GS #84513 CA #8615
 13th from Edward Fuller
 14th from John Tilley

David Bradford Stephenson
 GS #92462 CA# 9225
 13th from Love Brewster
 14th from Richard Warren

San Diego Colony

Stephen John Pattison
 GS# 91794 CA# 9184
 12th from Giles Hopkins

*In Loving
Memory*

Alameda Colony

Edith Irene Harris Liggett
December 27, 2018

Rhoda Mae Marcks McDaniel
April 8, 2019

Inland Empire Colony

Jean Moylan Kenney Harp
July 1, 2018

Malcolm Clive Carr
January 1, 2020

Los Angeles Colony

Douglas Leroy Humphrey
December 24, 2013

Caroline Anne Wallace Barry
March 14, 2014

Nancy Ellowene Lovelady Copsey
November 6, 2016

Bitner Reavis Winkler
November 18, 2019

Monterey Bay Colony

Gail Mildred Lockwood Szafran
April 25, 2014

Robert Galbraith Chapman
July 16, 2019

Mother Lode Colony

Mildred Young Ryckman
January 24, 2014

Oleeta Irene Joerger Myers
July 15, 2014

Alice Lorene Brewster Steinhaus
November 17, 2014

Lillian Esther Knowles Nelson
December 28, 2016

Lester Eldon Doty
January 17, 2017

Persis Gene Thorpe Hurlburt Sturges
January 29, 2018

Elizabeth Blake Bagg Campbell
May 18, 2019

Evelyn Birdine King Briggs
September 27, 2019

Orange County Colony

Virginia Eleanor Gloyd Burgh
December 19, 2013

Redwood Empire Colony

Winnifred Lake Hooper Dunn
October 11, 2016

Stephen Moore
February 24, 2020

San Diego Colony

Millicent Rose Ball Thompson
February 4, 2015

Mary Maud Mitchell Sadler
June 27, 2019

Emily Wood Schupp Wilson
January 9, 2020

San Francisco Peninsula Colony

Georgia Unnewehr Griffith
September 25, 2012

San Joaquin Valley Colony

Ruby Lorraine Jeter
November 17, 2016

Dorothy Alberta Soule Epperson
May 13, 2019

Sequoia Colony

Julianne Evans Perkins
January 1, 2019

Elizabeth Hubbard King Hoblit
March 8, 2019

Yvonne Katherine O'Brien
April 6, 2019

Marcia Jane Peterson McManus
April 25, 2019

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Are You Moving?

Be sure to notify our State Membership Secretary, Sally Johnson at:
sallycamayflowermemsec@gmail.com

She will notify your governor and everyone else who needs to know. This will enable you to receive your California Mayflower, Mayflower Quarterly and other mailings in a timely fashion.

California Mayflower

Next deadline: July 01, 2020 . Send all text and photo submissions to Ray and Gail at:
camayflowereditor@gmail.com

Submissions to the California Mayflower Quarterly must be in digital format, either in the body of an email or as a Microsoft Word document attachment. Queries relevant to Mayflower families will be published pending space availability. PLEASE limit them to 75 words. Include your membership number and contact information.

NOTE the deadlines: They will remain the same year after year. Submissions prior to the deadlines are always appreciated.

Summer issue	July 1, 2020
Fall issue	October 1st 2020
Winter issue	January 2nd 2021
Spring issue	April 1st 2020

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www.camayflower.org

Visit the General Society of Mayflower Descendants at:
www.themayflowersociety.org

CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2020 Meeting Schedule

June 20, 2020 - Online Meeting

August 20, 2020 - Email meeting to accept new members

October 17, 2020 - TBD

December 05, 2020 - Email vote accept new members

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State News

Treasurer's Report

We had an eventful year, and, I think, quite successful. We have made our final payment to Fiesta Floats. I think they did a wonderful job.

Our fund raising committee needs a big round of applause, which I'm sure they would have received if we had had our March meeting in a room, rather than online.

We do still need to raise \$14,375.00 for our 2020 projects.

In 2019, we raised	\$297,859.88
This included \$185,000.00 from our Society's funds.	
We spent	<u>\$251,422.40</u>
Leaving us a positive Balance of	\$46,437.48
To this, we add in Income 2020	\$17,385.79
And expenses totaling	<u>\$78,198.43</u>
Leaving a Balance due	\$14,375.16



I have confidence we can raise this over time.

Anyone interested in any financial reports can reach me at MayflowerMaiden75@outlook.com

*Susan Rae Oldfield
Treasurer*

CA Editor's Report

It's the spring edition, and we didn't realize the adjustments we were all going to have to make as we navigate through all the shut-downs during this COVID-19 outbreak. Thank you for your reports of past colony events and notices of colony meetings being cancelled and trying to figure out how to move ahead with elections of colony officers.



Gail & Ray Raser

Of course, we are all hoping and praying we will be able to travel and move ahead with our 400th celebration in September 2020 in Plymouth. We can only hope for the best. Maybe while some of you are stuck to your computer instead of going about town, you might do some research or write that article you have been wanting to write, and submit it for publication in a future CA Mayflower Quarterly for us all to enjoy. We appreciate receiving your submissions.

Stay healthy and keep a positive attitude. Enjoy the gift of extra time and make the best of it.

