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*California Governor Scott Miller, Governor General Jane Riddell Hurt,
Former California Governor Ray Raser*

Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt Visits California Mayflower

It was an honor to have Governor General Jane Hurt attend our California Society Membership Meeting on June 18 and 19, 2021. She was able to encourage our membership, share what is going on during her administration in Plymouth and install our new administration. We learned to appreciate her as the right person to be leading our General Society at this time in history. We are attaching some of her bio so those of you who were not able to attend the meeting can learn more about her.

Jane Groves Riddell Hurt was elected and installed as the 35th Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in September 2020 at its first virtual General Congress, held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic. GG Hurt holds the distinction of being only the fifth woman elected to this office.



*Gail Raser & Jane Hurt at
Mission San Juan Capistrano*

An experienced administrator and leader, Governor General Hurt's business career included executive management positions in apparel manufacturing. She retired as Director of Operations for a clothing manufacturer with locations in four states. She was responsible for all corporate operations including customer service, telemarketing, order processing, manufacturing, inventory and shipping. Following her retirement, she became a licensed realtor in both Kansas and Missouri, and was voted 'BEST in SERVICE' and overall client satisfactory for the past ten years.

Governor General Hurt was born in central Illinois and has lived in the Kansa City area since 1976. She has two adult children and two grandsons.



Jane Hurt & Ray Raser

Jane Groves Riddell Hurt joined GSMD through her Pilgrim ancestors, William White, his wife Susanna Jackson White and their son Peregrine White. She has also proven lineage from Pilgrim passengers Francis Cooke, his son, John Cooke and Richard Warren of the Mayflower.

At the General Society level, Governor General Hurt was elected and served as Secretary General, Deputy Governor General and Assistant General. She served as the Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Kansas from 2014 to 2017 and as State Historian and Webmistress prior to being elected Governor.



Jane enjoys the Pacific Ocean

Governor's Message

Pilgrim Greetings to all of the California Mayflower Society. Let me start by introducing myself to you as your new Governor. My name is Scott Miller. I am a member (and Governor) of the Orange County Colony. My ancestor is William Bradford and I was approved by the Society in 2011. On June 19th, I was elected Governor of the State Society. We had the special honor of having Governor General, Jane Hurt, from the GSMD attend our meetings and install the newly elected Executive Board. As many of you could not attend the Membership Meeting in Irvine on June 19th, I wanted to share with you my acceptance speech. I will end by asking for your help. There are many who have skills and experience that the State Society can benefit from. We would like to have you employ your skills here and now, to help propel us forward in this new Administration. More to come later.

Acceptance Speech upon my election as Governor:

I am so honored for your electing me to be Governor of the California Mayflower Society. 400 years ago, William Bradford was elected the second Governor of the Plymouth Colony, after the untimely death of Governor John Carver in April 1621. He would serve for the next 32 years as Governor of the Colony. Exactly 400 years later, his grandson would be elected to lead the 2nd largest State Society in the Nation. I am deeply humbled by that. I'm hoping we can become the largest State Society during this term. We are so vibrant and so excited about our heritage.

I would like to thank Governor Ray Raser and the former Board to your dedication to this Society and for shepherding us through the last two years. You helped lead us through one of our most joyous events and then through this last year and a half of tumult. The Society has remained strong, together and vibrant, even through all that has happened and it is due to the leadership of you, Ray, and the rest of your team.

With everything that we had planned to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Landing, it turned out the first event of the year – the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1st, 2020 – became the only National event that was allowed to commemorate the landing.

Briefly, I would like to reflect on our accomplishment that really was so astounding. Believe it or not, the first plans to put a float in the 2020 Parade started about 2009. For the next 11 years we would see it come to pass. I recall clearly when we were working with Tim Estes, President of Fiesta Floats, on our Float design in the spring of 2019. He came to our June 2019 Membership meeting to show us the float design. Beginning in August, and going into November, there were several dry clipping sessions. Right after Christmas floral decorating began in earnest on the float. Finally, we sailed our stunning float down Colorado Blvd on New Year's Day. It took a great team to see the project through. Ray Raser, Marcia Maloney, Carole Curran, and so many others, who dedicated countless hours, did such an extraordinary thing. We cannot just let it pass without remembering our success. Of course, no one could have anticipated what the rest of 2020 would bring. Just three month later, the Nation would be locked down due to a world-wide pandemic. We are just coming out of it now.



Scott Miller, Ray Raser, GG Jane Hurt

The fact that the 2020 Rose Parade was re-aired on January 1st, 2021, started this year off when we will be commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Thanksgiving. What a fitting way to kick off the year, especially because we are going to be celebrating that harvest feast that the Pilgrim's celebrated for their survival through the sickness and exposure of that first harsh winter. They also celebrated the bounty that their new Pawtuxet friend, Tisquantum, and the Wampanoags had helped them to plant, fish and hunt. Like our ancestors, we have suffered greatly this last year. Many folks have perished to the disease. We mourn our great loss and, with added resolve, for those of us here who have survived this terrible pandemic, we will arise again and we choose to be thankful for our making it through such a scary time. It is fitting that we celebrate in the same spirit of those 400 years ago, which we will do in September, back in Plymouth.

I want to welcome aboard this new Administration. As you will see, we are pretty well represented by most of the Colonies in the State:

Deputy Governor North: Kathy Watson (*Governor, San Francisco Peninsula Colony*)

Deputy Governor South: Dr. Robert Lincoln, PhD (*Governor, Los Angeles Colony*)

State Recording Secretary: Billie Mitchell (*Orange County Colony*)

State Treasurer: Harvey Soldan (*Foothill Colony*)

State Membership Secretary: Kim Pike (*Inland Empire Colony*)

State Historian: Mandy Dunkle (*Orange County Colony CMC*)

Elder: Tawny Welch (*Rancho Conejo Colony*)

State Counselor: Erica Hahn, Esq. (*Foothill Colony*)

Now, I would like to welcome those Appointed Positions that have been filled:

State Captain: Miles Standish (*Sequoia Colony*)

State Surgeon: Dr. Matthew Bowdish (*Mother Lode Colony*)

State Parliamentarian: Marston Watson (*San Francisco Peninsula Colony*)

Oakland Library Manager: Pat Friesen (*Alameda Colony*)

Librarian: Dianne Sweeney (*San Francisco Peninsula Colony*)

Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Manual: Susan Oldfield (*Governor, San Joaquin Valley Colony*)

Co-Editors of the CA Mayflower Quarterly: Ray & Gail Raser (*San Diego Colony*)

Junior Membership Chair: Amy Conboy (*San Diego Colony*)

Public Relations Co-Chairs: Jane Ordway Carmen (*York, PA*), Kim Pike (*IE*) & Tawny Welch (*RC*)

Investment Manager: Judy Swan (*Orange County Colony*)

State Scholarship Chair: Larry Beston (*San Joaquin Valley Colony*)

Website Co-Chairs: Kathy Watson (*SF*) and Scott Miller (*OC*)

Fortune Award Chair & State Advisor – Marcia Maloney (*Orange County Colony*)

Audit Chair – Lorraine Kocen (*Governor, Rancho Conejo Colony*)

State IT/Technology Chair: Richard Grogan (*Orange County Colony & OC Colony BOA Delegate*)

This next section is where YOU, as a California Mayflower Member, come in. We have many needs in the State Society and ask you to consider volunteering for these open roles:

OPEN ROLE:

New Role: State Education Chair – who can work with State-level Education Organizations to open up doors to school curricula to tell the accurate history of the Pilgrims in a more formal way. Also will chair a State Committee comprised of the Colony Education Chairs.

Future ROLES:

Investment Committee – must have Finance, Investment or Financial Planning Experience
There will be other ad hoc committees we will form to spearhead a couple initiatives I would like us to pursue:

Audit Review Committee

Southern California Library Committee (for feasibility and viability of having a second library)

Bequest Program Committee for the State and Colonies and how to administer

Anyone, who has any interest in the roles and committees just mentioned, please speak with your Colony Governor, or get with anyone on the Executive Board and we will check out your expertise and plug you in where needed.

This is an exciting time to be a Mayflower Society Member. I want everyone to know, as we emerge out of these lockdowns, we will come out excited and ready to push forward into the next 400 years!

Scott A. Miller
Governor

2021-23 Executive Board



Scott Miller, Governor, Kathleen Watson, Deputy Governor North, Dr. R. Lincoln, Deputy Governor South, Billie Lou Mitchell, Secretary, Harvey Soldan, Treasurer, Kim Pike, Membership Secretary, Miranda "Mandy" Dunkle, Historian, Erica Hahn, Counselor, Tanny Welch, Elder Administering Oath of Office, Governor General Jane Riddle Hurt, Former California Mayflower Governor Ray Raser

Deputy Governor North

My fellow Pilgrims, I am humbled to have been elected to serve the California Mayflower Society as Deputy Governor North for the 2021-2023 term. I am excited to work with fellow Pilgrims toward furthering the goals of the Society and look forward to meet Colony members who share a passion for history and awareness of our Mayflower ancestors.

In the North there are seven Colonies (Redwood Empire, Mother Lode, Alameda, San Francisco Peninsula, Sequoia, Monterey Bay, and San Joaquin Valley). It will be fun to visit each Colony either in person or virtually depending on how each has coped through the pandemic. We continue to live in challenging times, and I hope that as this year progresses the challenges will be fewer.

This last weekend when I attended the American Roots Celebration in Nevada, I had the opportunity to speak about my Pilgrim ancestor, Stephen Hopkins. He was a dreamer, adventurer, and leader having landed on this continent twice, first in Jamestown and

second in Plymouth. As I begin this journey, my dream is to learn as much from each Colony and share what I learn. It will be an adventure!



*Kathy Watson
Deputy Governor North*

Deputy Governor South

I was honored to be elected the Deputy Governor – South for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California for the 2021-2023 term. To be clear, I have no special talents that I bring to this office other than I am willing to help the members of the Society work towards their goals. The State Society and our colonies are what the members make it to be.

The seven colonies in the south (San Diego County, Inland Empire, Orange County, Los Angeles, Foothill, Rancho Conejo, and Santa Barbara) are a diverse group. Some are very large having over 300 members and some much smaller having around 50 members. Los Angeles Colony celebrated the colony's 100-year anniversary in 2016 while the newest colony, Foothill, is not yet two years old. Some colonies are blessed with many active volunteers and can run wonderful programs. Others may struggle to simply fill the colony officer positions and plan colony luncheons.



