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Message from the Governor

Greetings, Texas Mayflower Members and Friends!

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve as the Texas Mayflower Society Governor for the 2021-2023 term. I am grateful to the Dallas/Fort Worth Colony for nominating me for the position.

A very special "THANK YOU" to Judie Allen, our immediate former Governor, and her team for guiding us through a couple of very difficult years caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Judie always kept that sweet smile on her face and



Governor Prarie Counce

had a positive attitude throughout all the adjustments and cancellations. Judie, you showed us how to take lemons and make lemonade!

The newly elected and appointed officers, committee chairpersons, Colony Governors, and other members on the Board of Assistants/Directors (BOA) are excited to get to work and I am looking forward to working with all of them. We have a list of the 2021-2023 leadership team elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website: texasmayflower.com. Also on the website, you will find the updated bylaws, meeting minutes, and officer and committee reports.

As some of the first duties as Texas Mayflower Governor, I had the pleasure of installing newly elected officers for the Central Texas Colony and the Waco Colony. Congratulations to all Colony Officers!

Four hundred years ago in 1621, there was a lot going on in the new settlement of Plymouth Colony. Please read the article in this newsletter that provides a revisit to the colony in those early days when they spent a lot of time focusing on "Indian affairs." Our Mayflower ancestors were then the immigrants and minorities in a "new country."

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Message from the Governor, continued

Our Historians remain busy taking care of new member applications, transfers-in, and supplementals. If you are reading this newsletter and think you may have a "Mayflower connection" you have not acted on yet, contact them for direction in your search: historian@texasmayflower.org.

Elizabeth Danford, Texas Mayflower Society webmaster, has been working hard on our website to organize and update information. Check out the TXSOMD website and contact her with information and suggestions: https://www.texasmayflower.com/contact-us. If you are a member and do not yet have access to the "members only" section of the website, she can help you get set up.

Education Chair, Sandra Sauers, and Junior Chair, Peggy Marsh, are combining efforts to provide a very special educational webinar on **October 24** for our Juniors, sponsors, families and, as space allows, TXSOMD members. Our Juniors will get to hear from the artist, Karen Rinaldo, who painted <u>First Thanksgiving: 1621</u> with the 90 Natives included at the first harvest feast. She will be joined by co-author of the book, <u>In the Wake of the Mayflower: The First Encounter</u>, with Kevin Doyle.

One of the busiest officers in this organization is the Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Powers. Nancy maintains our database of members, entering every new member with all their accompanying information. Nancy makes changes in mailing addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers. Nancy provides monthly reports to our Board of Assistants and to Plymouth (GSMD). She takes care of, or redirects, all of the correspondence coming her way. She is the one who makes the lovely certificates for Life Members. Thank you, Nancy, for all the work you do and the many hours you spend on this volunteer job!

The 2021-2023 Yearbook will be either emailed to you if you have an email address on file, or postal mailed to you. If you have an email address and would like to also have a hard copy of the Yearbook, please contact Publications Chair Peggy Marsh, adding the word, yearbook in the subject line of your email to: peggysmarsh@comcast.net.

The Yearbook will not contain the membership roll information as this information is now kept on the "members only" area of the website. We're trying to keep our members' contact information as safe and secure as possible, but still available to our members. The Yearbook will be published and distributed in the Summer of 2021.

Planning is already underway for the **2022 Texas Mayflower State Annual Meeting**. It will be held in **San Antonio on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2, 2022**. In order to participate in the activities (river cruise, museum visit, and bus tour of missions) planned for Friday, April 1st, you will want to arrive at the hotel on Thursday, March 31st. We'll have more detailed information in the next newsletter, but please go ahead and mark your calendar for this important event. It will be fun to get together again and to party like a Pilgrim!

Thank you for being part of our Mayflower Family,

Prarie

Howdy Pilgrim

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Save the Tate - 2022 State Meeting

March 31 - April 3, 2022
Texas Mayflower Society State Meeting
San Antonio





SAVE THE DATE
2022 State Meeting
March 31 - April 3
Tours planned include:
River Barge, Missions, Alamo,
and Briscoe Museum of
Western Art
More details to come...









Plan to join your

Mayflower cousins in

San Antonio next year

for a long-overdue

State Meeting and a

Friday of fun.

Activities will include a river barge tour, a visit to the San Antonio Missions, a tour of the Briscoe Museum of Western Art and a procession to the Alamo.

Mark your calendars to arrive in the Alamo
City on Thursday,
March 31, and depart
on Sunday, April 3,
2022.

Bienvenidos a San Antonio, y'all!

The San Antonio Colony

TRIVIA DE SAN ANTONIO: What is the altitude of San Antonio?

3 feet 60 feet 701 feet

See page 17 for the answer.

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Sunday, October 24, 2021 1:00 p.m. Central Time

A cost-free virtual lecture with special guests, Karen Rinaldo and Kevin Doyle, co-authors of "In the Wake of the Mayflower - The First Encounter," and Karen Rinaldo, artist of the iconic painting,

"The First Thanksgiving – 1621,"



will be presented with Texas Juniors, sponsors and their families in mind. The lecture will be available to 500 attendees, with Juniors and their family members registering first. Texas Mayflower Society members are also invited to join this special virtual lecture at no cost and will register as indicated below.

This 2021 commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the first harvest feast, is a Governor Counce, Education Committee, Juniors Committee, Ad Hoc 2020 Committee and BOA-backed project to provide education for our Juniors and members. Karen and Kevin will share their knowledge in a memorial to the 1620 arrival of the Pilgrims and include a commemoration of the feast that brought two cultures together in the early fall of 1621. A sincere thank you to Sandra Sauers for the many emails to Karen in arranging the web lecture.

Registration for the Sunday, October 24, 2021, 1:00 p.m. Central, virtual lecture:

- Juniors, sponsors and their family members may begin registering immediately.
- Texas Mayflower Society members who are not Junior sponsors, may register from August 24 through October 23.
- On the subject line of your registration response, please type "Virtual Lecture."
- In the body of your email, type your name, phone number and the email address you will use when joining the virtual lecture on October 24.
- Please send to: peggysmarsh@comcast.net.

