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*The Voyage of Hope-1620  
Rose Parade 2020*

## Mayflower Float



CA Mayflower float riders & Rose Parade Queen & Court with Rose Parade President Laura Farber



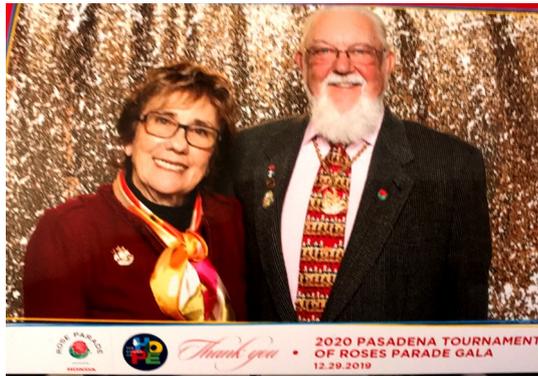
GG George & Beverly Garmay



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## Governor's Report

Welcome to the beginning of the Mayflower 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On New Year's Day the award winning Mayflower float "The Voyage of Hope-1620" sailed down Colorado Blvd in the Rose Parade, giving world wide recognition to the Mayflower Society. Special recognition should go to Tim Estes of Fiesta Parade Floats and Carole Curran for their expertise in our float receiving the "Americana" award. A special thank you to the over 600 volunteers who volunteered two eight hour shifts each day to place the flowers and seeds on the float. Very special recognition should also go to each and every member of the California Mayflower Society because it was your dues and investment interest that financed the majority of the float costs in addition to the many donors. Thank you to the GSMD for the initial \$5,000 Rose Parade float application fee. Also, a special thank you to all those over the last twenty or so years were instrumental in some way in obtaining a Rose Parade float entry. Our 2020 Chairman, Robert Dempster, should receive credit for his many years effort in the float endeavor.



The many TOR activities accompanying the Rose Parade were a special experience as Gail and I, together with Governor General George and Beverly Garmany, Carole Curran and Marcia Maloney attended the participant's reception at the historic Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena. In fact the Valley Hunt Club sponsored the first Rose Parade 131 years ago.

In addition to all of the float committee volunteers and float decorating volunteers, recognition should go to Carole Curran and Amy Conboy who were our Mayflower coordinators of the Mayflower "Live on Green" exhibit at the Pasadena Convention Center December 29-31, 2019. Many volunteers staffed this event and talked to many people about the Mayflower voyage and life in the Plymouth Colony. And finally, the post parade exhibit and booth volunteers also spoke to hundreds of people sharing the Mayflower story. We thank you all for your dedication.

Now we look forward to this coming year and see that many of our 14 colonies have activities planned to help further the goal of our society, that is educating the public about our history. Along with this increased exposure to our history, there comes the challenge of increased interest in joining our society. Membership applications are rising and handling them in an efficient manner is always a challenge as we are all volunteers.

Of course it goes without saying that this year there is great interest in attending Congress in Plymouth. Registration has begun and you must be registered to attend many activities that you never needed to register for at Congress in previous years. We have heard there are many members from California registered for Congress in September and we look forward to you joining us there!

*Ray Raser*  
*CA Mayflower Governor*

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*Deputy Governor North*

Dear California Member Cousins,

Another year begins for the California Mayflower Society. We have much to be proud of in our State Society in both North and South. As Deputy Governor North, time has flown by since June 2019 election. We have achieved filling all seven positions of CMC's in each colony: San Francisco Colony, Governor Alexandra Kromelow; San Joaquin Colony, Governor Susan Rae Oldfield; Sequoia Colony, Governor Louise De Sera; Redwood Empire Colony, Governor Wayne Skala; Monterey Bay Colony, Governor Gloria Gibbel; Mother Lode Colony, Governor Kathy Gire; and Alameda Colony, Governor Bob Trapp. Thank you to all CMC volunteers. On November 16, 2019, I had the pleasure of attending Redwood Empire Colony "Freedom's Song", by Antoinette Kuhry, writer and director of original play, at Hanna Boys Center Theater. The performance, included historical costumes, historical set designs, actors of the regional theatre scene, celebrating the saga of the Pilgrims. The audience was transported for an hour. I wish everyone in California, could have been present. A delicious Thanksgiving lunch, catered by local Santa Rosa Culinary School was served following the play. State Counselor Jonathan Dickey and I requested for review purposes, all State colony by-laws to ensure they are compatible with California State and GSMD by-laws. A very important project. When completed, his recommendations will simplify the work in each colony, to update their by-laws, to prepare for elections, appoint nominating committees, and make capable to select and elect candidates on voting day with a quorum. I've requested David Grinnell to look into adding page numbers to our State by-laws, add cover page with date revision was ratified to add clarity. By-laws will be accessible at [camayflower.org](http://camayflower.org) to print your copy, with this information added to it, when completed. An ID so to speak to clarify we are using the most recent information. Delete old copies. Our Procedures and By-Laws Manual 2019, will need corrections in 2020 to be in line with California By-laws. Hoping these projects are completed by next Quarterly report. Counselor Dickey also gathered pertinent information on each colony as part of application process for insurance coverage for our Society, and adequate by current standards, to customize coverage for California. The data can be helpful, such as how many of our members attend meetings on average each year. In the North, a colony meetings vary; twice, three or four times a year, some colonies have a relatively small attendance, yet a large membership. A few colonies North have ten percent of the members attending meetings though they may have over three hundred members in the colony.

Current data provides important information for insurance according to our status as a non-profit, educational organization. I am presently gathering information to learn how far members of colonies are traveling to attend meetings, based on where they reside. By changing meeting location, once or twice a year, a colony with low attendance, may increase attendance, adding good speakers and announcing dates in advance, may be a good idea. After these changes; if attendance does not increase, try something else. I'd begin the new year with a survey of members to ask what they are looking for? I've offered my assistance to all our colonies. Contact me for more details. I have several ideas for this. Do you continue to research your ancestors? I do. I believe a lot of newly found historical information will be revealed in 2020. I purchased the Edward Winslow Mayflower Family Silver Book released in November, as I'm a descendant of Kenelm Winslow. These ancestors I discovered in Maine, 2014. Searching online I found a memorial photograph, in a cemetery in Nobleboro, Lincoln Co., Maine. An area rich in very old cemetery locations. This year Maine Celebrates their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of becoming a state, Prior to that it was the district of Maine, in Massachusetts. In 2015, we visited Nobleboro, Waldoboro, Augusta, Portland, Acadia National Park, so many beautiful places and coastal towns, but none proved more valuable to me in genealogy than *The Nobleboro Historical Society* and Joyce Brown, a third cousin, is an expert in my surname. In the neighborhood, families have lived for generations. I joined the Society, enjoy reading newsletter they publish. Nobleboro is celebrating with a big event, November 1, 2020. While I will miss that date, I look forward to our Mayflower Congress in September, in Plymouth, a few additional sites and New England. Arrangements were easy to make on the GSMD Registration pages. Hope to see you there.

*Catherine Graham*  
*CA Mayflower Deputy Governor North*

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*Deputy Governor South*

The Float has sailed down Colorado Blvd in Pasadena! However, before I jump into the update on the Float, which occupied virtually my every waking moment for several months, I wanted to say “Thank you” to the San Diego Colony for putting on a great Compact Day meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, that featured a very special guest speaker and author, Caleb Johnson. It was held at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad. The whole meeting was choreographed perfectly and was very well attended by about 200 folks from all over Southern California. It was an awesome opportunity for us to hear him talk about some of the neat genealogical finds he has recently uncovered. His sleuthing to discover who was related to whom in England in the late 1500’s and determine the family of Dorothy May Bradford conclusively, was so interesting.

As you can probably gather, my main focus for all of the Southern California Colonies, especially, was to get folks engaged in every way in the Rose Parade, whether through donating to the float or participating by joining us to decorate, work the Sales Booth, host at the “Live On Green” event or the Float viewing booth after the parade. In all, we had almost 700 hundred people sign up as Float Decorators to decorate the float. The sales table raised over \$3000 for the float by selling coins, t-shirts, postcards and the like.

I have a couple folks I want to call out to the State for special recognition from me, personally. Karen Schwartz deserves extra-special commendation for her coordination of the float decorators and ensuring everyone was where they were supposed to be. She also managed the WIX website. Thank you, Karen! That was a herculean task and you pulled it off with much success. The timeliness of the decorating – where we almost had to be slowed down because we were so efficiently working each day – is testament to your organization skills. Also, a hearty “Thank you” goes out to Carole Curran, Governor of the new Foothill Colony! You were the key instrument to help shepherd the float through the Tournament of Roses and Fiesta Floats. You had many sleepless nights the last couple of months. You also helped to coordinate the Live On Green booth and Float Viewing booth following the parade. You deserve a long rest – but know your help was essential to the success we had.

