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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Mayflower Cousins,

Isn't summer the best time of the year? This has been an especially great year for my gardens and I have been enjoying the beautiful blossoms, not to mention the nice mild weather that we have had so far.

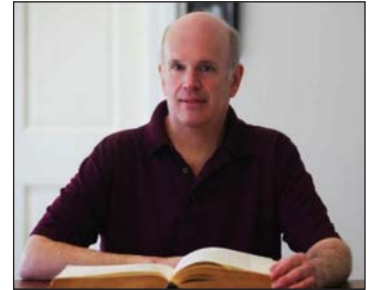
Our October 29 meeting is our Annual Meeting and I look forward to seeing you all. Our meeting was originally scheduled at the Chowder Pot Restaurant in Hartford, but a change in management at the restaurant caused my reservation to be cancelled. Therefore, we will return to The Woodwinds in Branford for this meeting.

Please submit your meeting reservation (form on page 11 of this newsletter) by October 19 so that we can provide an accurate number of attendees to the restaurant a week ahead of the meeting date. Late requests may not be able to be accommodated. Save the date for our April 15, 2023 meeting, booked solid at the Chowder Pot Restaurant in Hartford.

We received many great comments on the program by [Drew Shuptar-Rayvis](#) at the April meeting and we have another terrific program lined up for the October 29 meeting thanks to former Governor Mary Brown. She has put together a wonderful program honoring those who have served in the military. As we celebrated this past July 4th holiday, I felt especially thankful to ALL military members

who put their lives on the line for our protection and thank them for their service to our great country.

The challenge coin has arrived to help fund the restoration of the Mayflower Meetinghouse in Plymouth! Coins are selling for \$25.00 and proceeds will benefit the Meetinghouse. I will post the coins for sale at our online store – www.CTMayflower.org – to help us support this very worthwhile project.



We are always looking for those interested in serving on our board of assistants as well as our committees. We currently have positions open. Please contact me directly if you wish to become more involved in your society. We always welcome new people with fresh ideas.

This is YOUR society. We invite your comments, suggestions on programs, and contributions to our newsletter. We strive to make our society welcoming, interesting, and informative. If you are a new member and are coming to your first meeting, please let me know so that I can get you acquainted with our members.

Sincerely,
Gregory Evan Thompson, Governor

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In Remembrance of CT Mayflower Society Members Who Have Recently Passed

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

Harmon Andrews, 26 June 2021, age 90 June Henderson, 14 April 2022, age 88 Doris Schick, 16 May 2022, age 91
Lucia Doud, 20 December 2021, age 106 Ida B. Manzella, 16 May 2022, age 88

Our current Treasurer, David Grant, will retire after many years of exemplary service and we are looking for a person with financial experience, preferably in the non-profit group, to fill the Treasurer position.

The Treasurer must be well-versed in bookkeeping, investments, and/or mutual funds. The Treasurer handles the checking account; monitors and controls several bank accounts; manages the budget preparation process; and reports to the Board of Assistants and members on the current financial position of the organization. David Grant, our current treasurer, will work with the incoming Treasurer to ensure a smooth transition. If you would like further information about this position, please contact Governor Greg Thompson at gthomp5749@aol.com.

DUES REMINDER: Pay dues online at www.CTMayflower.org or by check, payable to CT Mayflower Society. Mail dues to Joan Prentice, Membership Chair, CT Mayflower Society, 32 Nichols Lane, Waterford CT 06385.

Connecticut Mayflower Society name tags available for \$20 each

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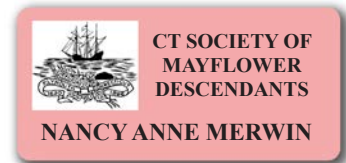
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Congratulations to our 2022 Scholarship Winners!

Once again, the Connecticut Mayflower Society is proud to present scholarship awards to students who have demonstrated high academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, community service, and financial need. Awards were presented at the April 23, 2022 luncheon meeting of the CT Mayflower Society and we are very proud of this year's award winners.

Aidan Brown, a senior at Norwalk High School, was awarded the Jordan A. Konov Scholarship and will attend University of Connecticut with a major in environmental and/or civil engineering.