Registered Juniors and society members will receive an email reminder of the virtual lecture on October 20. On the morning of **October 24**, a link and instructions for joining the webinar will be in your inbox. Please email Peggy before noon if you do receive the instructions for the lecture.

October 24 Web Recture, continued



Kevin Doyle and Karen Rinaldo are Cape Cod historians who researched for many years and now present stories of life after the arrival of *Mayflower*, highlighting the mutual respect between the Pilgrims and the indigenous Wampanoag, with interesting facts throughout the fifty years of peace that ended with King Philip's War.

"In the Wake of the Mayflower, The First Encounter," was written to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing in the New World. The great love of history these two Cape Codders share is revealed in their book that, "connects the dots" of our American heritage.

Karen Rinaldo is a visual historian. She combined the passion of art and love of history, in the first iconic and historically accurate painting of the famous feast, "The First Thanksgiving – 1621." The painting, pictured right, includes Governor William Bradford, Wampanoag leader Massasoit, the English-speaking Squanto, Priscilla Mullins (later Alden) holding Oceanus Hopkins and Peregrine



White, the first English child born in America. The scene also depicts the mutual respect between 91 Native Americans and the new settlers in Plymouth Colony.

We are very fortunate that the backdrop for their virtual presentation will be the detailed painting she created, now on exhibit at the Museums on the Green in Falmouth.

To purchase the book, a print or notecards of the painting, you may visit the GSMD website/Shop or Plimoth Patuxet website/Shop.

Kevin Doyle is a writer and lecturer on historic places and events. His curiosity has inspired him to look for subjects that may be fading from the public memory but deserve to be revived and celebrated. Kevin is a retired combat veteran and has spent his career in life-long education after getting his master's degree in Education in 1972.

"We are surrounded by incredible beauty and history..."
- Karen Rinaldo

Karen Rinaldo knew art would be in her future when she was very young and has been depicting beautiful Cape Cod through her art since she was a teen. A move to the Cape in 1971, and a work-in studio and gallery in Falmouth, furnished her with the vistas and historical events she loves: "We are surrounded by incredible beauty and history."

Book Review

In the Wake of the Mayflower - The First Encounter By Karen Rinaldo and Kevin M. Doyle, Illustrations by Karen Rinaldo

Reviewed by Sandra Sauers, Houston Colony

The authors give the readers a wonderful historical fact-filled glimpse into the towns and the people who founded these towns. Karen and Kevin outline the events that occurred from the Pilgrims in Leiden, their religion and their purpose in leaving for the "New World" and their "First Encounter" with the natives. The reader will appreciate the detail about the contacts and history that the Pilgrims had with the local natives, i.e. the facts surrounding the relationships between the two very different cultures.

"The First Thanksgiving 1621," painted by Karen Rinaldo, is a masterpiece that illustrates a visual history of what is felt to be the most accurate depiction between the relationship between the Pilgrims and Indians.

The reader will find that the authors give you a brief tour of the town's that were founded by the Pilgrims and early settlers. For instance, an early explorer **Gosnold Bartholomew**, is reported to be the "Discoverer" of Cape Cod. In **1602** he was the first English explorer to give names to places. A short history of about who he was is just one of the many fascinating facts you will find in this book.

"Almost all of Cape Cod was the territory of the Nauset Tribe when the Pilgrims arrived in the New World."

You will find that the book talks about King Philip, Wampanoag Leader who led the Native revolt. **Did you know how he got the name Philip?** If not, there is a brief explanation. Many, like myself, prefer a brief overview rather than an entire book. This is the reason that I enjoyed this book, it covers so much history in a compact manner. One reviewer said it was like a travelogue and I agree, it points out the most important historical facts that happened with the Pilgrims and Indians and the interesting details about the surrounding land that belonged to the Nauset Tribe and the towns that were founded on this land.

A large section of the book gives you an overview of the history of these towns on Cape Cod, i.e. Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, Wellfleet, and Yarmouth. A short history of the town allows the reader to find interesting facts, i.e. **Did you know that in 1903 Guglielmo Marconi engineered the first transatlantic, wireless broadcast from Marconi Beach?** It was a greeting from President Theodore Roosevelt to King Edward VII in England.

I was delighted in finding information that I was not aware of, i.e. **"Indian Rock"** which is known as the Natives' Sharpening Stone. There are four large boulders that were left behind by glaciers. The largest rock in Eastham is called "Indian Rock" because the Nauset's used this

Book Review, continued

rock to sharpen their weapons and tools. In 1965, the rock was re-positioned as part of the National Seashore development plan. It is "literally the only ancient relic that survives from the indigenous population." The readers will find that this book contains many such interesting facts about the Nauset and Wampanoag tribes.

In 1644, the Town of Eastham was settled by 14 families who left Plymouth to find more room and better land to grow crops. Here the authors address a subject that has been discussed over generations: did the Pilgrims and early settlers pay for the land they lived on? The Town of Eastham was settled by 14 families. These families were known as the "**Purchasers.**" Readers will recognize many of the men named in the book. You will have to read the book to find out what these men purchased and from whom. Hint: the town was originally called Nauset. Constance Hopkins Snow and Nicholas Snow are some of the first residents of Eastham (then known as Nauset). They are buried in the Cove Burying Ground along with many other *Mayflower* passengers.

Did you know that Chief Aspinet's daughter married one of the "Purchasers?" Who was this man?

This is a fantastic book to read because you will find topics that we all may know, but then a page will reveal something quite unknown.

Most of us enjoy the sight of a lighthouse. Again, the authors take you into a vivid history of this beautiful Nauset Lighthouse called "Nauset Light."

English explorer, Captain Thomas Hunt and his involvement with Chief Aspinet and the Nauset Indians is another section that describes the involvement between Captain Hunt, Chief Aspinet and Squanto, who aided the Pilgrim's that first year in Plymouth. The books also recounts the story of young John Billington being kidnapped by Chief Aspinet.

