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# Buckeye Mayflower

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## A message from our Governor

This will be my last "From the Governor" column for this publication. I've had the honor of serving the Ohio Society for 6 years as governor and 7 years as Columbus Colony Lt. Governor

Do you need a reminder that the Mayflower arrived 400 years ago? Celebrate! It is a great time to meet your cousins at your colony meeting this spring and catchup on the last 400 years. Information about

our various spring colony meetings can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. You are welcome to attend meetings at any colony. Guests are always welcome.

Have you registered for our state 2020 commemoration in May? Registration closes on March 15th. Registration for non-members is also open. When we meet our quota, room size will prohibit accepting more registrations.

This September, we'll have our BIG meeting in Plymouth. We still have spaces available for members who wish to be delegates.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society is again offering a course on Mayflower lineage research. Anyone who needs this kind of help can sign up at [americanancestors.org](http://americanancestors.org)

Your Ohio Society is going strong and the incoming team will continue to make it so.



*Sandra Carlin St. Martin, Governor*

# Thank You Sandy!

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## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Interest in membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants has been booming around the country. The staff in Plymouth who verify applications have been overwhelmed with the flood of applications. More are arriving each month than can be verified, leading to an unprecedented turnaround of almost 6 months! As of March 1, 2020, Ohio has over 60 applications in the queue waiting to be verified.

If you are thinking about a supplemental for yourself or an application for a family member that you want to have completed in this anniversary year, now is the time to do it. If you want to see 2020 on your certificate, you need to get the process started ASAP!

The great news in all this is the new Silver Supplemental that GSMD has implemented. If you have had an initial or supplemental application approved since 1 January 2016 and there are lines to other pilgrims that branch off within the generations covered by the Mayflower Families (silver) books, you are eligible to submit one of these new applications. The application is just a list of names with no documentation required, the cost is less than a regular supplemental and turnaround is just a few weeks.

Several of your elected officers are migrating to new email addresses which are reflected in the links in this newsletter. You should see the notice that this edition has been published coming from [newsletter@ohiomayflower.org](mailto:newsletter@ohiomayflower.org). My email is changing to [historian@ohiomayflower.org](mailto:historian@ohiomayflower.org) and Lee Martin's is [deputyhistorian@ohiomayflower.org](mailto:deputyhistorian@ohiomayflower.org). Our treasurer, Larry Hoyt is now using [treasurer@ohiomayflower.org](mailto:treasurer@ohiomayflower.org). The old gmail email addresses will not go away as they have been widely publicized, but we hope the new ones will become the default for all of us!

This edition of the Buckeye Mayflower is the first that is being delivered via a notice sent out by MailChimp pointing you to the copy of the newsletter on the [ohiomayflower.org](http://ohiomayflower.org) website. We had found that with the quirks of gmail, the messages that I sent out with the newsletter attached were not getting to many of our members. Mailchimp allows us better feedback on who is and who is not getting the notice and who has actually opened the notice. Delivering the newsletter via the website will allow you to read it online, download it to your computer or print it out for later reading and to share with friends and family. I hope this new delivery system works for you. Let me know your feedback!

*Ann Fox Gulbransen, Historian, Newsletter Editor*

### Junior member clarification

There has been some recent confusion about junior membership, particularly in relation to the call for applicants for the GSMD scholarship. Here are some details for you!

1. Junior members do NOT have general society numbers. To become full members, they have to go through the application process just like any other applicant once they turn 18. They will get general society numbers at that time.
2. Junior membership runs through birth to the 18th birthday. If an aged out junior member wants to become a full member, the Ohio Society will pay the application fee up to the kid's 25th birthday. We want to make sure the kid really wants to be a member and that either he/she or the sponsor will continue to pay annual dues for the long term. If not, it is a really bad investment for your Ohio Society!
3. If your junior member wants to apply for the GSMD scholarship, you need to use your General Society number since your junior member does not have one.

## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

### Membership Milestones August 2019-February 2020

#### Cincinnati Colony

Cameron Morton—40 Years  
Dorothy Leik—30 years  
Maria Berry—30 years

#### Cleveland Colony

Beth Voltz—50 years  
John Burns—50 years  
Lucy Sekerka—45 years  
Lisa Simek—40 years  
Richard Schmidt—35 years  
Robert Schmidt—35 years  
Andrew Wallace—35 years  
Robert Voltz—30 years  
Cynthia Schlett—30 years  
Craig Gerhart—30 years  
Candace Puma—30 years  
Christine Lieb—30 years  
Mary Chase—20 years

#### Columbus Colony

Carole Kern—50 years  
Linda Hewes—45 years  
Cynthia Swilley—45 years  
Mary Riley—35 years



