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Lisa Pennington, Counsellor

## A Message From Our Governor



Greetings Cousins,

I hope everyone had a nice summer. I have been very busy with family events and Mayflower activities. My main focus this summer has been to complete an assignment that the Governor General asked me to do. I have been indexing the "Mayflower Society Garden Walkway" commemorative bricks. Many members have purchased bricks for family members and ancestors. Those bricks were installed without a record of their location. Hundreds of bricks in a large walkway and no way to know where to look for your brick meant walking the Walkway and looking at every brick until you found yours. Now you can look at a list and tell in which section and row your brick is located. It was a fun project and satisfying to complete.

Many of our Texas Society Chairmen have been involved in establishing goals and programs for our membership. Our Juniors Committee needs our support so that Texas can have one of the best programs in the country. Please enroll all your minor children and grandchildren so that they can participate in activities at the colony and state level. Our Scholarship Committee has developed a great program and I encourage all eligible descendants to apply.

The GBOA met at the Foxwoods Resort in Connecticut in September. Several of us from the Texas Society attended as your representatives. We will report results of the GBOA in the next newsletter.

I will be visiting the Central, DFW and West Texas Colonies this November. I look forward to meeting members/cousins.

Have a great holiday season.

Blessings,

*Rick*

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## DFW Colony Creates Museum Boxes

By Doug Nicol, Publications Committee Member DFW Colony

The goal of the Education committee in the DFW Colony is to perpetuate the Mayflower story and to "transmit the spirit, purpose, and steadfast will of the Pilgrims" to the public. Currently the Education committee of the DFW Colony has ten active members - Susie Ashbaugh, Carol Burnaman, Ron Carter, Prairie Counce, Evangelyn Jackson, Velda Reed, Carol Siddons, Susan See and Norm and Mary Smallwood.

Velda Reed has been doing SOMD education presentations in Keller elementary schools the last 5 years; she has a friendship with Susanne Ross the head librarian of the Keller ISD. Susanne has traveling **Museum Boxes** on various topics for all the librarians and teachers in Keller ISD to check out. She asked the D/FW Colony to put together two Pilgrim "Traveling Museum" boxes.

A **Museum Box** is a container with items and text that teach about a subject or historical period. In museum boxes, teachers and librarians have a hands-on unit study already assembled for them to use. A teacher can use the contents of a Traveling Museum Box to teach an interactive class. A librarian can also use the contents to teach or set up a display.

In the Pilgrims' box, the educators particularly want **primary source documents** and online links the students can access to see videos such as Plimoth Plantation, an economist talking about William Bradford leading the colony from socialism to private enterprise, and the historical significance of the Pilgrims.

A **primary source document** is an artifact, a document, a recording, or other source of information that was created at the time under study. It serves as an original source of information about the topic.

Besides curriculum for the teacher, the Pilgrims' box will contain leading Questions and Answers, visual portrayals of some of the Pilgrim leaders, maps, a replica ship and cutaway of the Mayflower, replicas of the Mayflower Compact, and period toys. Our goal is to highlight the importance of the Mayflower Compact and its influence on the U.S. Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) standards will be surveyed to show teachers how the museum box correlates to what the Texas State Board of Education requires students learn regarding the Pilgrims' history in their social studies curricula.



Velda Reed, left, and Susie Ashbaugh, right, present to DFW area schools



**West Texas Colony of Mayflower Descendants In The State of Texas** held its spring meeting April 18, 2014 at the Greentree Country Club, Midland, Texas. The invocation was offered by Elder Doris Redfern. Everyone in attendance joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, and the pledge to the Texas flag, followed by the Pilgrim Pledge. The tables were nicely decorated by Mrs. Rick Denham. A savory meal was served and enjoyed by all.

New Colony Officers for 2015-2017 are: Governor Lorie Holbrooks, Deputy Governor-vacant, Corresponding and Recording Secretary Geri Lilly, Treasurer Laine Miller, Counselor-vacant, Historian Joyce Moore, Nominating Committee Doris Redfern.