Robert Lincoln

There is not one approach that will work for such a diverse group. I hope to attend as many of all the colonies' gatherings as I can.

I enjoy meeting and talking with others interested in history and our ancestors. With over 150 immigrants to New England in the seventeenth century, I have common ancestors with many even if they do not share my Mayflower passenger, Thomas Rogers. My goal during my term in office is to help the colonies learn from each other by passing on simple ideas that may be transferrable. Clearly, with such a diverse group, what may work for some colonies is just not feasible for other colonies but where it can I hope to be an instrument in that process of exchange.

*Dr. Robert Lincoln, Ph.D.
Deputy Governor - South*

***Eugene Fortine Education Colony Award Winners Announced
at State Membership Meeting On June 19th, 2021***

Every two years an award is presented to the colony which, through its activities and outreach programs, has demonstrated exceptional performance in meeting the educational goals of the California Mayflower Society.

Gene Fortine was a very beloved member of the California Society. He served in various capacities within the state as well as governor and treasurer. He also served as Deputy Governor General to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and was Governor General. Sadly, we lost Gene in 2005. June Lazich, former state governor created an award in his name.

Fortunately his wife, Pat Fortine, was able to join us when we presented this award during our state meeting. Pat spoke eloquently of the purpose of this award and what it means to keep our Mayflower message alive.



Pat Fortine holding the trophy

This year the judges found it difficult to determine the winner because colonies throughout the state outdid themselves, particularly concerning the 2020 activities and entering the Mayflower Voyage of Hope float in the January 1, 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade® in Pasadena.

Therefore, besides the trophy winner, three honorable mentions were also awarded with blue ribbons and certificates.

The trophy was awarded to Foothill Colony. Nothing can touch that “pinnacle of performance” as John McNeill stated. Carole Curran, now Foothill Colony Governor, was the parade chair for our float. She and Marcia Maloney and other colony members orchestrated the entire event as well as reaching out to the rest of the colonies to form a wonderful team.



*Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California The Eugene Fortine Education Colony Award
Presented to the Colony that has contributed most to keeping our Pilgrim History alive through Education.*

She and Gene spent many years visiting schools and community groups telling the real story of our Pilgrims.

Pat drew an analogy of the trophy being like a seed that has been planted – to get the true story out about our ancestors. Now it represents more than just education; it represents the amazing job that we all stand for: communications, values and outreach.



Foothill Colony winning the award

Jane Holt Wong educated, trained, sewed, spoke and oversaw the pilgrim clothing program which represented what pilgrims wore on their historical journey. Also Carole and Jane, and Erica Hahn



Orange County Colony Honorable Mention

Kathleen Loftman of SD developed budgets and helped fundraise. Junior Madison Grogan of OC wrote a great essay and Mayflower sketch to win a place on the float.

Orange County, San Diego and Rancho Conejo colonies also outdid themselves by supporting the float and other 2020 activities such as Live on

Green in Pasadena as well as strongly supporting the float financially, decorating, coordinating and public speaking engagements. These colonies also supplied "pilgrims" in proper attire as float riders. Float riders paid to have their pilgrim outfits designed to meet the correct criteria. It was



Rancho Conejo Colony Honorable Mention

Orange County's artist-in-residence, Billie Mitchell painted and contributed Mayflower-related art for fund raising purposes. She also decorated our Plymouth Rock at Live on Green and created paper ships for children to cut and color. San Diego's Amy Conboy coordinated this junior outreach program at the Pasadena Convention Center. Thanks to all (like Miles Standish) who helped staff it. San Diego participated in local parades and coordinated dry decorating days for the float. Orange County, San Diego and Rancho Conejo have excellent scholarship programs. As June Lazich told me, "Everyone should win".

along with other members of their colony attended many community programs with their clothing shows and lectures both on TV and in person. To reach over 40 million viewers on TV and along the parade route is a miracle in itself. No other venue reaches this many viewers. This newest and fourteenth state colony, Foothill Colony, was formed in the middle of all this activity!



San Diego Colony Honorable Mention

an expensive proposition. Several speakers spoke on television and developed press releases which featured the event in newspapers. Bob Dempster (RC), Marcia Maloney (OC,) and Carole Curran (FH) chose the float builder, Marcia negotiated contracts, interfaced with Plymouth, gave TV interviews, spoke at various colony meetings on the East Coast and at the GSMD BOA meetings to fundraise. She also authored many articles for the Tournament of Roses staff, GSMD, etc. Scott Miller (OC) was also an invaluable member of the committee and designed many of the coins and pins and developed fundraising ideas along with Carole Curran.

Not to be ignored are the other colonies throughout the California Society of Mayflower Descendants who brought talent and expertise to our little miracle, the ship! Inland Empire colony and LA colony members helped decorate at the float barn. As did various members from the northern colonies. IE member Karen Schwartz coordinated float decorators from around the country and state, a large undertaking in itself. Sequoia Colony supplied one of our junior float riders and her mother. All colonies sold challenge coins, lapel pins, Rancho Conejo and Orange County each created fascinating library exhibits in their local communities. The Redwood Empire colony was fortunate to have professional Toni Kuhry write and produce a one act play called "Freedom's Song" which was presented to the Society on Compact Day, 2019 and to the public several days later. The play was widely acclaimed in the area. Toni is a descendant of William and Mary Brewster. San Francisco colony staffed a table at The Festival of the Seas. Santa Barbara colony began a partnership with a children's Library which is sure to be a grand effort to involve juniors in our studies. Most colonies provide silver books to libraries, prepare and give wonderful programs at their numerous meetings throughout the year whether by Zoom (2020) or in person. They also staff tables at genealogical society meetings such as Jamboree.

These are only some samplings of the many, many contributions made by our members during 2019-2021. With all the great talent and enthusiasm in our state society, we have no doubt that we will keep our pilgrim story alive and well and help to dispel myths that have developed over the years. Thanks to our judges, Wayne Skala and John McNeill of the Redwood Empire Colony, Susan Oldfield of San Joaquin Valley Colony, and June Lazich of OC. As noted, this was not an easy job.

By Marcia Huntley Maloney for the Fortine Trophy Committee

Welcome Kim Pike

Membership Secretary

Kim Pike has accepted the nomination for state Mayflower membership chair. She is a member of the Inland Empire Colony. Kim grew up in Northern California and attended San Jose State University majoring in Business Administration – Accounting.

She followed that with nearly thirty years of retail management where she met her husband, Joe. In 2001 Kim and Joe moved to Southern California. In 2015 she went back to college and last year received her BA in Biological Anthropology from UC San Diego. Through the pandemic she kept busy writing what she hopes will be the first of many fantasy fiction novels.

Kim, whose maiden name is Fowler, has been researching her family history off and on since 1992, but didn't become a serious researcher until Ancestry's DNA became available. Since then she has used DNA to discover unknown relationships in both her own and her husband's families. Her research was helped by a paternal uncle who had located, the old-fashioned way, records that led back to the Mayflower.

They were able to fill in the gaps and Kim became a member of the Mayflower society in January 2016 as an 11th generation descendant of Mary Norris Allerton and her husband Isaac through their youngest daughter Mary. She is currently Membership Secretary and the Facebook and Communications Chairperson for the Inland Empire colony.



Kim Pike

Pasadena Tournament of Roses® Presents the Americana Award

On June 19, 2021, the Americana Award was finally presented to the Society by 2020 Tournament of Roses® President Laura Farber. After participating in so many virtual presentations throughout 2020 and 2021, Ms. Farber was thrilled to attend the in-person membership meeting of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California.



Ray Raser, Laura Farber, Tim Estes, Carole Curran

Hope is dignity and respect, joy and happiness, aspiration and achievement. Hope never, ever quits. Through hope, we can aspire to be our best and in turn inspire those around us to reach higher.”

The Americana Award is presented each year to the float with the “most outstanding depiction of national treasures and traditions.” This award fit *The Voyage of Hope - 1620* perfectly. The Mayflower and her passengers are an American treasure and the National holiday focused on their contribution to the founding of our country is celebrated even by those who don’t understand its importance. Thanksgiving truly is a national tradition and our Mayflower Pilgrims are a treasure. This tremendous project couldn’t have been accomplished without float builder Fiesta Parade Floats and their professional team. Tim Estes, President of Fiesta Parade Floats, also attended the membership meeting. Tim remarked that although he builds many floats for the Rose Parade, there are a few that simply stand out as being remarkable. Tim was thrilled to build *The Voyage of Hope - 1620* because he is a descendant of Mayflower passenger John Howland and excited that it won the Americana Award, as well. The Americana Award was accepted by Governor Ray Raser and Float Chair Carole Curran.

The theme for the 2020 Rose Parade® was selected by the Tournament of Roses President and announced in mid-January prior to the parade. Her theme, *The Power of Hope®* embodied the hope her family had when Laura was a child and they left Buenos Aires, Argentina to come to this country. Like the Mayflower Pilgrims, her family embarked on a journey of hope and a better way of life. They came to America to stay, like the Pilgrim families did, “With hope, anything — in fact, everything is possible,” shared Farber. “Hope is more than simply the possibility of fulfillment.



Laura Farber Presents

*Carole Curran
2020 Float Chair*

A Great Time to Socialize

By Gail Raser

Friday, June 18, 2021 many members and guests were at the Sonesta Hotel in Irvine, California, in preparation of the state membership meeting the following day. Thanks to Scott Miller making arrangements with the hotel, the hotel restaurant was opened for preordered meals for any Mayflower cousin and guest who wanted to share a meal together.

A good sharing time was had by all in attendance, and many got to meet the Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt for the first time and welcome her to California. We especially enjoyed these two days since most of us had not had this opportunity for in person visits for over one year.



Ray Raser, Marcia H. Maloney, GG Jane Hurt, and Scott Miller



Billie Lou & John Mitchell, Bob & Christy Trapp, Erica Hahn, GG Jane Hurt, Gary Soldan



Gary & Harvey Soldan, Jan & Carylyn Landt, Dianna Saario, Mandy Dunkle



Sally & Will Johnson, Susan Oldfield, Miles Standish, Kathleen Norris, Kathleen Watson, Tawny Welch, Pat Friesen, Marcia H. Maloney, Marston Watson, Ray & Gail Raser, Pat Fortine, Scott Miller

California Current & Former Governors



Scott A. Miller, Ray Raser, Marcia Huntley Maloney, Patricia Friesen, Donna Cole.