Randolph Peterson—35 years  
Polly Peterson—35 years  
Susan Roberson—35 years  
Katrina Peterson—35 years  
Joseph Ray—35 years  
Leslie Stavola—30 years  
Constance Roberts—25 years  
Laurie Chase—20 years  
Michele Travis—20 years

#### Toledo Colony

June Chapin—35 years  
Buff Burns—20 years

#### Western Reserve Colony

Shirley Cordingly—65 years  
Martha Bishop—65 years  
Sudrey Gomez—65 years  
Mary Jo Stassel—45 years  
Patricia Stebbins—45 years  
Diane Diehl—25 years  
Carol Tracy—20 years  
Lynne Tracy—20 years

### New Life Member Program

In the Bylaws changes approved in May 2018, you voted to begin a new Life Membership program for members in good standing ages 60 and over. This program is now open! Your Ohio Board of Assistants has approved a sliding fee schedule based on your age:

- Age 60-69 - \$1,250.00
- Age 70-79 - \$900.00
- Age 80-89 - \$500.00
- Age 90+ - \$250.00

Members who elect to join this new program will no longer be required to pay annual dues. The funds you pay now will cover your annual national, state and colony dues for life.

If you are interested in this new program, contact Historian Ann Gulbransen for a registration form at [historian@ohiomayflower.org](mailto:historian@ohiomayflower.org) or at 2234 S. Medina Line Rd. Wadsworth, OH 44281.

## Ways to Respond When...

Most of us are not experts on Mayflower or Pilgrim history but I think its safe to say that we probably know more than the average person. Not surprisingly, we are seeing an increase in factually wrong comments about the Pilgrims and the Mayflower. If you are like me you probably would like to provide some (polite) facts when you find yourself in those situations. Every time we help others increase their factual knowledge about the Pilgrims gain better understanding about the Pilgrims plight.

So I am going to share a few misunderstandings I have encountered and suggest ways to help others know the truth:

- 1) **“So there were 3 ships, right?”** So with this one I kindly reminded the person that those were the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria and Columbus guided them in a journey of exploration, not settlement. I then explained how there were actually 2 ships, *Speedwell* and *Mayflower* and why only the *Mayflower* made it to Plymouth for purposes of settlement. This is a great time to explain decisions that had to be made; how some chose to stay in England; and how the *Mayflower* ended up so very crowded with 102 passengers and about 28 crew.
- 2) **“Why were they so stupid as to make the voyage in early Winter?”** With this one I reminded them that there were 2 ships and that they started out in early August which would get them to their original destination of Northern Virginia well before winter. But the 2 delays for unsuccessful repairs caused the final departure by just the *Mayflower* to be in early September, resulting in arriving in mid November (and not even in Northern Virginia). Note: You might want to make sure you know why they ended in the Cape area rather than the Virginia area.
- 3) **“It’s just terrible what he Pilgrims did to the Native Americans”.** I have had to take a deep breath every time I respond to this one. I acknowledge to them that the American record on relationships with Native Americans has many blemishes and stains. But when it comes to our 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are commemorating the events of 1620 (obviously explained within the context of the persecution of the Pilgrims prior to 1620; life in England and Holland proving intolerable for them). Be ready with your facts about Samoset, Squanto and Massasoit and the alliance between the Wampanoag and Pilgrims that lasted from 1623 until after the death of Massasoit in 1662 and the decision of his son, whom we know as King Philip, to break the alliance. Explain how there were raids, killings and kidnappings between Native American groups before the Pilgrims arrived and that the mutual aid alliance was created primarily to protect both the Wampanoag and the Pilgrims from attacks by the Narragansetts.

These are just 3 examples where can help clarify the record. You don’t have to know all, but by learning a little more each year we can help reduce misunderstandings and false impressions. Listen for the misunderstandings and feel comfortable with your researched responses.

*Jill Parker, Western Reserve*

### Did you sign up for the 400 Point Challenge?

If you signed up with Western Reserve Colony for the 400 Point Challenge, make sure your name is listed here. If not, please contact Jill Parker ([cfrtroutgal@gmail.com](mailto:cfrtroutgal@gmail.com)) as soon as possible:

**Cleveland:** Kathy Leisure;

**Columbus:** Jack Bradford, Olivia Bradford, Marsha Duffey, Jan Kleinline, Hilda Pappas, Sandy St. Martin;

**Western Reserve:** Terri Brown, Ann Gulbransen, Barbara Keller, Barbara Lysic, Paul Morehouse, Jonna Nesbella, Joseph Nesbella, Jun-He Nesbella, Jill Parker, Cheryl Strong, Christina Wagner Schepis

## Pilgrim Family Societies

Have you taken your Mayflower membership a step further and become a member of one or more family societies? These are the current ones who have partnered with GSMD including their contact information. Check out their websites for information on membership requirements (generally your approved GSMD application) and annual dues. Many have meetings, often in concert with Congress in Plymouth!

