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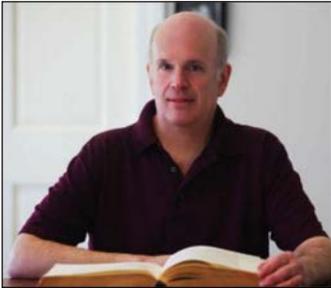
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Hello, Mayflower Cousins.

As I write this note, I see a beautiful day reminding me that summer is almost over, and fall is on the way. Why does summer go by so much faster than all of the other three seasons?

By the time that you read this newsletter, I will have attended the GSMD Congress in Plymouth, MA. This year, the main attraction will be the upgrades to the Mayflower Society House. I look forward to seeing the results of all of the hard work on this important project.

I am excited to announce [Dr. David J. Naumec](#) as our speaker for the October 14, 2023 annual meeting to be held at Woodwinds, in Branford, CT. Dr. Naumec is an Archaeological Field Director at [Heritage Consultants, LLC](#), Assistant Professor of History at Central CT State University, and a museum consultant. The title of his talk will be "The Pequot War (1636-1637) and Plimoth Colony." Use the reservation form on page 11 to reserve your space.

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets at the October meeting and win some wonderful items from our raffle table. All of the proceeds from the raffle increase our growing Scholar-

ship Fund. If you have children, or grandchildren, let them know that we award two \$5,000 scholarships annually.

Please purchase your Challenge Coin at our October meeting for \$25. Proceeds benefit the renovation of the Pilgrim Meetinghouse in Plymouth. This is an important educational facility that when completed will tell the Mayflower story with interactive exhibits that you won't find anywhere else.

[Please support this important project.](#)

My term expires in October 2024 so there will be a new slate of officers with new

committees. If you have some extra time or would like to help out please call me or email me. I'd love to chat with you about ways that you can get involved and help to move our society forward. New blood and new ideas are what it is all about.

If you are a first-time attendee at our meetings or are a new member, we do our best to make sure that you are recognized, but please feel free to tap me on the shoulder and introduce yourself. I try to meet all new attendees and members at each meeting. Our members are very important to us and we want you to feel part of our family.

Hope to see you on October 14th.

Gregory Evan Thompson, Governor



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Welcome New Members Into the CT Mayflower Society!

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IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Another year has gone by and it is time to renew your membership that will expire on September 30, 2023.

If you joined this year before July 1, 2023, you must renew your membership. Annual dues are \$65, \$35 of which goes to the General Society.

PAY ONLINE at www.ctmayflower.org via PayPal or credit card.

OR SEND A CHECK (payable to CT Mayflower Society) TO:

Joan W. Prentice, CSMD Membership, 32 Nichols Lane, Waterford CT 06385-3611.

In Remembrance of CT Mayflower Society Members Who Have Recently Passed

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Elizabeth C. Cloud, d. 6/1/2023, age 95 Grace M. Reale, d. 8/9/2023, age 92 Linda J. Horne, d. 2/28/2023, age 82

Help us find some missing Life Members

We have Life Members of the CT Mayflower Society for whom we have incorrect contact information. If you have a mailing address, phone number, or email for any of the missing Life Members listed below, please forward that information to our Membership Chair Joan Prentice at jowp32@hotmail.com so that we can re-establish contact with these Life Members.

Edward S. Adamy III
Audrey C. Baker
Emily B. Baker
Mary E. Baker
Amanda B. Barney
Austin C. D. Barney
Matthew S. Blum
Ann H. Breen
Kelly Buck
Suzanne Chinatti

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Scholarship Program Updates

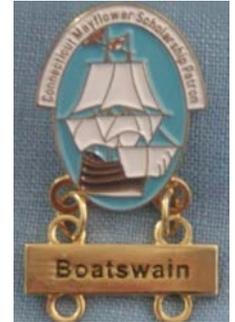
We are now awarding two \$5,000.00 scholarships. Do you have a qualified applicant in your family? If so, please encourage them to apply. We review all applications and select the two scholarship winners prior to our 2024 spring meeting. All applications and supporting documentation must be received prior to March 1, 2024.