*Gail and Ray Raser
Co-Editors*



State Historian Report

I was appointed by the Executive Committee on January 31, 2020 to serve out the unfinished term of Sue Butler. I have to admit I had not been expecting this and was not very prepared. However I have had a lot of assistance and support firstly from Ray and Gail, and especially Pat Friesen and Mandy Dunkle. The system of allocating applications and such was changed considerably by Sue while she was State Historian. I have kept a good deal of it intact but changed a couple of things that were not working.

The most problematical part was asking the colony membership chairs to prepare membership applications. Doing this is a very challenging job and mostly they did not have the training and background to do it. Plymouth, as I already knew, was quite unhappy about the system. So I transferred the initial preparation of the worksheet, verification that the line was a Silver Book line and obtaining the best match from Plymouth to the assistant historians. They then work with the cmcs and let the cmcs handle as much as is within their skill set. We have brought back Ken Whittemore who is a very experienced and capable historian, and we now have a new assistant historian, Dianna Saario. We currently have myself as state historian and four assistant historians, Ken, David Grinnell, Mandy Dunkle and Dianna Saario who are all doing excellent work. The colony membership chair system is a good system, allowing a personal interface between prospective members and the colonies, and I hope all the colonies continue to make sure they have cmcs.

We have colony membership chairs in 8 colonies and in SD to avoid confusion, an “applicant liaison team”.

In three colonies an assistant historian is also the CMC.

In two colonies the governor is also the CMC.

In one colony there is no CMC at all.

I can't give an exact count of applications, because the situation is too fluid but we have approximately 400 applications in the works including approximately 150 awaiting approval in Plymouth. There are at this point only about 25 very old applications, something which Sue Butler worked to achieve. Since the last meeting we have had 25 new members and 15 supplementals approved by Plymouth.

I think we are running pretty smoothly.

*Erica Hanb
State Historian*

Junior Report

The California Mayflower Society has started off 2020 with seven new Mayflower Juniors. The oldest is sixteen years old and the youngest is just three days old! I would like to start a California Junior Newsletter online to better communicate with our 450+ Juniors throughout California and beyond. Our Junior Membership database still lacks email contacts for many of our Junior sponsors and/or parents.

Please update Junior contact information at camayflowerjuniors@gmail.com. I hope to hear from many of you. Amy Conboy, Junior Membership Chair.

*Amy Conboy
Junior Membership Chair*

Membership Report

The new world of today requires continuing adjustments to how our Society operates at the state, the colony and the individual member level.

Our March 21 online BOA meeting was a success at the state level—reports presented, discussions held and, decisions made. Due to a technical glitch (which will not recur) I was an online observer rather than an active participant in that meeting. Being forced to watch and listen made me recognize, and remember, that a new situation requires new tools—surely the appropriate perspective for descendants of the Mayflower passengers. I look forward to future online meetings at both the state and the colony level that allow us to be both where we are and where we need, or want, to be.

Individual members, both prospective and current, are likely to encounter significant delays in the processing of membership applications and requests for transfer or reinstatement. New applicants will find offices that provide documentation for lineage papers closed for many weeks; processing applications in Plymouth will also take longer. I have no access to hard copies of California membership applications until the Oakland library reopens; these applications are required to process transfers from California and are often needed to provide information for reinstatements.

To help new members and colonies be linked as soon as possible, I will now send contact and ancestry information about a new member to their colony as soon as the application process for membership, transfer or reinstatement has been completed. I will continue to provide each colony with a full membership update on a quarterly basis.

Please inform me of any changes in your membership status. I will be glad to answer any questions or concerns about membership.

Sally Johnson
Membership Secretary

Counselor Report

As Counselor I continue to advise and consult with the Executive Committee in various matters. In the past quarter, I have worked on issues related to the Society's insurance program. I also have drafted standardized bylaws for the Society's 14 colonies, to be considered by the Executive Committee.

Working with our Treasurer, I also am reviewing new California laws dealing with how persons may be deemed to be "employees" under California law, which may have significant impacts on the Society. I anticipated that during 2020 I also will be involved in other legal matters pertaining to the Society's various 400th Anniversary activities, the Oakland library, and other ancillary matters.

Jonathan Dickey
Counselor



The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California Status Update of the Scholarship Program as of March 7, 2020

The 2020 scholarship program is well under way and is expected to be completed on a schedule consistent with previous years. We have assembled a terrific trio of judges, all whom have experience in education and will have the responsibility to determine our top three winners.

We received eleven applications to the scholarship program with two being eliminated from consideration and judging as each applicant did not have the requisite California and GSMD membership numbers. The nine who met the requirements are either members of or had a qualifying relative from the following Colonies:

San Diego	3
Orange County	2
Mother Lode	2
San Joaquin Valley	1
Santa Barbara	1

The quality of submissions is truly outstanding including the essays, the transcripts, referral letters, etc. Our esteemed judges will no doubt be up to the challenge deciding the winners as they get to read some of the most overwhelmingly emotional essays anyone could imagine.

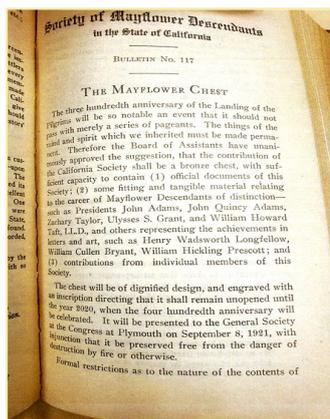
I am honored to have been offered this position and thank the board for having the confidence in me to continue the history and legacy of Sally Johnson and Kathy Gire, among others in making the scholarship program what it is.