This book gives the readers a good account of the reality that faced the Indians and portrays the good and the bad that was seen between the Pilgrims, early settlers and the Indians. As I quote from the book, "With "feet in two canoes," the indigenous tribe has survived and honored their past." Earl H Mills, Sr., Chief Flying Eagle, Chief of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.



Readers of this book will be astounded by the many topics inside its pages. Details and events about individual towns and their history. The sailing, landing and first encounter of the Pilgrim's with the Indian's are just a few of the unique stories you will find inside the pages. The book itself is arranged like a journal which is appropriate, as this is what it achieves, a journey of the people and places where the pilgrims, the early settlers and Native Indians lived and how they interact with each other.

"In the Wake of the Mayflower – The First Encounter," may be purchased on the websites of GSMD/Shop link and Plimoth Patuxet/Shop link, along with prints and notecards of the painting "The First Thanksgiving."

Spring Meetings

The **Central Texas Colony** officers for 2021-2023 were installed by Texas Mayflower Governor, Prarie Counce during the spring meeting:

Governor Betty Prince

Deputy Governor Susan Goldsworthy

Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Colony Historian
Elder
Captain

Jill Cornelius
Curtis Wyman
Barbara Alvarez
Charles Mangum
Sheila Simmons
Dorothy Greene

BOA Representative Dwight Benson

A draft presentation of one of the Education Committee's Dramatic Pilgrim Readings was given by Lynn Tunison. The videos are being prepared for presentation this year in the local schools and libraries. Both Lynn Tunison and Ann Bell are busy working out the technical details of video stories of the Pilgrims. Adult volunteers are needed to read the adult Pilgrim roles in these videos. Youth are needed to read young Pilgrim roles such as Ann Chilton, John Howland and John Cooke. We think the children watching these videos and will relate better to other children reading them. Many of our children have been in school plays or other drama activities. This is a good way to use this experience. To volunteer, please contact Lynn Tunison: lynn@tunison.net. Parental permission forms are available by contacting bettyprince25@gmail.com.

The Costume Committee is working to assemble the Pilgrim Costumes that will be needed for the dramatic reading videos both for adults and for youth readers. Collars, cuffs, aprons and hats from the Pilgrim era are being made. If you sew and would like to help contact Dorothy Greene dm77greene@gmail.com or Betty Prince bettyprince25@gmail.com. Patterns are available. We are still hoping to get many of us into Pilgrim costume in time for the Compact Day meeting in November.

We are preparing to offer a \$1000 Scholarship in the Spring of 2022, to a graduating senior who is a blood-line descendant of a member of our colony. In preparation for this, we need to know how many youth are associated with our colony and what age group they fall into. They need to be Texas residents but do not need to live in Central Texas. Our new Colony Historian, Charles Mangum, will be collecting this information. Please send Charles an e-mail with information on number of descendants you have younger than 18 in Texas and their age or grade ranges: charlesmangum7@aol.com.

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Spring Meetings, Pentral Texas continued

Any TXSOMD member can become a colony member by sending your \$10.00 dues to our Treasurer, Barbara Alvarez at 2320 Zoa Drive, Cedar Park, TX 78613-1719. To make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, please send this also to Barbara Alvarez with a note on the check that it is for the Colony Scholarship Fund.

It seems likely that we will be able to meet in person for our Compact Day Luncheon in November. The date for the meeting has been set as Saturday November 6, 2021 at 11:00. Please put this date on your calendars. The location has not yet been fixed.

Betty Prince, Central Texas Governor

The **Corpus Christi Colony**

met for their biannual spring meeting on Saturday, April 10, for a potluck lunch in the home of incomina Colony Governor, Charlie Bass and his wife, Mary Kate. A program about *Mayflower* sites in England, Holland and Boston was presented for



The Corpus Christi Colony Officers:

those interested in Jacquie Perabo, Governor Charlie Bass, outgoing Governor, Kellie Mathieu and Nancy Parker traveling in the coming year. Our Compact Day meeting is set for 11:30 on Saturday, November 20, and all are welcome to attend. The location is to be determined.



Between 2003 and 2011, for nine consecutive years, Corpus Christi was declared the "Birdiest City" in the nation, with more individual species counted than any other city.

Spring Meetings, continued

Dallas-Fort Worth Colony had an in-person spring meeting on Saturday, April 17th at the Parr Park Pavilion in Grapevine. The weather was unexpectedly cold for April and COVID turned our usual pot luck into a bring-your-own-lunch event. Like our ancestors, we pushed forward and conducted our meeting, electing a new slate of officers for the upcoming term:

Governor John McWilliams, IV **Deputy Governor** Steven Gray Lesley Johnson **Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary** Kimberley Calaway Robert Pope Jr. Treasurer Historian Alice Stone Elder Kent Hopkins Cathy Bambenek Captain Steven Gray **BOA** Rep





Spring Meetings, Sallas-Fort Worth, continued



Scholarship recipient, Emily Singer and Scholarship Chair, Jean deSchweinitz, Ph.D.

Jean Howard deSchweinitz, Ph.D., DFW Colony, SOMD Scholarship Chair, presented two scholarships this year, to Mr. James Imhof and Ms. Emily Singer. Mr. Imhof is the first place recipient and he graduated from Jesuit College Preparatory School in Dallas last spring. His scholarship is in the amount of \$1000.00.

Ms. Singer is the second place recipient and she graduated from Mansfield Lake Ridge High School. Her scholarship is in the amount of \$500.00. Ms. Singer was

able to attend our Spring Colony meeting along with her mother and grandparents who are SOMD members.

Both are tentatively committed to New York area universities for the

Fall Semester - Mr. Imhof to Fordham University and Ms. Singer to the Pratt Institute. They both excel in school and extracurricular activities, and wrote outstanding essays about the *Mayflower* crossing.

Our colony has been blessed with a generous donor, and this year we were able to offer two scholarships to these deserving students. We offer Scholarship recipient Congratulations and Best Wishes to both of them as they continue their academic careers. We shall continue to offer scholarships to area students who are junior members of SOMD in future years.