"I am immensely grateful for this opportunity," says Aidan, "and I can't thank the Mayflower Society enough for choosing me to receive this scholarship."

In addition to his excellent scholastic accomplishments, Aidan actively pursues other interests outside the classroom, playing the saxophone in the marching band, joining clubs such as Unified Sports, and running for the Cross-Country team.

Aidan plays volleyball for his club team, enjoys trying new recipes, and plays the ukulele, and he hopes to continue these extra-curricular activities while pursuing his college studies.



Governor Gregory Thompson and Scholarship Chair Mary Brown presented scholarship awards to Aiden Brown and Anna Nichols.

Anna Nichols, a senior at Woodland Regional High School, was awarded the Bernice Andrews Livingston Reig Scholarship and will attend the Alfred Lerner College of Business & Economics at the University of Delaware in the fall.

Anna has placed in the top 20% of her class and was awarded memberships in the National Honor Society and World Language Honor Society. Her senior internship was in retail sales and digital marketing. Anna plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in business to learn marketing, finance, risk management, administration, and supply chain theories to prepare for an exciting career in an ever-changing global business environment.

Anna is a Junior Affiliate of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut and is also a life member of the Children of the American Revolution and belongs to the Charles Merriman Society of the Connecticut Society of the Children of the American Revolution. She has served in chairmanship and officer roles at both the local society and state society levels of that organization. Her extra-curricular activities include traveling with her family, spending time with the family Golden Retriever, and engaging in "retail therapy."

Members and Junior Affiliate Members of the CT Mayflower Society are eligible for CT Mayflower Society scholarships. As of 2021, a graduate student who is a member of the CTMayflower Society may apply for one of the scholarships.

Complete information on our scholarship program is available at www.CTMayflower.org.



Stay current with events at the General Society of Mayflower Descendants with The Pilgrim Press, online newsletter of the General Society, at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/footer/thepilgrimpress/>

Nutmeg Gratings has moved to an electronic format for ease of distribution, improved outreach, and significant cost savings. Members who have provided their email addresses will no longer receive a paper copy of Nutmeg Gratings via U.S. mail. If you have not provided an e-mail address, send your email address to Joan Prentice, jowp32@hotmail.com.

Read newsletters at: www.CTMayflower.org.

Two ways for you to support the Scholarship Program

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

DONATE AND BECOME A PATRON

In honor of the of 1620 voyage and the continued celebration of our heritage, join in the commemoration with a special commitment to the Connecticut Mayflower Scholarship Program. We must maintain and increase our endowed funds so that we can continue to assist more students.

While our ancestors were passengers and not crew, we must be thankful to Master Jones and his men for the safe journey over hazardous seas and the support rendered by them to our ancestors during the first winter. The bars on our Connecticut Scholarship Scholarship Patron pin indicate ranks of the crew of the Mayflower. Begin with the Boatswain bar, earn the Pilot bar, then the Master's Mate bar and finally the Master bar to complete your roster.



Become a Patron for an initial donation of \$500 and an annual donation of \$100 and receive our newly designed lapel pin and bars to show your dedication to assisting our youth in pursuing higher education. Patron options include the initial donation of \$500 which can be made in installments during the first year. You will receive your pin when you complete your initial donation. The \$100 annual donations can be made in one lump sum and receive all your bars at one time. If you care to donate more you may 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.

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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.

DONATE AN ITEM 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.

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 29, 2022. If you have further questions about what and how to donate to the raffle, contact Scholarship Chair Mary Brown at mbrown06239@gmail.com

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 that you 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.





Literacy and Early Colonial Newspapers – Katherine Simmons

The first printing press arrived in Massachusetts in 1638, just eight years after the planting of the Puritan colony in 1630, eighteen years after the arrival of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. That first press was set up in Cambridge as an auxiliary enterprise of Harvard College, founded in 1636. These early publications included primers, legal documents, sermons, and almanacs. This step toward publishing reflected the Puritan commitment to learning and religious literacy.