California Scholarships for incoming college students are in the amounts as follows:

- 1st place: \$5,000.
- 2nd place: \$3,000.
- 3rd place: \$2,000.

The 2020 scholarship winners will be announced in the summer 2020 edition of the CA Mayflower Quarterly along with their award winning essays.

Larry Beston
Education and Scholarship Chairperson



Looking For Misplaced Mayflower Chest

Both General Society and the CA Society are looking for information regarding a Mayflower chest that the California Society supposedly presented to the General Society in 1920. If any of you have any information or have heard anything about such a chest, both the state and the general society would appreciate hearing from you.

Colony News

Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia Colony and San Francisco Colony enjoyed a joint meeting at the Menlo Circus club in Atherton on March 7. Marston Watkins was the speaker and his subject was the Silver Books.

The next meeting of the colony will be June 27, Saturday, at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park.

Please visit SequoiaColony.org for further details or to make a reservation if you are from another Colony. The luncheon will be \$35 and the meeting will begin at 11:30 AM.



*Louise DeDera
Sequoia Colony Governor*

Los Angeles Colony

Responding to the advice on social gatherings, the Los Angeles Colony Board has voted to cancel the luncheon and meeting planned for April 18, 2020 at the Los Angeles Family History Library. Los Angeles Colony Deputy Governor Franklin Smith had arranged for Mary Brown, past Governor of the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants and past Governor of the Thomas Rogers Society, to give us her presentation “The Pilgrim Odyssey” remotely. We will try to reschedule her for a future date. Keep safe. While we cannot join together to celebrate our Mayflower ancestors, remember them, as four hundred years ago, they would already be in preparation for the historic journey.

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

Mother Lode Colony

Unfortunately, our Colony had to cancel the meeting scheduled for March 14 for several reasons. The Coronavirus began its outbreak then and our guests began to cancel. Also, our speaker, Miles Standish, was already ill. I sincerely hope he has recovered well.

We were able to cancel our food order with The Cliff House and will reschedule when things calm down. I hope you all are staying well, and I wish the best for you and your families. I will let you know when we can reschedule.

*Kathy Gire
Mother Lode Colony, Governor*



Monterey Bay Colony

On February 15, the Monterey Bay Colony celebrated their meeting with Dale Brandes speaking on “Stephen Hopkins and the Adventures of His Revolutionary War Descendant”. The travails of Stephen and his journey to Virginia and on the Mayflower to the Revolutionary soldier’s cousin who was a spy for General Washington was shared. His wife, Patty, assisted in the presentation that was very informative and highly acclaimed. Four prospective members attended the meeting. Eight applications are currently being researched. David Grinnell, Assistant Historian, has been a huge help and the first application, Greg Edgar, was submitted to Plymouth. A prospective member referred to her mother, grandmother and great aunt’s applications but they are so old the proof had to be redocumented. Documentation must be to today’s standards.



The Silver Book Collection project for the Monterey Family History Center is near completion. The State Society has sent the order to the Mayflower store for completion but the timeline is uncertain due to employees working remotely. When the books are received by the MFC they will be available to all in their library.

Diane Stone and her husband, Tom, helped represent the Mayflower Society at the Roots Tech conference in Salt Lake City in February. Diane exhibited her nationally awarded poster and poem. The GSMC Governor George Garmany and the California Mayflower Society Gov. Ray Raser were in attendance. Roots Tech is the largest genealogy conference in the United States.

Mona Berman is currently formatting the updated MBC Roster for printing. Thank you to Mona for volunteering for such a large project!

The May 9th meeting has been cancelled. We look forward to seeing you at the Compact meeting on **Nov.14, 2020.**



*Kathleen Lange SLC, GSMD Gov. General.
George Garmany, SLC, Diane Stevenson Stone*



*CA Gov. Ray Raser, Kathleen Lange SLC,
Diane Stevenson Stone*

*Gloria Gibbel
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor*

Foothill Colony

The Foothill Colony is growing, despite the cancellation of our April 25 meeting. We normally meet at Pasadena Highlands, an assisted living community. Our next meeting has not been scheduled as of publication. The membership will be advised via email.

We are happy to welcome newest members Christopher Peyton Bates of Monrovia and Joy Murakami of Santa Clarita. Reinstated member Roger Merritt of Clovis has also joined the Foothill Colony. Members transferring to Foothill Colony include Carolyn Burrell of Lancaster, , Chris Higgins of Pasadena, Pat Richard of Ridgecrest and Duke Romo of Upland. Special appreciation and hearty welcome is extended to those who added the Foothill Colony to their primary colonies during the 2020 dues season: Tony Brewster (OC), Sue Brown (IE), Tori Mattson (SD), Scott Miller (OC), Tom Perkins (LA), and Ray and Gail Raser (SD). Our total membership now is 39, which is a 70% increase! Colony Membership Chair Heather Sabin and her team are working on several applications as well.

Foothill Colony members have been spreading the news of our Mayflower ancestors through public presentations this year. On January 9, Carole Curran, Jane Wong, Erica Hahn and Beth Stone presented a program “Mayflower Meet and Greet” at the Pasadena Hastings Ranch Library. The library ran ads in local newspapers which drew a crowd of 129 interested community members! Pasadena Media, a local public service television channel, interviewed



Jerry Casterline of the St Matthews United Methodist Church seniors group welcome Carole Curran and Jane Wong to share about the Voyage of the Mayflower and 17th century clothing.