DONATE AND BECOME A PATRON

You can keep our scholarship program growing and vibrant with an outright donation or the donation of an item to be raffled off at an upcoming luncheon meeting. We hope you will do both.

We must maintain and increase our endowed funds so that we can continue to provide scholarships to more students. For an initial donation of \$500 and an annual donation of \$100, you will receive our newly designed Patron lapel pin and bars to show your dedication to assisting our youth in pursuing higher education.

The bars on our Connecticut Scholarship Scholarship Patron pin indicate ranks of the Mayflower crew. Begin with the Boatswain bar, earn the Pilot bar, then the Master Mate bar and finally the Master bar to complete your roster.



Your initial donation of \$500 can be made in installments during the first year. You will receive your pin when you complete the initial donation. You have the option to pay the \$100 annual donations in one lump sum and receive all your bars at one time. If you care to donate more, please do so with our sincerest thank you. The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent the IRS will allow.

Please accept my donation of: \$500 \$800 \$100 Other: _____

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STREET: _____ EMAIL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE : _____ ZIP: _____

Mail this form and your check, payable to CT Mayflower Society, to David L. Grant, 4 Holly Farm Ln, Simsbury, CT 06070.
Write CT Mayflower Scholarship Fund in the memo line of your check.

SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND WITH A DONATION TO OUR SEMI-ANNUAL RAFFLES

These raffle donations leverage hundreds of dollars as luncheon meeting attendees purchase tickets in the hope of winning one – or more – of the raffle items. Look at that table of goodies from a recent meeting. *Let's keep it going!*

What to donate? New or well-cared for books; knitted, quilted, or needlework items; candles; note cards; seasonal plants; seed and/or bulb packets; table decorations - the options are really endless. Please be sure that donated items are in new or well cared for and clean condition. Consummable items like candy, maple syrup, jams, etc. must be sealed and unopened.

Bring raffle items to the next membership meeting on October 14, 2023. Bring your check books or extra cash because we are planning a silent auction at the next meeting, in addition to the raffle.

More questions about how to support the Scholarship Program?

Contact Scholarship Chair Mike Pollock.
mikepollock8039@comcast.net



New England Governors Council, June 25, 2023 – Gregory Thompson

Each year, the New England Governors Council meets at a central location. Each state takes a turn (alphabetically) hosting this meeting and this year it was the turn for the CT Mayflower Society.

A representative from all New England Societies attended along with Governor General Jane Hurt, Assistant Governor General, Donald Studley, Executive Director, Mark Schmidt, and Counsellor General, Lisa Pennington. Each representative shared what is going on in their Society. As the CT Governor, I discussed the sale of the Mayflower Meeting House Challenge Coins, as well as how we have issued anniversary certificates to members who have been with us at least five years. This sharing between societies is a great learning opportunity for everyone as we share ideas and programs to improve membership participation and services.



New England Governors Council meeting
June 25, 2023 at Plimoth Patuxet Museum

A delicious lunch was served, and it was a great afternoon with nice weather. Afterwards many took the opportunity stroll around the grounds of the Museum. Each member who attended was given a bottle of [Foxon Park soda](#), which is only manufactured in East Haven CT, and it was a hit. The next meeting will be hosted in 2024 by the State of Maine.

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES: Share your knowledge and stories with fellow members through a newsletter article of your own: your genealogical journey in search of Mayflower and colonial ancestors, a book review, whatever. If you don't feel comfortable writing a piece yourself, send your suggestions to: Kathy Simmons, Newsletter Editor at kmsartwrk@cox.net and we'll take it from there.