The Puritans were very keen that people could read scripture. A 1642 New England law stated, “See that all youth under family government be taught to read perfectly in the English tongue...” By 1647, the Massachusetts General Court passed the “Old Deluder Act” to establish grammar schools that would thwart “that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from knowledge of Scriptures.”

Though no successful newspaper appeared in America in the seventeenth century, the broadsides and later newspapers that emerged first in Boston were news oriented with a definite Puritan bias. Magistrates and ministers saw the hand of God in human and natural events. Proclamations, histories, narratives, almanacs, sermons, and obituaries became epiphanies of divine providence. Today, we just call it “the news.”

The emergence of commercial publishing begs the question, “How literate were the early colonists?” Two measures are generally employed to estimate literacy in the colonial period, the presence of books in probate inventories and the number of individuals who signed deeds, depositions, and wills by name instead of a mark [X]. By this measure and some related analyses, there was a steady growth of literacy among men from 60% to roughly 85% in the 1770s. Literacy among women ran about half that for men.

In the colonial era, the ability to read and write were two separate elements. Proficiency was related to the reality of how often our ancestors needed to read, write, and sign their names. It was not unusual that individuals, particularly women, could read quite competently but they could not write or sign their names.

As the population expanded and became more literate and as commerce increased between colonial settlements, the need for written communication became desirable if not essential, and fueled the growth of publishing.

The first successful newspaper in America was the [*Boston News-Letter*](#) that appeared in 1704. The publisher, John Campbell immigrated to Boston from Scotland and served as postmaster of Boston from 1702 to 1718.

The first issue of the *News-Letter* was full of news from Mother England, warning of “bloody designs of Papists and Jacobites” and containing an extract of Queen Anne’s speech to parliament concerning the “ill practices and designs carried on in Scotland by emissaries from France.”

The local news, occupying one column on page 2, was followed by notices of maritime arrivals and activities, the appointment of Nathanael Byfield as Judge of the Admiralty, and the “excellent” sermon by Rev. Mr. Ebenezer Pemberton of Boston’s Old South Church on 1 Thessalonians 4.11: “And do your own business.” The sheet concluded with a solicitation for advertisements and subscriptions.

Until 1719, *The News-Letter* was the only newspaper in the colonies until a local competitor emerged, [*The Boston Gazette*](#). The *Gazette*, published from 1719 to 1798, was established by

William Brooker, who had just succeeded John Campbell as the new Postmaster of Boston. The *Boston Gazette* was an influential newspaper in early American history, especially in the years leading up to and into the American Revolution.

In 1741, *The Gazette* incorporated *The New-England Weekly Journal*, founded by Samuel Kneeland, with contributors like Samuel Adams, Paul Revere, and Phyllis Wheatley.

Phyllis Wheatley was an educated and enslaved black woman in the household of prominent Boston commercialist John Wheatley and was one of the best-known poets in pre-19th century America. Her poetic skill evoked dramatic imagery and stood as abolitionist testimony that blacks could be both artistic and intellectual forces in the community. Her name was a household word among literate colonists and her achievements spurred the fledgling antislavery movement.

The first newspaper in Philadelphia, [*The American Weekly Mercury*](#), was also launched in 1719 by Andrew Bradford. Bradford’s decision to use the word “American” in the name of his newspaper underscored his intention to attract readers

and advertisers beyond the city of Philadelphia—in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. *The Mercury* was the only newspaper outside Boston until 1725, when Andrew’s father, William Bradford, started *The New York Gazette*.

Like most newspapers of the time, the early issues of *The Mercury* included mainly European news, with some attention to news from Boston and New York, and perhaps some local contributions. For example, an early issue contained an essay by the young Benjamin Franklin, the satirical “Busy-Body papers” on the topic of manners.

The Mercury’s elaborate woodcut banner illustrated its commitment to the commercial class and desire to appeal to a readership beyond Philadelphia. The banner included the Roman deity Mercury, messenger of the gods; a depiction of the bustling Philadelphia waterfront; and a galloping post rider. Post riders carried newspapers, pamphlets, and broadsides as well as personal mail. Newspapers were generally delivered to a central location in the community, such as a general store or tavern where subscribers could retrieve them.