**Alden Kindred of America**- [www.alden.org](http://www.alden.org)  
Email Desiree Mobed at [dmobed@alden.org](mailto:dmobed@alden.org)

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**The Fuller Society** - [www.thefullersociety.org](http://www.thefullersociety.org)  
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**The Pilgrim William White Society** –  
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Order your Ohio Pins today and show your Mayflower pride! Net proceeds go to support the 2020 Commemoration.

Ohio Pin	\$10.00 each
Ribbon w/Mayflower pin	\$10.00 each
Postage per pin	\$2.00

Send order and payment to:

Ann Gulbransen, Assistant Treasurer  
2234 S. Medina Line Rd  
Wadsworth, OH 44281



## WINTER WAYS – LESSONS FROM THE SENECA

**Background:** I had the opportunity recently to visit the Seneca Iroquois National Museum in Salamanca, New York. I went there to see the new exhibit of the recently returned Seneca Chief Cornplanter's peace pipe-tomahawk. It is magnificent. George Washington had the peace pipe-tomahawk made just for Cornplanter. The identity of the actual craftsman Washington employed is unknown. The peace-pipe is a versatile tool - a combination of the two, peace pipe and tomahawk. It symbolizes the relationship between Washington (Americans) and Cornplanter (Seneca). It is a symbol of negotiations - the peace pipe on one side and then the tomahawk on the other side. Either they were going to be friends or enemies or somewhere in between.

While at the museum I learned a little about Winter in the Seneca culture. When the Seneca measure a person's age, they measure them in winters. Winters are traditionally hard seasons and for this reason their communities are very close knit. It is their custom and tradition to have social gatherings to check-up on each other throughout this harsh season. Winter is their time to be inside together, sharing stories, teaching lessons and being a family. And the stories they share are part of their children's inheritance: the stories are numerous and fairly easy to remember for their symbolism and lessons. From creation stories to why the racoon has black eyes, the stories are filled with anticipation, imagination and LESSONS.

There are valuable lessons for our Mayflower membership today. Let's look at two of these:

1) Social gatherings as a time to check-up on each other: Our Colonies have gatherings throughout the year. I got to wondering if we make the most of these gatherings, in a family kind of way; after all, we are cousins. What a wonderful opportunity to touch base with each other, expressing our pleasure at seeing each other and catching up on our lives – seeing if there are ways we could help each other. Especially valuable is checking in with our senior members who might not get out as much as they would like. Equally important is checking in on our newest members...those just joining and those who are applicants, hoping to join soon. Showing everyone our joy in gathering with them once again!! And departing with messages that we shall see each other soon.

2) Story telling as a way of passing down values: In the Seneca culture, respect, listening and patience are taught and highly valued. So much so that when in many Native American cultures a "talking stick" is used to designate who may speak in a gathering. All others must listen...respectfully. Much patience is shown before responding – this indicates that one has given serious thought to what has been said. We have much to learn about story telling. What do we see as important for us to pass on with regard to our Mayflower Society? Is it the pride and respect we have for our ancestors who endured the Mayflower journey and the early years? Is it the admiration for their decision making processes of first going to Holland and then realizing that they needed to go someplace totally new? We have an opportunity during our "social time" at our Colony Gatherings to share the Mayflower Story with each other; together let's rediscover why the Mayflower Story has value and is still relevant in today's world.

*Jill Parker, Western Reserve*

### Help Wanted

If you will be attending the annual conference of the Ohio Genealogical Society April 30-May 2 and would like to help your society by sitting at the Mayflower table in the vendor hall for an hour or two, please contact [historian@ohiomayflower.org](mailto:historian@ohiomayflower.org) so I can get your contact information to our volunteer coordinator. Help encourage conference attendees to explore their possible Mayflower connections!

## MAYFLOWER HISTORY

### Why were the Pilgrims successful in building a colony after the Jamestown settlement failed?

#### ILLUSTRIOUS NAVIGATORS WHO EXPLORED AND MAPPED NORTH AMERICA

Many expeditions were launched in search of a Northwest Passage to Asia. Europeans had been unaware of the existence of the Americas. They wanted to establish a shorter trade route to China instead of following "The Silk Road".

1492: There were four voyages of the Italian navigator CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS who essentially opened the New World. But it was soon understood that Columbus had not reached Asia. He found what was to Europeans a New World which in 1507 was named America, probably after Amerigo Vespucci.

1497: Italian navigatore GIOVANNI CABOTO (John Cabot) landed on the Island of Newfoundland and claimed the land in Canada for England. He was commissioned under Henry VII of England and is known for the earliest known European exploration of coastal North America since the Norse visits to Vinland. Cabot laid the foundation for extensive British claims over the

east coast of America.