Many members of the 2019-2021 California Mayflower Society Board of Assistants were thankful to participate in our in-person meeting in Irvine, CA. June 19, 2021.

2019-2021 BOA



Front: Jan Landt, Sally Johnson, Scott Miller, Ray Raser, Gov. General Jane R. Hurt, Erica Hahn, Susan Oldfield, Marlene Mandeville.

Back: Miles Standish, Gail Raser, Carole Curran, Pat Friesen, Marcia H. Maloney, Kathleen Norris, Robert Lincoln, Dianna Saario, Bille Lou Mitchell, Bob Trapp, Donna Cole, Kathleen Watson, Lorraine Kocen, Amy Conboy

Photos of membership meeting courtesy of Marina Miller, Gail Raser and Marlene Mandeville

Photos from BOM Meeting



GG Jane R. Hurt with Editors Ray & Gail Raser



Passing of DDG neck piece



Jan Landt served as State Elder for six years



Marlene Mandeville served as State Secretary



Technical team for meeting was Greg Grogin and Mandy Dunkle



Ray thanks Amy Conboy, Jr. Membership for her work

California Membership Progress

By 2019 – 2021 CA Governor Ray Raser

Thank you to all of our 2019-2021 California Mayflower team of officers, assistants, committees, Colony Governors, Historian, Assistant Historians, Colony Membership Chairpersons for all your hard work during the past two years. I especially wish to thank CA Mayflower Membership Secretary Sally Johnson, her husband Will Johnson and my administrative assistant Gail Raser for their many phone calls and hours working for the California Mayflower Society.

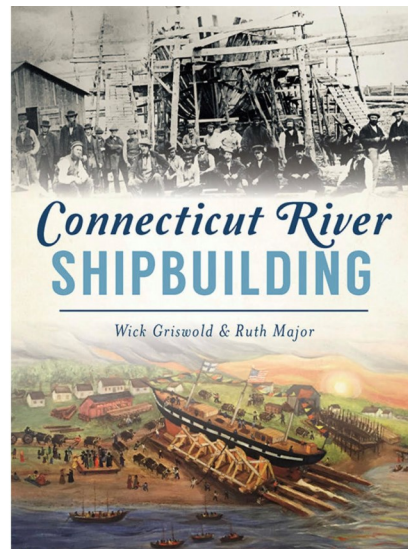
During the past decade the California Society has had a declining membership each year until 2019. Due to the many efforts and hard work of our above mentioned team members, California Mayflower Society membership increased in 2019, 2020 and 2021. Today there are 566 new active members of the California Society, 146 who joined the CA society in 2019, 303 joined in 2020 and so far in 2021 an additional 117 new members. As of July 1, 2021 we are glad to report the California Society now has 2589 official members. With your assistance we can continue to build our membership.

Former Deputy Governor North

It has been my pleasure to serve as Deputy Governor North, and my challenge. The Executive Board had much to accomplish working with the colonies, state and General Society to enable us to carry on. It has been rewarding to have completed tasks despite the obstacles and circumstances. I wish the best of luck to the new board.

I also wish to encourage us all to work to preserve and maintain the highest genealogical standards in proving the lineal descent from the 1620 Mayflower Pilgrims. I would like to share this book I learned about through the Winslow Heritage Society. Connecticut River SHIPBUILDING by Wick Griswold and Ruth Major. Shipbuilding and shipping have always been key elements in the life of Essex. Since the seventeenth century, the men and women of the lower Connecticut River Valley sustained maritime traditions that spanned the globe in splendid wooden sailing vessels. One quote from the book seems appropriate to us today, “but endings and transitions lead to new beginnings and changes. . .”

Catherine Graham



**New Members from
Mar 05, 2021 to May 28, 2021**

ALAMEDA COLONY

Robert Steven Murdock
GS# 99681 CA#9915
13th from Alden

John Densmore Curtis
GS#99787 CA#9928
10th from Mary Allerton

Mary Kaye Poole Smits
GS#100,087 CA#9961
10th from John Alden

FOOTHILL COLONY

Sharon Marie Raymond Ahearn
GS#99786 CA#9927
12th from William Bradford

Robert Ramon Granadino
GS#99,993 CA#9943
12th from William Bradford

INLAND EMPIRE

Brian Patric Foley
GS#99651 CA#9909
12th from F Cooke

David Charles Dahl
GS# 99679 CA#9913
12th from White

Robert Bruce Christopher
GS#99721 CA#9918
11th from S Hopkins

Tracey Lynn Bridges
GS# 99774 CA#9925
13th from Edward Fuller

Helen Bonnell Veach Jensen
GS#9994 CA#9944
12th from Stephen Hopkins

LOS ANGELES COLONY

Elizabeth Ruth Lesan
GS#99623 CA#9906
12th from James Chilton

Kathleen Ann Brophy Graham
GS#99696 CA#9917
12th from John Alden

Heather May Porter
GS#100,023 CA#9948
13th from Mary Chilton

Laurie Lynn Gilmore
GS# 100,036 CA#9950
11th from George Soule

Craig Carleton Birker
GS#100,108 CA#9963
13th from Isaac Allerton

MONTEREY BAY COLONY

Jonathan Saba Morris Brothers
GS#99925 CA#9935
13th from Stephen Hopkins

MOTHER LODGE

Susan Cox Lyon
GS#99926 CA#9936
11th from William Bradford

ORANGE COUNTY

Kellen Thomas Howard
GS#99621 CA#9904
12th from F Cooke

Vanessa Nicole Howard
GS#99622 CA#9905
12th from Francis Cooke

Gary Raymond Clarke
GS#99650 CA#9908
13th from William Brewster

Erin Michelle McKeever
GS# 99652 CA#9910
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Jeffrey Alan Moller
GS#99680 CA#9914
11th from More

Mark Howard Rogers
GS#99682 CA#9916
11th from Thomas Rogers

Elizabeth Christine Stiles Harmse
GS# 99788 CA#9929
12th from William Brewster

Stephen Andrew Johnson
GS# 99789 CA#9930
12th from John Howland

David George Woelfel
GS# 99851 CA#9934
12th from Edward Fuller

David Jeffrey Arnold
GS#99956 CA#9938
11th from Stephen Hopkins

Linda Gayle Johnston Watts
GS#99959 CA#9941
12th from William Bradford

Hans Fritz Hunt
GS#100,021 CA#9946
13th from James Chilton

Elizabeth Eve Zaengle Triana
GS#100,024 CA#9949
12th from William Brewster

William Dana Walker
GS#100,061 CA#9958
10th from Henry Samson

Robert Wallace Thompson
GS#100,088 CA#9962
12th from George Soule

RANCHO CONEJO

Lolita Gwendolyn Steiglemeier Smith
GS# 99624 CA#9907
11th from Myles Standish

Mary Sue Bickel
GS#100,085 CA#9959
13th from Stephen Hopkins

REDWOOD EMPIRE

Mary Adele (Black) Black- Smith
GS#99619 CA#9902
11th from John Howland

Donna Louise Farmer
GS#99722 CA#9919
11th from Richard Warren

SAN DIEGO

Joan Eve Simpson Dainer
GS#99620 CA#9903
11th from John Alden

Daniel Allen Rogers
GS#99746 CA#9922
12th from Thomas Rogers

Donald Paul Rogers
GS#99747 CA#9923
12th from Thomas Rogers

John Kenneth Rogers
GS#99748 CA#9924
12th from Thomas Rogers

Christopher John Menzie
GS#99775 CA#9926
13th from William Brewster

Jordan Terry Kitaen
GS#99828 CA#9931
14th from W Brewster

Derek James Ebeling
GS#99957 CA#9939
13th from William Bradford

Mary Kathleen Duncan Ebeling
GS#99958 CA#9940
12th from William Bradford

Sherrie Ann Trambly LaTourette
GS#100,022 CA#9947
12th from William White

Kim Leslie Miller
GS#100,038 CA#9952
13th from William Brewster

Jenna Emmy Luenberger MacRae
G#100,060 CA#9957
12th from John Alden

Connie Lou Eddy Salisbury Bloodworth
GS#100,086 CA#9960
12th from Francis Cooke

Vickie Sue Marrs Garcia
GS#100,122 CA#9965
12th from John Howland

SAN FRANCISCO

Theresa Ann Embody Bangart
GS#99849 CA#9932
11th from John Howland

Ashley Brooke Bangart Syme
GS# 99850 CA#9933
12th from John Howland

Nicholas Craig Napoli
GS#99927 CA#9937
12th from William Bradford

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Melanie Ruth Sonderman Young
GS#99,978 CA#9942
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Lisa Ann Pearson Hill
GS#100,037 CA#9951
13th from Richard Warren

Cale John Pearson
GS#100,039 CA#9953
13th from Richard Warren

Cassidy Moon Pearson
GS#100,040 CA#9954
14th from Richard Warren

Matthew James Collins Pearson
GS#100,041 CA#9955
13th from Richard Warren

Velvet Danyll Pearson
GS#100,042 CA#9956
13th from Richard Warren

Diane Kruger Brueggemann
GS#100,121 CA#9964
12th from Stephen Hopkins

SEQUOIA

Susanne Marie Eklund Brokaw
GS#99677 CA#9911
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Richard Elmer Brown
GS# 99678 CA#9912
12th from Francis Cooke

Julie Ann Rossie
GS#99995 CA#9945
13th from Stephen Hopkins

Grant Alexander Stevenson-Smith
GS#100,123 CA#9966
14th from William Brewster

TRANSFERS **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

Janet Marie Sommerdorf Brunberg
GS# 45197, AK # 93, CA#9920

Jill Cecil Brunberg
GS#46029 AK #97 CA#9921



Supplementals

ALAMEDA

Darla Cecilia Martin Howze
G95503 CA#9483 CASup2254
14th from John Howland

Sally Jo Palmer Lagomarsino G96562
CA#9561 CASup2471
11th from William White

FOOTHILL

Erica Lis Hahn G#74666
CA7681 CASUP2473
12th from John Alden

INLAND EMPIRE

Susan Katherine Smith Brown G93607
CA#9308 CASup2454
13th from William Brewster

MOTHER LODE

Roberta Anne Wagner Mattle
G89584 CA#9022
11th from Myles Standish CASup 2230
11th from Myles Standish CASup2231