Carole Curran, Erica Hahn, Jane Wong and Beth Stone giving presentation at the Hastings Ranch Library in Pasadena.



Carole Curran and Jane Wong with pilgrim clothing display

Foothill Colony Governor and aired the library presentation on their February “Off the Shelf” series. The San Gabriel Valley Tribune ran an article about it and as a result, Jerry Casterline requested Foothill Colony to present a program at St. Matthews United Methodist Church Seniors on February 10. The Foothill Colony received a generous \$50 Honorarium for the program presented by Carole Curran and Jane Wong. If you are interested in watching the Pasadena Media “Off the Shelf” video, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCOJnBHylbQ>.

*Carole Curran
Foothill Colony, Governor*

Rancho Conejo Colony

Governor Lorraine Kocen welcomed over 70 members and guests to our February Leap Day meeting and wished everyone a happy 400th anniversary. The original Mayflower wasn't all that much larger than our Tournament of Roses Parade float. We recognized our past governor, Robert Dempster, with applause for his contributions to the 2020 Committee. The Opening Invocation was given by Chaplain Donna McCullough followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Captain Yvonne Knerr. Sally Cicuto led the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee". Julie Hale thoughtfully read the Mayflower Compact.

Recording Secretary Tom Perkins gave a summary of the minutes of our last meeting, which were approved. Tom then read the Roll Call; descendants of sixteen Mayflower passengers were in attendance. Deputy Governor Don Morris introduced our many prospective members and guests. New members Jeff Pendleton (Alden) and Tawny (Godin) Welch (Warren) were introduced and given membership certificates and yearbooks.

Many volunteers from our colony decorated the float and represented the Society at Live on Green and the Showcase of Floats. Upcoming events to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower voyage include the Orange County Gala and April Pilgrim's Progress in Plymouth.

Our first colony college scholarship of \$500 will be awarded this spring, funded by the sale of Mayflower pendants, name tags, and other items. Sally Cicuto, scholarship committee chairperson, has contacted local high schools to encourage students to apply. This scholarship is open to all high school seniors and first and second year college students. The application is due April 1, 2020.



Over 70 members and guests attended our Leap Day meeting.

speaker Judith Helton as Abigail Adams, who was married to John Adams, second president and a Mayflower descendant. In period dress, Abigail entertained us with gossip about our founding fathers. From her basket, she pulled out toys of the era, as well as tools used to make home spun cloth when the colonists refused to purchase British cloth due to taxation.



Welcome to our new members Tawny Godin Welch (Warren) and Jeff Pendleton (Alden), with Governor Lorraine Kocen (left). Our new members were given certificates and colony yearbooks.



Abigail Adams shows a 1770's French "jumping Jack".

We have requested funding from California Mayflower for the remaining five silver books for the Thousand Oaks Library. After lunch, Deputy Governor Don Morris introduced our

Next Meeting: We invite you to our next meeting on May 30, 2020 at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. Our speaker will be Dr. Michaela Reeves from California Lutheran University about the Salem Witch trials.

“The Mayflower: Story of a Voyage Across Treacherous Waters”: many members visited the Channel Islands Maritime Museum to see our exhibit about the Mayflower from January 11 to March 23, 2020. In Mayflower attire, Governor Lorraine represented our exhibit at the “Art Comes Alive” event on February 15th.

Special Thank You: for the efforts of our nominating committee Holly Newcomb, Julie Hale, Anne Fisher and past Governor Robert Dempster for not only filling our next board but volunteering for positions themselves.

*Lorraine Kocen
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor*

Santa Barbara Colony

The Santa Barbara Colony cancelled our April meeting due to the pandemic. Ruth Jackson the delegate and I attended the March 21, 2020 State board meeting on Go To Meeting online. The meeting was on topic and went very smooth.

I would like to welcome our new Santa Barbara Colony Members, Pat Johnson, Tracy Larson, Jeffrey Pendleton and Caryn Mason. Two of the new members let me know how disappointed they



Irie and Adeline Garrett upon receiving their Junior Memberships

were as they were planning to attend. Our next meeting will be 10/17/20. Our program will be "Art and Artists in the Mayflower era" presenter will be Aurora Garrison a Saatchi trained artist. I have received interest from other Colonies. If you would like to attend let me know and I will send the RSVP flyer.

One topic that often comes up at Mayflower meetings is Juniors. I would like to let our new members know that it is a very easy process. As a member you can sponsor your grand children no lineage required. Just print the form and follow the instructions on the state website. It is only a \$50 fee per child. My Granddaughters were very excited when they received their package.

Each November around Thanksgiving each Junior member receives a packet as well. My Granddaughter texted me her word search with Doty circled. I want to thank Amy Conboy for her service as Junior Membership Chair.

*Ray Garrett
Governor Santa Barbara Colony*



Inland Empire Colony

Our February 8th meeting was held in the meeting room of Bob's Big Boy Restaurant in Calimesa. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Grace O'Neal, and Jakki Lutz led us in the reading of the Pilgrim Pledge. Membership Secretary, Nancy Schlachter presented gift bags to our 3 new members: Susan Padilla, Wendy Becker and Mona Lowe. All members introduced themselves and their ancestor connection as well as the quests they brought. Sarah Schiller presented the Mayflower Moment-- "Wampanoag History Exhibit". Recording Secretary, Cheryl Ralston Staples, read the minutes from the November meeting. They were approved as read. Treasurer, Wayne Staples, gave the treasurer's report and was given permission to withdraw the certificate of deposit at TIAA Bank upon maturity in March 2020 and put it in a CD at Wells Fargo Bank. Sandy Carr won the free lunch for answering this month's Mayflower trivia question. Carol Marderosian led us in prayer before lunch.