Digital Newsletter Distribution: When you provide an email address, you are added to our digital newsletter distribution. Therefore it is important for you to submit any change to your email address to Membership Chair Joan Prentice jowp32@hotmail.com. If you are certain that we have your correct email address but don't receive your digital newsletter, check your junk/spam email folder to be sure it wasn't misdirected there and/or contact Newsletter Editor Kathy Simmons to be confirm your status on our digital newsletter distribution. Keep in mind that the most recent newsletter including all newsletters going back to 2009 are available on our website, www.CTMayflower.org.

Connecticut Mayflower Society Name Tag Order Form - Available for \$20 each.

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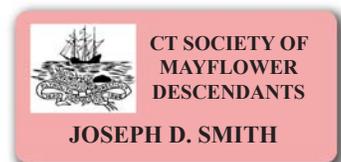
No. Badges _____ X \$20 each = _____ Total enclosed.

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Make check payable to CT Mayflower Society.
Mail payment with order form to: Gregory Thompson, 17 David Drive, East Haven, CT 06512



Mayflower II Overnight, August 19, 2023 – Louise Wagner

The Mayflower II Overnight, organized by our Education Committee and led by Louise Wagner and Mary Brown, was a huge success and we look forward to repeating the program next year.

Mary Brown and I started organizing the overnight program on the newly repaired and renovated Mayflower II in April and continued right up until the day of the event.

The overnight program was organized through the [Plimouth Pawtucket Museum](#) Education Department and allowed for maximum overnight attendance of 15 people. The vessel is under the control of the U. S. Coast Guard.

The enrollment filled quickly with Mayflower descendants, mainly from Connecticut. Our group met at the [Mayflower Society House](#) and walked together to Mayflower II. The group was enthusiastic, and Mary engaged everyone with fascinating Mayflower history until we arrived at the vessel.

We are honored to be the first group to stay overnight aboard Mayflower II since its restoration. The ship is newly fitted with electricity and two hidden restrooms. Not a cell phone rang during our time there, even though the vessel had wifi!

The catering department at Plimouth Pawtucket prepared a period meal of salad, turkey, and squash, and the educational

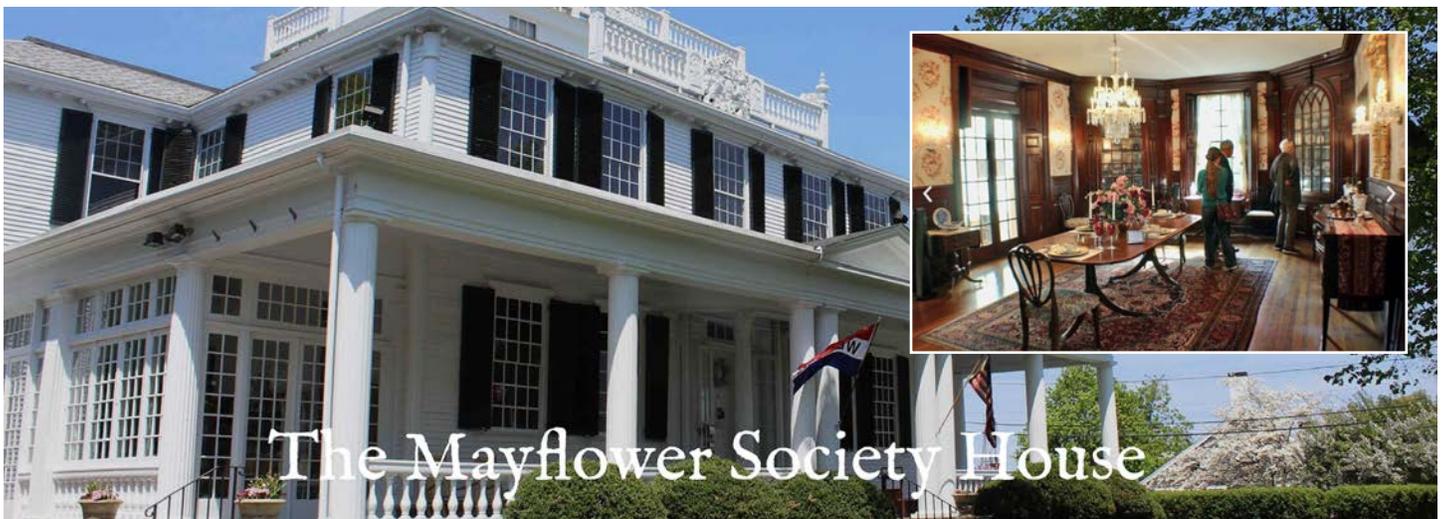
interpreters served us with crisp linens and an entertaining dose of colonial dinner etiquette. A wonderful experience!