Many folks came up to the booths and inquired about the Pilgrims and Mayflower Society. I hope we will see many new members as a result. I’ve already warned our Governor General, George Garmany, that they may see a bunch of applications start coming through due to our activities and the Rose Parade Float. They will hopefully gear up to accept these increased applications in Plymouth. For our Colony CMCs, please get ready for those increased applications coming through your Colonies. Let’s keep them flowing through to Plymouth and get more new, excited folks accepted at a record pace.

Now that the “Voyage of Hope – 1620” Float has sailed down Colorado Blvd in the Rose Parade, I finally want to say a special “thank you” to everyone on the 2020 Committee (Ray Raser, Marcia Maloney, Carol Curran, Karen Schwartz, Jane Wong, Kathleen Loftman, Cathey Graham, Billie Mitchell, Tawny Little-Walsh, Sue Butler, Lorraine Kocen, Robert Dempster and Amy Conboy - if I’ve forgotten anyone, please forgive me), who worked tirelessly to get everything organized for the Rose Parade Float. When we looked back at the records, the first meetings of the 2020 Committee that discussed the Rose Parade were nearly a decade ago. Back then, it was just a “hope” and “dream” to put a float in the parade. Now, we can declare, “WE DID IT!” This was such a complicated event and it stretched the entire State Society beyond what we even thought we could be stretched. But it is something that we can all remember fondly for years to come. It is the signature event that kicked off this 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Millions of people – perhaps a Billion – watched worldwide! For everyone who contributed in any way – financially and physically – we all thank you. You have a lot to be proud of.

*Scott Miller*  
*Deputy Governor South*

## Our Voyage of Hope-2020

The Voyage of Hope-1620 has sailed into history and leaves in her wake a renewed appreciation across this nation and in our hearts for our Pilgrim ancestors. Mission accomplished. It was truly a privilege to serve as Float Decorating Chair on this project. There is much to be thankful for and many to thank.



*Sherrie Snow Fowler, Fiesta Parade Floats Project Coordinator for the Voyage of Hope 1620, and Tony Brewster O.C. Colony*

Not to brag, BUT did you know The Voyage of Hope-1620 was entirely self-decorated? That means Team Mayflower really showed up! By the numbers, 500 volunteers contributed over 4,800 decorating hours, filling 700 shift slots, over a period of 7 days. Whew! By the mile, volunteers came from Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Wow! We heard stories of family reunions and family who joined this project to connect for the first time. We learned of family who volunteered

together to honor the wishes of a loved one. Heartwarming! It is with characteristic determination and perseverance that Team Mayflower pulled together for this project. After all, it's in our DNA. Thank you.



*John Asay*

This effort would not have been possible without the leadership of Tony Brewster, Terri Brewster, John Asay, Jessica Asay, Nancy Konklewski and Heather Sabin. You would have known them by their pink and black beanies.

These Mayflower Team Leads issued credentials, handed out t-shirts and liaised with Fiesta Float Supervisors to provide support and direction to our volunteer decorators. They herded shifts in and out, worked double shifts, climbed, crawled, lifted, glued and tied their fingers to the bone. This project was the better for them and their generous spirits. I am humbled and grateful.

Enjoy these Team Mayflower Lead reflections; in their own words.

Working as a team lead with all the amazing volunteers was a special experience. It was so much fun to see everyone come together for one common goal and that was to decorate the Mayflower float. On breaks, lunch or dinner, it was pure joy to see strangers sit, visit, laugh and to know each other through one common thread, their Mayflower descendants.



*Jessica Asay*

***Terri Brewster***

Decorating the Voyage of Hope was a truly memorable, once in a lifetime experience. As each flower was meticulously placed on the float there was an enormous sense of pride and honor as I thought of my 7th great grandparents John and Priscilla Alden who ventured on this Voyage of Hope 400 years ago. Decorating the Mayflower float was so much more than adorning this ship with beautiful florals. I met Mayflower “cousins”, who came from all over the US, and was captivated as I listened to their Mayflower family stories. It was about family, the history of America, pride, and community. Everyone worked so hard and tirelessly to ensure this ship sailed down Colorado Blvd. with her masts held high. The Mayflower float has sailed, but The Voyage of Hope has forever left an imprint on my heart.



L-R: Terri Brewster, Nancy Konkolewski,  
Karen Schwartz

I thought it was wonderful working with Sherrie and appreciated that she had the personal connection to Mayflower herself, and clearly cared that we succeeded in turning out an awesome award-winning float. I didn't realize just how much this process must happen step-by-step, and certain things couldn't get done until the step before was finished. Sometimes that translated to our volunteers having to wait for work, when I know they were gung-ho to be constantly working, but no one ever seemed unhappy about that.

I saw a lot of smiles as people chatted with the family they had brought, and the new family they had just met, and admired the progress being made. Honestly, I was amazed at how efficient and hard-working everyone was, and more than once I thought to myself that I could see how our ancestors made it- how much we are capable of accomplishing when we all work together toward a single goal.



### ***Nancy Konkolewski***

From start to finish, this was a great experience for me. I believe Karen and Carole's advance work REALLY paid off. Each shift had their special souvenir name badges alphabetically organized with t-shirt sizes on them, and the t-shirts for that shift already counted out and in stacks by size. It couldn't have been easier for us shift leads to get everyone checked in.



*Heather Sabin*

### ***Heather Sabin***

*Karen Schwartz  
Float Decorating Chair  
The Voyage of Hope-1620  
CA Mayflower 2020 Planning Committee*

## *The Voyage of Hope - 1620 is Award Worthy*

The Voyage of Hope -1620 made its debut in the 131st Rose Parade® presented by Honda on yet another glorious New Year's Day in Pasadena, California. The efforts of Fiesta Parade Floats, Mayflower decorators, float riders and the 2020 Committee paid off with the **Americana Award** for 'the most outstanding depiction of national treasures and traditions.' This award fits our goals and objectives perfectly as our Pilgrim Ancestors and their legacy truly are an American treasure and tradition that continues to be celebrated by families across this country at Thanksgiving.

The Rose Parade reached millions world-wide and the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower voyage was met with awe by those in attendance as well. Visitors to Live On Green before the parade had a chance to talk to and take pictures with Descendants. Visitors at the Showcase of Floats after the parade were amazed by the incredible up-close details of the float, learned about the Pilgrims and their impact on the formation of our country, the Mayflower Compact and treated our booth hosts like celebrities!

Those involved in the planning and execution of the Mayflower Descendants float and the events surrounding the Rose Parade were humbled by the crowd's response. Many visitors were amazed that we were actual Descendants of those who braved the Atlantic Ocean 400 years ago. Others acknowledged that they, too, were Descendants and were thrilled to meet another "Cousin." People came from around the world and were not disappointed.

Having the kickoff of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our American commemoration of the arrival of the Mayflower to Cape Cod on New Year's Day in Pasadena, CA was tremendous. Thank you to Team Mayflower, our donors, viewers and participants for helping us shine for parade day!



*Americana Award*

*Submitted by  
Carole Curran Float Chair*

## The Rose Parade® Experience

*Voyage of Hope--1620*

I realize nothing could have prepared me for the project magnitude of the Rose Parade® Float, Voyage of Hope—1620. It has been two weeks since I rode on the float that cool morning of January 1, 2020. I am still in awe and sometimes shock, when I realize the number of hands that made this dream come true! The experience of honoring our ancestors while connecting with a multitude of people was overwhelming and memorable. Two years ago, Carole Curran, our Float Chair asked me, a retiree from apparel manufacturing to be the clothing coordinator to help get potential costumed participants outfitted. Historical clothing is one of those wonderful tools that make the people from the past believable. Who could turn this down? I knew the Pilgrim's 1620s time period would be a challenge with its many misconceptions, starting with what they wore!

In addition, our float would be seen internationally and therefore our Pilgrim clothing would require higher professional appearance standards.



Some of the 1620's clothing challenges I faced were: limited numbers of extant garments available for lower and middle class costume study; few available 1620s sutlers (period retailers) in the U.S.; limited historical fabric resources selling wool and linen in period correct colors; and limited availability of color selection. I discovered no one pattern company had all the necessary technical information needed to sew the garments correctly. Sewing now feels almost like a lost art.

Finding excellent seamstresses who understand patternmaking and how to fit to the body are harder to locate but fortunately, not totally impossible. Despite these challenges, I found potential participants willing to go the extra mile. Asking for help can be uncomfortable and I am truly grateful for everyone who contacted me. I was very proud of all our float riders on January 1, 2020. I was proud of 2020 Rose Parade® Participant Float Design Contest Runner-up, Grace Jensen, who carried “the baby” in the float and whose mother, Liane took sewing lessons in order to make part of their outfits. I am most proud of everyone who applied! I am most grateful for General Governor George Garmany's support and participation and for Carole Curran's belief in me!

I had the honor to be asked to design and make Madison Grogan, the CA Mayflower Society 2020 Rose Parade® Participant Float Design Contest Winner's outfit. Madison is a descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins. She could well be the Priscilla Mullins 2020 incarnate, therefore young vibrant colors were chosen for her outfit. I found my own challenge was making a belted leather pouch large enough for her to carry her cell phone undetected!

