

Winter 2023 Meeting



The Monterey Bay Colony winter meeting was held on February 25, 2023, at the beautiful Pebble Beach & Tennis Club. We had 25 members and guests in attendance. It was a stormy weekend and a few folks were snowed in and unable to attend! A special thanks to member Diane Stone and her husband Tom for once again securing this wonderful location.

The meeting was led off by Elder Reverend Dr. Robert Hellam reading the Mayflower Compact. Assistant Governor Shelley Ware led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary Bob Roberts took the roll call of ancestors with Stephen Hopkins the most represented. Colony Membership Chair Glo Gibbel was snowed in at home, but sent word that we are now at 106 members!

We were fortunate to have Donna Watkins as our guest speaker. Donna is the author of two novels. Her first novel, "Diverse Gashes: Governor William Bradford, Alice Bishop, and the Murder of Martha Clarke, Plymouth Colony 1648" delves into the brutal murder of four-year-old Martha Clarke. Martha was the daughter of Alice Martin Clarke Bishop who is Donna's ninth great-grandmother. Her second novel, "Weaker Vessels: The Women and Children of Plymouth Colony" focuses on the less-studied population of women and children who lived in Plymouth Colony.



The focus of Donna's talk was Dorothy May Bradford. She discussed what it would have been like for women aboard the Mayflower and what "really" happened to Dorothy Bradford. It was a fascinating talk and led to much discussion.