Two significant features of the overnight program included the impressive lowering and raising of the mizzen sail and the signing of the Compact, a bonding experience for the group. We all came away with insight on how intense and dangerous it was to be a crew member aboard the Mayflower and the meaning of faith and civility in signing the Compact.

The interpreters were with us every minute, seldom breaking from their charming characters of Ms. Winslow and Samuel Fuller, continually dispensing history to everyone's delight.

Mayflower II Captain Whit Perry, his crew, and the educational staff took hour-watch shifts on board throughout the night. There was also security posted on the landing. We slept very comfortably on the 'tween' deck.

We ended our adventure with a continental breakfast and group photos. What a magnificent event! Hopefully, we will be able to do it again next year!



MAYFLOWER II OVERNIGHT PHOTO ALBUM



General Society of Mayflower Descendants Insignia Guidelines

If you have served in multiple positions in the Mayflower Society, either at the state or national level or both, you may have insignia in the form of pins, badges, and neck medallions to wear in recognition of your service and achievements. The General Society has issued helpful GSMD Insignia Guidelines on how to wear your insignia, See Resources on www.CTMayflower.org. Note that all insignia are purchased through the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Questions, Email: nancyamerwin284@gmail.com.





Passing of Dr. Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs Director and Founder of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum

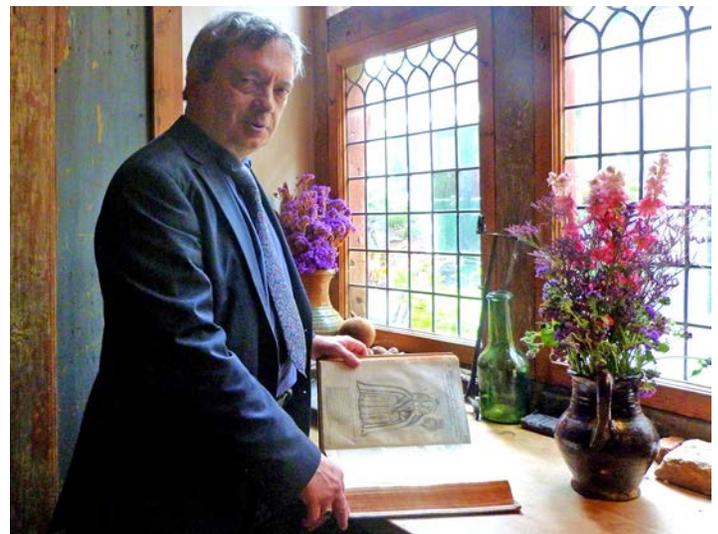
Dr. Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs was a leading figure in the field of pilgrim history. He attended the University of Chicago before earning his Ph.D. from the University of Leiden. Dr. Bangs stumbled upon the topic of pilgrim history while working at the Leiden archives. People warned him that the subject was of little interest, and anyway, everything about it had already been discovered. His decades of scholarship proved them wrong.

Jeremy worked as Visiting Curator of Manuscripts at Pilgrim Hall Museum, Chief Curator at Plimoth Plantation (today Plimoth Patuxet), before moving back to the Netherlands where he founded the [Leiden American Pilgrim Museum](#) in Leiden, Netherlands in 1997.