I must confess that I had to rush my own outfit in order to make the participant deadline in time. Faced with chemical dyes that create colors too bright for 1620, I had thrown my lavender wool flannel at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour into the bathtub with bleach to soften the color—thank goodness it survived. The color was never to my perfection but I have time to revisit this issue before the 2020 Commemoration and General Society of Mayflower Descendants 42<sup>nd</sup> Mayflower Congress in September 2020. Perhaps it is time for a new 1620's outfit for the Naturalization Ceremony at Memorial Hall!

So...I got out of my comfort zone which still is TV interviews and public speaking. I seized opportunities! I worked with my family and with our Pilgrim community to make it happen! I honored Pilgrim ancestors! What a parade! What a lifetime experience! What a commemoration!

*Jane Wong  
Clothing Coordinator*

*Live On Green, Pasadena*

December 29, 30, 31, 2019

This was a free venue of family friendly activities in the Pasadena Convention Center. The CA Mayflower sponsored a booth with displays to share the pilgrim story and have your picture with a pilgrim. Thanks to Amy Conboy and her team for making sure the planning follow through happened.



*Liane Jensen, Grace Jensen, Jay Williams, Will Modine, Kathleen Loftman, Miles Standish*



*Paige Gapasin, Sue Griffin, Roberta Scherbarth, Sonja Itson*



*Chris Schlosser, Amy Conboy, Gail Raser, Lorraine Kocen*



*Will Modine, Amy Conboy, Kathleen Loftman, Ray Raser*



*Boat Making Activity*



### *Working on the Float*



*Susan Knowles, Marlene Mandeville,  
Don and Carl St John*



*Governor General George Garmany,  
LA Colony Governor Dr Robert Lincoln,  
Foothill Colony Governor Carole Curran, San Diego  
Colony Governor Budd Leef, Orange County Colony  
Governor Scott Miller working on Plymouth Rock.*



*The Pink & Black Beanies Team*



*Carrying the Mayflower sails with Robert Lincoln,  
Ray Raser & Budd Leef*



*Ray Raser & Marcia Maloney*



*Lee Dunn and Susan Mercer*



*Bob Hedges*



*William Modine*



*Grandparents, Stan and Hollis Kuenn, with daughter, Kelly Sharer and grandchildren, Jason, Ashley and Allison Sharer, from the Texas Mayflower Society.*



*Brian Faung, Jocelyn Yeng, Becky Royal*



*Sage, James & Jade Gill*



*LA Colony Governor Dr Robert Lincoln on the "poop deck" with Gov. Ray Raser.*





*Budd Leaf, Robert Lincoln, Scott Miller*



*Gail & Ray Raser, Tom & Kathleen Perkins*



*Beverly Garmany*



*Marlene Mandeville*



*Beth Kaler & Ray Garrett*



*Amy Conboy, Tad & Leslie Reynales*



*"Dry flower chopping took many hands"*

## A Showcase of Floats

January 1-2, 2020

When the Parade is over, what happens with those beautiful floats? They are on display for you to see up close and take your photo with them from the afternoon after the parade and the following day. The floats are parked in a fenced area at the end of the parade. The public pays fee to enter, but you can see each float up close and admire those beautiful flowers. Mayflower members were on hand to answer questions and because they were encouraged to wear their pilgrim attire, many pictures were taken with the visitors. A special thank you to the volunteers who worked this post parade event .



Carole Curran, Paige Gapasin, Ray Raser



The Mayflower Showcase of Floats Booth



# State News

## Surgeon's Report

In my capacity as Surgeon for the California Mayflower Society, I traveled to Irvine in October to attend my first Board of Assistants meeting. I was impressed by the drive of California Society members in the run up to 2020. I also visited the San Joaquin Colony on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to deliver my talk on "Medicine at Plymouth Plantation." Just before Thanksgiving I gave the Compact Luncheon talk to my own Mother Lode Colony on "The Medical History of George Washington." I look forward to my next BOA meeting in Oakland in January.

We are also excited as a family about going to Plymouth, MA in September to join our fellow GSMD members for 2020 celebrations there.

## Junior Report

We had 2 California Juniors riding on our Mayflower ship float in the Rose Parade. Madison Grogan was the winner of the design and essay contest and is our 2020 Junior Ambassador. Grace Jenson was the runner up. Our Juniors are the future of our Mayflower Society. How exciting that we had two on our float.



*Grace Jenson and  
Amy Conboy  
hosting the Live On  
Green booth in Pasadena.*



*Newest California Junior  
James Jackson Neel.  
James is a descendant of  
John Howland*

In November I mailed out 438 Compact Day greetings to our California Juniors. 9% were returned. Please update your Juniors contact information. You can send addresses and email addresses to: [calmayflowerjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:calmayflowerjuniors@gmail.com).

Some addresses were for sponsors who have passed away. I really appreciate those of you that have sent in current information. For 2020 I would like to send out an email Newsletter. I am also planning a field trip in southern California during the summer.

*Amy Conboy  
Junior Membership Chair*

## Treasurer's Report

This is dues season, and also Year End Report season. I am up to my eyeballs. Sorting the checks by CA#. Checking for change of address. Noting donations. Thank you. Enjoying the variety of stamps that come in on the envelopes. I hope to have a more technical report for the BOA Meeting.



*Susan Rae Oldfield  
CA Mayflower Treasurer*

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### Membership Secretary Report

As we begin this 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, here is a look back at 2019.

157 joined by application or transfer of membership  
12 reinstated their membership  
11 transferred to other state societies  
8 resigned  
31 deceased (some died several years ago)  
12 no contact information



My most important job as Membership Secretary is to keep our records accurate and up to date. I have become aware of five distinct ways I discover inaccurate or new information.

- 1) I or another person in the society tries to use contact information I have and it does not work
- 2) A service we use to send out correspondence to our members gives us corrections.
- 3) I receive corrections from individuals. This is my most important source, but usually it is for a single piece of information
- 4) I go looking for information.
- 5) Plymouth sends me information.

Here are examples of each of these that have helped me since I became Membership Secretary in June.

- 1) In early November I discovered 45 incorrect emails when I tried to send an email to everyone who had one.
- 2) When Treasurer Susan Oldfield sent out dues notices, her mailing service reported 111 incorrect addresses that I had sent to them and provided with correct addresses from their records and sent them to those addresses. No notices sent to the corrected addresses were returned to us for incorrect addresses.
- 3) Susan Oldfield received and sent on to me a number of address corrections and other useful information that members sent back to her on dues notices. I have also received responses from many individuals about changes in their address, phone or email.
- 4) I discovered 24 members deceased who had not previously been reported—some going back several years—when I checked for obituaries beginning with the oldest members and worked backwards.
- 5) Plymouth has sent me notices of a death or other change in the status of a member. And once a year I work with the membership person in Plymouth to make sure our records correspond. I am finalizing that reconciliation now.

Every bit—or byte--of added or corrected information is invaluable to me.

Thank you in advance for continuing to help me stay connected and up to date with ever member of our Society. I cannot do my job without your help.

Let's work together to make 2020 a year of improved connections.

*Sally Johnson*  
*CA Mayflower Membership Secretary*

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### State and General Society Scholarships Available

Mayflower members, it is your responsibility to communicate with your grandchildren, nieces and nephews about the scholarships available to them through the state and general society. The students have completed their college applications and many are waiting to hear who will accept them into the colleges they have applied to attend. They most likely are not thinking about money, but you can be sure their parents are thinking about the commitment they are making for the sake of their children. This is a way you can help point them in the direction of making a scholarship application and learn even more about their Mayflower ancestor(s).

Now is the time to begin the application process for one of the three California Mayflower Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000., \$3,000., and \$2,000. Application materials are posted on the Society webpage: <http://camayflower.org/index.php/scholarships>

You may also consider applying for one of the four GSMD scholarships which have awards of \$6,000, \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000. Application materials are posted on the GSMD website: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/blog/scholarships>

Both scholarships have a due date of Monday March 2, 2020.

*CA New Scholarship Chair Person is Larry Beston.  
larrybeston@sbglobal.net*

### CA Editor's Report

This issue is really a focus on all the energy and hard work that went in to getting the float ready for the parade and all the activities around the parade. Of course, we always want to hear about what is happening all over the state from North to South, so keep those informative colony reports coming in.

As we look forward to this historic year 2020, we are sure there will be many special events and presentations. Of course, there will be an historic number of people attending Congress in September. For those of us who have been there before, we have to remember this year will be very different. You must be signed up for events that previously you just needed to show up to attend. We don't want you to be disappointed, so make sure you sign up.

Again, we hope you enjoy the CA Mayflower Quarterly, and appreciate your inputs to make it even better.