1513: JUAN PONCE DE LEON disembarked on the northeastern coast of Florida and found passage through the Florida Keys to land on the southwest Gulf Coast of Florida. He was the first known European to reach present day United States mainland.

1605: Frenchman SAMUEL CHAMPLAIN explored Plymouth Harbor which he named "Port St. Louis". He made an extensive map of it and surrounding lands which showed the Patuxet village as a thriving settlement. An epidemic of a lesser known disease called "leptospirosis" wiped out up to 90% of the native peoples along the Massachusetts coast in 1617-1619, including the Patuxets before the Mayflower arrived. The absence of serious Indian opposition to the Pilgrims' settlement may have been a pivotal event to their success and to English colonization.

1614: CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH of Jamestown explored and surveyed the area and is credited with naming the region "New England". A map published in his 1616 work "A Description of New England" shows the site as "New Plimouth".

#### Why did the Jamestown settlement fail?

607: Jamestown Colony is the first permanent English settlement in the Americas, located on the northeast bank of the James River about 2 to 5 miles southwest of modern day Williamsburg. Established by the Virginia Company of London as James Fort, there were several failed attempts to settle including "The Lost Colony of Roanoke". Many of the settlers, either gentlemen unused to work, or their manservants were unaccustomed to hard labor needed by the harsh task of carving out a colony. The Virginia Company had hoped to reap profits from gold. Relationships with the native peoples turned sour.

1609-1610 was known as The Starving Time. The settlers faced rampant starvation for want of additional provisions. Lack of food drove people to eat snakes and to boil leather from boots for sustenance. There is scientific evidence of cannibalism. In a few months 80% of the party were dead. Relations with the Powhatans quickly deteriorated to eventual war until Pocahontas was captured, after which the chief accepted a treaty of peace. The old town of Jamestown began to slowly fade from view. By the mid 1700's the land was heavily cultivated and disappeared.

#### Why did Plymouth colony succeed?

1620-1691 Plymouth Colony (sometimes spelled Plimouth) was an English colonial venture in America at a location previously surveyed and named by Captain John Smith. It was founded by a group of Puritan Separatists known as the Brownist Emigration, who were the Pilgrims. It was the second colony to be founded by the English in America after Jamestown in Virginia and the first permanent English settlement in the New England region. A treaty with Wampanoag Chief Massasoit helped ensure its success. Squanto, a member of the Patuxet tribe aided this success.

Most citizens of Plymouth were fleeing religious persecution and searching for a place to worship. They were different from many settlers of Jamestown in Virginia who were entrepreneurs. Social and legal systems of the colony became closely tied to their religious beliefs, and to English custom. After King Philip's War, 1675-1678, the colony merged with the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1691 to form the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

A deep feeling of gratitude for our brave Mayflower Ancestors who found the way to survive and begin a new life. Likely, we would not exist if they had failed. Thankful, indeed.

*Barbara Dodge Keller*

Sources: Wikipedia



## Notes from my Library

I was catching up on reading books in my library that I had not read, even though they had been with me for some time. James Marten Edited the volume "Children in Colonial America". In chapter two by R. Todd Romero, he shared some observations regarding the Wampanoag children. He quoted Edward Winslow's observation that names of the children of this native people were "significant". Childhood was marked by various symbols, i.e. "Clothing and hairstyle, for example, served to denote sexual maturity, virginity, gender, age, spiritual associations, and tribal affiliation." Names reflected religious associations as "Religion was essential to the formation of gender identities and the experience of childhood." In this regard of religion, "Wampanoag children for example, were regaled with numerous stories of the supernatural giants Maushop and Squant." It was believed that Nantucket was created out of the "snuff out of Maushop's pipe." He makes the point that "Christian Indian families spent tremendous energy religiously instructing their children". Winslow had pointed out that beliefs about Keihtan "who, like the Narragansett Cautantowwit, was responsible for creation and was especially important to traditional religious life." Vigorous Wampanoag boys as they grew up, were "singled out for rituals that tested their potential to become *pnieses*, a special group of fearsome warriors and advisors to Indian leaders that embodied masculine ideals and mustered tremendous spiritual power." I thought that the reader might enjoy a bit about the native folks that our "family" members encountered on those long-ago shores of Massachusetts.

Agape,

*"Dr. Don" Nichols - AG*

Do you want to be in Plymouth, MA in September for the Triennial Congress and all the other events commemorating the 400th anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims? Every member Society is able to send delegates to conduct the business of our Society. The Ohio delegation is not yet full. This is your opportunity to participate in the governance of the General Society and to meet your cousins from around the country.

You can read all about the events on the members only page at [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org). Some are already sold out, but there will be lots to do in Massachusetts in September.