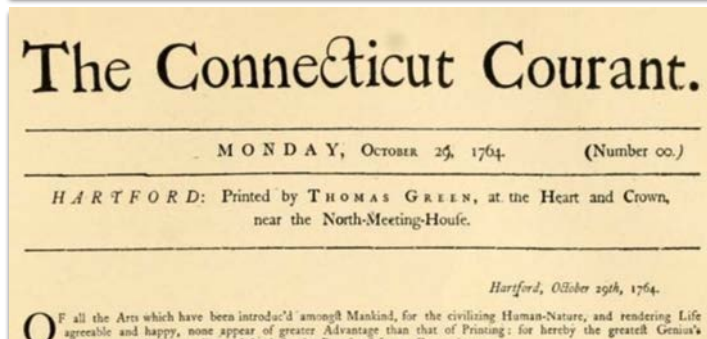
By 1740, there were sixteen newspapers in the British colonies, all weeklies, including [The Hartford Courant](#) started in 1764 as *The Connecticut Courant*. *The Courant*, first published by printer Thomas Green, is the country’s oldest newspaper in continuous publication. Green kept the paper solvent by selling clothing, stationery, hardware, and spices out of a store in front of the newspaper’s office.

During the Revolutionary War, *The Courant* had the largest circulation of any newspaper in the colonies and was an influential backer of the rebel cause. The paper’s existence was considered so important to the war effort that when its paper mill was torched by Tories, the Connecticut legislature authorized a lottery to raise money to build a new mill. In the meantime, *The Courant* printed a few issues on wrapping paper.

The history of the The Courant was linked to famous names in the history of our country. George Washington placed an ad in the paper to lease part of his Mount Vernon land. Noah Webster published his *Blue-Backed Speller* in *The Courant*; Thomas Jefferson sued *The Courant* for libel and lost. Mark Twain tried, unsuccessfully, to buy stock in the paper.

Each early American newspaper had its own personality. Some were more newsy, some more literary. Some were operated by postmasters or booksellers, but most were produced by printers whose offices became communication hubs.

Early broadsides were generally one small sheet printed on one side. Later, these broadsides evolved into newspapers, one page printed on both sides, later four pages, printed on both sides of a larger sheet and folded. Interestingly, the format of early newspapers was similar to today’s papers: Big events up



front, followed by local news, followed by public notices, and advertisements. All in the service of spreading the news.

SOURCES:

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Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG, *Researching Your Colonial New England Ancestors*. Published Provo UT, 2006, The Generations Network Inc.

Editor’s note: With the growth of online archives, reading some of these old newspapers is as easy as a Google search. Try it.

From the Bookshelf – Katherine Simmons

As descendants of Mayflower passengers, most of us have ancestries that stretch back to other immigrants to New England in the 1600s. As my family's historian, I enjoy the thrill of the chase as I track down these very early ancestors. These are two of my "go to" books that have helped me as I hunt them down and then share the fruits of my labors with the family. The first is a good read even as a 'window in' to Colonial life while the second is for definitely a research tool.

RESEARCHING YOUR COLONIAL NEW ENGLAND ANCESTORS

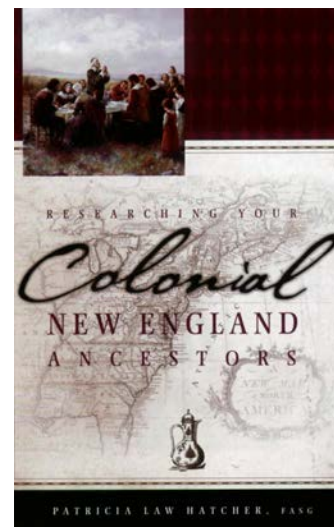
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Published in 2006 by Ancestry Publishing, a division of The Generations Network, Inc. Available in hardcover, paperback, and as a Kindle download at www.Amazon.com.

Early colonists came to America, bravely entering a new world, with both opportunities and difficulties. Similarly, we family historians run into our own adventures, as research in the colonial period presents a number of exciting challenges.

Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG, provides a rich image of the world allowing us to get into the mindset of our forebears who were still living under the rule of the English crown. It provides very useful sections on the best sources for each colony, archives, libraries, historical sites, etc.

Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG, is a professional genealogist who has written more than 100 articles on problem solving and on life in early America. She is the author of *Producing a Quality Family History*; *Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records*; *Indexing Family Histories: Simple Steps For A Quality Product*; and *Abstracts of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots* (4 volumes).



THE GREAT MIGRATION DIRECTORY, Immigrants to New England, 1620–1640

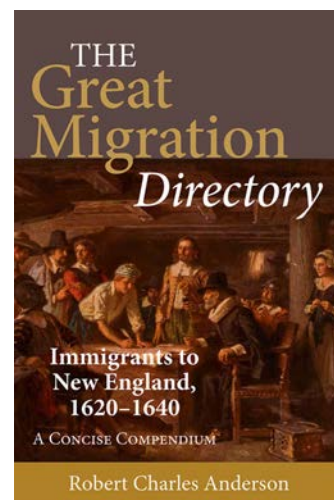
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Published in 2015 by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston. Available in hardcover and as a Kindle download at www.Amazon.com.

I cannot count the number of times that I've reached for this book to research my early New England ancestors. This concise book provides an entry for the 20,000 men, women, and children who arrived in New England from 1620 to 1640.

This valuable book has prevented many frustrating false starts and trips down blind alleys. Each entry identifies the head of each household, English or European origin (if known), date of migration, principal residences in New England, and the best available sources of information on the subject.

Robert Charles Anderson, Director of the Great Migration Study Project, FASG, is arguably the premier expert on the Great Migration. Anderson was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists in 1978 and has served as Secretary and President of that organization. He became a Contributing Editor of *The American Genealogist* in 1979, Associate Editor in 1985 and Co-Editor in 1993. He has been an editorial consultant to the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* since 1989.



Do you have some favorite books to share? Novels or non-fiction, poetry or cooking tips, colonial gardening, life in colonial New England? Send your suggestions to Kathy Simmons, Newsletter Editor. Not comfortable writing a book recommendation yourself? Send your suggestion for a book to Kathy, with bullet points on why you recommend the book and we'll take it from there.

Remains of the Sparrow Hawk – Katherine Simmons

New research by scientists and historians indicates that a shipwreck found in 1863 off Cape Cod just might be Sparrow Hawk, a 36 ton ship that foundered off Nauset Beach in 1626 carrying 25 English passengers and their Irish servants bound for Virginia. That would make it the only surviving vessel that took part in the Great Migration.

According to Donna Curtin, Executive Director of [Pilgrim Hall Museum](#) in Plymouth, Massachusetts, an international team of maritime archaeology experts have examined the remains of the shipwreck owned by the Museum and has concluded, “They conform closely with the historical account.”

The survivors of the 1626 shipwreck were rescued by English-speaking members of the Nauset tribe, who sent word of the shipwreck to the settlement at Plimoth Plantation, about 50 miles away. Governor William Bradford ordered a rescue mission to bring the stranded settlers and their supplies to Plimoth. As Bradford later wrote, a second “violent storm arose, the [*Sparrow Hawk*] was again driven on shore, and so beaten and shaken as she was now wholly unfitte to sea.”

Marine historians who have studied the 109 pieces of wood found in 1863 have determined that the ship was about 40 feet long with a displacement of about 36 tons — tiny compared to the *Mayflower* which was about 90 feet long, displacing about 180 tons. Some experts have identified *Sparrow-Hawk* as a two-masted pinnace, a small single-decked, square-sterned sailing ship.

In 2018, museum trustee [Calvin Mires](#) realized that technology might be able to determine whether it was in fact the ship that foundered off Cape Cod four centuries ago. Mires, a research associate at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Falmouth, teamed with [Aoife Daly](#), an expert in dendrochronology — a scientific method of dating trees and timbers — and [Fred Hocker](#), an authority on 17th-century ship construction and seafaring, to conduct the first-ever scientific study of what is believed to be the remains of the *Sparrow Hawk*. The three had worked together in 2011 on the *Vasa*, a Swedish warship that sank in Stockholm Harbor in 1628.