Our Founding Colony Governor Rick Denham is now the State Governor. Rick was presented with a gift of 2 books to add to his library and a beautiful Wedgewood plate with the Mayflower on it. Everyone expressed their heartfelt thanks to him for forming the colony and bringing us all together. This has been a rewarding journey for all of us.



Memorial Day, May 25, 2015 a Veteran's Memorial Celebration was held at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, Tx. Sheriff Gary Painter was the keynote speaker. Governor Rick Denham and Pilgrim Joyce Moore attended the celebration to represent the West Texas Colony. Pilgrim Joyce made a beautiful Patriotic wreath to be placed at the cemetery.

Contributed by Geri Lilly

**Tyler Colony** Treasurer, Betty Corcoran, and Carolyn McCall attended the Annual State Conference hosted by the Dallas/Ft. Worth Colony at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Arlington, Texas, March 28 & 29, 2014. It was very enjoyable. Betty Corcoran was chosen as one of the two outstanding members for that year, receiving a certificate for her outstanding work.

Our 2014 Compact Day Luncheon was held on Saturday, November 8, at the Hamilton West Condos Club House. Honorable Leo Berman presented an outstanding program on the Life of William Bradford. During the business meeting we discussed the need to add an audit committee to our bylaws. Our Education Chairman, Betty Corcoran, continues to be busy. This year she placed books in the Bullard Community Library and the Troup Public Library. The books were "The Adventurous Life of Miles Standish" by Cheryl Harness (Illustrated) and "Three Young Pilgrims" by Cheryl Harness (Illustrated).

Our spring meeting was held at the Green Acres Baptist Church (GABA) Lake Facility in the Conference Room, May 30, 2015. Seventeen members and spouses attended. A quorum being present, the body voted on the bylaw changes which were adopted. Governor Carolyn McCall presented the program "Priscilla Mullins, A Mayflower Maiden."

Following the program, Kevin McCall, Nominations Chairman, presented the slate of new officers. They are:

Governor - James Walker  
Deputy Governor – Dennis Alden  
Corresponding Secretary – Carolyn McCall  
Recording Secretary – Pansy Conner  
Treasurer – Glenn Alden  
Historian – Betty Couch  
Elder – Pam Lister  
Captain – Kevin McCall  
Board of Assistance (BOA) Dennis Alden

Dr. Tom McCall installed the officers. Following the installation, pictures were taken and the meeting was adjourned.

The Tyler Colony is sad to have to report the deaths of two of our Charter Members. We discovered that our member, William W. “Red” Olliff, died July 12, 2014 and Ina Riggs Brundrett died June 3, 2015. These two members shall be missed by our Colony family.

Contributed by Carolyn McCall

**Dallas/Fort Worth Colony** will have their Compact Day Luncheon on Saturday, November 21, 2015, at 11:30 am at the Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Centre. The plated luncheon will consist of roasted turkey with gravy, green bean almandine, mashed potatoes, cornbread and sausage stuffing, pumpkin and pecan pie with beverages of tea, water, and coffee. Guest speaker for the luncheon will be newly elected Texas Mayflower Governor, C. Richard Denham of Midland, TX.

Juniors are encouraged to attend and guests of members are always welcome. Cost for the luncheon is \$28 per person/children under 8 years of age \$11.94. 2016 Colony membership dues of \$10 are collected at this time also. The luncheon and dues may be paid with one check, made payable to “DFW Colony TXSOMD” and mailed to Colony Treasurer, Jeanne Harris, PO Box 5098, Granbury, TX 76049. Deadline for the luncheon payment is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Colony Governor Prairie Counce says that instead of door prizes for lucky attendees, every attendee at this luncheon will receive a “surprise.” The Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Centre is located at 1400 Texas Star Parkway, Euless, Texas 76040. See you there!