John L. McWilliams, IV DFW Colony Governor

More than thirty **Houston Colony** members met virtually for their April 24, 2021, spring meeting and



a wonderful presentation, "Living on Leyden." Houston member, Lisa Pennington



and GSMD Counselor General, shared interesting details of the beautiful and historic home that she and husband,

David, purchased on Carver Street, the street which curves to becomes Leyden Street. Before being named Leyden Street, it was First Street; before that, it was simply called The Street by

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Spring Meetings, Couston Polony, continued

Mayflower colonists as they constructed their structures on either side of ... The Street. The 1747 home has artifacts to prove its age. The many two hundred seventy-four-year-old hand forged nails found in the soil, is only a small part of its interesting past. The home had once been owned by Mayflower descendants and today, its historical legacy continues with its current descendants, Lisa and her family.

During the meeting Houston Colony Scholarships were awarded to two deserving ladies, Allison and Ashley Sharer, recent graduates of The Woodlands High School. They have been active in Houston Colony Juniors since they were young and we wish them success at Texas Tech and the University of Arkansas. Each of their schools will receive \$1620.

Officers for Houston Colony were elected and installed for the 2021-2023 term:

Governor Steve Williams
Deputy Governor Nancy Powers
Recording Secretary Pat Williams
Corresponding Secretary Dana Gray
Treasurer Sandy Sauers
Historian Sheryl Schilling
Elder Bart Henson

Captain Kelly Sharer and Jason Sharer

Counselor Mike Evans BOA Rep Charles Prince



Tyler Colony met on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Officers were elected to serve for 2021-2023:



Governor, James Walker Deputy Governor, Carolyn McCall Recording Secretary, Glen Alden Corresponding Secretary, Carol Boone

Treasurer, Glen Alden Historian, Betty Jean Couch Elder, Paula Patterson BOA Rep, James Walker Captain, Open

Spring Meetings, continued

The **Waco Colony** TSOMD met May 1, 2021 at La Madeline's Café in Waco. Special guests Governor Prarie Counce and Past Governor Judie Allen were in attendance and we were able to witness Governor Counce receiving the gavel and medal for her new Texas State office. Both ladies shared ideas to help grow Waco Colony. Our "Mayflower Minute" was presented by Barbara Coan on her Ancestor John Howland.

Governor Prarie Counce installed the following officers for the 2021-2023 term:

Governor, Judy Baker
Deputy Governor, Barbara Coan
Treasurer, Peter Kultgen
Secretary, Ann Harder
Captain, Belinda Summers
Elder, Wanda Vestal



Texas Governor Prarie Counce installing Waco Colony officers.



Barbara Coan presenting Mayflower Minute for her ancestor, John Howland



Wanda Vestal, Ann Harder, Judy Baker and Barbara Coan



Waco members, special guests and new a colony member, attending virtually

400 Pears Ago in Elymouth Colony - 1621

By Governor Prarie Counce

A continuation of 400 Years Ago in Plymouth Colony will appear in the next newsletter.

Four hundred years ago in 1621, our *Mayflower* ancestors were laboring to build their storehouses and homes all through the winter months of December, January, and February.

Throughout those long months, women and even the children, cared for the sick aboard the ship. Forty-five of the 102 *Mayflower* passengers died in the winter of 1620-1621. Half of the sailors died. Many people died from scurvy and other diseases. Some of them probably died from the exposure of wading back and forth to the shallop in bitter cold water, from working hard during inclement weather conditions in the harsh New England winter, from lack of shelter, or from unsanitary conditions onboard the ship.



Samoset and the Pilgrims, book engraving 1835

However, things began to turn around for our *Mayflower* ancestors in the spring. In March, a member of an Abenaki tribe named Samoset, who was residing in Maine at the time, was in the area visiting Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag tribe. Samoset learned of the new English immigrants who brought women and children and who were building houses and decided to pay them a visit. We know of Samoset because our ancestors wrote descriptions of how he walked into their village and welcomed them in English. Samoset had learned his broken English from the English fishermen

that came to fish off Monhegan Island, Maine. According to William Bradford's own words in *Of Plymouth Plantation*, "He (Samoset) became profitable to them in acquainting them with many things concerning the state of the country in the east parts where he lived which was afterwards profitable unto them; as also of the people here, of their names, number and strength, of the situation and distance from this place, and who was chief amongst them." Samoset "told us the place where we now live is called Patuxet, and that about four years ago all the inhabitants died of an extraordinary plague." Samoset told them about a "native of this place" whose name was Tisquantum, or Squanto, as our ancestors called him. He told them Tisquantum could speak better English than himself and that he would bring Tisquantum to them. Samoset spent that night at the house of Stephen Hopkins and left the next day.

Can you imagine the excitement of the reconnaissance information the Pilgrim colonists gained from this visit with Samoset? They might have questioned the authenticity at first, but Edward Winslow said Samoset knew the names of most of the English captains, commanders, and masters who came to fish the New England coast. The Pilgrims would have recognized some of these names and been reassured of Samoset's knowledge and sincerity.

Samoset came back a few days later with Tisquantum.

Tisquantum's English was good as a result of having been abducted with 20 or so other tribesmen in 1614, by the English explorer, Thomas Hunt, who sold them into the European slave trade.

400 Pears Ago in Elymouth Colony - 1621, continued

Tisquantum had spent five years in Europe, first as a slave for a group of Spanish monks, then in England where he met London merchant John Slaney, an officer in a company that underwrote fishing voyages to the North Atlantic.

Some of the Pilgrims may have known of Slaney. Slaney was interested in training Tisquantum as an interpreter and guide. Tisquantum eventually developed enough skill in the English language that in 1616, Slaney sent him to Newfoundland where Tisquantum eventually was helped by English Captain Thomas Dermer, in June 1620, to return to his homeland in southern New England.