Author of over twenty books, some of his major works include *Pilgrim Edward Winslow: New England's First International Diplomat: A Documentary Biography* (2004), *Indian Deeds: Land Transactions in Plymouth Colony 1620-1691* (2008), *Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners* (2009), *New Light on the Old Colony: Plymouth, the Dutch Context of Toleration and Patterns of Pilgrim Commemoration* (2019), *Josias Wompatuck and the Titicut Reserve of the Mattakeeset - Massachusetts Tribe* (2020), and a novel, *De Kunst van de Scriptie* (2023).

Jeremy's work improved the understanding of various aspects of history: art history, colonist history, American history, Dutch history, religious history, social history. For his contributions, he was awarded the title of [Knight of the Order of Orange-Nassau by King Willem-Alexander](#).

His research also contributed to a better understanding of Native American history, especially land ownership in the 17th century. For his work, he was the proud recipient of an honorary wampum necklace by the [Cothutikut Mattakeeset Tribe in Massachusetts](#).



About the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum: Located in a beautifully preserved house built circa 1365-1370 near the clock tower of the Hooglandse Kerk, the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum tells the stories of the founders of New England, the Pilgrims.

Furnishings from Pilgrim times show aspects of daily life, while events involving the Pilgrims themselves are illustrated with a remarkable collection of sixteenth and seventeenth-century maps and engravings by such artists as [Gerard Mercator](#), [Adrian van de Venne](#), [Adriaen van Ostade](#), and [Jacques de Gheyn](#).

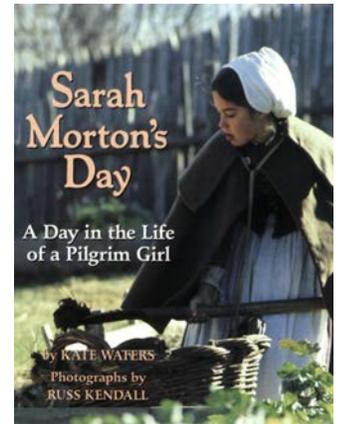
Those who wish to visit the museum must reserve tickets for a particular time slot because the museum can only accommodate a certain number of visitors at one time.

For information about the opening times of the museum or about the museum in general, contact the Museum Director at director@leidenamericanpilgrimuseum.org.

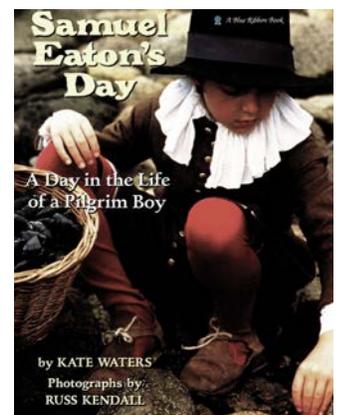
From the Bookshelf – Katherine Simmons

Generations of American children have learned about their Pilgrim forefathers with an emphasis on the fathers. Today, scholarship concerning our Pilgrim ancestors has diversified to include more information on the lives of women, children and indigenous populations. The following books are appropriate for ages 4 through 9.

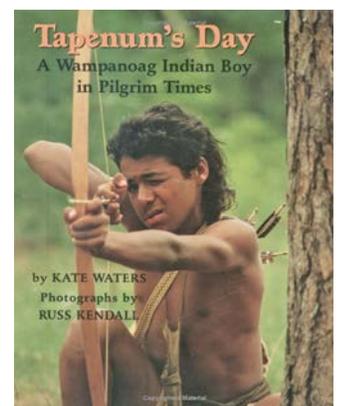
[Sarah Morton's Day](#), written by Kate Waters and illustrated with photographs by Russ Kendall, tells the story of a fictional Pilgrim girl named Sarah Morton. We learn about Sarah's background and then follow Sarah through her day on November 12, 1627. We learn about her clothes and watch Sarah tend to her chores, making pudding, setting the table for a meal, feeding the chickens, and milking the cows all the while talking to her friend about how much she misses her deceased father. We watch Sarah take writing lessons with her new father and we share her emotion when a ship arrives with new visitors to their settlement.