If you are interested in becoming a delegate, email Ohio Governor Sandy St. Martin at [carlin9th@yahoo.com](mailto:carlin9th@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

## A Ripple of Influence

For several years the Ohio Society has been donating sets of Mayflower books to libraries around Ohio to help people doing their genealogical research. You will remember that Toledo Colony has delivered a set of these books to Toledo Public Library (downtown), the R.B. Hayes Library and Museums at Spiegel Grove in Fremont, and the Williams County Library and History Center in Bryan. The Bryan Times wrote a comprehensive article about the presentation. I (Susan Fisher -- Lt. Governor) asked the editor of the Coldwater, Michigan, Daily Reporter if she would run the same article. She agreed. The reasons are several of our colony members, including me, live in Michigan within an hour of Coldwater, the publicity would help people in this area learn about the Mayflower, Society, and the Coldwater paper and the Bryan paper are sister paper

As a result of that article, the Head Librarian of the Quincy Branch of the Branch District Library became interested in the set of books. (Quincy is just 12 miles east of Coldwater, 11 N. Main Street, Quincy MI 49082) She contacted me to get information on how to purchase the entire set. Then her Board authorized her to make that purchase. Now south-central Michigan has a set of the Mayflower books, all due to the Ohio Society's generosity within Ohio.

## 20/20 HINDSIGHT

The May 1-2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 Commemoration event of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mayflower Voyage will be here and gone before we know it. All of the colonies have played an integral part in the success of this event; from securing the speaker and mailing invitations (Cincinnati), managing the hotel and transportation (Columbus), coordinating the registrations and managing the budget (Cleveland), securing the photographer, getting the photo backdrops and coordinating the proclamation's (Toledo), and developing the decorations and coordinating the Welcome bags and mementos (Western Reserve). It took the entire team of Mayflower Cousins to get pull this together and like our Ancestors who took the journey we don't know how this will all end but we are sure a higher power will help us land this ship. Everyone has worked hard to see that our members and guests have a truly memorable day, and we can't wait to see all our cousins from around Ohio.

We have secured an additional block of rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn at the Polaris center (0.2 miles from the event) that will be held until April 1, 2020 at the same \$129 rate as the Hilton Polaris. You really don't want to miss this "once in a lifetime event"

The absolute deadline to register is Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

See you on May 1-2<sup>nd</sup> in Columbus!!

*Beth Anderson*



"Teddy Roosevelt" (aka Ted E. Dudra) will be arriving Saturday May 2, 2020 to educate and entertain those attending the Ohio Mayflower 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration at the Polaris Hilton in Columbus. Ted E. Dudra is just as energetic in his portrayal: "I portray Teddy Roosevelt in the first person to any groups that are interested in an historic format sharing the unique achievements in his life: National Parks, soldier, president, numerous other offices held, cowboy and family man." Ted is a retired teacher, makes many appearances each year as Theodore Roosevelt, including often going to Medora, North Dakota for the annual gathering of

Teddy Roosevelt presenters. I have to say, our presenter is the best of the best!

He also participates in many Civil War encampments as well as Military balls. His calendar of commitments fills up quickly each year and we were fortunate to land him for the Ohio event. Please be sure to see "Teddy" in person.

### Dress like a pilgrim

Do you have a great pilgrim era outfit but are having a hard time finding authentic shoes. Check out the website at this link <http://www.luckhardt.com/ecwsa53.html> for instructions on converting desert boots and other shoes into latched shoes!

If you are attending the 2020 Commemoration event, we encourage you to come dressed in your pilgrim finest! We will make sure our photographer gets a shot of all those dressed in pilgrim garb!

## Getting ready for our 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Columbus in May!!!

I am so anxious to get to Columbus that you'd think it was 1620 and I was in England waiting to board the Mayflower! What should I take? What will it be like? Will I know anybody else? Will I enjoy the "journey"?

Well, for starters I am dressing like I would for a normal Colony Gathering...but I am also bringing a change of clothes... something with a 1620 style to it!!! I know there are a few of us planning on doing this. I'm also wearing my hearing aids ... I don't want to miss any of the conversations!!!

I'm sure I'll know a few "cousins" and I'm anxious to see how many of my Howland / Tilley Cousins are there for the Roll Call. And I will be interested to see how many direct male descendants are present...Bradfords and Fullers I suspect and perhaps a Brewster or two. I imagine these fine men bear a strong resemblance to their ancestors on the Mayflower. So strong, so proud of their lineage. Hope some special pictures are taken of just these gentlemen. And how about any direct female lines? We can't forget them. If you are a direct female or direct male line, please let us know at the event. You are extra special in my mind and it would be fun to capture special pictures of you as a group.