*Ray and Gail Raser  
Co-Editors*

**New Members Approved  
October 19, 2019**

**Alameda Colony**

CA 9516, GSMD 95819  
Bracken John White  
13<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

CA 9521, GSMD 95935  
Robert Allen Davis  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

CA 9522, GSMD 95936  
Neysa Jean (Carpenter)Garrett  
11<sup>th</sup> from Peter Brown

**Foothill Colony**

CA 9505, GSMD 95701  
Marilyn Hanks  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

**Inland Empire Colony**

CA 9520, GSMD 95934  
Daniel Alan Cahill  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

**Los Angeles Colony**

CA 9506, GSMD 95702  
Jeremy Kingsley Rogers  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Billington

**Mother Lode Colony**

CA 9509, GSMD 95741  
Valerie Gayle Sim  
11<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

**Reinstatement:**

CA 8125, GSMD 78852  
Nora Kae Hansen  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**Orange County Colony**

CA 9478, GSMD 95390  
Patricia Wetzal Nelson  
13<sup>th</sup> from Edward Fuller

CA 9510, GSMD 95760  
Linda Lee(Nelson) West  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

CA 9511, GSMD 95761  
Lori Ann West  
14<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

**Reinstatement:**

CA 7676 GSMD 74642  
Judy (Sporleder) Davin  
10<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

**Rancho Conejo Colony**

CA 9518, GSMD 95877 LIFE  
Tawny Elaine Godin  
13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

CA 9525, GSMD 95980  
Shelly Davison  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**Redwood Empire Colony**

CA 9517,GSMD 95840  
Margot Ramirez Acquistapace  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

**San Diego Colony**

CA 9508, GSMD 95740 LIFE  
Matthew John Rowland  
14<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren

CA 9515, GSMD 95818  
Roy Lee Merrick  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

CA 9519, GSMD 95933  
Karl Warner Blackmun  
12<sup>th</sup> from George Soule

CA 95223, GSMD 95951  
Joy Drake Schumacher  
14<sup>th</sup> from Mary Brewster

CA 9513, GSMD 95774  
Jeffrey Edward Malone  
13<sup>th</sup> from Edward Fuller

**Transfer:**

CA 9512, GSMD 78585, MI 2472 LIFE  
Ashley Nichole Collins  
12<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers



**San Francisco Colony**

CA 9507, GSMD 95721  
Wendy Antonia Hallinan  
14<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

**Santa Barbara Colony**

CA 9514, GSMD 95817  
Patricia Anne (Capen) Johnson  
11<sup>th</sup> from Isaac Allerton

**Rancho Conejo**

CA 9524, GSMD 86161, VA 1452  
David Christopher Wills  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren



**New Members Approved  
December 07, 2019**

**Foothill Colony**

CA 9528, GSMD 96063  
Carol Cathleen Hall  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

**Inland Empire Colony**

CA 9533, GSMD 96119  
Dawn Elizabeth Byrd Beresovoy  
13<sup>th</sup> from Degory Priest

CA 9534, GSMD 96120  
Susan Leilani(Leggitt)Padilla  
12<sup>th</sup> from Peter Browne

**Mother Lode Colony**

CA 9529, GSMD 96081  
Janice Elaine(Bishop)Kerns  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**Orange County Colony**

CA 9527, GSMD 96051  
Barbara (Baker)Liams  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

CA 9531, GSMD 96189  
Janet Gates Roys Hosack  
11<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

CA 9532, GSMD 96101  
Donald Loomis Webb Jr.  
12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

CA 9535, GSMD 96190  
Kaitlin Anne Tyre  
13<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

CA 9536, GSMD 96191  
Michele Cornelia Tyre  
13<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

CA 9537, GSMD 96207  
Carole Ann(Freeman)Edelhauser  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

CA 9540, GSMD 96233  
Dane Culver Hill  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

**San Joaquin Colony**

CA 9530, GSMD 96082  
Susan Gail(Johansen)Raduechel  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

CA 9539, GSMD 96232  
Brianna Dawn(Carlson)Hafen  
11<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

**Santa Barbara Colony**

CA 9541 GSMD 96100  
Caryn Adele Mason  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

Sequoia Colony  
CA 9538, GSMD 96321  
Melissa Louella Nichols Dyrdaahl  
11<sup>th</sup> from Edward Fuller

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CA 9542 GSMD 92918, NY 5231  
Duke Romo  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

**Inland Empire Colony**

CA 9553 GSMD 86437 CO1170  
Wendy Becker  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**San Diego Colony**

CA 9549 GSMD 90606 AZ 500  
 Susan Elizabeth Krach-Hoge  
 12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins

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CA 9526 AZ 698, GSMD 60705  
 Patty (Tomlinson) Johnson  
 13<sup>th</sup> from Willim Brewster

CA 9555 GSMD 88351  
 Olivia Anne McDonnell  
 12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

**San Francisco Colony**

CA 9556 GSMD 94148  
 Katharine Bierce  
 12<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

**Reinstatement Requests**

CA 6098, GSMD 61889  
 Arthea Joy Larson  
 12<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins  
 Transfer to IL

CA 6185 GSMD 62512  
 Ridley Politiski  
 12<sup>th</sup> from Isaac Allerton  
 Transfer to TX

CA 8536 GSMD 83648  
 Edward Lee Rudisill  
 11<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers  
 Transfer to VT

**Mother Lode Colony**

CA 8125 GSMD 78852  
 Nora Hansen  
 12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

**Orange County Colony**

CA 7676 GSMD 74642  
 Judy (Sporleder) Davin  
 10<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

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 Received since June 2019  
 Meeting**

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 13<sup>th</sup> from Joan (Hurst) Tilley  
 13<sup>th</sup> from John Tilley  
 12<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth Tilley

CA 9481 GSMD 95431  
 Rosalie D. Boskind  
 13<sup>th</sup> from Isaac Allerton  
 14<sup>th</sup> from Stephen Hopkins  
 14<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke

CA 9162 GSMD 91532  
 Donald Henry Morris  
 11<sup>th</sup> from Joan Hurst Tilley

CA 8615 GSMD 84513  
 Ronald George Kilby  
 13<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren  
 13<sup>th</sup> from John Howland

CA 9237 GSMD 92594  
 William David Orr  
 13<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

CA 9313 GSMD 93635  
 Mary Elizabeth (Griffin) Eid  
 11<sup>th</sup> from Edward Fuller

CA 9340 GSMD 93953  
 Roger Culver Whiting  
 12<sup>th</sup> from Thomas Rogers

CA 9047 GSMD 90076  
 Janice Anne Dougall  
 11<sup>th</sup> from Mary Chilton

CA 5964 GSMD 60919  
 Priscilla Ann (Kelley) Simms  
 12<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins



CA 9498 GSMD 95664  
John David Beach  
14<sup>th</sup> from Degory Priest

CA 8036 GSMD 77959  
Susan Rae Oldfield  
12<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden

CA 9498 GSMD 95664  
John David Beach  
14<sup>th</sup> from Degory Priest  
13<sup>th</sup> from Francis Eaton

CA 9184 GSMD 91794  
Stephen John Pattison  
11<sup>th</sup> from Mary Allerton

CA 9316 GSMD 93675  
Paul Webster Sapp  
11<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth Tilley

CA 9266 GSMD 93117  
Patricia Anne Dambacher  
12<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

CA 9095 GSMD 90574  
Alexander Arpad Ladanyi  
11<sup>th</sup> from Edward Doty

CA 99169 GSMD 91589  
Heather Dawn Star Sabin  
14<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster

CA 8941 GSMD 88428  
Jonathan Dickey  
12<sup>th</sup> from Richard Warren  
11<sup>th</sup> from John Howland  
12<sup>th</sup> from Francis Cooke  
12<sup>th</sup> from Elizabeth Tilley  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Cooke  
13<sup>th</sup> from Joan Hurst Tilley  
13<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
13<sup>th</sup> from John Tilley

CA 9225 GSMD 92462  
David Bradford Stephenson  
14<sup>th</sup> from William Brewster  
14<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
14<sup>th</sup> from John Alden  
15<sup>th</sup> from William Mullins

CA 9083 GSMD 90451  
Barbara Joan (Thornberry) Taylor  
12<sup>th</sup> from Isaac Allerton  
13<sup>th</sup> from Mary (Norris) Allerton

CA 9499 GSMD 95665  
Rev Dr Linda Sue Randolph Line  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Mullins  
12<sup>th</sup> from John Alden  
12<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
13<sup>th</sup> from William Bradford

CA 199 GSMD 92028  
Robert Earl Luckiesh  
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CA 9467 GSMD 95249  
Mary Maurine Nason Williams  
12<sup>th</sup> from Priscilla Mullins  
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12<sup>th</sup> from Peter Brown

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Ann Elizabeth (Ducey) Tyre  
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## *In Memoriam*

### **Alameda Colony**

Frank Reidar Hellum – January 15, 2019

Sheldon Wayne Grinnell – July 7, 2019

### **San Diego Colony**

Peter Arnold Pieczentkowski – August 20, 2019



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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.

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### California Mayflower

Next deadline: April 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.