“We were looking at ways to document and provide archaeological evidence about the historical and chronological validity that the timbers were actually from the 17th century,” Mires said. “Tree rings can tell you a lot about how the trees grew and what the weather conditions were like at the time,” Daly said. “They show the impact of drought, floods, bugs, fires and more. Each one is like a fingerprint of what happened. Once we do carbon dating, we can check the databases for similar patterns in other trees to establish location.”

After four years of intense study and analysis, the team concluded that the wood — mostly oak and elm — came from Great Britain around the time the *Sparrow Hawk* would have been built. The results of the study were published in the [April 2022 issue of the *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*](#).

In addition to confirmation by dendrochronology, one of the wooden pieces proved to be part of a bilge pump, similar in shape and size to an iron version used on board the 1628 Swedish ship, *Vasa*. “The pump box was very cracked and distorted but looked very much like the ones we have on *Vasa*,” Hocker said, adding, “Nothing in the construction is out of place in a vessel from 1626. It has all the features I would consider typical for a vessel of this size.” The researchers plan to scan the timbers in hopes of creating a 3D model of what the ship might have looked like. “As a nearly 400-year-old artifact, it is a tie to the earliest parts of America’s colonial history,” Mires said.

“I am just over the top about this news,” Curtin said. “We cannot say with 100 percent certainty that this is the *Sparrow Hawk*, but we can say with much more confidence than ever before that what we have is compatible with the story in Gov. Bradford’s journal.” The museum is gearing up for a major exhibition of the weathered and broken ship remains to coincide with the 400th anniversary of the shipwreck in 2026. “People are going to want to see it,” says Curtin.



1 marks the site of the shipwreck and 2 marks the location of Plimoth Plantation.

CONNECTICUT MAYFLOWER SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2022, The Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford CT 06405

Call to Order: Governor Gregory Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:30 p.m.

Invocation and Presentation of Colors: Historian Midge Hurtuk delivered the invocation. Captain William Lane presented the colors and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: Governor Thompson introduced Donald Studley, Deputy Governor General of the General Society and former Governor of the CT Mayflower Society; Midge Hurtuk, Historian General of the General Society and current Historian of the CT Mayflower Society; Mary Brown, Deputy Governor General for CT and former Governor of the CT Mayflower Society; Kerry Comisky, Deputy Governor of the CT Mayflower Society; Katherine Simmons, Recording Secretary of the CT Mayflower Society; William Lane, Captain of the CT Mayflower Society; Assistants of the CT Mayflower Society Sara Champion, Judi Thompson Paige, Randy Russell; and Joan Prentice who is the Membership Chair.

Necrology and Memorial Prayer: Governor Thompson read the necrology and delivered a memorial prayer.

Reading of the Mayflower Compact: Deputy Governor Kerry Comisky read the Compact.

Roll Call of the Ancestors: Kerry Comisky read the Roll Call of the Ancestors. Ancestor William Brewster and his family had 22 descendants present at the general meeting, the most for any ancestor. The tally of descendants of other Mayflower passengers and their families present at today's meeting included:

Stephen Hopkins, 19	Francis Cooke, 11	George Soule, 9	Edward Doty, 5	Degory Priest, 1
Richard Warren, 18	John Tilley, 11	Henry Samson, 8	Myles Standish, 5	Edward Winslow, 1
John Howland, 14	John Alden, 9	Isaac Allerton, 7	William White, 5	Degory Priest, 1
William Bradford, 13	Edward Fuller, 9	James Chilton, 6	John Billington, 3	
	William Mullins, 9	Thomas Rogers, 6	Samuel Fuller, 1	

Minutes of the October 23, 2021, General Membership Meeting: The minutes of the October 23 General Meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by William Lane and seconded by John Towle.

Treasurer's Report: Governor Greg Thompson presented the Treasurer's Report for Treasurer David Grant. As of today's date, the Wells Fargo Operating Account Balance stands at \$55,873.93 and the William Murray Savings Fund equals \$4705.53. The Scholarship Fund has a face plus actual value of \$255,181.53 and an actual value of \$256,191.46 with earnings of \$6,480 and is funded by proceeds from donations and our two annual raffles held at the general meetings of the CT Mayflower Society. The Life Member Fund has a face and actual value of \$233,949.45 and an actual value of \$233,949.45 with earnings of \$5,959.