And I want to meet the newest members. Who will they be? Direct cousins? What was their membership journey like? And I can't wait to meet those who may be just days from receiving word that their application has been accepted. What fun to share stories of research and why we each wanted to be part of this wonderful organization. And to think, we are alive during the commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we get a chance to have a big gathering of the "cousins". And finally, I want to gather with you, my "cousins", so we can all raise a toast to our ancestors and to the Mayflower! May we tell her story well!

*Jill Parker, Western Reserve*

### SMDOH 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ancestor Box – Available through November 2020

Western Reserve Colony will continue to make the 400th Anniversary custom wooden boxes available through Compact Day 2020. These are individually made with each person's ancestor information, membership information and other details according to your preferences. Measurements are 7" square by 4" high. Two types of finish are available: natural and gray wash. The boxes cost \$75 (\$89.35 if shipped) with over \$30 going to the SMDOH 2020 budget.

You can get the order form from the state website: [OhioMayflower.org](http://OhioMayflower.org), select Western Reserve Colony, Announcements to print off an order form. Complete the order form and send to Jill Parker, 886 Rosemarie Circle, Wadsworth, OH 44281; or



email the order form to her at [cfrtroutgal@gmail.com](mailto:cfrtroutgal@gmail.com) (please put Mayflower Ancestry Box in the subject line). Currently the only method of payment is by check, made out to "Western Reserve Colony" You will be emailed a proof of the box, for your approval, before it is actually produced.

After December 2020, we will work with our wonderful vendor to redesign the top of the box to be a more generic Mayflower box. Proceeds will continue to go to the special programs of your Ohio Society.

Customized scrolls will also continue to be available to record additional pilgrim ancestors—or anything else you want!



## COLONY CHRONICLES

### News from the Cincinnati Colony

As we wait to jump into Spring mode, our after Holidays winter has been fairly quiet.

Part of the preparation for the 2020 Celebration in Columbus included a “mailing” pizza party in Cincinnati. Several Colony members met at St. Xavier HS (from which I retired) meeting room, to stuff and seal the invites. These were mailed out in January by Beth Anderson, our Communications officer and delegate to the 2020 Planning committee. Beth has worked very hard on the Invitation development and coordination of mailing the invitations. As well, and most importantly, securing speaker Josh Taylor and the many details involved.

We are all looking forward to being in Columbus May 1 & 2 for the 2020 Celebration . This is a fabulous and historic event.

Cincinnati Colony has been very fortunate to Welcome 10 new members with several pending. So happy to see membership growing in the other colonies as well!



We are proud to honor one of our Cincinnati Colony members, Jim Halls, who is celebrating his 100th Birthday! Jim is the father of member Jean Halls Muetzel and a WWII veteran. Jim is a very special person. Happy Birthday Jim!!



From Colony member Paul Griffith ... Paul sent these lovely photos from the Rose Parade in California...Mayflower "Ship of Hope". It looks Great, however, it might not be seaworthy!"

Our Spring meeting will be held April 4 at Parkers Tavern in Blue Ash. Wishing everyone a beautiful and blessed start to Spring 2020!

*Star Vondrell, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.*

### News from the Cleveland Colony

**2020 Spring Business Meeting:** The annual Spring business meeting is targeted for Saturday March 21, 2020 and will be held at Western Reserve Historical Society located in Cleveland, Ohio in the library meeting room with lite refreshments. Ann Sindelar from the history center will give a program about the history of “The Society of the Mayflower Descendants Cleveland Colony” established November 1930 organized by Mrs. Walter Meals. Additionally, Ann will conduct a guided tour into the secured Rare Book Room. The colony will be voting for a bylaw change and the nominated slate of officers for the next term. After the ballots are counted by the appointed teller, the officers will be installed for 2020-2023 term. Lite refreshments will be served.

**2020 State Assembly Day:** The colony is looking forward to the 400 Year Anniversary event held in Columbus and hearing genealogist D. Joshua Taylor’s program. The colonies have been assigned specific tasks for the 2020

Subcommittee and provides updates to Beth Anderson committee chair every quarter. The exciting event is coming soon because May 1, 2020 is almost here!

**2020 Compact Day:** The annual November 21, 2020 Compact Day buffet luncheon will be held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio. Our keynote speaker will be Past Governor General Lea Filson and her program will be published closer to the event. Our colony is honored to welcome the Past Governor General to our Compact Day dinner this year. After the traditional passenger roll call, we will recognize the Veterans again and thank them for their service and let them know we will never forget. As in the past, we will open the invitation to multiple local lineage societies and guests. More details to come.

*Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony*

### News from the Columbus Colony

**November 9, 2019** Susan Reid told us about Johnny Clem, a nine-year-old boy from Newark who ran away to join the Union Army in the spring of 1861. He served first as a drummer at Shiloh and in the Battle of Nashville as a sergeant when he was 13. He retired as a Major General after a long military career. Sharon Bardus, Junior Membership Chair, with the help of her grandchildren, Daria and Jadon, led junior members Elijah, Mary, Hayden, and Audrey in a craft project for Thanksgiving

### April 18, 2020 will be the spring meeting at Kensington Place.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, April 18 at 12 noon at Kensington Place. Reservations are due April 11. John Burke will portray the life of Captain Wolfe, who fought for William Henry Harrison in the War of 1812. There will be an election and installation of officers. The Columbus Colony Board of Assistants is proud to announce our slate of Candidates of the Colony offices for the upcoming election April 18, 2020

Lt. Governor Hilda Pappas	Dept. Governor Charles Mays
Recording Secretary Kristen Hallows	Treasurer Winthrop Worcester
Corresponding. Secretary Jenney Seely	Elder Cheryl Bash
Historian Sharon Bardus	Captain Gary Barstow
BOA Representative Jan Kleinline	Director Sharon Hendershot
Director Donald Burgess	Scholarship Chair Dr. Jan Ebert
Membership Chair Judy Snyder	Education Chair Jan Kleinline
Social Chair Carolyn White	Junior Member Chair OPEN
Program Chair OPEN	

**November 14, 2020** Janice Kleinline, our Education chair, will speak of the way of life in Plimoth in 1620. Dressed in Pilgrim garb, she will bring items to show that would have been used then. She will also be bringing items from Plimoth Plantation for sale. This should be of interest to Mayflower Cousins of all ages.

**Scholarship** The deadline for applications for the \$1000 Winifred Schamp Scholarship has been extended to March 31. Applications go to Dr. Janet Ebert. The award will be given at the April 18 meeting. Junior Chair sent the application by e-mail to the sponsors of the age appropriate juniors.

*Sharon Hendershot, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony*

### News from the Toledo Colony

The next meeting of Toledo Colony will be on Saturday, 28 March, with fellowship at 11:30, lunch at 12 noon, business meeting at 12:50, and speaker around 1:10. We will welcome Susan Belekewicz, Executive Director of the General Society, speaking on Plymouth's 2020 plans and the Meetinghouse. All are welcome to join us. Lunch cost is \$15. Please make reservations by Tuesday, 24 March with Jeff Stoll, , [willowcove@lighthouse.net](mailto:willowcove@lighthouse.net) or 906-440-5088;



address 5510 Ottawa River Road, Toledo OH 43611.

The venue is Ohio Living Swan Creek, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, off Brownstone Blvd., off Rt. 20, Toledo. Drive along the left side of the building to the portico at the end. The date and place of the summer meeting TBA. Compact Day will be 14 November at Swan Creek.

*Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony*

## News from the Western Reserve Colony

**Mark your calendars for these events. Guests are always welcome at our gatherings:**

**March 8<sup>th</sup> – Colony Meeting** at Skyland Pines in Canton at 11:30am. Our speaker will be Reggie Watson with the topic of “Adventures of a Cemetery Hunter.”

**June 20<sup>th</sup> - Picnic** at Greentown Community Park in Uniontown at noon. No charge. Bring side dish or dessert and your place setting if you are able. Great fellowship and activities with our cousins!

**November 15<sup>th</sup> – Compact Day** at Skyland Pines in Canton at 11:30am. We will have a traditional Thanksgiving meal! Speaker TBD.

### **Project updates:**

**Mayflower Maize Games** –We have just a few left. See our Sales Table at our gatherings.

**Ancestry Box** – The 2020 limited edition Ancestry Boxes will only be available for order until Compact Day 2020. Order yours today!

**Mayflower Guard – Ohio Guarantor Program** (providing financial assistance to those who need outfitting for Guard participation as well as financial assistance for mileage, etc). Donation form is on the SMDOH website. You can also contact Jill Parker for details on this program.

Speaking of Jill, a special thank you is in order for her as our outgoing Lt Governor. She has brought so many ideas to the Western Reserve Colony. Jill is always thinking how we can make the Colony even better, from outreach ideas, to honoring our cousins and everything in between. We are extremely proud of her and cant wait to see what she does for the State Society. Thank you Jill for all you have done!

*Christina Wagner Schepis, Lt. Governor, Western Reserve Colony*

### **Looking for a Volunteer...**

*This project can be done from the comfort of your own home!!* If you can create a PowerPoint presentation, have an interest in Early American Artwork and have time for a short term project to benefit our Ohio colonies, please contact Jill Parker at [cfrtroutgal@gmail.com](mailto:cfrtroutgal@gmail.com).