Kate Waters and Russ Kendall collaborated again with [Samuel Eaton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Boy](#). Once again, we follow Samuel through his day on July 16, 1627. Samuel has been looking forward to this day, for it is the first time that he will be helping with the rye harvest. Samuel wakes early, gets dressed and does his chores, fetching water, checking his snares for any animals that may have been caught, and bringing in firewood. Then Samuel and his family eat before he heads out for the harvest with his father. Samuel gathers and binds the rye after it has been cut. After harvesting the rye, Samuel gathers some mussels for the evening meal, completely exhausted from the day's adventures.



Author Kate Waters and photographer Russ Kendall worked with Plimoth Plantation, now Plimoth Patuxet Museum on these books and another companion volume [Tapenum's Day: A Wampanoag Indian Boy in Pilgrim Times](#). Tapenum's day shows what daily indigenous life was like at the time and place of the Plimoth settlement. Tapenum's goal is to become a pniese, described as "a special kind of warrior counselors." He's disappointed not to have been chosen for training this year, but decides to work harder and seek advice from Waban, an elder pniese.



Author Kate Waters earned her B.A. from Newtown College of the Sacred Heart (Boston College) and a Masters degree from Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Working as a librarian for ten years at the Boston Public Library, she became interested in telling stories to young people and finding out what they enjoyed reading. She then moved to New York where she worked on a children's magazine where she started to think about new ways to present history and traditions to children. Her books include pictures of actors depicting the stories Kate writes. Born in Texas in 1957 but growing up on Cape Cod, Russ Kendall graduated from Boston University with a journalism major and has worked as a newspaper photographer in Alaska and New Hampshire.

These books are published by Scholastic Inc., New York NY and are available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).
[Other recommended books for young readers are available on our website.](#)

Enroll your young family members as Junior Affiliate members.

We believe that families become more engaged in their Mayflower heritage when children are included. Any Mayflower Society member may sponsor a person under 18 years of age for Junior Affiliate Membership. The Junior Applicant must be a blood relative of a current or past member of the Mayflower Society. At age 18, the Junior Affiliate may apply for adult membership in the Society via the usual application process.

Download Junior Affiliate Enrollment Form at http://www.ctmayflower.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/2021_JrAffForm.pdf.
Contact Junior Affiliate Chair Judi Paige at jphearts67@gmail.com if you have further questions.

CONNECTICUT MAYFLOWER SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2023, The Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford CT 06405

Call to Order, Invocation and Presentation of Colors: Governor Gregory Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m. noting the large turnout of 113 people for today's meeting. Elder Sandra Bullock delivered the invocation. Captain William Lane presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: Governor Thompson introduced the Connecticut Mayflower Society Board of Assistants and our program speaker Vincent Pitts.

Necrology and Memorial Prayer: Elder Sandra Bullock read the necrology and delivered a memorial prayer.

Reading of the Mayflower Compact and Roll Call of the Ancestors: David Grant read the Mayflower Compact and led the Roll Call of the Ancestors. William Brewster and his family had 26 descendants present. The tally of descendants (present at the meeting) of other Mayflower passengers and their families included John Howland (20), Stephen Hopkins (15), Francis Cooke (15), William Bradford (14), Richard Warren (14), John Alden (13), John Tilley (13), George Soule (11), William Mullins (10), James Chilton (8), Edward Doty (7), John Billington (6), Francis Eaton (5), Edward Fuller (5), Myles Standish (5), Isaac Allerton (4), Thomas Rogers (4), Henry Samson (4), Samuel Fuller (3), William White (2), Degory Priest (1).