Sylvia Ruth Baldwin Dilgard
GS 99544 CA#9898
9th from Henry Samson CASupp2457
10th from P Mullins CASupp2458
10 from John Alden CASupp 2459
10th from Myles Standish CA Supp2460

Kathy Blount Young Ruiz
G#99360 CA#9867
13th from Thomas Rogers CASup 2483
12th from Joseph Rogers CASup2484

ORANGE COUNTY

Eric Kincaid Olsen
 G93166 CA#9628
 12th from William Bradford CASUP2443
 12th from William Brewster CASup2444

Marcia Loring (Huntley) Maloney
 G69026 CA# 7057 CASup2463
 12th from Richard Warren

James Freeman Blauer
 G48562 CA#4325 CASup2475
 13th from James Chilton

RANCHO CONEJO

Tawny Elaine Godin Welch
 G95877 CA#9518
 12th from Stephen Hopkins CASup 2295
 11th from Howland CASup2297
 11th from Giles Hopkins CASup2479
 12th from Joan Hurst CASup 2480
 12th from John Tilley CASup 2481
 11th from Elizabeth Tilley CASup 2482

REDWOOD EMPIRE

Roger Culver Whiting G93953 CA# 9340
 12th from John Billington CASup2447
 11th from Mary Chilton CASup2448
 11th from Francis Cooke CASup2449
 11th from Stephen Hopkins CASup2450
 12th from JohnHowland CASup 2451
 11th from Henry Samson CASup2452
 13th from John Tilly CASup2453

John Alan Rhodes
 G79604 CA#8532
 11th from P Mullins CASup2464
 12th from W Mullins CASup2465
 11th from Alden CASup2466
 10th from Soule CASup2467
 12th from Warren CASup2468
 12th from F Cooke CASup2469
 11th from I Allerton CASup2470

SAN DIEGO

Jennifer Louise Pauley Bancroft
 G78068 CA# 8059 CASUP2445
 12th from Allerton

Alison Gail Light King
 G98121 CA#9738
 12th from W. Mullins CASup2455
 11th from P. Mullins CASup2456

Stephen John Pattison
 G91794 CA9184
 14th from Mary Brewster CASup 2476
 14th from William Brewster CASup2477
 13th from Francis Cooke CASup2478

SAN FRANCISCO

Anna Marie Bernadette Smith
 G98533 CA 9770 CASup2461
 13th from Elizabeth Tilley

Paul Delaware Smith
 G98535 CA9772 CASup2462
 12th from Elizabeth Tilley

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Laurence Owen Beston
 G83672 CA#8541
 10th from Doty CASup2286
 10th from Soule CASup 2287

SANTA BARBARA

Jeannine Marie Visbal
 G97058 CA#9597 CA Sup 2442
 13th from F Cooke

SEQUOIA

Diane Elizabeth Zion Douglass
 G#89245 CA9005 CASup2474
 12th from James Chilton



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**New Members Approved
since August 22, 2020**

Alameda

Richard John Wyzykowski
GS 98116 CA 9732
12th from Warren

Patricia Ann Mapps
GS 98215 CA 9741
12th from Howland

Mary Ellen Herrick Brucato
GS 98426 CA 9750
12th from Edward Fuller

Gary Roy Fish
GS 98493 CA 9765
11th from Howland

Sherrill Jean Westwood
GS 98497 CA 9769
11th from Soule

Inland Empire

Matthew Stephen Graham
GS 98114 CA 9730
12th from Alden

Nancy Marie Honeyfield
GS 98174 CA 9735
12th from W Brewster

Janis Sutton Duren
GS 98427 CA 9751
12th from Warren

Los Angeles

Emily Rich Camras
GS 98173 CA 9734
12th from Howland

Jade Isabella Gill
GS 98247 CA 9742
13th from Warren

Sage Allshouse Gill
GS 98248 CA 9743
13th from Warren

James Michael Benning
GS 98329 CA 9746
12th from Soule

Richard Charles Hansen
GS 98429 CA 9753
13th from Cooke

Richard Anthony Strom
GS 98462 CA 9763
13th from Edward Fuller

Barbara Mae Randall
GS 98495 CA 9767
12th from S Hopkins

Mother Lode

Matthew Kirk McMIndes
GS 98092 CA 9727
11th from Soule

Debra Ann Evans Mertes
GS 98213 CA 9739
13th from W Brewster

Susan Clyve Stansberry
GS 98214 CA 9740
12th from Bradford

ORANGE COUNTY
James Scott Loughridge
GS 98115 CA 9731
13th from Howland

Michael Thomas Brown
GS 98172 CA 9733
13th from S. Hopkins

Catherine Jean Hall Seelig
GS 98394 CA 9749
12th from Howland

Mabel Hill Garcia
GS 98428 CA 9752
12th from William Mullins

Kathleen Willits Archard
GS 98454 CA 9755
13th from Warren

Sandra Jean Graham
GS 98455 CA 9756
11th from Soule

Christopher Sean Milligan
GS 98457 CA 9758
10th from Eaton

Margaret Verena Prescott
GS 98458 CA 9759
12th from Soule

Cherylyn Savoie
GS 98459 CA 9760
11th from Soule

Barbara Jane Shumar
GS 98460 CA 9761
10th from Soule

Nancy Elizabeth Shumar
GS 98461 CA 9762
11th from Soule

Priscilla Luckhurst
GS 98494 CA 9766
13th from S Hopkins

Redwood Empire

Laura Emerson Dunn
GS 98210 CA 9736
12th from Warren

Ronald Joseph Goss
GS 98211 CA 9737
12th from Elizabeth Tilley

San Diego

Alison Light King
GS 98212 CA 9738
11th from Alden

Douglas Scott Martin
GS 98249 CA 9744
13TH From Allerton

David William Ryan
GS 98250 CA 9745
11th from Brewster

Catherine Marie Pope
GS 98368 CA 9747
13th from Howland

Michelle Jean Hollomon
GS 98456 CA 9757
12th from Soule

San Francisco Peninsula

Rosamond Eva Keef Bouchard
GS 98113 CA 9729
11th from Alden

Gayle Mollison Snyder
GS 98496 CA 9768
12th from Alden

Santa Barbara

Wendy Mason Crawford
GS 98482 CA 9764
10th from Bradford

Sequoia

Stephen Mark Douglass
GS 98393 CA 9748
11th from Soule

Nancy Lee Stevenson-Smith
GS 98430 CA 9754
13th from Brewster

Transfers to CA

Foothill Colony
Edward Jacobs II
GS 87868 CA 9728
11th from John Alden

Reinstatements

San Diego Colony

Mr. James H Buley
GS 83492 CA 8519
11th from Stephen Hopkins

Alameda Colony

Ms. Susan Stevens
GS 89669 CA 9025
12th from Richard Warren

Mr. Joseph E Peddecord
GS 87164 CA 8844
11th from John Howland

**Supplementals since
August 22, 2020**

FOOTHILL

Heather Dawn Star Sabin
GS 91589 CA 9169
15th from W. Mullins CA Supp 2339

INLAND EMPIRE

Susan Leilani Leggitt Padilla
GS 96120 CA 9534
13th from Brewster CA Supp 2331
13th from Hopkins (through Mary)
CA Supp 2332
13th from Rogers CA Supp 2333

Deborah Kay Blodgett Conken
GS 97471 CA 9653
14th from Brewster CA Supp 2334

Grace Fuller Cornett O'Neill
GS 87401 CA 8927
10th from Edward Fuller CA Supp 2336
10th from Mrs. Edward Fuller CA Supp 2337
11th from Samuel Fuller son of Edward Fuller
CA Supp 2338

Susan Katherine Smith Brown
GS 93607 CA 9308
12th from W Mullins CA Supp 2346

LOS ANGELES

Brandon Alexander Villardi
GS 97566 CA 9669
11th from Doty CA Supp 2335

Christine Ann Bassett
GS 93052 CA 9461
12th from Rogers CA Supp 2344

ORANGE COUNTY

David Warren Eaton
GS 97368 CA 9641
13th from William Brewster CA Supp 2340

SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA

Jeffrey Adam Harrison
GS 83784 CA 8553
14th from Alden CA Supp 2345

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Laurence Owen Beston
GS 83672 CA 8541
12th from Howland CA Supp 2285

Priscilla Mary Chawner Ketscher
GS 57196 CA 5493
11th from Bradford CA Supp 2341
11th from Brewster CA Supp 2342
12th from W Mullins CA Supp 2343

SEQUOIA

Christine Lynn Womack Morris
GS 97128 CA 9567
10th from Howland CA Supp 2330

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

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Fall 2021 Executive & BOA Meetings – North

Oct 15, EX BD 3:00-5:00, Oct 16, BOA 10:00-12:00

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Mark your calendar to save these dates for future meetings:

June 17-18, 2022: October 14-15, 2022

Jan 13-14, 2023: Mar 17-18, 2023: June 16-17, 2023

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State News

1st Place Winner Clay Preusch Letter to Mayflower Ancestor

Dear John,

Elizabeth and I have managed to survive the journey and long winter. All three of the children made it, and our fourth, whom we have called Oceanus was born mid-voyage.

There was a sense of hostility between the Strangers and us Separatists, and even within our groups while we were still onboard the Mayflower. Such poor conditions caused us to be defensive. I feel that many others were angry with the size of our family, and the number of rations we consumed. Additionally, Elizabeth was one of few women to survive. Others were spiteful.

We came to this new land in search of freedom, but the Strangers mocked our religion and practices. Some men wrote a pact while still onboard the Mayflower, something I am grateful for. It settled some of the differences and hostilities present amongst passengers. We will not force any practices on the Strangers, and they will let us have our beliefs. We may have differing ideologies, but both groups want to survive, and that will best be done through this pact that allows for our preservation.

Now that we have been in the New World for several months, I am even more grateful for that pact. The cold winter was harsh, and the famine harsher. If it were not for the unity established and enforced by the agreement, we very likely would have turned on each other upon arrival. Instead, we were able to unite and work together to survive the winter.

Every passenger came here for their own reasons, me included. But if it were not for the pact and unity that has been established, no man would have succeeded in their goals.