After lunch, Kathleen Beall, a member of the Jamestown Society, presented "The Jamestown Bridal Ships of 1620". Unlike the settlers of Plymouth, most of those who went to Jamestown were men searching for wealth. They soon discovered that they needed women to keep the Colony growing.



So young women of England were enticed to go to Jamestown to become landowners in the new world. In England, only men could own land, so women saw this as a great opportunity. Some were as young as 15 and many had no parents. What we were surprised to learn was that these women were under no obligation to marry. They would receive land regardless of their marital status. This presentation was very interesting on many levels.



New members

L-R: Mona Love, Susan Padilla, and Wendy Becker

ets to our colony to put up for auction. Our next meeting will be on April 18th (3rd, Saturday of the month) so it will not conflict with Easter weekend. The speaker will be Scott Miller and the topic will be "An Accidental Find Leads to a Monumental Discovery; God's Providence in the Return of the Bradford Journal."

The business meeting resumed and the ancestor roll call was conducted by Nancy Schlachter. Stephen Hopkins won with 7 descendants. David Grinnell, our colony Membership Chairman and State Historian, reported that he is helping members find supplementals and connections. In new business Governor Christopher announced that the dinner cruise had been cancelled due to low interest and that hopefully another more affordable event would be planned by the State Society so that the colony items could be auctioned as a fundraiser for the float. Disney donated 20 tickets

*Susan Christopher
Inland Empire Colony, Governor*

Redwood Empire Colony

Our luncheon meeting was held on Sat. February 8 at the lovely McInnis Park Gulf Club restaurant in San Rafael. Our attendance was a bit fewer at 27, due to Sally & Will Johnson's Hawaiian cruise as well as a few others on winter vacations. We reviewed & updated several topics starting with reminding our members of the deadline for submissions for our ongoing Mayflower scholarship program.

A big round of applause came about when we quoted our Rose Parade Ambassador Marcia Maloney, "Congratulations! We did it! Our Ship and associated costs have been totally self-funded by our society members, relatives and friends. The 2020 committee is still collecting funds & will throughout the year & will cover the final payment."

Our Colony Treasurer, Toni Kuhry next updated us on her historic play Freedom's Song which premiered during our November Compact day event. She is working on the availability of the video for other Colonies to use. Update to follow soon.

Our new Colony Membership chair Sharon Willson updated us on our new applicant process. We discussed how we could go about getting more current & new members to attend our meetings. We currently average between 27-36 attendees. It was noted by treasurer Toni Kuhry just how widespread our colony is (from Marin Napa counties, to the Oregon border); approximately 91 live in Sonoma, Napa, Humboldt Counties & points North, 54 live in Marin County, South & East Bay. The general consensus is to stay with our current meeting locations in Petaluma & San Rafael as both are close to Hwy 101 & close to the majority of our members. It was noted that an important factor to help increase our meeting attendance is to have interesting speakers & subjects of interest to all. Our Deputy Colony Governor Roger Rochlen has been doing an outstanding job with this.

During our meeting we enjoyed our distinguished speaker Michael Mautner, Rector of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Oakland and former Deputy District Attorney of Napa County. Michael spoke on the historic links between the Mayflower Compact and the United States Constitution. It was the perfect follow up to Toni's play Freedom's Song which revolved around the creation of our Mayflower Compact.

It is with great sadness that we were informed of the February passing of our Colony Chaplain Steven Moore. Steven was a descendant of John Tilley and had been a member of our Colony since 2009. We will miss his wonderful stories of his family and working & living in Southern & Northern CA. May he rest in peace, Amen Steven Amen.

On a more upbeat note, we were very pleased with the reappearance of one of the founding members of our Redwood Empire Colony, Carol Steiger, who proudly announced to us that she is 95. Seems Carol is still recruiting members to our colony. She brought along one of her neighbors who she is helping to transfer to our colony.



From left to right Redwood Empire Colony founding member and former Governor Carol Steiger, Colony Governor Wayne Skala, Colony Deputy Governor Roger Rochlen, Guest Speaker Michael Mautner

Mary Mitchell & Pat Friesen filled us in on Carol's history with our society. Carol was one of the founding members of our Colony and served as the first Secretary and as Governor from 1979-1981. She wrote "The history of the Redwood Empire Colony" (1976-1991). She also created our Colony Scrapbook 30 years ago that Mary Mitchell is currently keeping up.

One last notable movement forward is that our colony now has a Web Page Coordinator, Jane Cochran. Jane has stepped down as our Assistant Colony Membership Chairperson to take on this assignment. Sharon Willson will continue as our Colony Membership Chairperson. Our next meeting WAS planned for May 2 at Cattleman's Restaurant in Petaluma but due to the apparent Pandemic we are experiencing, we have chosen to postpone our next meeting until further notice. We will notify members via Emails & our Colonies Web page.

*Wayne Skala
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor*

San Francisco Peninsula Colony

Our last meeting was a joint venture with the Sequoia Colony on March 7th at the Menlo Circus Club. Due to the current shelter in place order, we are postponing our May 18th meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 26th at The Town and Country Club on Union Square. The speaker is TBD.