Contributed by Doug Nicol

**We have lost contact with some of our Life Members.** If you know the current mailing address, email address, or phone number of any of these members, please contact Corresponding Secretary, Prairie Counce (prariec@me.com) with the needed information.

### **Texas Society Life Members with no contact information:**

TX314 Arthur Eames Barrett, Jr.  
 TX533 Elizabeth Wiley  
 TX589 Emma Grace Smith (Mrs. Clyde Smith)  
 TX907 Lt. Col. Marion Wallace McCurdy, Jr. (last known address Spring City, PA)  
 TX1048 Mitchell Dale Hankins  
 TX1413 James Allan Porter (last known address Seattle, WA)  
 TX1414 Anna Maria Porter Johnson (last known address New Braunfels, TX)  
 TX1444 Nicholas Hale Porter (last known address New Braunfels, TX)  
 TX1471 Heather Leigh McCumber Wilson  
 TX1633 John Paul Manziel  
 TX2036 Emily Kristin Harpster  
 TX2065 Caroline Elizabeth Harpster (last known address Carmel, IN)  
 TX2066 Katherine Anne Harpster (last known address Carmel, IN)  
 TX2067 Sarah Catherine Harpster (last known address Carmel, IN)  
 TX2512 Reid Matt Woodson Foster



Any member can request that their information not be printed in our yearbook, but still receive print or digital mailings.

### **Would You Prefer Your Newsletter Delivered to Your Inbox in Color?**

We are offering an opportunity for members to receive their copy of "Howdy Pilgrim" via email going forward. The pictures and images in this newsletter are all in color, but printing costs prohibit us from mailing a color version. You can see how nice looking our Governor is in his red shirt! If you are interested in a colorful email version, please supply a good email address with your request to our Corresponding Secretary, Prairie Counce (prariec@me.com).



You are missing this colorful image in the print version.



## The Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants will be awarding two scholarships to qualified graduating high school seniors for the 2016 school year.



The first place recipient will receive a \$3,000.00 scholarship and the second place recipient will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. The recipients must have a Texas Junior Mayflower membership number or must have a parent or grand parent who is a current verifiable member in good standing of the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants.

To apply for a scholarship an applicant must:

Be a U. S. citizen and a resident of Texas.

Be in the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on the SAT or ACT

Must have a GPA of 3 or higher on a 4-point scale.

Properly complete and submit an application form

Submit recommendation forms

Write an essay of 500-600 words on a designated topic related to the Pilgrims

Must submit application by January 25, 2016

The purpose of the scholarships is to assist deserving descendants of TXSOMD members in acquiring a higher education. Once applications are received they will be reviewed by a special selection committee using an evaluation criterion.

If a student feels that he/she is qualified, he/she may obtain an application that includes detailed instructions by downloading an application form from the TXSOMD website at [www.texasmayflower.com](http://www.texasmayflower.com) and follow the link to scholarship or he/she may contact a TXSOMD Colony for details on the application process.

The TXSOMD Scholarship Committee urges all members of the various Texas colonies to work to identify students who may qualify for the scholarships. Detailed information has been sent to all colony governors. Further information may be received by writing Richard Smith, Scholarship Chairman, at [Richard.e.smith@historyfolks.com](mailto:Richard.e.smith@historyfolks.com)



Linda Hill received two awards at the recent Board of Assistants Meeting in Connecticut. On the right, the Society Volunteer of the Year Award, and on the left, the National Award given to deserving nominees for meritorious service to their home state.





**Mayflower Juniors Rock!** Texas Colony Junior Chairmen or Colony Governors will soon receive pins to promote Texas Junior members, our future colony leaders. The pins will be a gift to everyone attending their Compact Luncheons in November. Read on and you will agree that Mayflower Juniors ... *Rock!*

**Central Texas Junior is a Fulbright recipient** Crawford Hunt graduated in the Plan II Honors Program at the University of Texas and was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study the Mayan language in Mexico. She began her fellowship in August. While at the University of Texas, Crawford majored in both liberal arts and linguistics and made the Dean's List each semester. Crawford and her father, Lacy Hunt, are descended from William Brewster and members of the Central Texas Colony.