Recently, a native man approached us, and warned us of a disease that had harmed his people. Our colony stands on their land. However, they are too busy defending themselves from their neighbors, and have made a sort of peace with us. I feel uneasy, but it is undeniable that without the help of the natives we would not have enough food to survive. We were having great difficulty both fishing and growing crop in this new land.

The pact we formed on the Mayflower, and the sense of structure established in our colony has allowed for the uniting of us Saints and the Strangers. We have worked together to survive, and remain as one colony, something that is crucial when communicating with other tribes and groups. Some men, like me, came here to be free of persecution. Some came to explore, and others to make a profit. Each of our unique goals will be made possible by this agreement between the settlers of New Plymouth.

Your son,
Stephen Hopkins



*Clay Preusch 1st Place Winner 2021 Scholarship Program
Personal Essay*

I have always been somewhat aware of the plight of the Mayflower, and the difficulties experienced by the passengers simply seeking a new life. However, it was not until further research and the development of my connection to my ancestors that I was truly able to understand the adversities that the colonists faced, and how relevant their achievements are to modern day.

The passengers of the Mayflower chose to completely uproot their lives in England and Holland, risking everything they had, just so that they could live their lives free from religious oppression. They put their lives on the line in the name of their beliefs, an admirable and inspirational feat. However, their struggles did not end in the New World. Conflicting beliefs and goals amongst groups of passengers on the Mayflower led to hostility and conflicts – ones which needed to be resolved if anyone was going to survive the upcoming winter in a foreign land.

Their solution was the Mayflower Compact, an agreement between the Saints and the Strangers that established self-government and a system for democratic law within the colony. This pact not only allowed for the coexistence of the two groups, but for their survival.

As I head to college, I will be on my own, away from my friends, family, and support structures. In many ways, I will be venturing into the unknown, forming experiences that will be formative to my future. In these times of uncertainty, or during periods of doubt, I will be reminded of the experiences of my ancestors, and their bravery in the face of the uncharted. Against all odds and despite their differences, the passengers of the Mayflower were able to unite, and work together in the name of the greater good.

Their stories and journey have reinforced my personal values, especially my belief in the necessity of unity. Through my past leadership positions, I have seen how vital the role of peacemaker is. The ability to create a common cause among peers and resolve differences is a necessary skill in life; one that I have had to use countless times, and one that I seek to develop further. There are many lessons to be learned from the colonists that rode the Mayflower to their new lives, but in my opinion, their ability to unite is the greatest. It is the reason for their survival, and the pact they formed was so powerful that it went on to influence the US Constitution and our modern-day democracy.

I plan to carry the values of my ancestors with me as I begin this new chapter in my life. I will fight for my beliefs, standing up for what I believe in. I will defend others, and challenge oppression in whatever form it may take. I will seek to resolve differences amongst others, and advocate for unity, peace, and democracy.

1st place: Clay Preusch

Saint Louis, MO

Ancestor: Stephen & Elizabeth Hopkins

Clay's grandfather is James Preusch a member of the Los Angeles Colony

Clay will attend Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio

2nd place winner Eliana Meza-Ehlert
Letter to Mayflower Ancestor

My esteemed cousin Bennet,

Many months have passed since we arrived at last in this new land. Upon arriving at this unfamiliar place, we set out immediately to find a location to settle. Although we did not anchor in our intended destination, I daresay that this place we have chosen will end up bringing forth a plentiful harvest, which we eagerly await. By day, we learned the land and soon we chose a spot upon a hill, from where one can see across to the harbor and the vast sea that extends beyond it, on which to settle. We began gathering the materials we needed to build our shelters, and by night, some of the menfolk returned aboard the Mayflower with the women, while the rest of us camped on shore, near where we intended to begin building. 'Tis not what we would have desired for our womenfolk but they were at least kept dry and warm below deck, safe from the strong gusts of wind that sweep across these parts.



Now, to recount the harsh time that followed. Slowly our homes were built but the days were cold and harsh, food was scarce and many fell ill. After many days spent in agony, weak, listless, and unable to rise, my own goodwife died, without having seen the bounty that this land could provide us. I shall not force the details upon thee, but I shall say that fewer than threescore remain of those who set foot on shore, including the women and children. Thankfully, I was spared that horrid, miserable death. Indeed, I remain as stout and healthy as when we last encountered each other in Lancashire those years ago.

While still at sea, one-and-forty of our number signed a covenant with each other, Saints and Strangers alike. Though I am not fully embraced by their faith nor do I fully embrace theirs, I will readily admit to the import of such a covenant. Without it, I do not doubt that we would have been overcome by the raw hunger that overtakes a man when he is on the brink of death. As men of our word and of good faith, we established order among us, instituting laws that benefit both parties. We agreed to set aside any contempt in favor of "combining our selves together in a civil body politic," as the good William Bradford, who now leads our small community, so declared in our agreement. Now that time has passed and we have begun to see the bounty of our work, I will freely admit that I can picture myself one day becoming the leader of a town in this fair land, using the same structures and covenants that we have established here in Plymouth.

Now, cousin, you may wonder how I could speak a good word of this land when so many perished in her arms. I shall recount to you our partnership with the Indians. Though we were initially wary of them, given the way they attacked us when we were first exploring the land, just recently we have come to an agreement with their leaders that there will be peace between our two groups— we will not harm them, nor will they harm us. Indeed, if any Indian lays a hand on one of us, they will be sent to us for punishment, and if one of our own lays a hand on an Indian, we shall send them to be punished by the offended party. It began one day in March, when an Indian, who I later learned was called Samoset, walked into our camp. Though I was wary then, how glad I am of it now! We were surprised to hear him speak to us in our own tongue, but he soon told us that he had learned our language from explorers, and that he had in fact set foot on our beloved England. Soon after, we established a partnership with him and the other Indian leaders, who have shown us how to cultivate the plants that grow here, and to fish and hunt from the land.

We have also traded with them, and obtained many furs that will keep us warm through winter. Without their guidance, I daresay more of us would have perished. For now, I do little but continue to tend this land, and enforce the laws that we have established in this colony.

I also devote myself to the protection of our property and this community from any threat that might endanger it. And what news of home? How fares the farm, and Little Lizzy? By now, my favorite niece must have passed one-and-ten years! I shall eagerly await your reply.

Plymouth

this second of April, 1621

Yours,

M. Standish

***Eliana Meza-Ehlert 2nd Place Winner 2021 Scholarship program
Personal Essay***

Throughout my childhood, I spent hours lounging beside my father and grandfather as they researched our family history. I would pester them with questions about who our family members had been. Where had they lived?

What had they looked like? Did they enjoy reading as I did?

Though I pondered these questions as thoroughly as I could, I will admit that there were many details that my young mind could not yet appreciate. I later learned more about the history of the Mayflower and the Pilgrims in school, but by then my curiosity had shifted to other things. Researching Myles Standish, my Mayflower ancestor, and studying the Mayflower Compact while working on this scholarship application have given me the opportunity to revisit these wonderings, and to fully grasp many of the awe-inspiring details that I had missed all those years ago.

While researching Standish, I began to picture who he would have been. A tough, stout man (he had to have been, to not even fall ill that very first winter), he would have been quick to flush in anger, but well respected by most. He probably took great pride as the military leader of the colony, and would have enforced the laws of the settlement. When I learned about the Mayflower Compact in fifth grade, I remember that I didn't really grasp its meaning. What was a "civil body of politic" and what did it mean for the Pilgrims to "promise all due submission and obedience?"

All these years later, I can see just how important this compact would have been to the Pilgrims, and how its democratic nature has influenced our country to this day. For all intents and purposes, the Saints and Strangers could have been completely at odds with each other. The Saints did not appreciate the Strangers' lawless ways, and the Strangers could not abide the Saints' constant insistence that they practice a way of life they did not believe in. Despite this, they recognized the value of working together for a common interest, and set aside whatever qualms they may have had about each other to write and sign the Mayflower Compact. Their doing so may have been the reason they were able to survive.

In a time where it can be so easy to focus on what makes us different, remembering the power of focusing on shared goals and similarities is refreshing. In the future, I hope to go into environmental policy. Being able to set aside differences, view the world from another's perspective, and finding common ground are going to be extremely important. The Pilgrims are an example of what can be accomplished when groups with differing values forge an agreement to embrace their commonalities.

2nd Place: Eliana Meza-Ehlert

San Diego, Ca

Ancestor: Myles Standish

Eliana's grandfather is Stephen Ehlert, a member of the San Diego Colony

Eliana will attend Pitzer College, Claremont, California.

3rd Place Winner Ashley Mason
Letter to Mayflower Ancestor

To my son John,

I miss you very much my son. The journey had been very rough indeed but we were finally able to envision the new world. Every passenger on the ship celebrated this discovery, for we might finally have a new start.

Your mother worried about you very often and I am gravely pained to say that she was unable to make it to the land. My dear boy, your mother has perished but we will continue on as we both know she would have desired.

As I now start our new life in this strange, barren new world, we have received a great amount of help from the native people. There is one man who has been by far the most help to us throughout this trek. Squanto is able to speak our English and has many clever ideas on how we can make our new crops grow. Squanto has shown us how to use fish in order to make the soil more fertile, he has also shown us how to better our ways of catching said fish.

That first winter after we had arrived here had been the worst, killing over half of the pilgrims who arrived here. But I had been able to pull through the sickness that overtook our encampment and was elected governor of Plymouth after the demise of our late governor, John Carver. I have since been elected every year.

Our colony held a celebration thanking God for the things we had survived and our successful harvest. We were able to celebrate with the Wampanoag tribe, who provided 5 deer, while we brought the crops and hunted fowl for our feast. Two years after we founded this colony, I married widow Alice Carpenter Southworth. Since then we have had your three new siblings, William, Mercy and Joseph, all three have been able to grow up strong and survive the tough life that the colonies have to offer. I have kept a journal of all the hardships our new people have struggled through thus far. I wrote a new set of laws, the Mayflower Compact. While we began our society with a common store, it soon became apparent that people were not motivated to work hard for the good of all. When I decided to give each family their own plot of land to work and permitted them to benefit from their own harvests, the colony began to thrive. I have also been put in charge of forming policies regarding the Indians and foreigners to establish beneficial relationships.

I have missed you dearly throughout these very tough years, but I know that you will be able to do great things in England and great things are still to come for you. I truly hope that one day you will be able to make the journey to the New World to live in religious freedom that both your mother and I wanted for you and all our people.