### **In Search of...**

Jill Parker ([cfrtroutgal@gmail.com](mailto:cfrtroutgal@gmail.com)) is working on a project for the Ohio Society and needs PRINTED COLOR copies of the following pages from past Mayflower Quarterlies. Please let her know if you can provide any of these:

Vol 40 No. 4 Nov 1974, Pages 109 and 125

Vol 78 No. 1 Mar 2012, Pages 71 and 72

Vol 78 No. 2 June 2012, Pages 156 and 157

Vol 78 No. 4 Dec 2012, Pages 304-305, 307-309, 312

Vol 79 No. 4 Dec 2013, Page 365

Vol 80 No. 4 Dec 2014, Pages 244 and 269-270

Vol 81 No. 2 Jun 2015, Page 152

Vol 81 No. 4 Dec 2015, Pages 82-83

Vol 82 No. 2 Summer 2016, page 10

Vol 82 No. 3 Fall 2016, page 13



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 8, 2020:** Western Reserve Colony spring meeting, Skyland Pines

**March 21, 2020** Cleveland Colony Spring meeting, Western Reserve Historical Society

**March 28, 2020** Toledo Colony Meeting, Swan Lake

**April 4, 2020:** Cincinnati Colony meeting, Parker's Tavern, Blue Ash

**April 18, 2020:** Columbus Colony meeting and election of officers, Kensington Place

**May 1-2, 2020:** 2020 Commemoration, Polaris Hilton, Columbus; registration closes 15 March 2020

**June 20, 2020:** Western Reserve Colony Picnic, Greentown Community Park

**June 27, 2020:** Cincinnati Colony meeting

**September 2020:** Triennial Congress, Plymouth, MA - see schedule at [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org) in the members only section

**September 19, 2020:** Cincinnati Colony meeting

**November 7, 2020:** Cincinnati Colony Compact Day

**November 14, 2020:** Columbus Colony Compact Day

**November 14, 2020:** Toledo Colony Compact Day

**November 15, 2020:** Western Reserve Colony Compact Day, Skyland Pines

**November 21, 2020:** Cleveland Colony Compact Day, Lakewood County Club

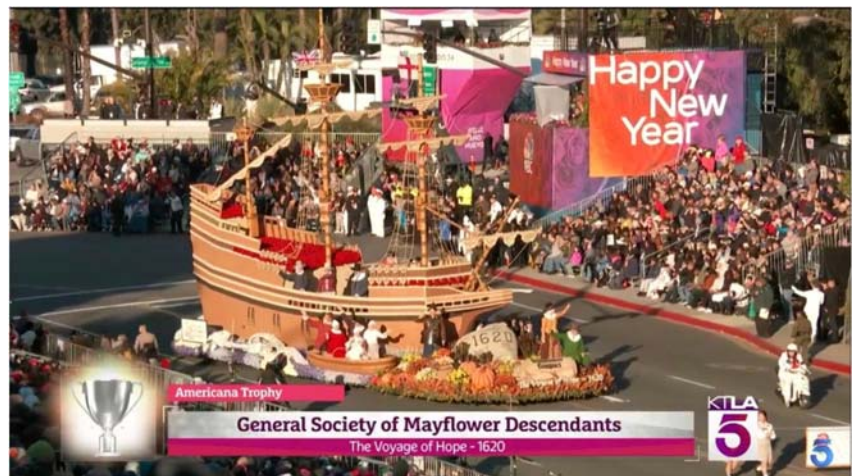
**We hope to see you at the next meeting of your Colony and you are welcome to attend any Colony meeting. Contact the Lt. Governor (see p 2) for more information.**

If you know of other genealogy or family history events that should be listed here, please email them to [ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ohmayflowernewsletter@gmail.com) and they will be posted in future issues!

### Watch out for scam emails

We have had an incident of scam emails being sent out as if they were from one of our Colony leaders. Beware! If you receive any message asking for you to purchase gift cards, it is a scam. No matter how worthy the cause sounds, it is a scam! Just delete the message!

Did you see the Voyage of Hope in the Rose Bowl Parade on January 1st? If you missed it or if you just want to watch it again, it is (of course) on YouTube. Here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGMLEsR-Hb4&feature=youtu.be>. The float is the 3rd one in the parade and will come into view about 12 minutes into the video. The man in green in the bow is Governor General George Garmany.



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STRANGERS IN THE BOX

Come, look with me inside this drawer,  
In this box I've often seen,  
At the pictures, black and white,  
Faces proud, still, serene.

I wish I knew the people,  
These strangers in the box,  
Their names and all their memories  
Are lost among my socks.

I wonder what their lives were like,  
How did they spend their days?  
What about their special times?  
I'll never know their ways.

If only someone had taken time  
To tell who, what, where, or when,  
These faces of my heritage  
Would come to life again.

Could this become the fate  
Of the pictures we take today?  
The faces and the memories  
Someday to be passed away?

Make time to save your stories,  
Seize the opportunity when it knocks,  
Or someday you and yours could be  
The strangers in the box.

Anonymous