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

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Visit the California Society of Mayflower Descendants on the web at:  
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### CA Mayflower Board of Assistants 2020 Meeting Schedule

**March 21, 2020** - South

**June 20, 2020** - North

**August 20, 2020** - Email meeting to accept new members

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#### A Reminder to Members:

This is just a little "housekeeping" note, but if you move and stay in California and would like to attend a colony closer to your home, you need to notify our membership chairperson of your change of address and colony. In that way, you will receive meeting notices and information from this colony. Also, it only costs an extra \$2.00 to join another CA Colony. Some members enjoy being members of numerous California Colonies for the low price of \$2.00 per additional colony per year.

## Colony News

### Santa Barbara Colony

On Thursday November 21st, at the Arroyo Grande Library, Children’s Librarian, SallieTonascia, arranged for special children’s program educating preschoolers about Thanksgiving. Jan a retired teacher (part Native American) and I explained the co-operation between the Pilgrims and Indians that ensured the survival of the first winter. One little guy was so excited to take his picture with us to show his big brother.



*Santa Barbara Colony Governor Ray Garrett, Jan and pre-schoolers*

His Mom emailed the picture for me to use. She is having her boys watch the Parade and looking for our Float. Sallie reported to me that all the children’s books that our Colony donated were checked out! The Santa Barbara Colony developed “Petal Pusher Fever” and will have 6 members helping out at different times with decorating and docents. Our Colony is excited to announce That Sharon Lemkul has accepted the position of Colony Membership Chair.



Treasurer Jay Williams works on float, Governor Ray Garrett presents Rose Parade Float pin to Charlotte Squarcy member from New Jersey, Ray and Ruth Jackson Live on the Green with Amy!

*Ray Garrett  
Santa Barbara Colony, Governor*

### Sequoia Colony

The Sequoia Colony will enjoy a joint-meeting with the San Francisco Colony at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. Our speaker will be Marston Watson who just completed the updated Edward Winslow Silver book. It is now 400 pages long and includes 9 generations. Marston will be speaking on the Silver books.

The colony is anticipating viewing the Mayflower float in the Rose Parade in Pasadena January 1<sup>st</sup>, and thanks all those who have participated in arranging for, funding, and decorating the float.



*Jonathan Dickey our Separatist Ancestors in Holland*



*Louise DeDera and Pam McKell roll call*



*Dawn Newman, Sandy Kelly, Louise DeDera, Lois Swift*



*Dawn Newman reading the Mayflower Compact*

*Louise Sturges DeDera  
Sequoia Colony, Governor*

### Alameda Colony

Alameda Colony will have it's next meeting on February 9, 2020 at Scott's Seafood in Walnut Creek at 11:30 a.m. speaker and topic to be announced later this month. We have a new co-chair CMC to help with the CMC load. Our new co-chair CMC will be Christie Trapp and I hope she will be able to attend the CMC training in Oakland this month.

*Bob Trapp  
Alameda Colony, Governor*

## San Diego Colony

### *The Voyage of Hope*

The late Fall and Winter of 2019 have been a whirlwind of activity surrounding preparations for The California Mayflower Society's wonderful *Rose Parade® Float* project. What a great way to kick-off the coming 2020-2021 celebrations of our ancestors' 400-Year arrival anniversary on their 2020 ship, *The Voyage of Hope*. I am so proud that we were able to be involved in this celebration of "Hope" that our ancestors brought to the New World. The whole world was watching, and WE DELIVERED the goods, baby - even seen by my family in Sweden!

As we did in San Diego, we hope that many of you in other colonies were able to take advantage of local 'petal clipping' parties, Colony Compact Day Meetings, and of course the finish-line float decorating marathon in Irwindale/Azusa. It took an army of Mayflower Members and Friends from around the country to put our float onto the world's stage, so thank you to all who helped



*Some of the assembled Dec 28th, evening decorating crew*

along the way. Also, we owe a huge "Thank You" to Tim Estes and his team at *Fiesta Floats* for their work with us on a beautiful design and award-winning finished product. By the way, did you know that Tim happens to be a fellow descendant from Pilgrim Thomas Rogers, so it was doubly great to be partnered with him and his great crew at *Fiesta Floats*.

HUZZAHs to us ALL!

### **Strawflowers from Holland**

Our Colony was very happy to sponsor two "Petal Clipping" events in support of the float decorators. In the late Summer and early Fall, our volunteers clipped petals from Strawflowers" which



*Shallop decorated with Strawflower petal Clippings*

were to be used to cover various parts of our float. By the way, the Strawflowers themselves were from Holland, so the circle seemed to be complete with that news. We brought drinks and snacks for the 'Clippers', and even a little entertainment to make the time pass. Thanks to all who participated. On New Year's Day, those petals were prominent on the sides of our Mayflower Ship, as well as the outside of the shallop boat.

### **Compact Day Luncheon with Caleb Johnson**

On Saturday, November 17th, the San Diego Mayflower Colony held its annual Compact Day Luncheon at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum in Carlsbad, CA. At the meeting, we welcomed eight new members to our Colony. It's always exciting to meet new members, and feel their enthusiasm after having finally met the membership challenge. Welcome, and we hope to see you at many more meetings.

For our Pilgrim Roll Call, I am not able to tell you which Pilgrim had the most descendants (we did take a count), but I do know that it wasn't Francis Cooke or Richard Warren (again). With a 'packed room', it was really a challenge this time! Also at the meeting, Amy Conboy, our Colony Education Chair, was presented (and surprised) with the "Eugene Fortine Education Award" by Colony Governor, Budd Leef. Our Colony was awarded this recognition by the State Society because of Amy's and other's dedicated work in educating children and the general public about our ancestor's role in American History. Thank you, Amy, for all of your efforts. You and our Colony members are very proud.



*Colony Education Chair receiving the Eugene Fortine Award from SD Gov. Budd Leef*

At our Colony Luncheon, we were also thrilled to have as our guest speaker Mr. Caleb Johnson, the well-known Mayflower author, researcher and webhost (mayflowerhistory.com). We knew that our speaker would be popular outside of our San Diego Colony membership, so we made a point of inviting members from all of the Southern California Colonies. This must have been a record for Colony Luncheon attendance as we celebrated Compact Day with nearly 170 Mayflower Members and Friends present. The subject of his talk was

"Recent Discoveries about the Mayflower Pilgrims". We spent almost an hour hearing about new discoveries in Pilgrim research, and also the processes that researchers go through in their quests. We then had a lively Q&A session until, alas, time ran out. Many thanks to you, Caleb, for spending the day with us. We hope to see you at many other meetings.



*Assistant Colony Gov, Kathy Loftman and Colony Gov. Budd Leef, present a Certificate of Thanks to Caleb Johnson (center).*

#### SAN DIEGO COLONY PLANS FOR 2020 and BEYOND

For the Summers of 2020 and 2021, we're talking with the San Diego Baseball Club about a Mayflower Night at a Padres game.

There are also several local San Diego Parades

in our plans, with opportunities to wear our Pilgrim attire. Families are definitely encouraged at our parades, and all Pilgrim attire and 'civilian' clothing are welcome here. And then in the Fall of 2020, we'll be re-doing our big Plimoth Plantation-West community outreach in San Diego's beautiful Balboa Park again.

With lessons learned from our 2018 event, we hope to make this one even better.

Happy New Year!

*Budd Leef  
San Diego Colony, Governor*

**Rancho Conejo Colony**

Governor Lorraine Kocen welcomed over 60 attendees to our November Compact Day meeting. The Mayflower Compact, a set of rules for self-governance established by the Pilgrims would inspire the Declaration of Independence over 150 years later. The Opening Invocation was given by Chaplain Donna McCullough followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Captain



*Deputy Governor Don Morris welcomes new member Nicole Goulart (Alden). Nicole was awarded a California Mayflower scholarship in May.*

Yvonne Knerr. Holly Newcomb led the singing of “America the Beautiful”. Martha Engle, charter member, thoughtfully and beautifully 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. Governor Lorraine encouraged members to sign up to decorate the Tournament of Roses parade float and participate in Live on Green and the Showcase of Floats. Postcards that will ride on the float are available for sale as are many other items to support our float. Governor Lorraine announced the many local and Plymouth 2020 activities.

**Colony Scholarship:** Our first colony college scholarship of \$500 will be awarded in

2020, 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; more to come!



*Over 60 members and guest celebrated Compact Day at our November meeting.*

Deputy Governor Don Morris introduced our many prospective members and guests. Following lunch, new members Nicole Goulart (Alden), David Wills (Warren) and Rita Harris (Bradford) were introduced. Then table by table, members came to shake hands and welcome them to our society. Governor Lorraine introduced our speaker Barbara Randall, who presented “Genealogy Milks Research Strategies”. Beyond the Genealogy proof standard, Barbara gave us ideas and tools to break down those brick walls and find those lost relatives and the stories of their lives.



*Tavny Little Former Miss America presented Mayflower membership*

**Next Meeting:** We invite you to our next meeting on February 29, 2020 (Leap Day) at Los Robles Greens in Thousand Oaks. Our speaker will be Abigail Adams, spouse of President John Adams, a descendant of William Mullins and John Alden.