With love, Your father,
William Bradford



Ashley Mason 3rd place 2021 scholarship program
Personal Essay

William Bradford was a devoutly religious man who kept detailed records of the journey of the Mayflower and its passengers. His journal includes his handwritten copy of the Mayflower Compact, which influenced future documents establishing the rule of law for the country that would be formed in the new world. I am thankful to have descended from a man who stood up for his beliefs at the great risk of his own personal peril and that of his family. His devotion and sacrifice did not come without great cost. First, he and his wife left their young son in England and then his wife died shortly after the Mayflower reached land. He remained committed to the people he had led and to the establishment of a colony that allowed for religious freedom from the rule of government.

William Bradford has inspired me to stand up for what I believe no matter the cost. I learned from him that it is important to know what I believe and why, because some things are not worth fighting for, while others are of critical importance. I am also inspired by his willingness to be flexible and adapt to new situations. This is evidenced by the fact that the Pilgrims changed ships from the Speedwell to the Mayflower, that they joined together with “Strangers” to make the journey and made a compact with them in order to work for the good of all, that he, personally, moved forward when his wife died and did not let that stop him from success, and that when the young men became lazy because their hard work was not rewarded, but rather given into the common store, William Bradford assigned each family their own plot of land to work which led to prosperity because the people were more industrious. I want to follow his example of knowing when to stand by my beliefs and when to be flexible to the situation and people around me.

We owe it to the Pilgrims and their Mayflower Compact for helping us form a government where the people can decide what is best for the country. The authors saw the importance of a brief, agreeable contract established by the will of the majority of the people. Our representatives would do well to consider this in their law making today. They also established the first form of self-governance on this continent. Additionally, they recognized that all members had equality before God and one another.

Because of these factors in the Mayflower Compact, I believe that we owe our current form of government and democracy to the Pilgrims with their trials and errors. It would serve us well to consider going back to simply written laws that are agreeable to the majority and recognize equality among the citizens. William Bradford and the other Pilgrims were brave people with strong convictions who overcame adversity to achieve success and this encourages me to move forward with passion and strength as I face trials to achieve success in my life.

3rd Place: Ashley Mason

Orcutt, Ca

Ancestor: William Bradford

Ashley's mother is Caryn Mason, a member of the Santa Barbara colony

Ashley will attend Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia

Surgeon's Report

During the last year, I have given three talks on "Medicine at Plimouth Plantation" to the following California colonies:

Sept 12, 2020: Inland Empire Colony
 Apr. 24, 2021: Orange County Colony
 May 22, 2021: Monterrey Colony
 June 5, 2021: Sequoia Colony



I have written newsletter articles related to health care issues of interest to our members. Obviously, these columns have centered on the COVID-19 pandemic. I have also provided medical advice related to meeting safety, social distancing, etc. I am available for talks on a variety of subjects to California colonies on the following subjects:

- Medicine at Plimouth Plantation
- An Introduction to Using DNA in Genealogy Research
- The Medical History of George Washington

Matthew Bowdish MD
 Surgeon

Cousins Sharing

Former Redwood Empire Colony Governor, Wayne Skala, recently met with Matthew Bowdish MD, Ca. State Surgeon to present him with an 18th century medical 'bleeding bowl'.

During a talk on early medicine at a Redwood Empire Colony meeting, Mathew showed a picture of an item Wayne had in his antique collection. So, in recognition of Mathew's continued educational talks about our Mayflower history, Wayne thought he would be the perfect recipient of this historic item. Matt's comment to Wayne as he presented 'the bowl' to him was "I wonder what stories it could tell if it could talk?" Indeed, Wayne too had wondered the same question when he discovered the unidentified bowl years ago.



Incoming Counselor's Report

By Erica Hahn

Yesterday on June 19,2021 I became the very first State Counselor to be elected to the California Society Board of Assistants. I hope to serve you all well and honor the oath administered by Governor General Jane Hurt.

Library Report

Our library is now open for researching. Hours and days are short but we hope to add on times in the upcoming days.

Wednesdays - 1-3:30pm

Fridays - 10am-12:30pm

It is not necessary but helpful, if you would schedule an appointment with Pat Friesen (xjester@aol.com)

Pat Friesen, Library/Office Manager

Junior Membership Chair

The California Mayflower Society continues to accept applications for regular Junior Membership. Junior Life Membership is no longer available. 2021 applications have decreased compared with the high number submitted last year during our 400th anniversary. Please encourage society members with Juniors to include them in upcoming colony events. I have really enjoyed my two year term. My duties have included picking out books to send to new Junior members along with their certificate as well as information about their Mayflower ancestor. Each year Juniors receive a Compact Day greeting mailed to them. It is so important to make sure we have their current mailing address. I had hoped to have a Junior field trip in the summer of 2020. Unfortunately that was not possible. Goals for the next term include updating contact information, having an in-person field trip and having a quarterly newsletter emailed to Junior families.

*Amy Conboy
Junior Membership Chair*

Report from State Historian

This will probably be my last report as State Historian. I want to thank you all and especially Pat Friesen and Ray and Gail Raser for persuading me to take this position on, for Myrt Savage and Mandy Dunkle helping me figure out how to do this job, and David Grinnell for creating the really excellent preliminary review and application form we use and guiding the revision in our bylaws and standing rules applicable to the historian operation.

I have held this job for a year and half and I think it has been a successful transition first started by former State Historian Sue Butler to a system with a number of changes. The biggest change was an application process where we did not collect application fee upfront, but instead when the application was ready to go to Plymouth. This has given us enormous flexibility. The second was creating the position of colony membership chair and working out what role they would play in the application process.

More recently we eliminated the two-step membership approval where an applicant approved by Plymouth then had to be then voted in by the BOA. Now they are members of the California Society as soon as Plymouth approves them.

Finally, we did have to stop accepting life membership applications, as life memberships and especially junior life memberships had become a major financial burden. Newly approved members are now immediately notified that they are members, they are promptly sent welcome letters and membership certificates are being very ably prepared by Sharon Willson of Redwood Empire. In March Plymouth approved 27 new members, in April 11 new members, and in May 24. And they were members of the California Society as soon as Plymouth approved them.

As of June 2021 the historian team is, besides myself, Mandy Dunkle, Diane Douglass, David Grinnell, Dianna Saario and Ken Whittemore. We have a couple new cmcs. Jane Cochrane in Mother Lode, Jan Dougall in Los Angeles.

I want to thank all our assistant historians and colony membership chairs and Susan Oldfield, Sally Johnson and Marlene Mandeville, who have all worked tirelessly on this process. Again thank you all for the support you have given me. I am sure you will do the same for the next State Historian.

*Erica Hanb
Outgoing State Historian*

Outgoing Membership Secretary Report

Since July of 2019, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants has approved membership applications of 566 new members of the California Mayflower Society. But numbers are not the focus of my final Membership Secretary report. Now is the time for me to say thank you.



Outgoing Membership Secretary Sally & Will Johnson

I am deeply grateful for the willingness of fellow state officers, colony officers and members at large to provide the data needed to keep membership records current and accurate. The consistent support of Governor Ray Raser and his Administrative Assistant and wife Gail has been invaluable. Treasurer Susan Oldfield, Historian Erica Hahn and all of the Assistant Historians have significantly improved access to essential information. I have benefitted many times from the help and guidance of Plymouth Applications Manager Darlene Gardner and Membership Coordinators Emily Brockway and Alexandra Cervenak, custodians of the membership and ancestry information that is the heart of our California records. And I want to add a special thank you for the valuable work of colony governors and other colony members who have updated their records and shared that information with me and with Plymouth. Thank you one and all.

This is also the time to look to the future.. Sally Johnson 2019-21 Membership Secretary.

Membership Secretary Report

My name is Kim Pike, the new California Membership Secretary. I would like to start off by thanking Marcia Maloney and Susan Christopher for their nomination and support for this position. I would also like to thank Sally Johnson for providing me with the tools I will need to facilitate a seamless transition of responsibilities.

The society has a broad base of members with varying technical abilities and preferences for sending and receiving information and news. I believe that the current administration has a shared vision of streamlining current processes by eliminating paper, consolidating data, and improving our online capabilities and presence for those members who prefer a digital format, while also continuing to provide a traditional experience for others. I anticipate many calls and emails and Zoom meetings to make that a reality.

I look forward to serving our California members and getting to know as many of you as I can.

*Kim Pike
Membership Secretary*



Colony News

Sequoia Colony

Due to the pandemic, the Sequoia Colony's summer meeting was held via Zoom on June 5th. With 27 attendees, our joint ancestral roll call totaled 62 proven descendants from Mayflower passengers. We were grateful to welcome our speaker Dr. Matthew Bowdish, surgeon on the California Mayflower Society Board of Assistants. Matt gave a fascinating presentation about medicine and disease at Plymouth Plantation, health care principles as they were understood in the 1600s, and the health issues that faced our ancestors in the early years of Plymouth Colony.

Our next meeting will be Saturday November 6th at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park.



*Sharon Winslow Erickson
Sequoia Colony, Governor*

Inland Empire Colony

Our Zoom meeting was held on April 10, 2021. Governor Christopher welcomed the participating members and guest, Tawny Welch from Rancho Conejo Colony. Wayne Staples led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Donna Reid read the Mayflower Pledge. Membership Secretary, Kim Pike introduced new members Robert Christopher, and Rob Richmond. Attending their first meeting with us were members, Jaina Ericson and James Greenway. Each member then introduced themselves, shared where they were from and their ancestor(s).

Rick Clark shared interesting facts from the book "Plymouth Plantation" by William Bradford for the Mayflower Moment. He described how strange the Separatists felt in Amsterdam and after living there for one year they moved to Leiden where they lived for 11-12 years before their journey to the new world.

Former California State Governor, Marcia Maloney, presented the program, "Children of the Mayflower". When the Separatists were living in Leiden they became very concerned about their children adapting to the Dutch culture. The parents wanted their children to grow up with English customs and decided they needed to leave Leiden. Samuel Moore sent his children on the Mayflower because he thought that they did not look like him and wanted them gone. He got divorced and paid for their passage on the ship but did not accompany them.