**Catherine Caprio receives Scholarship from Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants at March 28 state meeting** Catherine Prince Caprio is a Junior Member of the Texas Mayflower Society where she attends the Central Texas Colony meetings with her grandmother, Betty Prince. Catherine was ranked third in her senior class of 434 and is now studying Biomedical Science at Texas A&M.

**Dallas-Fort Worth Names Elizabeth Mayfield as its scholarship recipient** Elizabeth Mayfield is a graduate of Parish Episcopal School in Dallas. She is very excited to be attending Clemson University to pursue a major in Genetics and a potential future in the medical field. She would like to thank the DFW Colony of the Society for Mayflower Descendants for awarding her such a generous scholarship.



**Austin Davis awarded the Houston Colony scholarship** At the April 2015 meeting, Charles Prince presented the Houston Colony \$1620 scholarship to Austin Davis, son of Meredith Townsend and Nat Davis. Austin has been a Junior member for more than ten years. While at Klein High School, excelled in academics and athletics, pitching for the baseball team and was a pitcher for an extra-curricular elite baseball team, which advanced to the first round of national playoffs. Austin is now a pitcher for the Alvin Community College Dolphins and is a Nolan Ryan fan.



**Composition Competition** Governor Rick Denham has announced that two winning Texas Junior Historians will be honored with a brick on the Mayflower Society House Garden Walkway Project in Plymouth. In 2016, Texas Juniors will have the opportunity to interview family members about their family ancestries and compose those stories for the competition. Juniors will gain a better understanding of their families' histories, while the families will be able to share their life stories in opportunities that many never have. More details will be available in the new *GSMD Junior Newsletter*, including our Texas Junior insert, *Cousins*. You may also find information on the upcoming Mayflower Junior sub site at the Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants web site [texasmayflower.com](http://texasmayflower.com). Most of the new Junior sub site is completed and will be available online soon. In addition to announcements, there will be games, photos, and the application for Junior membership as well as the Junior to Adult application form. Our sincere thanks to web builder, Kevin Conger, son of Houston Colony member, Charles Conger, and Charles' supportive wife, Marilyn.

## Please Welcome Our New Members by Application

Name	Ancestor	Name	Ancestor
<b>Lori Sue Nelson Hurford</b>	James Chilton	<b>Nicholas Charles Stephens</b>	Edward Fuller
<b>Joseph Henry Stephens III</b>	Edward Fuller	<b>Bette Ann Koberstein</b>	William Mullins
<b>Kathleen Louise Bryant Powell</b>	Henry Samson	<b>John Albert Baxter, Jr</b>	John Howland
<b>Perry Baker Hall</b>	John Alden	<b>Vickie Jo Barry</b>	John Howland
<b>Deanna Jo Hunsperger McCarthy</b>	Francis Cooke	<b>Morgan Danielle McQueen</b>	Myles Standish
<b>Avery Ann McQueen</b>	Myles Standish	<b>Sybil Hope Stephens Fuller</b>	Edward Fuller
<b>James Roger McKay, Jr</b>	Richard Warren	<b>Mary Edna Stephens Duffy</b>	Edward Fuller
<b>Kristina Marcantel</b>	Henry Samson	<b>Suzanne Joy Hunsperger Saverien</b>	Francis Cooke
<b>Savannah Jean Dale</b>	Francis Cooke	<b>Stacy Jean Husperger Dale</b>	Francis Cooke
<b>Laura Jean Ewen</b>	Thomas Rogers	<b>Brittany Nicole Lozano</b>	Stephen Hopkins
<b>Sarah Grace Lozano</b>	Stephen Hopkins	<b>Kim Lorraine Hunter Lozano</b>	Stephen Hopkins
<b>Stephen Leif Christensen</b>	George Soule	<b>Lori Lynne Snipes King</b>	Richard Warren
<b>Paul Benton Fisher</b>	Thomas Rogers	<b>Elizabeth Ann Fisher</b>	Thomas Rogers
<b>Charles Thomas Mangum</b>	William White	<b>Dee Ann Cunningham</b>	George Soule
<b>Kimberly Elaine Schuler Florsheim</b>	John Howland	<b>Paula Louise Hewett</b>	William Bradford
<b>Mary Susan Howard Brannen</b>	James Chilton	<b>Joan Maureen Howland Hoyumpa</b>	George Soule
<b>Jean Ann Huntley Thorpe</b>	Richard More	<b>Dan Edward Malone</b>	Richard More
<b>Sandra Lee Passman Tesch</b>	Stephen Hopkins	<b>John Richardson Wilcox, Jr</b>	John Alden
<b>Johnathan Edward Dale</b>	Francis Cooke	<b>Bonnie Corine Jacoby Weisler</b>	John Howland
<b>Cynthia Gail Hayden</b>	Edward Doty	<b>Deborah Waring Evans</b>	Richard Warren
<b>Brian Edward Bartlett</b>	Thomas Rogers	<b>Sandra Fontenote Cooper</b>	Stephen Hopkins