**“The Mayflower: Story of a Voyage Across Treacherous Waters”:** please visit the Channel Islands Maritime Museum to see our exhibit about the Mayflower from January 11 to March 23, 2020.

*Lorraine Kocen  
Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor*

### Foothill Colony

It is with great anticipation that 23 chartering members along the San Gabriel Mountain Range signed the petition to form a new Mayflower Colony in California. Approved at the October 19, 2019 Board of Assistants meeting we held first meeting, Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Pasadena Highlands, 1575 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena. Just in time for Compact Day!



State Governor Ray Raser installed the Foothill Colony Board at its inaugural meeting. Serving the Foothill Colony will be Colony Governor Carole Curran, Deputy Governor Harvey Soldan, Delegate Mark Cross, Recording Secretary Jane Wong, Treasurer Donald St. John and Colony Membership Chair Heather Sabin. Special appreciation is extended to Erica Hahn, Past Governor of Orange

County Colony, for her generous donation of the Foothill Colony Governor insignia.

Chartering members include Caireesa Barry, Diana Barry, Margaret Blair, Kim Clark, Mark Cross, Ann Crossland,



*Induction of New Officers*

Carole Curran, Sue Griffin, Gayle Hagegard, Erica Hahn, Frank Hall, Cynthia Gage Hewes, Alexander Ladanyi, Robert B. Littlefield, Lori J. MacPherson, Donna Riegel, Heather Sabin, Gary Soldan, Harvey Soldan, Donald C. St. John, Beth Stone, Gail Wise, and Jane Wong. Harvey Soldan is working on a website for the colony. Lori MacPherson and Beth Stone have volunteered to help Heather Sabin process new applications and have attended training sessions with Assistant Historian Erica Hahn. Carole Curran and Jane Wong are also serving on the 2020 State Committee as Rose Parade® Float Chair and Clothing Coordinator, respectively. Caireesa Barry, as a member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade Operations committee, escorted *The Voyage of Hope – 1620* along the Rose Parade route on a Honda scooter!



*Foothill Colony Gov. Carole Curran  
& CA Mayflower Gov. Ray Raser*

The Foothill Colony is already growing, too! Newly approved GSMD member Marilyn Hanks (93 years young) was welcomed at our first meeting and Carol Mahoney will be welcomed at our next meeting on April 25, 2020. If you live in the area and want to be involved, we welcome you to select Foothill Colony as your primary colony of choice. We also welcome members of other colonies to support the Foothill Colony by adding an additional \$2.00 to your primary colony membership dues and noting that you want to join Foothill Colony, too. Gail and Ray Raser have joined us and we look forward to you being a part of this new colony and all that 2020 has in store for us, too. For more information, contact us at [MayflowerFoothill@gmail.com](mailto:MayflowerFoothill@gmail.com).

*Carole Curran  
Foothill Colony, Governor*

### Los Angeles Colony

Nearly forty Los Angeles colony members and guests attended an entertaining and educational Compact Day program at the Tam O'Shanter Inn on November 2, 2019. During the Pilgrim Roll Call, John Alden, William Bradford, and William Brewster all had five descendants in attendance. For the roll call of the fifty-one passengers with known descendants, thirty passengers were represented at the luncheon. Scott Miller, California Deputy Governor South, and Carole Curran, 2020 Rose Parade Mayflower Descendants Float Chair, provided updates on the Rose Parade float fund-



*Dr. Carla Pestana, Chair UCLA History Department, speaker at the LA Colony Compact Day Luncheon*

raising and planning status. After lunch, our featured speaker, Dr. Carla Pestana, UCLA History Department Chair, gave a very enlightening talk on the 400<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the 1619 arrival of a ship with African slaves to Jamestown.

Dr. Pestana studies the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century English Atlantic worlds and her presentation made clear to all the wider context of this event. Dr. Pestana informed us that her next book is on the Plymouth colony and is to be published in 2020 in conjunction with the 400<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.

Dr. Pestana's talk was divided into three parts: (1) slavery throughout the Atlantic world at the time of the 1619 ship, (2) the labor situation in Virginia in 1619 and its suitability for the introduction of slavery, and (3) slavery as less suitable for the labor situation in New England. She informed the audience that slavery was an institution the Pilgrims would have known about. Not only were there slaves in the Bible, but in 1600, there were slaves in Iberia, the Italian city states, and around the Mediterranean. Europe's first black African slaves were held in Spain in the 1500s. The first known African slaves in North America arrived in 1520 in Puerto Rico. By 1619, the slave trade in the Atlantic had been already operating for a hundred years. The Portuguese were the first to dominate the slave trade, transporting mostly to the Spanish and Portuguese Americas – primarily to sugar plantations. In 1619, a Portuguese slave ship was attacked by Dutch privateers, who weren't allowed to sell slaves in the Iberian world, so they went to Virginia instead. Virginia Colony settlers had learned that trade alone did not make the profits they desired, so they had begun farming tobacco. By 1619, they had been importing indentured servants to fill the need for labor on indentured contracts of at most seven years. They perceived the Africans sold to them as similar to these indentured servants but without contracts to end the servitude. The Mayflower arrived to Plymouth in 1620 and the New England colonies very quickly turned to indentured service for needed laborers as New England grew.

England had laborers who could not find work leading some to go to New England as indentured servants. There wasn't a big demand for slavery in New England since large labor pools weren't needed there. African slaves in New England were more common in urban areas for household work. The earliest reference to an African slave in New England – a “blackamoor” – was in Salem in 1643. New England had more enslaved Native Americans than enslaved Africans. At the end of the Pequot War in 1637, the colonists divided captives among them, keeping the women and children as slaves and selling the men to Summers Island (now Bermuda).

Plymouth wasn't involved in the Pequot War, but they were involved in King Phillip's War and took Native American slaves after defeating them. There were never a lot of African slaves in New England. I've seen a number of Los Angeles Colony members at the Rose Parade float dry cutting days and float decorating days. The colony can be proud of their help with our Rose Parade float which is a major part of the Society of Mayflower Descendants celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Mayflower voyage.

The next colony meeting is planned for March 2020 at the Los Angeles LDS Temple. The details are still to be determined.



*LA Colony Governor  
Dr. Robert Lincoln and Past  
LA Colony Governor Franklin Smith.*

*Robert Lincoln  
Los Angeles Colony, Governor*

### **San Francisco Peninsula Colony**

Our last meeting was held on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> at The Delancey Street Restaurant, SF. Pat and Charlie Keiffer spoke about The Anza Expedition of 1775/76. Captain Anza brought the first families... men, women and children to settle California. They arrived on June 27, 1776. It is widely considered to be the greatest expedition ever made into the west. Emphasis was placed on the experiences of those who made the trip such as the women settlers and the Castro family which was the largest on the expedition. Charlie is descended from the Castro family, one of the seven founding families of San Francisco. Before they arrived, the Missions and Presidio's in Alta California were populated by padres and soldiers.

Pat and Charlie have been volunteers for Santa Cruz State Parks since 1989. They began as docent volunteers at Wilder Ranch State Park. They chose to volunteer at Wilder Ranch because, while researching his family history, Charlie discovered that Wilder Ranch sits on an original 1800's Mexican Land Grant that had belonged to his Great, Great Grandmother and her two sisters. Recently they have been heavily involved with Friends efforts to finish repairing the two-story hacienda in Watsonville known as the Castro Adobe which is now a state park.

Our upcoming 2020 meetings are March 7<sup>th</sup> a joint meeting with the Sequoia Colony and May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Delancey St. Restaurant. If you would like to attend either event, please go to our website [www.mayflowersf.org](http://www.mayflowersf.org) for the upcoming invitations. If you are not receiving our emails, please email your contact info to: [mayflowersf2@gmail.com](mailto:mayflowersf2@gmail.com).

*Alexandra Kromelow  
San Francisco Peninsula Colony, Governor*

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### Inland Empire Colony

Our November 9th meeting was held in the meeting room of Bob's Big Boy Restaurant in Calimesa. We had 20 members and 10 guests present including four past Colony Governors; Rick Clark, Merrill Darlington, Dorothy Goodbaudy, and Beverly Nickerson. Pam Mikkelsen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Mayflower Compact was read by David Grinnell. It was noted that it was written while the Pilgrims were still on board the Mayflower preparing to live in the new land. All members introduced themselves, their ancestor, and any guests. Sandy Carr gave the Mayflower Moment: The Black Plague. This occurred in the mid-14<sup>th</sup> century where half of the population died. Even though it was very contagious, people helped each other as much as possible. This event in history is thought to be the end of medieval times and the beginning of modern times. Cheryl Ralston Staples read the minutes of the September 14th meeting and Wayne Staples distributed and gave the treasurer's report.