Large families were common as children were needed to assist with the chores. During the first year, there were fewer deaths among the children. Seventy-five per cent survived, while only 4 women made it through that first year. It was amazing that from this small group it is estimated that there are over 35 million descendants today! Some of our Colony members shared what they knew about the children of their ancestors.

Marcia Maloney, Deputy Governor General, installed the officers for the Inland Empire 2021-2023 term: Susan Christopher, **Governor**; Karen Schwartz, **Assistant Governor** (not Present); Cheryl Ralston Staples, **Recording Secretary**; Wayne Staples, **Treasurer**; Kim Pike, **Communication/Membership Secretary**; and Carol Marderosian, **Elder**.

Minutes from the February 13, 2021 were read by Recording Secretary, Cheryl Ralston Staples. They were approved as read. Wayne Staples, Treasurer, gave our financial report. David Grinnell, Membership Chair reported that we have 4 new members-- Robert Charles Richmond, Robert Bruce Christopher, Tracey Lynn Bridges and Brian Patric Foley, as well as several supplementals. Kim Pike, Communications Secretary, asked that the members check their information in the on-line directory and let her know of any updates/errors. She also reminded members to check in to our Colony's Facebook page.

Our Colony is honoring David Grinnell with a brick on the Commemorative Historian's walkway adjacent to the Genealogy Research Library in Plymouth for his many years of service as a State Historian in both Ohio and California.

The CA Mayflower State Membership meeting on June 19th was announced. The Colony Governor gave an update on the Colony State Fundraiser which we started 18 months ago. Disney has approved awarding us the maximum reward of 20 Disney tickets for our State's volunteer hours on the float and parade but they have delayed in sending them because of the Covid shutdown. Hopefully, we will have them in our possession soon.

Our Elder, Carol Marderosian, informed the membership of the passing of our members: Malcolm Carr, Esther Rognlien, and Diane Watters. A donation has been sent to the State Scholarship fund in memory of each these former members.

The next colony meeting will be held on September 10th at Johnny Russo's Italian Kitchen in Banning. We are fortunate that Cheryl and Wayne Staples found this location for us. We will have a meeting room that can accommodate 70 people. We look forward to the camaraderie of meeting in person and having a great lunch as well!

*Susan Christopher
Inland Empire Colony, Governor*

Alameda Colony

The Alameda Colony is planning on holding their first in person meeting on September 11, 2021. Location and speaker to be announced later. Our normal meeting location became a victim of the Covid virus and is closed permanently. We are in the hunt for a new location.

*Bob Trapp
Alameda Colony, Governor*

Redwood Empire Colony

Our quarterly Colony meeting was held on May 15, 2021, once again via Zoom meeting format. Pledge led by Wayne Skala, Invocation -Sally Johnson, Mayflower Compact-Carol Frieson, Minutes of last meeting-Jane Cochrane, Treasurer's report Toni Kuhry. Current Colony funds as of 5/15/21 are \$3,409.00.

We were honored to have in attendance our State Governor Ray Raser, Ca Quarterly editor Gail Raser, N. Ca. Deputy Governor-elect Kathleen Watson and the day's distinguished speaker



Out going Redwood Empire Colony Governor Wayne Skala (left), presenting our new Governor John McNeill with the Governor's Ribbon & Medal during a luncheon at Catelli's Restaurant in Geyserville, CA on June 9th.

Marston Watson. Our CMC Sharon Willson welcomed our newest members; Mary Adele Black-Smith, Donna Farmer, Janet Brunberg and Jill Brunberg. Coupling self- introductions with 'Roll Call of Ancestors' resulted in 30 families being represented. John Alden and Stephen Hopkins tied for 1st place for the most descendants present, with a total of 6 lines each. The total attendance at the meeting was 24.

We held our biennial Colony election with 100% approval of the slate of officers. Our new Board is Governor- John McNeill, Deputy Governor- Roger Rochlen, Elder- Sally Johnson, Recording Secretary- Carol Friesen, Treasurer-Antoinette Kuhry, and Colony Membership Chair-Jane Cochrane. John McNeill appointed Wayne Skala to be Colony Delegate.

During our discussions after the election, two books regarding our Mayflower history were recommended; our own Colony member Laura Dunn's book, "Arrival 2020" - 400 years of women's and men's history, starting in 1620 and "The Last Pilgrim" by Noelle Granger about the life of pilgrims through Mary Allerton Cushman, a women's perspective. Kathy Watson invited Stephen Hopkins descendants to join the 1st Ca. Hopkins Society. Contact is Kwatson@royalancestry.org.

Roger Rochlen, our program chair introduced our speaker, Marston Watson, who spoke primarily on genealogy relating to his Mayflower ancestor Edward Winslow, a governor of Plymouth Colony. Marston recently published Mayflower Family History (Silver Book) relating to Winslow. "Not only was Winslow chosen Governor three times, but his is the only surviving portrait to be painted from life." Marston is in the process of updating a Silver Book for William White.

Marston is a fascinating and most informative speaker who we were honored to have speak at our meeting. Our next Redwood Colony meeting will be 10:00 AM, Sat. Oct. 2, 2021 speaker & location to be determined. With vaccinations and Covid under control, it will most likely be held through a combination of in person and virtual Zoom format.

*Wayne Skala
Redwood Empire Colony, outgoing Governor*

Rancho Conejo Colony

Our colony was so honored to receive honorable mention for the Eugene Fortine Colony Education Award for 2020! Congratulations to our fellow honorable mention honorees: Orange County Colony and San Diego Colony. And to the winner of the trophy: Foothill Colony!

Congratulations to our Deputy Governor Tawny Welch, new California Mayflower Elder!

On May 1, 2021, Governor Lorraine Kocen welcomed 24 members and guests to our fifth and possibly final, Zoom meeting. Our ancestors were happy to welcome spring after a long winter when over half of the pilgrims had died. And we have so much to look forward to with Covid vaccination.

Our Meeting opens: The invocation of Chaplain Shari Worrell included thanks for staying safe during the pandemic. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Anne Fisher.

Patriotic Song: God Bless America by Kate Smith from “This is the Army”. Future President Ronald Reagan appears. New Member Shirley Vivion gave a thoughtful reading of Mayflower Compact. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library reopened in May.

Roll Call: Descendants of Alden, Allerton, Billington, Bradford, Brewster, Browne, Chilton, Cooke, Doty, Fuller, Hopkins, Howland, More, Standish, Tilley and Warren were in attendance.

Introduction of Guests: Ray Raser, California Governor, and Gail Raser, Editor, California Mayflower Quarterly, attended.

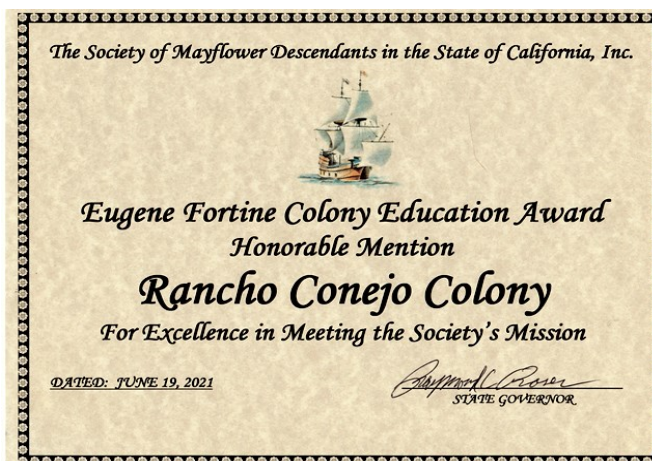
Introduction of New Members: we are excited to welcome Lolita Smith, descendant of Myles Standish.

Colony BYLAW Review: is complete and the updated bylaws will be included in the 2021 Yearbook, to be issued this summer.

Program: Tawny Welch introduced Dr. Michaela Reaves, from California Lutheran University, who presented “Salem: Was it Witchcraft?” Dr. Reaves held us spellbound with the background leading to the New England Witch trials and executions and her theories on their causes.

Benediction: Chaplain Shari Worrell closed the meeting with thanks for our continuing health.

Next Meeting: We invite you to our next meeting on August 28, 2020 hopefully at Los Robles Greens. Our program will be the Return of Guy Walker, “The English Reformation leading to the Mayflower Sailing in 1620” Part II.



Lorraine Kocen
 Rancho Conejo Colony, Governor

San Joaquin Valley Colony

The San Joaquin Valley Colony met at Governor Susan Oldfield's house for our May meeting.

Alden Owen, a new member of our colony, gave a presentation on John Alden. During the presentation we learned many interesting facts regarding the Alden family and their descendants. The land grants given to the Alden family by Plymouth Plantation totaled approximately 100 acres. That land later became part of the town of Duxbury. Today, the 2.5 acres on which the Alden House sits is all that remains of those original land grants. The land remains within the Alden family, it may be the longest continuously owned family property in America. For more information on this historic property please visit the **Alden House Historic Site** and the **Alden Kindred Of America** websites.



Dianna Saario, Jane Hurt, Susan Oldfield



Alden Owen

Governor, Susan Rae Oldfield, and Deputy Governor, Diana Saario attended the Membership Meeting in Irvine, mid-June. It was wonderful to meet the General Society Governor, Jane Hurt. Susan handed over her Treasurer position to Harvey Soldan of the Foothill Colony. Everyone was so happy to meet in person, trade genealogy stories and share Colony events. Our next meeting will be held at Andiamo's in Clovis, November 6. Speaker not yet determined.

*Susan Rae Oldfield (contributions from Dan Cabe)
San Joaquin Valley Colony*

Santa Barbara Colony

Santa Barbara Colony presented out going Governor Ray Garrett with a framed copy of the Mayflower Compact. The new board was installed by Deputy Governor South Scott Miller.



Elected officers included:

Gregg Garrison, Governor
Ron Zell, Assistant Governor
Marj Friestad, Elder
Jay Williams, Treasurer
Tami Wilkening, CMC.



Gavin Garrison presented the Program on Mayflower in the Movies.

*Ray L. Garrett
Former Santa Barbara Colony, Governor*

Foothill Colony

Congratulations Foothill Colony! We won the coveted Gene Fortine Award for the being the best Colony over the last term (2019-2021) to promote educating the public about our Mayflower passengers! Our colony is the newest and the smallest colony in California, only organized in October of 2019, with only one in-person meeting in November 2019, before the shutdown of the State of California in March 2020. But despite these obstacles, we did our job! Wow!