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting on October 29, 2022: The minutes of the October Meeting were approved following a motion by William Lane and seconded by Midge Hurtuk.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer David Grant reported that we are in a good financial position and able to meet our obligations. The Wells Fargo Operating Account stands at \$48,484. He further reported that the William Murray Fund, Life Membership Fund and Scholarship Fund stand at \$3,098, \$241,777, and \$277,027, respectively.

Historian's Report: Historian Midge Hurtuk read the names of 30 new members and 7 members transferred in from other chapters. On a motion made by Kerry Comisky and seconded by Sandra Bullock, the members report was accepted. New members and transfers in, present at the meeting, were recognized by the membership.

Connecticut Governor's Appreciation Awards: Governor Gregory Thompson presented awards to David Grant for his long service handling the finances and budget of CT Mayflower Society; to Joan Prentice for her expert handling of the membership rolls and dues collection; and to Kathy Simmons for her informative newsletter and complete meeting minutes. Thompson further recognized a family representing four generations of John Howland descendants present at the meeting and noted milestone anniversaries of various Society members.

Meeting Recess: Governor Thompson recessed the meeting for lunch from 12:35 to 1:43 pm.

Raffle: Governor Thompson thanked donors and organizers of the raffle. The raffle raised a record \$1,270 in support of the Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship Awards: Outgoing Scholarship Chair Mary Brown and Incoming Scholarship Chair Michael Pollock made the presentation to our 2023 Scholarship Award winners, Lily Talon and William Slater. Ms. Brown proudly announced that as of this year, we will make scholarship awards of \$5,000 to each recipient.

Program, "Our Marquis", LaFayette and America, a mutual admiration society:" Governor Thompson introduced Vincent Pitts who gave an engaging presentation on the life of Marquis de LaFayette, a French aristocrat who served as an officer in the American Revolutionary War and formed a life-long affection for and relationship with America's founders and our new nation founded on the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. He is also recognized for the leadership and democratic values he championed as his home country of France struggled to adopt a representative form of government. We are thankful to Mr. Pitts who made a beautiful presentation and generously donated his honorarium for today's program to the CT Mayflower Society Scholarship Fund.

Retirement of the Colors, Benediction and Adjournment: Captain William Lane retired the colors and Elder Sandra Bullock provided the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Saturday, October 14, 2023 Annual Membership Meeting, 11:15 am–2:00 pm

Dr. David J. Naumec will make a presentation on the Pequot War. The Pequot War was an armed conflict that took place in 1636 -1637 between the Pequot tribe and an alliance of the colonists from the Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth, and Saybrook colonies and their allies from the Narragansett and Mohegan tribes.

Dr. Naumec is Assistant Professor of History at Central Connecticut State University where he teaches both undergraduate and graduate history courses. His main research interests include Early American Social History, New England History, Native and African-American history, Military history, and genealogical research. He is active in the Connecticut Historical Society and The Guns of Norwich Historical Society.



**The Woodwinds, 29 Schoolground Road, Branford, CT 06405.
(203) 481-6577 • Exit 56 off Route I-95**

CHOOSE ONE ENTREE FOR EACH ATTENDEE:

- Filet Mignon with Demi-Glace Sauce, \$43, x ___ number of meals = \$ _____
- Stuffed Filet of Sole, \$43, x ___ number of meals = \$ _____
- Chicken Marsala, \$43 x ___ number of meals = \$ _____
- Vegetarian Lasagna, \$43 x ___ number of meals = \$ _____
- Child's Meal of Chicken Tenders and Fries, \$18 x ___ number of meals = \$ _____
12 years and under only please.
- Total Amount Submitted \$ _____

Dinner includes choice of vegetable, potato, house rolls with butter. Dessert, coffee, and tea served. Cash bar is available.