On the same day, Samoset brought Tisquantum, Chief Massasoit, the chief's brother, Quadequina, and 60 of their armed men atop of a nearby hill in the village of Plymouth. Now this must have been a frightening sight to the Pilgrims. However, calm and order prevailed and after salutations, some "strong"



water," and some food, an agreement of peace was reached. In addition to establishing trade, the mutual defense pact that was established was the fundamental goal for both parties. According to Dwight B. Heath, ethnographic researcher, "This first American mutual security pact remained inviolate throughout Massasoit's life." Massasoit died in 1660.

Note: Tisquantum/Squanto did not return with Chief Massasoit and the Wampanoags. William Bradford says, "... Squanto continued with them (meaning the Pilgrims), and was their interpreter, and was a special instrument, sent of God for their good beyond their expectation; he directed them how to set their corn, where to take fish, and to procure other commodities, and was also their pilot to bring them to unknown places for their profit, and never left them till he died."

A couple of months later, Governor Carver sent Stephen Hopkins and Edward Winslow to visit Chief Massasoit where he resided at Pokanoket (in the vicinity of modern day Warren and Barrington, RI). With Squanto as interpreter, they spoke with Chief Massasoit about continuing the peace and friendship, about his people pestering the Pilgrims with too many visits, and asked his help in getting word to the people from whom they had stolen corn on Cape Cod that they wanted to repay them for the corn. Chief Massasoit agreed to help them.

In June 1621, ten men, Squanto (their interpreter), and Tokamahamon, "a special friend (as described by Edward Winslow), whom we had found faithful before and after upon all occasions," set out by boat for the Kingdom of Nauset (now Eastham, MA on Cape Cod) to find a boy, John Billington, that had gotten lost in the woods. Upon arrival they met one of the people from whom they had stolen corn and promised him

restitution. Then after sunset, Aspinet, the Sachem of Nauset, came with a great train of tribesmen and brought the boy, whom evidently had been treated very well, and made peace with them.

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400 Pears Ago in Elymouth Colony - 1621, continued

Upon their return from Nauset, they found out that Massasoit was "put from his country by the Narragansets" (*Mourt's Relation*) and that Corbitant, the sachem of Pocasset, just to the east of Pokanoket, was challenging Massasoit's authority from within the Wampanoag ranks and implying he had support of the Narragansetts who were Massasoit's chief rivals. Tisquantum, Hobomok, and Tokamahamon left for Nemasket "to investigate and attempt to negotiate an end to the crisis, only to walk into a hornet's nest." (Historian David J. Silverman) When Corbitant heard that the three Wampanog go-betweens were at Nemasket looking for Massasoit, he had his supporters to take them prisoner. Corbitant boasted that without these interpreters "the English had lost their tongue." (*Mourt's Relation*) Hobomok managed to escape and race back to Plymouth saying Tisquantum might be dead.

The Pilgrims quickly assembled 14 men and Hobomok, under the leadership of Miles Standish, to march to Nemasket. The intent was to bring back the head of Corbitant, if Tisquantum had been killed. The Pilgrims with Hobomok, were able to spring a surprise attack on the house where Tisquantum had been held, but amid the fray, some inhabitants tried to escape and were injured by the Pilgrims. The Pilgrims took the injured back to Plymouth for medical treatment. Once order was restored at the attack site, they learned that Corbitant and his men had already left and Tisquantum was still alive and well. Before heading back to Plymouth, Standish pronounced that if anyone rose up against Massasoit again or intimidated his followers, particularly Tisquantum and Hobomok, the English would revenge it. To punctuate the warning, Plymouth sent an armed party in September 1621, to the sachem Obbatinewat on the southern shore of Massachusetts Bay, "who had often threatened us even though he was supposed to be under Massasoit. The intimidation worked, as the sachem treated the embassy kindly." (Mourt's Relation)

"After the strike in September 1621, a series of Wampanoag and Massachusetts sachems put their marks to another treaty in which they pledged themselves 'to be the loyal subjects of King James'—which was to say, on good terms with Plymouth colony." The treaties now even included former dissidents such as Epenow of Martha's Vineyard and Corbitant.

In 1621, our Pilgrim ancestors received valuable help, to say the least, from Samoset, Squanto, Tokamahamon, Hobomok, and their neighbor Chief Massasoit and many of his Wampanoag tribesman. With Squanto's help, "it was not long before they enjoyed trading relations and military alliance with many other Indian groups." (Dwight B. Heath)

Did you know?

- Plymouth was called Patuxet by the Natives, who lived there before the English arrived. The name Patuxet
 means, "place with little waterfalls." Plimoth Plantation (the living history museum located in Plymouth,
 MA), has now changed its name to Plimoth Patuxet.
- Pilgrim women lived in a society which believed that women were created by God for man's benefit. The Pilgrims also believed that husbands were to love their wives.
- The Wampanoag tribe that lived in Patuxet (Squanto's people) before the Mayflower Pilgrims arrived, are now called the Herring Pond Wampanoag tribe.

Kimberley Calaway Represents TXSOMD in San Antonio



A very special "thank you" to DFW Colony member, Kimberley Calaway, pictured left, who represented the Texas Mayflower Society at the 2021 Daughters of the Republic of Texas Convention Opening Ceremony in San Antonio on May 13th. Kimberley serves as the Texas Society Public Relations Co-Chair.

From page 3 - TRIVIA DE SAN ANTONIO answer: The altitude of San Antonio is 701 feet.

Trailing-arbutus Epigaea repens



Lady Bird Johnson Conservation Center

The beloved flower, Mayflower, is a low-growing eastern North American plant, in the heath family, along with the familiar blueberry and cranberry. Trailing-arbutus has evergreen leathery leaves, fragrant pink or white flowers

and is sometimes described as Plymouth Mayflower in reference to the fact that it was the first flower to cheer the hearts of the pilgrim passengers after the difficulties of their first New England winter. Pictured right is a photo taken by Houston Colony member and



Massachusetts resident, Lynn Zalesak, who shared the "nice surprise...at the family graveyard," during a spring visit to Island Pond Cemetery in Harwich, Massachusetts.