Please email me at alexandra@kromelow.com or at sfmayflower@gmail.com if you are interested in joining your fellow Colony members to work on Compact Day 2021, upcoming speakers, future events (meeting locations and field trips) and membership. Please see our website for more details www.mayflowersf.org. If you are not receiving our emails, please either contact me or email your contact info to: sfmayflower@gmail.com.

*Alexandra Kromelow
San Francisco Peninsula Colony, Governor*

Alameda Colony

Our last meeting was on Feb. 8, 2020 at Scotts Seafood in Walnut Creek. We had a nice turn out to hear our guest speaker, tell us all about colony money from wampum to the silver dollar. We have changed our October luncheon date to the 3rd Saturday in September. At our February meeting we formed a By-Laws committee to update our Colony "By-Laws." Because of the coronavirus we have been forced to cancel our April Luncheon and other activities for the near future.

We have scheduled the Bay Area "Compact Day" luncheon for the 14th of November at Scott's Seafood at Jack London Square in Oakland at this time. Our guest speaker will be announced at a later date. If this date changes we will notify the Governors of the other Colonies the luncheon has changed.

*Bob Trapp
Alameda Colony, Governor*

San Diego Colony

Our 2020 Winter Colony Meeting was held on Saturday, February 15th at the Green Dragon Tavern & Museum in beautiful Carlsbad, CA. We invited the membership of the San Diego Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) to participate for this President's Weekend meeting. Our two organizations share several members and we always enjoy the participation of their members. Colony Governor, Budd Leef, called the meeting to order at 9:30am and the opening



Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, with Kathy Loftman (L), Bill Peters (C), and Gov. Leef (R)

was a presentation of the Colors by the San Diego SAR Chapter Color Guard. San Diego Mayflower Member and SAR President, Bill Peters, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We decided to have a breakfast meeting this time, which seemed to go over quite well. It was a little earlier start for us in the day, but there was more time to do other things afterwards. For this meeting we welcomed 62 Mayflower Colony members and 15 SAR members for the breakfast and program. Our Colony Education Chair, Amy Conboy, explained and conducted our Opportunity Drawing which supports our SD Colony Scholarships. Our program speakers were Bill Peters and Kathy Loftman. Bill held a photographer's pass at the 2020 Rose Parade® and took many wonderful pictures. His talk to us covered a visual and oral history of our float, from dream to concept to January 1st on National TV. Kathy shared her experiences of representing our San Diego Colony as a rider on the "**Voyage of Hope - 1620**" float. Thank you both for a great presentation.

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Bill Peters presented a history of our "Voyage of Hope" float project

MAY COLONY MEETING - As for the rest of our 2020 calendar of events, due to the covid-19 pandemic several Colony events have been modified/delayed or cancelled. Our next colony



Bill Peters and Kathy Loftman receive certificates of appreciation from San Diego Colony Governor, Budd Leef

meeting is currently being planned as an EMAIL Membership Meeting on the morning of May 9th, and will include voting for the proposed 2020-2022 Colony Executive Board and Colony Chairs. The new office holders will take their positions after the voting has been held and reported.

has been cancelled and will likely be rescheduled for the 2021 season. We have discussed a possible Colony picnic later this Summer, so if circumstances allow, we hope that will happen.

PARADES – We have entered (so far) two parades in the San Diego area this Summer. The La Mesa Flag Day Parade was really fun last year, so we're hoping the situation recovers enough by mid-June to 'walk'n wave' in our Pilgrim Finest or 'regular' attire once again. Also, the Coronado Parade is a B-I-G local event and we're also planning to walk there on the 4th of July. They both should be a hoot, and there will be no costume police!

PLYMOUTH, MA, 2020 - From September 12-19, many of our members will be in or near Plymouth, MA, celebrating with thousands of others the 400-year anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower and its passengers. We hope to see many of you there from California. We hope to see many of you there from California.

COMPACT DAY MEETING - Our Colony Mayflower Compact Meeting is scheduled for a week later on Saturday, November 14th. Our family Mayflower lines will have been in North America 400-years (and one line even longer) - That's Really Something!

BASEBALL & PICNIC - Unfortunately, our Mayflower/Padres game outing, which was to be in late June, has been cancelled and will likely be rescheduled for the 2021 season. We have discussed a possible Colony picnic later this Summer, so if circumstances allow, we hope that will happen.



Colony members Rick Bailey and John Farrell at our February 2020 Meeting

2020 PP-WEST - For November, San Diego Colony is making plans for our 2020 version of "Plimoth Plantation – West" in Balboa Park on Sunday, November 8th.



June 2019 La Mesa Flag Day Parade Participants

*Budd Leef
San Diego Colony, Governor*

Orange County Colony

Forgive my short report this time, but this is quite a crazy time with the Corona Virus locking everyone down around the whole country. At right is the picture I shared with you in our Winter Quarterly from 12/31/19, the day of the Float Judging at the Fiesta Float barn. Who could have thought that literally two and a half months later the whole State of California would be in lock-down due to the Corona Virus Pandemic?

The Rose Parade seems like a distant memory now. This disaster is causing much disruption in everyone's life. In such a short time the economy is in shambles. Below you will see a picture taken in mid-March of me walking in the park with my little dog. Though many are still not wearing masks - which baffles me - it is better to be safe than sorry. It is important to take this virus seriously and to avoid contracting it - at all costs. Now, we have new terms we need to learn, such as "Social Distancing", "Flatten the Curve", "Proper Cough Etiquette" and a new epithet "COVIDiot" - for those who won't follow the rules of proper social distancing



Scott Miller with his dog, Puff, at the park wearing "anti-virus" protective equipment (3-18-20)

or don't stay at home when they should (like those "covidiot" who were on the Florida beaches for "Spring Break").