*Speaker Darrell Rivers*

After our Thanksgiving dinner, we were entertained by author and historian, Darrell Rivers on the topic of "King Phillip's War". (insert photo) King Phillip was Massasoit's son. All Mayflower Pilgrims were affected by this war in 1675. It is estimated that between 1 in 10 to 1 in 5 of the population was killed. Many books in England were written about this war over the years and the perception and motivation for the war has changed over time. It was interesting to learn that the Colonists' cows that roamed the land became one of the sources of contention with the Native Americans. Rick Clark was named a Delegate if our Governor is unable to attend meetings. Governor Susan Christopher explained the increase in the annual dues and what members aged 70 or more and who have at least 15 years of active membership can do to appeal their increase if it becomes a hardship to stay a member.

Condolences were expressed to our member Pamela Mikkelsen on the passing of her mother Ellen. She became a member just a year ago. She was a proud descendant of William Bradford. She will be remembered on the 2020 Voyage of Hope in the Dedication Garden.

Our Colony had its own "Petal Party" at the Hemet Public Library on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Our members, joined by friends and family, spent four fun-filled hours clipping petals, making new friends and enjoying refreshments. Our next meeting will be February 12, 2020. Our program will be "The Jamestown Bridal Ships of 1620" presented by Kathleen Beall.

*Susan Christopher  
Inland Empire Colony, Governor*



### San Joaquin Valley Colony

We held our Compact Meeting the first Saturday of November. Dr. Matthew Bowdish intrigued us with a talk on the medical practices of the 1600's.

#### New Officers were voted in:



*Larry Beston, Secretary; Dan Cabe, Webmaster, Newsletter; Susan Oldfield, Governor; Donna Hadrian, Archivist; Faith Haag, Treasurer; Dianna Saario, Deputy Governor, Colony Membership Chair*



We honored two of our Charter Members from 1974:

*Priscilla Ketscher, and Betty Dearing. They each received a lovely box from Stanley London commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*



*Susan Rae Oldfield  
San Joaquin Valley Colony, Governor*

### Mother Lode Colony

Compact Day for the Mother Lode Colony occurred on November 23, 2019. We were honored to have Jonathan Dickey lead us in that important event. We had 44 members and guests that day.

We displayed and then sold various items in honor of the Anniversary of the 400th year since the Mayflower arrived in New England. The coins, pins, and pop-up card of the ship were celebrations of the joy that the first Mayflower float in the annual Pasadena Parade had produced.!

Our speaker was our member Dr. Matthew Bowdish who gave a fascinating talk on the medicine that the Pilgrims had and some incidents about George Washington.

Our lunch that day was a wonderful Thanksgiving feast with turkey and all the "fixings." This year, we even had pumpkin pie! (We thank you, Cliff House.) This was the last meeting for this year, but we will meet again probably in March.

Wishing you all a wonderful New Year!

*Kathy Gire  
Mother Lode Colony, Governor*

## Orange County Colony

The Orange County Colony was so focused on the Rose Parade these last few months! Whew! Seems the whole Colony was engaged in some way. There were four folks from the Colony who rode on the Float – Scott Miller, Marcia Maloney, Tony Brewster and our Float Design Contest Winner, Madison Grogan! That is a record. You will see here some pictures from different perspectives of each of us who rode on the float. We had a such a great experience and it was “bucket-list” moment for each of us for sure!



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



*Madison Grogan and Grace Jensen, First and Second Place Winners of the Jr. Mayflower Member Float Design Contest on “Float Judging Day”, Dec 31, 2019.*

Once again, we had a full house for our November 2019 Mayflower Compact Celebration. When the Ancestors’ Roll Call was taken, it was John Alden, again, who was the most represented of the 75 guests in attendance. Marlene Mandeville, Assistant Governor, presented six New Member, 1<sup>st</sup> timer packets and Mandy Dunkle, our new CMC, introduced several pending & prospective members in attendance. Having a colony membership chair has become the conduit to getting our potential and new members engaged in the colony early on in their Mayflower Society experience. Members were very excited to be able to purchase from such a large selection of the sales table items and also the commemorative items being offered for donations. We not only had the Mayflower 2020 Commemorative Wine, from Lucas & Lewellen Winery, the OC Colony’s commemorative labeled beer was showcased – “Pilgrim Pale Ale” and “Brewster Brew 400”.



*Float Riders on “Float Judging Day”, Dec 31, 2019. OC Members, Scott Miller, Marcia Maloney and Tony Brewster are pictured here, along with Karen Schwartz, Donald St. John, Carole Curran, Jane Wong (on the main deck) and State Governor, Ray Raser, Liane & Grace Jensen (in the Shallop).*

Over several months, the beer was brewed, bottled & labeled by members of the colony, headed up by Tad Reynales, Colony Captain. The reward came when the team shared a congratulatory toast of the very 1<sup>st</sup> taste of the brew, and it tasted great!! All proceeds from the beer are going to the OC Colony Bower's Museum Gala in October.



*All of the Float Riders and our TOR "White Suit" Guide and Mayflower Member, Cairessa Barry – Just before we board the float prior to the Parade Jan. 1, 2020*



*Marlene Mandeville, Susan Knowles and Carole Curran at the Showcase of Floats following the parade. Carole is holding the award we received. Jan 2, 2020*



*State Gov. Ray Raser, Susan Knowles and Marlene Mandeville at the "Showcase of Floats" following the Rose Parade*



*The "First Toast" of the "Brewster Brew 400" Ale, with OC Members: Marlene & Paul Mandeville, Tad Reynales & Tony Brewster, also: Judd the Brew Master*



*The OC Colony "Pilgrim Pale Ale" beer and Lucas & Lewellen Wines being offered for donations at our recent Compact Day.*

**\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\***

OC Colony February Gathering-February 22, 2020

10AM - 2PM

Location: Tustin Ranch Golf Club

Tustin, CA 92782

Program Speaker: Debbie McIntosh, Owner/Founder of "History Through the Eyes of Women", will give the presentation: "Priscilla Mullins, Passenger of the Mayflower".

*Scott Miller  
Orange County Colony, Governor*

## Redwood Empire Colony

The Redwood Empire Colony hosted this year's Compact Day celebration in conjunction with the San Francisco & Alameda Colonies. It was held at the Hanna Boys Center Theater in Sonoma, CA on November 16<sup>th</sup>. We started our day at 12 noon with our treasurer Toni Kuhry's original play



Freedom's Song. The one act play follows the story of Kuhry's ancestor, William Brewster and the other separatists who left England & the Netherlands to found Plymouth Colony. The play reminded us, that beyond their search for religious freedom, a democratic civil society took form beginning with the historic signing of the Mayflower Compact which ultimately led to the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The play was attended by both Colony members & the general public. All were very impressed by the overall production & professionalism of the actors & set design.

Toni tells us a recording of the play was taped the following day during the 2nd performance that was open to the general public. (Details of availability of tape to follow.)

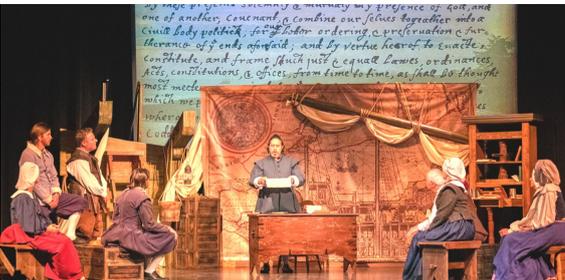
Our luncheon meeting followed at 1:20, with over 70 members & guests attending. We were honored to have our State Governor Ray Raser, Deputy Governor North, Cathey Graham & State membership Secretary Sally Johnson speak about the many 2020 celebratory plans in our state & Plymouth. Also, in attendance were various former State & Colony officers, Don Dickerson, Pat Friesen, Ernestine Evens just to name a few.



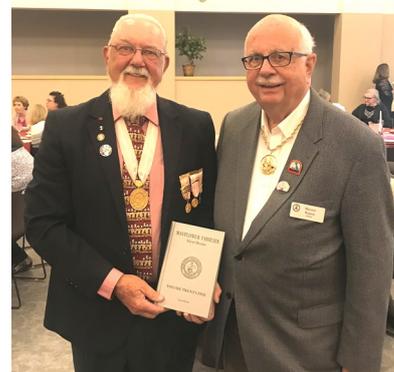
We were especially pleased with the wonderful buffet prepared & served to us by the students of the Maria Carrillo High School Culinary Arts Program. We gave them a well-deserved big round of applause. All in attendance (as well as the culinary students) were gifted a frameable copy of THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT by our colony.

Our next Redwood Colony meeting will be held on Feb 8, 2020 at McInnis Park Club, 350 Smith Ranch Rd., San Rafael.

Our speaker will be Michael Mautner, Rector of St. Peter's Anglican Church, Oakland & former Deputy District Attorney of Napa County. His talk will examine the historic links between the Mayflower Compact & the United States Constitution.