Rlimoth Ratuxet

"The Winds of Change"

https://vimeo.com/562220064/2bffc41312

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This year, we collectively commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Plymouth Colony first harvest feast of 1621. If you have not heard Pilgrim history told by Plimoth Patuxet Museums' Deputy Executive Director and Chief Historian, Richard Pickering, it is not too late! Below is the link to a cost-free virtual lecture, available by registering with the next interesting *Lunch and Learn* series:

https://lunchandlearn21september.eventbrite.com

400 Years Ago: A Look Back at Fall 1621 | September 2, 2021 11:00 Central Time For upcoming interesting lectures and more: https://plimoth.org/events/p2
For Plimoth Patuxet membership information: https://plimoth.org/join/membership

Good Newes in Elymouth



One Small Candle ... Governor William Bradford sculpture, created by GSMD member Dee Clements, may be visited behind the Mayflower Society House at 4 Winslow Street.



The GSMD General Board of Assistants, GBOA, annual meeting, will be held in Plymouth, September 8-11. In addition to great educational and business sessions, members may participate in the Pilgrim Progress, visit the beautiful Mayflower Meetinghouse, marvel at the William Bradford sculpture, step aboard the newly restored Mayflower and commemorate the 400th anniversary of the 1621 harvest feast, with role players and memorable merriment at Plimoth Patuxet Museum.

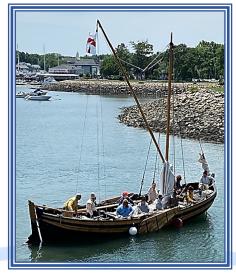
FULLER SHALLOP NOW ALONGSIDE MAYFLOWER IN PLYMOUTH HARBOR

https://youtu.be/2WAvG5chTMU http://lowellsboatshop.com/

On June 19, the shallop returned to Plymouth Harbor from Lowell's Boat Shop in Amesbury, following a two-year absence for repairs and refurbishing. Lowell's Boat Shop was established in 1793 and is the oldest operating boat shop in America. Named for Deacon Samuel Fuller, the shallop is a 33-foot replica of an open boat that came in sections on the 1620 *Mayflower* voyage. Records indicate that the shallop was re-assembled for exploration of the coastline, where they discovered Plymouth on Monday, December 21, 1620. The shallop was also used to transport provisions from *Mayflower* to Plymouth Colony and for trade, as far away as Cushnoc Trading Post in Kennebec, Maine.

Photos are courtesy of Karen Rinaldo





Mayflower Bociety Pollege Bcholarships







If you have any questions, please email your Texas scholarship chairman Cathy Bambenek: cbamben@hotmail.com, with the topic, Mayflower scholarships.

It is time for high school seniors to consider scholarships! The applicant is not required to be a Texas Mayflower Junior, however, the parent or grandparent of the applicant must be a Texas Society member in good standing. The following Mayflower Societies have available scholarships:

Texas Mayflower Society Scholarships - You have an opportunity to receive a scholarship by completing the application process that will be updated by August 1st. Do not look at the current site please, as it is changing so everyone will have an opportunity to apply. The 1st place scholarship will be in the amount of \$5,000, the 2nd place \$2021, and the 3rd place \$1620.

Begin working on your essay of 750-1,000 words and a resume. You have a choice of 2 topics:

- 1. 2021 was the 400th anniversary of the first Harvest Feast celebrated by our ancestors and the Wampanoag Native Americans. Looking back at the traditions they started, how does your family incorporate these in your feast? If they do not, what traditions would you like to start to honor this heritage or your Mayflower ancestor?
- 2. It can be said that the Pilgrims probably would not have survived without the help of the Native Americans. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

You will also need a resume (one page only) of your high school accomplishments and anything else you want the judging committee to know about. If you get these done now, the application process will be much easier. Last year, only 3 students applied, but this year will be more inclusive so hopefully you will feel comfortable trying for this opportunity.

Texas Mayflower Society Colony Scholarships - For information and applications for Colony scholarships, please visit the TXSOMD website https://www.texasmayflower.com/find-a-colony.

General Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarships - The website is undergoing renovation and the link for scholarship information will change from what it is currently. An updated link for GSMD scholarships will appear in the next issue of *Howdy Pilgrim*.

Family Society Scholarships - Lists of Family Society scholarship information will be updated in the next newsletter. In the meantime, consider joining your family societies.



NORTH CAROLINA







Texas Mayflower Bociety Bcholarship Committee



Caroline WhitmarshFirst Place Recipient - \$5000

Caroline Whitmarsh is from Austin and will attend the University of Texas at Austin in the fall as a Plan II Honors and Psychology double major. In high school, her activities included honors choir and volleyball, and participating as a member of my school's academic team in various state and national competitions. Caroline volunteers as a nurse's aide in the neurology unit at a local hospital and works with autistic children at a therapeutic horsemanship stable.

Caroline added, "Thank you very much for selecting me. I am so grateful to receive this scholarship."



Allison Whitney Sharer Second Place Recipient - \$2020 Houston Colony Co-First Place Recipient - \$1620

While attending The Woodlands High School, Allison lettered in academics and was a four-year member of MENSA honor society. Allison will be attending Texas Tech University in the Fall, where she plans to study Business with the goal of applying her skills in hospital administration. Allison has been an active member of the Houston Colony Juniors program, Gulf Coast MENSA Teen Council, Girls Scouts, and National Charity League. As the Texas Juniors 2020 Committee Chair, she led Mayflower Juniors throughout Texas in 2020 activities, including designing and creating a global website for kids to commemorate the 400th

anniversary of the *Mayflower* sailing to America. During her high school career, Allison has been active in Track and Field events and has earned varsity letters each of her four years. She will continue her athletic career as a member of the Texas Tech Track and Field team.



Ashley Christine Sharer

Third Place Recipient - \$1620 Houston Colony Co-First Place Recipient - \$1620

Ashley attended The Woodlands High School and plans to study Nursing at the University of Arkansas in the fall. Ashley has been an active member of the Houston Colony Juniors program, National Charity League, Gulf Coast MENSA Teen Council, and Girl Scouts. Ashley has been a member of the Girl Scouts since Kindergarten. She is proud of her troop, who all worked together to finish their Girl Scout Gold Awards. During her high school career, she lettered in academics and was a four-year Varsity letterman in two sports: cross country and track & field. Ashley was captain of the cross country team her junior and

senior years, a district and regional competitor all four years, and in she helped her team place third at the state meet. Ashley also competed for The Woodlands High School in track and field, holding the school record in the 1500m and a meet record in the 3200m.