In fact, in mid-March we had to call a special board meeting to vote to postpone our April Annual meeting until July. As of yet, we are still looking for a new location and time. We'll send out an official announcement once we get everything arranged. Of course, we will only conduct a group meeting if it is safe to do so.

We did have a huge meeting in February, before all of this virus stuff hit us, at our gathering at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club. We had 85 people attend the meeting, which was one of our largest meetings ever. Our speaker was Deborah F. MacIntosh, who performed "Priscilla Mullins, Passenger of the Mayflower". There was also a large group of new and prospective members there, thanks to our resident Assistant Historian and CMC, Mandy Dunkle. What and

exciting time to be joining the Mayflower Society!

Just a brief word about our planned Gala at the Bower's Museum. We are still making plans for conducting the event. Tickets are on sale for Colonies throughout Southern California to purchase. So many things are in process and we are so excited how things are coming along. We are hopeful that we can continue with this signature event on October 3rd, 2020, that will be such a great opportunity to hear the latest in Pilgrim historical research from renowned scholars and a enjoy our first-class exhibit. However, like everyone trying to plan anything to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims in the fall, we have to monitor things closely. With all of the variables, we will keep you posted, should events change our plans.



Scott Miller, OC Colony Governor, on "Float Judging Day", Dec 31, 2019 by the GSMD sign on "The Voyage of Hope-1620" Float

*Scott Miller
Orange County Colony, Governor*

Pilgrims in Holland

Leiden, a city - municipality in the province of South Holland, Netherlands.
It is located about 25 miles south of Amsterdam.



Canals were a major way of travel. Pilgrims used the canal to travel from Leiden to the harbor in Delfshaven where the "Speedwell" was docked.



The Pilgrim Father's Church, Delfshaven, Holland, was where the Pilgrim had their last religious service before their voyage to England and on to the New World.



Pictures of modern day Leiden University



This plaque to Rev. John Robinson is on Pieterskerk, a house of worship where many Pilgrims were buried in Leiden



Pieterskerk



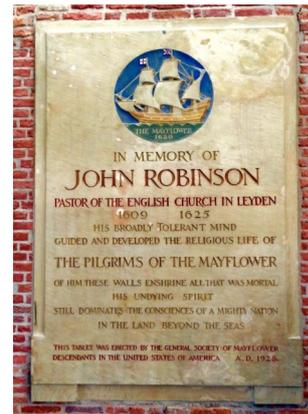
The second plaque on the church lists the Pilgrims who died during the Leiden exile



One view inside Pieterskerk



CA Gov. Raser with Historian Jeremy Bangs 2013



Leiden American Pilgrim Museum



Gail and Ray Raser outside the museum

Photos Courtesy of Ray & Gail Raser

Life in 17th Century Leiden

*Compiled by Gail Raser using information excerpted from
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and www.leidenamericanpilgrimmuseum.org/page 31Xhtm*

As we are reconsidering our daily routines during this unusual time of “sheltering-in-place” as a way to slow down this COVID-19 virus, it makes one re-think what is truly important and relevant in our life. What changes are we making because of government sanctions? It got me thinking about our Mayflower ancestors and why they made the decision to give up the known for the unknown and uproot their families to pursue a dangerous move to the New World.



John Robinson's home had an interior courtyard where 12 Pilgrim families resided with him.

Twenty-five miles from Amsterdam, the city of Leiden, known today for its canals and windmills, its popular farmers' market and prestigious university, was in the early 17th century a bustling, economic hub in a Dutch republic beginning to exert its influence around the world. Famous for its large textile industry and its religious tolerance, Leiden welcomed workers and refugees. It is where a band of English Calvinists fled when persecuted in their homeland. In 1609, after a brief stay in Amsterdam, about 100 of them settled in Leiden. A decade or so later, as Leiden's political and economic climate changed, the refugees

moved again. They purchased a ship, the *Speedwell*, that took them to England where they met up with others and two ships headed out of Southampton, the *Speedwell* and *Mayflower*, and shortly it was found the *Speedwell* was not sea worthy so both ships returned to Southampton, the Pilgrims regrouped and the *Mayflower* with 102 passengers headed to the New World. But let's get back to what life was like living in Leiden as a member of the Pilgrim congregation.

Based on the information from Historian Jeremy D. Bangs of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum in Leiden, the Leiden Pilgrims worked in many different professions and trades. Leiden's trade guild regulation was less restrictive than those of Amsterdam, where most immigrants were excluded from all but occasional labor, such as unloading ships. In Leiden a single guild member could hire helpers who were not members. For example, William Bradford, a member of the fustian-or serge-weavers' guild which met in the former chapel of the St. Jacob's Hospital (now the Lodewijkskerk), could thus employ other Pilgrims who were not guild members. About half the Pilgrims worked in Leiden's cloth industry-as weavers, wool combers, carders, cloth-fullers, etc. At this time, about half the town's general population worked in textile production. Occupations are mentioned in various kinds of documents, especially betrothal records.

The occupations known for members of Robinson's congregation include: tailor, hatmaker, glover, hosier, shoemaker, carpenter, block and tackle maker, twinemaker, leather-worker, cooper, cabinetmaker, brewer's employee, mason, watchmaker, mirror-maker, tobacco seller, tobacco-pipe maker, midwife, and merchant. The occupation of housewife and mother is not specifically mentioned in the documents and must have been considered self-evident.