*Author of the Play Antoinette Kury*



*Author Marston Watson donated his Edward Winslow Silver Book to the Redwood Empire Colony and Ray Raser donated \$50 to the colony for the book.*

*Set Designs and photos of sets by Peter Crompton*

*Wayne Skala  
Redwood Empire Colony, Governor*

**Monterey Bay Colony**

The Compact meeting of the Monterey Bay Colony began with the installation of Governor Gloria Gibbel and Secretary Cindy Robison by Verona Flint Past Governor. New member Lindy Perez was introduced and the seven prospective members in attendance were recognized. MBC has 15 prospective members. Scott Miller, Deputy Governor South, had successfully been able to provide the MBC a webpage through the State website. Review of the Float business was discussed. Postcards were purchased and given to Secretary Cindy Robison to mail so they would be on the Float. As a consequence of the increase by the General Society Mayflower Descendants, the increase of dues was reviewed. Past Governor Verona Flint presented a State Honorable



Mention certificate for our colony: Gene (Eugene) Fortine Trophy, awarded every year at the State Meeting for colony participation in promoting Mayflower. Treasurer's report by Treasurer Jean Koehl also detailed the money collected for the various fundraising activities. The menu of a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner was delicious.

Speaker Elizabeth Barratt presented a Power Point program of Robert Lewis Stevenson's life in the Monterey Bay area with wonderful historical photographs.

Diane Stone, member, displayed her poster that won the National award and read her poem 'Stand Firm?'. These are available for sale and can be purchased through the Mayflower Society webstore. All proceeds will be donated to a new nationwide scholarship for Mary Chilton Winslow Descendants. A handout was given to members with the Float fundraising information and the website addresses. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2020.

*Gloria Gibbel  
Monterey Bay Colony, Governor*

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*T-shirt with Pilgrim's names on back.*



*Beautiful Rose Parade Coin*

### Mayflower 2020 Commemorative Gifts

We will soon be marking the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the founding of Plymouth Colony. This is an exciting opportunity to commemorate the Mayflower landing and the passengers and to share their inspirational story.

Stanley London has partnered with the San Diego Colony and the California Mayflower Society to help raise money to fund our 2020 events. Stanley London offers replicas of maritime instruments used during Mayflower times. Each instrument is engraved to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mayflower voyage. These timeless keepsakes make great gifts, and your donation will help support our float and other educational and historical projects.

The items may be ordered from the California Mayflower Society website at:  
<http://www.brasscompass.com/Mayflower-San-Diego-Colony.htm>.



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### Come Visit the Display

January 11 to March 23, 2020

The Mayflower: Story of a Voyage Across Treacherous Waters  
 Channel Islands Maritime Museum  
 3900 Bluefin Circle  
 Oxnard, CA

2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage across the Atlantic. The Pilgrims arrived on the shores of what is now America in 1620 in hopes of making a better life for themselves and their children while being able to worship freely and in peace. Undoubtedly the most famous colonists in world history, their faith and fortitude are legendary. Their perseverance laid the cornerstone of a new Nation. The Pilgrims' courage, gratitude to God, and love for one another still inspire people today.



*Many thanks to Duke Romo for lending his Mayflower attire, worn at the Tournament of Roses parade float.*

The story of Mayflower and her tumultuous trans-Atlantic crossing, Plymouth Colony- with its tragic first winter, treaty with the Wampanoag People and celebrated First Thanksgiving echoes down the ages and around the world. Regardless of anything that came before or after, Plymouth is the 'once upon a time' to the story of the United States - the symbolic, if not literal, birthplace of our Nation. This anniversary is not only a commemoration of the inspirational, determined spirit of our ancestors but also marks a significant milestone of America's founding story.



*The exhibit includes "Dress like a Pilgrim".*

Below are photos from the January 11 opening reception. Many thanks to the museum for presenting this exhibit and to Duke Romo for lending his Mayflower attire, worn on the Tournament of Roses parade float.



*A young guest enjoys making a miniature Mayflower.*



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Jane Wong, 2020 Clothing Coordinator for the Rose Parade Float, contributed her "Pilgrim Family" clothing exhibit in the first display case, while Marina and Scott



Miller created the 32 museum-quality story boards that provide "Fast Facts about the Pilgrims who sailed across the sea" and in the Display Cabinets – a Wampanoag Exhibit, a Pilgrim & Mayflower Historical Resource Exhibit, and a Pilgrim Painting & Memorabilia Exhibit with a replica Plymouth Rock!

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*Deborah Kurilchyk, June Lazich and Billie Mitchell also contributed items for the cases.*

## *The History of the Mayflower Float Leading up to the 2020 Pasadena Rose Parade*

As the Mayflower float sailed down Colorado Blvd in Pasadena on Jan. 1, 2020, it is significant that the vision for this effort began in the California Mayflower Society over two decades ago. Former CA Mayflower Governor, the late Gene Fortine, formed a committee to recognize the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mayflower arrival in the New World.

According to his wife, Pat Fortine, a very positive Mayflower supporter, the possibility of a Mayflower float was mentioned at that time. This effort was then taken up by former CA Mayflower Treasurer Ward White and former LA Governor Franklin Smith. In fact, Ward White informed me that he had an initial meeting with a member of the Rose Parade Committee and a fund raising effort was launched by Franklin Smith with several significant pledges. Due to health reasons, Ward had to withdraw and the mantle was taken up by Robert Dempster, founding governor of the Rancho Conejo Colony and current member of our 2020 committee who had experience with the Rotary float entry in the Rose Parade. Efforts were then prepared for the formal parade application process and the significant fundraising required by the CA Mayflower Society began.



*Robert Dempster & Ray Raser*

According to the Chair Robert Dempster's report in the Spring 2016 edition of the CA Mayflower Quarterly, "an application was submitted to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses for a Mayflower float in the 2020 Rose Parade." Further reports in the fall edition state that the mission of the 2020 committee was to develop a plan for the 2020 Rose Parade float. It was agreed by the GSMD that CA Mayflower Society would provide the leadership for this project. Dempster reported that an application for a Mayflower float had been officially filed with TOR and that Carole Curran, an honorary director of the TOR will be advising on the float entry.

The winter 2018 edition of the CA Mayflower Quarterly reported that the 2020 committee was setting sail for the Rose Parade. Committee members were Robert Dempster, Chair, Jennifer Anklesaria, Susan Astarita, Sue Butler, Carole Curran, David Grinnell, Sally Johnson, Kathleen Loftman, Marcia Maloney, Scott Miller and Ray Raser. Plans for the 2020 Mayflower float were developed including the fund raising. Carole Curran hosted visits to Fiesta Parade Floats and several Rose Parade events.

The spring 2019 Quarterly reported that "The Voyage of Hope" entry in the 131<sup>st</sup> Rose Parade was accepting Mayflower member application for riders and out walkers. Carole Curran outlined the criteria and noted a deadline of July 31, 2019. "Getting Historically Attired for the Rose Parade" was submitted by Jane Holt Wong, costume coordinator.

The Mayflower 2020 commemorative wine and gifts were introduced.

The 2020 Rose Parade float design and essay contest junior membership winner, Madison Grogan of the OC Colony and Grace Jenson of the Sequoia Colony were announced. Carole Curran, Rose Parade Float Chair, not only outlined the criteria, but emphasized the importance of the various fundraising activities. Karen Schwartz, float decorating chair announced “The Voyage of Hope 1620” launch party.

Tim Estes of Fiesta Parade Floats attended our June 15, 2019 CA Mayflower bi-annual membership meeting and revealed the “The Voyage of Hope-1620” rendering for the Jan 1, 2020 Rose Parade Mayflower float. A Mayflower 2020 donation challenge of \$20,200. was announced. Marcia Maloney was appointed CA Mayflower 2020 Ambassador by newly elected CA Governor Ray Raser. A 2020 committee of Robert Dempster, Kathleen Loftman and Marcia Maloney was appointed.

The final “The Voyage of Hope-1620” Mayflower fundraising programs and memorabilia including challenge coins, lapel pins, post cards, a flower vial memorializing your pilgrim ancestor and other very important float decorating criteria were announced by Karen Schwartz, float decorating chair. The float was 55 feet long, 34 feet tall with the masts that were required to be lowered to 16 feet and 18 feet in width. It was decorated in brown and gold flaxseed with accents of bronze strawflowers and ground walnut shells. White sweet rice and dark from nyjer seed accented details on the ship. The rigging used an array of materials that included sesame seed, clover seed and natural hemp. Rolled oats with accents of ground nutmeg and cinnamon created detailing on the sails. Plymouth rock was decorated with a mixture of light to dark lettuce seed, black poppy seed and white sweet rice creating a granite-like material. A beautiful array of fresh and sculptured pumpkins and squash, amid harvest-toned shade of roses depicted the Thanksgiving celebration. Thousands



of bright and dark iris, white roses and sprays of dendrobium orchids and gypsophila created the Cape Cod bay.

Dry decorating days were held on November 16-30 and on December 26 through 31, 2019 decorating week, over six hundred volunteers working eight hour shifts, often standing, kneeling, crawling or climbing to reach the sections of the ship, Team Mayflower volunteers from CA and other parts of the country applied

these materials under the direction of a Fiesta Parade Float supervisor and Team Mayflower shift leads. Each element of the float was checked and double checked.

On New Year's Day, the “Americana” award winning Mayflower float “The Voyage of Hope 1620” sailed down Colorado Blvd in Pasadena, California to a world wide audience.

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