## And Our New Members by Transfer

<b>Mattie Figgs Stevenson</b> Dual with Delaware	Stephen Hopkins	<b>Sandra Alden Sahagian</b> Dual with Oregon	John Alden
<b>Barbara Ellen Cook Holman</b> From Oklahoma	John Alden	<b>Leslie Holt Bocchino</b> From New Jersey	James Chilton
<b>Kimberly Edge</b> From Massachusetts	Stephen Hopkins		



## The following members had new ancestors approved since the last newsletter.

Lucy Carroll Duncan - George Soule  
 Mitchell Newberry - George Soule  
 Claude Warren Hunter - William Brewster

Philip Leon Pursley - Francis Cooke  
 Michael Shannon Nichols - John Tilley and  
 Joan Hurst Tilley

## New Junior Members

**Jonah Brewster Gary and Lucas Lang Gary** - Sponsored by Emily Wannarka Gary  
 William Brewster

**Andrew James Sterne, Ian Robert Sterne, Jacob Louis Sterne, Madeline Victoria Sterne, Emma Grace Sterne, Sydney Elizabeth Sterne, and Julia Joy Sterne** - Sponsored by Jean Kathryn Sterne  
 John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley

**Emily Elizabeth Bush** - Sponsored by Dorothy Tate  
 Edward Doty

**Madeline Elizabeth Adamson and Preston Garrett Adamson** - Sponsored by Denise Adamson  
 John Howland

**Genevieve Elise Scott** - Sponsored by Suzanne Brennan Scott  
 John Howland

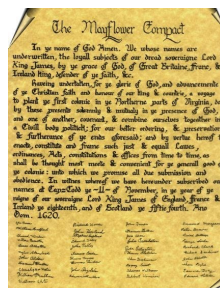
## In Memoriam

<b>Rosemary D Keller Sanders</b>	May 29, 2015	John Howland
<b>Beulah Lackner</b>		William White
<b>Margaret Davis</b>		Francis Cooke and John Howland
<b>Ida Brundrett</b>	June 3, 2015	John Howland and John Tilley
<b>Wyndi Fuqua Flanigan</b>	July 31, 2015	John Alden