Historian's Report: Historian Midge Hurtuk read the names of new members. On a motion made by Clayton Winslow and seconded by Marjorie Supple, the new members report was accepted. New members present were recognized by the membership.

Connecticut Governor's Appreciation Awards: Governor Gregory Thompson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Nola Johannes for her long service to the Connecticut Mayflower Society in the areas of Archives, Programs, and Education as well as her past service as a Board Assistant and Corresponding Secretary. Thompson also presented anniversary certificates to Midge Hurtuk and Christopher Nichols in recognition of their memberships of 25 years and 15 years, respectively.

Meeting Recess: At 12:15 pm, Governor Thompson recessed the meeting for lunch. The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 pm.

Raffle: The raffle raised \$700 for the Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to Mary Brown for organizing the raffle.

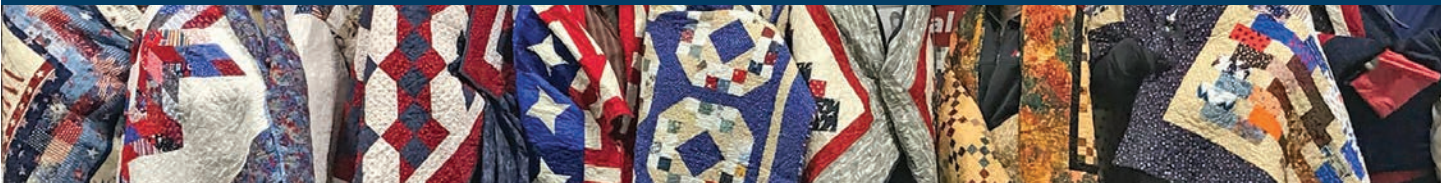
Scholarship Awards: Scholarship Chair Mary Brown presented the Jordan A. Konof Scholarship and the Bernice Andrews Livingston Reig Scholarship awards to Aidan Brown of Norwalk cT and Ann Nichols of Woodland CT, respectively. Brown reminded those present that the CT Mayflower Society also accepts applications from eligible applicants who are pursuing graduate studies. She also encouraged members to donate to the scholarship fund. The CT Mayflower Society newsletter contains information on a pin available to contributors to the scholarship fund.

Presentation by Drew Shuptar-Rayvis: Governor Thompson introduced Mr. Shuptar-Rayvis, graduate of Western Connecticut State University with a certificate in Archaeology from Norwalk Community College. Appearing in authentic Indian dress, Drew's presentation focused on Indian Life in the Eastern Woodlands pre-contact to 1620 and later. A description of his clothes and body ornamentation highlighted the customs and daily life of these native people.

Retirement of the Colors and the Benediction: Captain William Lane retired the colors and Historian Midge Hurtuk provided the benediction.

Governor Thompson announced the October 29, 2022 meeting and adjourned the meeting at 2:34 pm.

Saturday, October 29, 2022 Membership Luncheon Meeting, 11:15 am–2:00 pm



Just in time for Veteran’s Day! Join us on October 29 to learn about the QUILTS OF VALOR program.

Quilts of Valor is a nationwide 501 (c) (3) program to wrap as many veterans as possible in handmade quilts to show our appreciation and provide comfort. The Piece Makers Quilt Club of Old Saybrook’s leader, Nancy Burns, and Chuck Larkins will tell you the story of one woman’s gratitude emerging into the formation of this group and “wrap” some of our veterans as we show our appreciation for their service to America. *The October 29 meeting will be held at The Woodwinds in Branford, CT.*



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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 available. Please send this completed form and payment (checks payable to Mayflower Society of CT) **by October 14, 2022** to: Sandra Bullock, 6 Heritage Rd., East Lyme CT 06333.

NAME: _____ NEW MEMBER?

STREET, CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

GUEST: _____ GUEST: _____

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Note: Our April 15, 2023 luncheon meeting will be held at the Chowder Pot Restaurant in Hartford.



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