So, how did we accomplish this feat? We provided outstanding programs to our members, we donated money to the State Scholarship Fund and 8 Silver Books to the Southern California Genealogical Society in Burbank, we sent out rosters to our members along with newsletters to keep everyone informed. But that wasn't all! Many of our members were very involved in the 2020 Rose Parade®. We had numerous members decorating "The Voyage of Hope – 1620", others worked at "Live on Green", and at the Showcase of Floats

after the Rose Parade. We had nine members actually on the float and another riding alongside on a Honda scooter, a member of the Tournament of Roses Association! It was incredible!

We also participated in Museum and Library displays – in Pasadena Public Library, Channel Islands Maritime Museum (coordinated by Rancho Conejo Colony), and Mission Viejo Library (coordinated by Orange County Colony). We had TV and Radio Coverage at KTLA, NPR and Pasadena Community video "Off the Shelf" to educate others about our Mayflower Passengers. Members were interviewed for the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and Orange County Register. Twenty programs were provided to the public. Rotary clubs, Kiwanis clubs, historical societies, church groups, social clubs, libraries, lineage societies, and seniors. We have educated the public about our ancestors and their remarkable voyage, supported Mayflower projects (even during a pandemic) and look forward to carrying on the work of our Society in the future.



Along with winning the Gene Fortine Award, the Foothill Colony Governor was pleased to see two of our own be elected to the State Society Executive Board in June 2021 - Harvey Soldan as State Treasurer and Erica Hahn as Counselor. Yes, Foothill Colony is new and small, but we are contributing to our objective in so many ways! Thank you to all members who continue to do their part to pass on the heritage of our Pilgrim Ancestors.

*Carole Curran
Foothill Colony, Governor*

San Diego Colony

Our spring meeting took place on Saturday, May 22nd 2021. About 70 descendants and friends gathered via Zoom to participate in the meeting. In addition to the rituals, the Pilgrim Roll Call, reports, and announcements, we had two presentations.

The program was presented by British author Richard Holledge. His topic was, “*Let’s Hear It for the Mayflower Mothers,*” which was inspired by his book, *Voices of the Mayflower*. Richard Holledge is a journalist who worked for many United Kingdom newspapers: former assistant editor of *The Sunday Mirror*, editor of *Wales on Sunday*, assistant editor of *The Independent* and executive editor of the *Times of London*. He has freelanced for several newspapers including *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Daily Mail*, *The New European* and *Gulf News*. His other books include *The Scattered*, an account of the ethnic cleansing of French-speaking people from Nova Scotia by the British; *Reverse Ferret*, a satire on the British press (under the witty pseudonym W.H. Boot); and *Life and Chimes*, a collection of football columns. He gave a fascinating presentation on the women of the Mayflower live from London, England.



Richard Holledge

In addition, there was a short video on the Native People whom the Mayflower passengers first met: Samoset, Tisquantum (Squanto), and Massasoit.

We also congratulated the three winners of our San Diego Colony scholarship. This year we received five scholarship applications, and our board voted to award three scholarships. This year our three winners are:

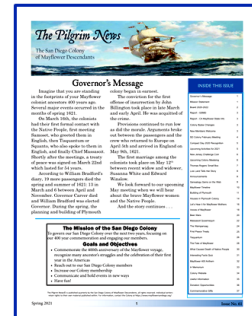
- 1st place: Marjorie MacDonald
- 2nd place: Jadon Whittemore
- 3rd place: Dana Cooper

Our Compact Day meeting will be held on November 20, 2021 commemorating the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving/Harvest Festival. Our presentation will highlight three major events that will have taken place since the last meeting: our participation in the Coronado 4th of July parade, the celebration at Plymouth, Massachusetts in September, and our Plimoth Plantation West event in October 2021. Our winter meeting in February 2022 will feature Caleb Johnson, world recognized Mayflower historian, who will present on some of his latest research.



Caleb Johnson

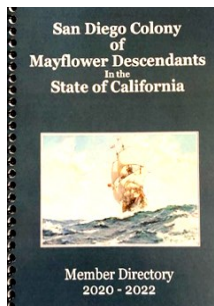
Our 37-page spring edition of the San Diego Colony *Pilgrim News* was published in early May. It was full of interesting timelines and facts about what happened to our ancestors 400 years ago in the spring of 1621.



Kudos to Bill Peters, our editor!

Our first entry in the Coronado 4th of July parade will take place on Saturday, July 3rd. We have five cars as well as about 35 walkers and riders entered in the parade, many wearing their 1620 period attire as we celebrate the 400th year commemoration.

On October 30, 2021 we will be holding our Plimoth Plantation West in Balboa Park featuring displays on the lives of our ancestors and commemorating the 400-401th anniversary.



Our new San Diego Colony Directory was published in early spring 2021, and it was well received by our members.

In fall of 2021, we plan to publish our *San Diego Colony Mayflower 1620-2020 Cookbook*. Our cookbook will include recipes of our ancestors that were used 400 years ago as well as favorite Thanksgiving family recipes of our colony members and friends.

Members from all colonies are welcome to join in our events.

Kathleen Loftman
San Diego Colony, Governor

Los Angeles Colony

In the Spring Mayflower Quarterly, I had given a tentative plan for an in-person meeting in Past Colony Governor Cal Cahoon's backyard so that coronavirus precautions could be taken. However, construction delays on a major renovation to Governor Cahoon's home has made that venue unavailable. Due to that development together with the increased spread of the dangerous Delta mutation of the coronavirus and the lagging vaccination rates in the county, this summer's tentative meeting has been cancelled. Our next colony meeting will hopefully be held in our normal Compact Day celebration location of the Tam O'Shanter restaurant in the Los Feliz area. We will all be especially thankful if conditions allow us to meet there again in person.

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

Orange County Colony

The OC Colony had a great April Annual Meeting on April 24th, via Zoom. A highlight of this meeting is the announcement of our OC Colony Scholarship winners. Normally, we would have three winners, but our fourth-place winner was so close to the others, that we gave him a special Scholarship from the "Jim Blauer Memorial Educational Fund".

Here are the winners of the 2021 OC Colony Scholarships:

First Place: Michelle Grogan - \$1500

Second Place: Megan Taylor - \$1000

Third Place: Keziah Olsen - \$500

"Jim Blauer Memorial Education Fund" Scholarship Winner:

Micah Nowlin - \$250



Thank you, each if you for writing such powerful essays on the topic: "*Jamestown and Plymouth were the earliest English Colonies established in America. Compare and Contrast those two colonies, describing what each colony did to establish themselves and long-term settlements.*" Thank you, Susan Knowles, for managing the OC Colony Scholarship Committee and the team of essay readers.



The 2022 Scholarship topic will be announced this fall for all eligible College or University Students with an approved connection to the OC Colony.

Our speaker at our April Meeting was Dr. Matthew Bowdish, the State Surgeon and a member of the Mother Lode Colony. His topic was *“Medicine of the Plymouth Colony”*. It was so interesting to hear how our ancestors took care of different ailments and what remedies they conjured up. One thing about it, I’m so thankful I’m living today with the advances we’ve made in medicine and health care. It is interesting to find out what has come down to us as remedies that are still in use today from back then. If your Colony needs a great speaker, we highly recommend Dr. Bowdish to you. Thank you, Dr. Bowdish, for your great presentation!

We will be getting together for a special fundraiser on July 31st to do a *“OC Colony Team Beer Brewing Event”* at the Citizen Brewers in San Diego. All proceeds from the three or four brews we are going to make are going to our *400th Anniversary Celebration at the Bower’s Museum* that will be held on June 4th, 2022. Things are moving full speed ahead for that signature event. More info to come as we near the delivery of the invitations for those interested in attending. Please watch for the announcement.

Finally, we are going to be having our first in-person meeting, since March 2020, for our Compact Day on Saturday, November 20th. The location is still to be determined, but we are excited to finally be getting together. Our *OC Colony Marketplace* will be open and the revealing of the brews we made in July will be presented then with those and other opportunities to give donations for the *400th Anniversary Celebration at the Bower’s Museum* will be made available at that time. Pilgrim Blessings!

Scott Miller
Orange County Colony, Governor

Mother Lode Colony

The final Mother Lode Colony meeting for the current program year was held virtually on April 24, 2021, with 29 participants. Three new members were acknowledged and welcomed. The Ancestor Roll Call reported 63 ancestral connections, the top two being Stephen Hopkins with nine descendants present and John Alden with seven.

Jennifer Smith briefed fellow members on an effort to reclaim the Wampanoag language and teach it to young tribal members. Her proposal that we designate this project as a Colony philanthropy and provide monetary support was met with enthusiasm. In the course of discussion, it was suggested that this could be a good philanthropic outreach opportunity for other colonies and even for the California State Society. In addition to a Mother Lode Colony contribution, many thought it would be a good idea to facilitate individual donations from members. Jennifer will provide additional information and possible next steps will be discussed at the September Colony meeting.

Mary Basso, the Colony Membership Chair (CMC), has launched our new three-person Membership Committee. Their initial task will be completing clean-up of the contact information on the Colony’s member roster and establishing a system for ongoing maintenance of that information, working in cooperation with the Colony’s Email Coordinator.

They will also support work of the CMC, welcome members at meetings, maintain the name tags worn at meetings, and communicate with elderly members who do not have email.

Once again, any Mother Lode Colony member who has not received an email or telephone call from us, should confirm correct contact information with Bonnie Brown, Email Coordinator, at blbrown@gold-country.us or me at eware2757@att.net.

The first meeting of the 2021-2022 program year will be on September 18, 2021. We sincerely hope it will be possible to resume our customary in-person luncheon meetings at that time. Members will receive an email meeting notice with full information.

*M. Elizabeth Ware
Mother Lode Colony Governor*

San Francisco Peninsula Colony

Upon receiving the Colony roster, we analyzed the makeup of our membership and found a large number of Life members who did not have email addresses. The Colony communicates solely by email (decision made in 2014). A snail mail survey was sent to the 65 members. We received 12 responses each identifying their email address. Through this process, we hope to increase attendance at our events.

Please visit our website for more details about our Colony www.mayflowersf.org. If you are not receiving our emails, please either contact me or email your contact info to: sfmayflower@gmail.com.

*Kathy Watson
San Francisco Peninsula Colony, Governor*

San Diego Colony in Coronado July 4th Parade



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