## November Colony Events

- November 7th** Central Texas Colony Compact Day Luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn and Suites, Hwy 183 and Duval, Austin. Begin gathering at 11:30 a.m. Meeting starts at noon. Texas Society Governor, Rick Denham will speak; RSVP to Harry Walden, Treasurer
- November 14th** Waco Colony Meeting at the Home of Governor Ann Harder; 11:30 a.m.; Speaker, American Revolution Re enactor, "How the Area of Plimouth Plantation Figured into the American Revolution"
- West Texas Colony Meeting 1 - 4 p.m. at the Greentree Country Club in Midland RSVP to Lorie Holbrooks, West Texas Governor, as a headcount is needed for plated luncheon; Texas Society Governor Rick Denham will speak
- Tyler Colony 11a.m. Hamilton West Condo Clubhouse, 1521 Rice Road, Tyler RSVP to Jim Walker, Governor
- November 21st** Corpus Christi Colony RSVP to Nancy Parker, Colony Governor
- DFW Colony 11:30 a.m., Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Center; Texas Society Governor, Rick Denham will speak; RSVP to Jeanne Harris, Colony Treasurer; \$28 for adults, \$11.94 under 8
- Pilgrim Festival First Congregational Church, 10840 Beinhorn, Houston 10 a.m.—4 p.m.; Houston Juniors and the Colony will have tables; Free See Church website for a flyer
- San Antonio Colony 11:30 a.m. Gazebo Restaurant at Los Patios Speaker Frances Evans will present on Colonial Medicine; RSVP to Barbara Kyse, Treasurer
- November 22nd** Houston Colony Compact Luncheon at the Braeburn Country Club, Noon; Speaker, Gloria Hunter, Master Gardener, "Herbs of the Pilgrims for Seasonings and Medicinal Use"; RSVP to Nancy Keith, Treasurer, Houston Juniors will entertain prior to the meeting.



## Notes from the Vault



'Dues Season' is upon us again. It is time to pay your Texas Mayflower Society Annual Dues for the coming year. Annual Dues are now \$30 due to increases at the General Society level. If you desire to pay the annual dues for others, please let our Corresponding Secretary know and include your Texas Society member number and the Texas Society member numbers of those whose dues you will be paying. When dues notices are prepared they will be mailed directly to you.

You can now pay your annual dues using a credit card using the Texas Mayflower Society On-Line Dues Payment Offering. The dues amount is \$31 when using this offering. In order to keep your credit card information secure we are using commercial payment processing services for the actual credit card processing. PayPal is the payment service available at this time. PayPal requires you to create an account with them, but you can pay using a credit card. To use this feature point your browser to <https://txsomeddues.org>. The login requires both the Texas member number and the General Society member number. Only members can pay. A member, including Life Members, can pay for other members. In fact, they can pay for multiple other members in the same transaction, as we have many members who pay for their children and/or grandchildren. Each member being paid for is checked to make sure they are Active, not a Life Member, and have not already had their dues paid.

Our Scholarship, Education, and Library programs are all funded from The Texas Mayflower Fund. Several members choose to make a donation to this fund at the time they pay their annual dues. Any donations received, unless otherwise specified, are added to the Texas Mayflower Fund. Credit card payment is not available for donations at the present time. Memorials and other gifts to the Texas Mayflower Fund are gratefully appreciated and are Tax Deductible.

Tired of having old money-bags hassling you for your annual dues each fall? Consider becoming a Texas Society Life member. The cost is \$750. For more information please contact either Prarie Counce, our Corresponding Secretary, or Mike Nichols, our Treasurer.

Make your check payable to SOMD State of TX and mail it to me. **Please** write your TX Society # on your check if you possibly can. Numbers can be found in your recently mailed state directory.

You can email me at [nichols.ms@gmail.com](mailto:nichols.ms@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## **Save the Dates for the TXSOMD 2016 Annual Meeting**



**April 1-2, 2016**

The San Antonio Colony hosts the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Texas Society at the historic Menger Hotel. The first ever meeting of the Texas Society was at the Menger in 1932. Come meet your cousins, enjoy beautiful San Antonio, and experience history!

Details and Registration will be in the Winter Newsletter.