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Sandra Bullock, 6 Heritage Rd., East Lyme CT 06333.**

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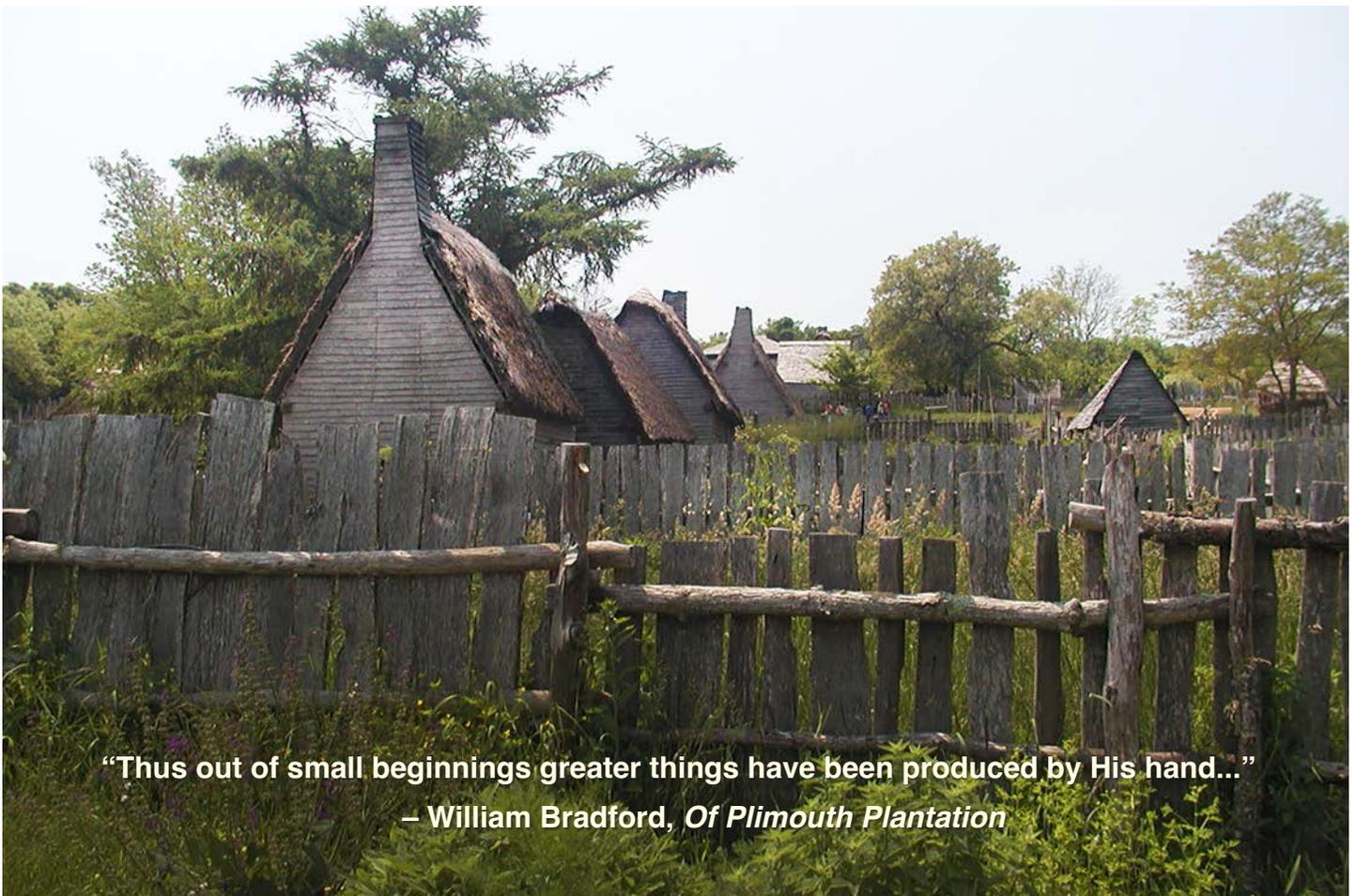
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