Rev. John Robinson was a graduate of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. In Leiden he enrolled in 1615 as a member of the University and came involved in translating the Old Testament. Robinson's neighbor and friend Thomas Brewer, who financed the Pilgrims' publishing activities now known as the Pilgrim Press, also was inscribed as a "Student" of the University in 1615. Although not enrolled as a "student," William Brewster, a former Cambridge student and the leading



The building at Leiden University where Robinson led worship services in a borrowed space on the ground floor.

active partner in the Pilgrims' publishing, also had academic contacts in Leiden, teaching English to university students. Edward Winslow assisted Brewster as a type-setter.

Jonathan Brewster was a merchant who produced ribbon, that he exported to England. Samuel Fuller, the Pilgrims' physician in Plymouth Colony, was a serge-weaver in Leiden. Myles Standish, the colony's future military leader, was a soldier.

Nicholas Claverley was one of Leiden's first tobacco-pipe makers, involved with other Englishmen in the tobacco trade that could be found wherever English soldiers were garrisoned. Isaac Allerton, later to become well-known as a merchant and Plymouth Colony's representative in England, was a tailor in Leiden, a trade he had learned in London. An interesting notarial deposition specifies the amounts of cloth and braid he used in making

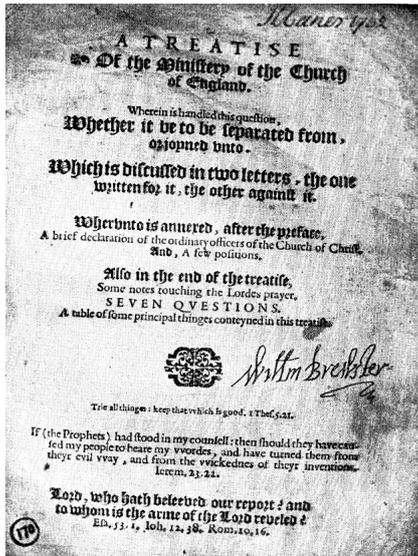
a reddish-grey cloak for Nicholas Claverley. The decoration included about 54 yards of gold cord; the collar was decorated with grey satin, with canvas for stiffening the silk on the ruff. Degory Priest, another Pilgrim who was himself a hatmaker, witnessed the document, signing with a mark. This indicates that he, in contrast to Allerton, was probably unable to write. Although many Pilgrims were poor, others had money, education, and some connections within Leiden's academic and merchant society. The clothing that the Pilgrims wore must have varied according to social rank and occupation. Some undoubtedly wore typical work-clothes; others wore the clothes of the middle class, as is clearly indicated by the document about the cloak made by Isaac Allerton.

William Bradford mentioned several complaints that contributed to the Pilgrims' choice to leave Leiden and embark on a dangerous sea voyage to an unknown, and in their opinion, unsettled land. First, life in Holland was so hard that few from England would come to join them, unwilling to subject themselves to a life characterized by "that great labor and hard fare, with other inconveniences, which the Pilgrims underwent and were contented with. Second, "old age began to steal upon them."



Site of William Brewster's secret printing press with G.S.M.D "335 years after the sailing of the Mayflower"

Third, Bradford blamed the Dutch for the Pilgrims' oppressing even their own children, and not merely their servants, with excessive work. Even worse, he said, was that some of the children revolted, drawn by the bad example of Dutch children into loose behavior and leaving home.



An article printed by William Brewster

Another reason Bradford gave was that the Pilgrims wanted to try to convert the Indians (having had so little success regarding Sabbath observance with the Dutch). The English feared eventual assimilation. Finally, there was the fear of war.

In June, 1619, a law was proclaimed forbidding all dissident religious services, declaring all contract closed in them (marriages) to be invalid, and prohibiting all their independent collections for support of ministers or poor care. Robinson at this time went to some pains to stress his group's agreement, except on matters he considered indifferent, with the Walloons, who were tolerated as part of the Reformed Church. That summer one of England's bishops secretly visited Leiden, apparently taking part in the search for William Brewster that was part of the suppression of the Pilgrims' publishing activities. The English ambassador also came pursuing Brewster, and he was given an official welcoming banquet, despite the surreptitious assistance some officials gave to enable Brewster to escape. Such assistance could not be relied on to continue decree, intending to catch all dissenters and to suppress

in such turbulent times. Decree followed political opposition.

The mood of the mob had become ugly toward minorities, and in April 1619, Pilgrim James Chilton was stoned by a group of youths as he was on his way home from church, leaving him senseless in the street. True enough, he had been mistaken for a Remonstrant, but it was sufficient that he was not of the Dutch Reformed to arouse the suspicion of his attackers. The prospect of renewed help from England in the war against Spain was also threatening, because King James had promised the help on condition that he would have direct control over all the English Congregations in Holland. Assimilation to the state church of either Holland or England was thus to be enforced. Leiden was no longer a haven for the dissident oppressed. Life among the savages, even reputed cannibals, might be safer!

When we consider what our ancestors went through, and the strength of their convictions, it makes us realize there are always cycles in history. Let us use this time of changes to show our strength of character and caring for each other just as our ancestors did over 400 years ago.

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The departure canal where Pilgrims left Leiden in small boats to head to Delfhaven to board the Speedwell

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