Texas Mayflower Juniors

https://www.texasmayflower.com/junior-membership

Junior Memberships - Mayflower Juniors are our youngest Mayflower descendants! Please visit the Texas Mayflower Society web site Juniors link for Texas Mayflower Juniors' membership information and to see the beautiful faces of a few of these very important descendants. Texas Juniors added during the year 2021, will receive books with stories of the first feast, a certificate, welcome letter, a keepsake booklet and a Mayflower Juniors pin.

Colony Juniors - Young people enjoy inclusion in group activities where they are welcomed and valued. If your Colony does not have a Juniors Chair, please contact Peggy Marsh for easy steps to becoming a colony that includes Juniors, no matter how few. You will be sent a flash drive with documents galore and a simple outline for a successful Juniors program, with tips to inspire, educate and include your youth in colony activities in time to commemorate the first harvest feast.

Juniors' Certificates Then ... and Now

Co-Historian DeNell Estes recently shared an email from an interested Arkansas resident who was hoping to replace his damaged 1971 Texas Juniors certificate. He agreed to share his story of how his mother involved him in researching their ancestry:

As we would drive across rural Texas she also looked for specific cemeteries. My job was to look for the tombstone with a specific name and date.

In 1974 she went on to be with the Lord. One of the items left behind for me was a certificate from "The Society of Mayflower Descendants In The State of Texas." That certificate also said, "right of lineal descent from William Bradford..." Dated 4 March 1971. My mother Olene Bennett McClure born September 11, 1921 in Talpa, Coleman County, Texas had left something that money could not purchase.

As the years have slipped by that old certificate increases in importance. In a day and time when many are questioning our history, I am so grateful for a piece of paper, a piece of paper representing the hard work of a loving mother that let me know who I am in the story of American history.



1971 Juniors certificate of Rick McClure



Juniors certificate 2021

Rick McClure State Representative Arkansas District 26 Malvern, AR 72104

Texas Mayflower Bociety Readership Awards



"Leadership is about capturing the imagination and enthusiasm of your people with clearly defined goals that cut through the fog like a beacon in the night."

The inscription was engraved on the awards presented to Bart Henson and Mike Nichols during the 2021 Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants state meeting. Through their intelligence, foresight, wisdom and guidance, each has been a beacon in the Texas Mayflower Society. They have honored the past, promoted the present and prepared us for the future.

LONG AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Each year the Texas Society recognizes one of our members with The Long and Distinguished Service Award. The individual has often contributed to our society on the local colony, state and national levels.

The 2020 recipient was Peggy Marsh who resides in Sugar Land and is a member of the Houston Colony. On the state level, she has served as Publications Chairman, State Recording Secretary, Junior Committee Chairman, a Co-Chair of the Public Relations Committee and Co-Chairman for the 2020 Planning Committee. As Junior Committee Chairman, Peggy developed age-appropriate curriculum, distributed newsletters, suggested a way to simplify Junior membership, she helped draft a bylaws amendment concerning their membership and she encouraged



each Texas colony to locate their own Junior Chair. As a member of the Public Relations Committee, she created interesting and catchy news releases for public service announcements during 2020. As a Co-Chairman for the 2020 Planning Committee, she helped organize the float and participants for the Tyler Rose Parade and helped organize an event held at Washington on the Brazos. On the national GSMD level, she worked on the Junior Committee where she made educational flash drives that are a great resource used to improve national Junior programs. In the Houston Colony, she launched their Junior program in 2015 and served as Chair until 2021.

The 2021 recipient was *Elizabeth Heise* who resides in Brownsville and is a member of the Corpus Christi Colony. On the state level, she has served as Co-Historian since 2017. Elizabeth has not only served, but she has implemented many programs that have streamlined the application and supplemental progress both at the Texas and the national level. She has assisted over 200 members in joining our society. She has also provided guidance and programs on DNA for our society as well as for other genealogy societies. In addition, this year she



has worked endless hours to set up a membership database that members can access on our website. On the national GSMD level, Elizabeth is currently serving on the bylaws committee.

Remember When ...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAJD7sXvovo



Mike Nichols, Linda Hill and Judie Allen





Leah Davis

Sheryl Schilling and Sandy Sauers



New Members

Welcome to the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants

https://www.texasmayflower.com/find-a-colony

Sharon Lynn Hackney Harberts

Houston, TX

Ancestor: Thomas Rogers

Patricia Ann Crowley Keltner

Harlingen, TX

Ancestor: Constance Hopkins

Gregory Robert Soule

Parker, TX

Ancestor: George Soule

Barbara Ann Patrick Batura

Katy, TX

Ancestor: Francis Cooke

Gregory Scott Griffin

Allen, TX

Ancestor: George Soule

Michael Leslie Jennings

Bonham, TX

Ancestor: Mary Allerton

Elizabeth Grace Reid

Dallas, TX

Ancestor: John Alden

William Russell Reid

Dallas, TX

Ancestor: John Alden

Karyl Kathleen Sweeney Small

Salado, TX

Ancestor: Francis Cooke

Wanda Jean Darling

Terrell, TX

Ancestor: John Howland

Connie Evarts Waggoner Sowell

Georgetown, TX

Ancestor: Myles Standish

James Will Watson

Terrell, TX

Ancestor: John Howland

William Philip Watson

Terrell, TX

Ancestor: John Howland

Darla Jean Schumacher Chase

San Antonio, TX

Ancestor: Henry Samson

Layla Harrison Houston, TX

Ancestor: James Chilton

Lilliam Maudell Albasini Schumacher

Bowman, ND

Ancestor: Henry Samson

Elizabeth Ann Landon Hanlon

Spring, TX

Ancestor: Francis Cooke

Kelly Anne Berrier Colorado Springs, CO

Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins

David Charles Eastburn

Aledo, TX

Ancestor: John Alden

Sarah Elizabeth Eastburn

Dallas, TX

Ancestor: John Alden

Robert Vincent Vitale, II

Richardson, TX

Ancestor: John Alden

Rachel Amanda Hinckley-Kaelin

Azle, TX

Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins

Katherine Hinckley Marcum

Stephenville, TX

Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins

Chelsea Lee Updegraff Reue

Houston, TX

Ancestor: John Alden

Charles Emory Irish

Corinth, TX

Ancestor: Mary Chilton

Leslie Orvel Fullerton

Houston, TX

Ancestor: Edward Fuller

James Allan Martin

Austin, TX

Ancestor: Richard Warren

James Neil Manning

Benbrook, TX

Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins

Charles Colhoun Stewart

Houston, TX

Ancestor: William Brewster

Rollo Roy Gurss II

Lubbock, TX

Ancestor: Giles Hopkins

Eric Scot Reynolds McKinney, TX

Ancestor: John Alden

Jean Anne Panton Deakyne

Arlington, TX

Ancestor: Francis Cooke

Jon Andrew Morford

Houston, TX

Ancestor: William Brewster

Don Bradley Panton Arlington, TX

Ancestor: Francis Cooke

Martin Lloyd Rouse San Marcos, TX

Ancestor: Edward Fuller

Kathryn Marie Allen Woodway, TX Ancestor: John Alden

Michael Gareld Smith Victoria, TX

Ancestor: John Alden

Kimberly Toland Davis

Cypress, TX

Ancestor: William Bradford

Allison Kathleen Hopkins

Carpinteria, CA

Ancestor: John Howland

Gerra Lynn Pier Wilson

Kingwood, TX

Ancestor: William Bradford

Deborah Keyworth LaRue

Conroe, TX

Ancestor: John Alden

Thomas Paine Wood

Carrollton, TX

Ancestor: William Brewster

Kelley Christine Dolan Rosenbach

Irving, TX

Ancestor: Joseph Rogers

Russell James Thompson

Houston, TX

Ancestor: Stephen Hopkins

Sue Randolph Batles

Granbury, TX

Ancestor: William Brewster

John Wyatt Woods Port Lavaca, TX

Ancestor: William Bradford

Mark Calvin Woods Houston, TX

Ancestor: William Bradford

Bobette Ramsey Mauck

McKinney, TX

Ancestor: Myles Standish

Bruce Anthony Boulanger

Houston, TX

Ancestor: William White

Andrea Lea Wieters

Peoria, AZ

Ancestor: Richard Warren



James Hunter Humphrey Ancestor: John Howland

Teresa Le Ann Soule Jimenez Ancestor: Isaac Allerton

Patricia Ryan Williams
Ancestor: William Mullins

Barbara Jane Christensen

Ancestor: John Alden Ancestor: Priscilla Mullins Ancestor: William Mullins Ancestor: Richard Warren

Michael Leslie Jennings Ancestor: Elizabeth Tilley

Joyce Lynne Krupansky Ancestor: Thomas Rogers

Shelly Lee Harper Ristow Ancestor: John Billington

Julie Bishop Brown
Ancestor: Isaac Allerton
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Ancestor: Richard Warren
Ancestor: Mary Brewster
Ancestor: Mary Norris
Ancestor: Elizabeth Tilley
Ancestor: Joan Hurst

William Harold Barnes
Ancestor: Elizabeth Tilley
Ancestor: Joan Hurst
Ancestor: John Tilley
Ancestor: John Howland
Ancestor: Richard Warren
Ancestor: Mary Allerton
Ancestor: Mary Norris
Ancestor: Isaac Allerton

Sherrye Luther Woodworth Ancestor: William Brewster

Transfers

Patricia Lynn Aragon Dallas, TX From: Utah

Robert Patrick McNamara San Antonio, TX From: Alaska

Cherie Michelle Poland Spring, TX From: Virginia

Shelly Lee Harper Ristow Schertz, TX From: Alaska

Paula Jean Simerman Corpus Christi, TX From: Virginia



New Rife Memberships

Paul Daniel Toms
Elizabeth Lincoln Cleveland
Timothy Alan Cleveland

New Juniors

Evalyn Jean Watson Sponsor: Wanda Darling Ancestor: John Howland

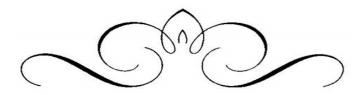
Alivia Kylee Rose Drake Sponsor: Jodi Schwartz Drake Ancestor: Edward Fuller It is not too early to think about Christmas presents or a very special birthday present. Life Memberships are available for \$1,500 per member. This means your special someone—a child, grandchild, or yourself! — would not have to pay anymore dues for the rest of life. To take advantage of this offer, send a check for \$1,500 made payable to TXSOMD and mail to Linda Hill, Treasurer, 2405 Treyburn Ct., Plano, TX 75075-2552. Please include the member's name and TX number (if you know it). You will receive a lovely certificate for presentation. For any questions about Life Membership, please contact Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Powers, newn@ao.com

On Memoriam

Daniel Crowley in December 2020

Joyce Elaine Speer Moore on 28 Apr 2021

> Marylyn Clarke ín 2020



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- Oscar Wilde

Visit our society website: texasmayflower.com



400 Years on Leyden Street

What would it be like to live where our Pilgrim ancestors settled and celebrated the first harvest four hundred years ago? Find out from Lisa Pennington, GSMD Counselor General and Houston Colony member, who bought a 1747 house just off Leyden Street in Plymouth. She will take you on an interesting tour of her historic home of former residents, including *Mayflower* descendants. Lisa will also share colonial treasures, inside and out.

On August 19, 5:30 p.m. Central Time, click the link: 400 Years on Leyden Street Passcode: 635070

Also visit GSMD website: On the *Home Page*, the virtual lecture info will appear in the photo slides. Monthly GSMD web lectures will be available beginning in the spring.