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## A message from our Governor

*Greetings Cousins!*

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I send you all Blessings for a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

**A Big Ohio Mayflower Gratitude:** Finally I want give a final Thank You to **Beth Anderson** (Cincinnati), **Hilda Pappas** (Columbus), **Larry Hoyt** (Cleveland), **WR Friend Mary Fuller**, **Jan Kleinline** (Columbus) and all the volunteers from host Columbus Colony, and all the attendees who made the 2021 Annual Meeting/400<sup>th</sup> First Thanksgiving such a Memorable Event. And **Hilda**, what a great idea for the Anniversary Cookbook. Thank you for thinking of it and coordinating every aspect of this major project. I have given several away as gifts those led to additional requests from “Mayflower” cousins in Maine and North Carolina. Love reaching out to folks!



**Gratitude also for General Society's Recognition of one of our own:** A big Thank You also to **Dr. Don Nichols**, Cleveland Colony, for representing Ohio at the GS/BOA in Plymouth this fall. As always Don represented us well and returned with the General Society's recognition of **Beth Anderson** (nominated by **Past Governor Sandra St. Martin**) for outstanding service to our Society. Additionally, I hope you notice that Ohio is a regular contributor to the Mayflower Quarterly...there are not many Societies that have contributed as often as Ohio.

**Travels around Ohio;** I was able to travel to Cincinnati Colony's Compact Day on Nov. 6 for a lovely gathering and program on *Law and Religion in Plymouth Colony*. I met many people for the first time and reconnected with those I hadn't seen for few years. I was delighted to see so many young folks there also. If you haven't already, I encourage you to read the *Cincinnati* magazine article about The Cincinnati Colony and the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Thanksgiving. Congratulations to Cincinnati for a great article that reflects well on the entire Ohio Society.

Then Ohio's Deputy Governor Lee Martin, in his Mayflower Guard attire, and I traveled to Toledo on Nov.13 for a wonderful Compact Day with members of the Toledo Colony. Again, greeting “old” friends and meeting new ones. They too had an interesting program; this

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## **Book Review**

MAROONED: Jamestown, shipwreck, and a new History of America's Origin. Joseph Kelly, 2018. BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING, Bloomsbury Publishing, INC. 1385 Broadway, New York, NY 10018, USA.

This is a historical tale that could potentially change the story of Jamestown as a failed colony to one of what could have been with better leadership. Mr. Kelly's Introduction hints at what the book will tell us about Native American people, European colonization, and Stephen Hopkins. He threads his main title, Marooned, throughout 427 pages of impeccably sourced material. The book is not a novel, it is a history book and at times is heavy reading. The author has clearly done his research not only for North America, but he includes Central America as well.

Mr. Kelly tells us of how captured peoples, Native American and African, had escaped their captors and "marooned" themselves in search of freedom. He compares them to Stephen Hopkins' mutiny in the Bahamas with how the settlers and conscripted laborers in Jamestown would escape the perils, of abuse by their leaders resulting in starvation. He gives credit to the Native American's for having a functional political and social systems that worked for the good of all the members. He expands on how the Aristocratic leaders were more interested in the who had power and keeping the better prepared John Smith from using his skills to develop the colony and prepare settlers for the challenges of settling in a new world. The inability of the colonist's leadership led to starvation, death, and the escape of the workers to the woods of North American and likely to the Native people to survive.

Mr. Kelly relates the story of the *Sea Venture* in a new light. He likens the reason for Stephen Hopkins wanting to be "free" while in Bermuda to "The American Way." Stephen Hopkins was convinced that because he was shipwrecked in Bermuda that the contract he signed for Virginia was not valid and that he could venture out on his own. Stephen also convinced several other conscripts to leave with him, once word of the mutiny got out to Thomas Gates the shipwrecked appointed leader for Jamestown, Stephen was arrested. Stephen was quickly tried and had the noose around his neck when his appeals to Gates saved him.

As a Hopkins descendant I found the book helpful in understanding Stephen's experiences and how they prepared him for the eventual trip on the Mayflower.

*Beth Anderson, Cincinnati Colony*

### **Announcing a new benefit for our junior members**

The SMDOH members voted to no longer offer to have the Society pay the full application fee for junior members converting to full membership before age 25. Over the years this has been in place, it has proved to be a bad investment for SMDOH. Many of these young people have dropped their memberships almost immediately and others dropped as soon as their sponsor stopped paying their dues. We do however want to offer a path to full membership that gives the former junior member an incentive to join, but covers the Society's costs. So, effective 11/1/2021, Any junior member who converts to full membership between ages 18 & 25 will receive a discount on the application fee. As always, the converting junior member will have to comply with the full application process including updating documentation as required by the Historian General. At an absolute minimum, his/her birth certificate will be needed.

If you have an aged out junior member in your family who would like to become a full member, contact Historian Ann Gulbransen at [historian@ohiomayflower.org](mailto:historian@ohiomayflower.org) to get the process started.

## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP

### New Members 1 June 2021—30 November 2021

#### **Cincinnati Colony**

Linda Busken Jergens 11th from Richard Warren  
Catherine Metzger 10th from William Bradford

#### **Cleveland Colony**

Margot Anthonisen 12th from Richard Warren  
William Greer 12th from John Cooke

#### **Columbus Colony**

Kay Eramo 14th from William Brewster  
Marie Nutter 12th from Stephen Hopkins  
Michele Ruf 10th from George Soule  
Carlton Simmons 12th from William Bradford  
Wilford Simon 12th from Francis Cooke  
Christina Tehan 12th from William Bradford  
Rachel Ebert 14th from Richard Warren  
Marie Vinning 12th from George Soule

#### **Toledo Colony**

Lisa Keck 11th from George Soule  
Hailey Lynch 14th from Thomas Rogers

Ricky Mohn 13th from Thomas Rogers  
Heather Pierce 11th from William Bradford  
Robert Rusoff 11th from George Soule  
Sharon Weaver 13th from Thomas Rogers

#### **Western Reserve Colony**

Terry Brannan 13th from Thomas Rogers  
Albert Brewster 13th from William Brewster  
Edward Kempton 13th from John Howland  
Gabrielle Kempton 14th from John Howland  
Joshua Kempton 14th from John Howland  
Alan MacCracken 13th from William Brewster  
Cindy Nichols 13th from John Howland  
Marilyn Sessions 12th from George Soule  
Susan Tavenor 14th from John Howland  
Howard "Chip" Walker 14th from John Howland  
William Wilcoxson 11th from Francis Cooke  
Emma Yoder 12th from Stephen Hopkins

# Welcome!

### Supplemental applications approved

#### **Cincinnati Colony**

Alison Haskins 11th from Priscilla Mullins Alden  
Alison Haskins 12th from William Mullins  
Alison Haskins 10th from Henry Samson  
Alison Haskins 11th from Myles Standish  
James Williams 11th from Mary Chilton  
Alison Haskins 11th from John Alden  
Elizabeth Cho 12th from Resolved White  
Elizabeth Cho 13th from Susanna Jackson  
Teresa Okrutny 11th from Resolved White  
Teresa Okrutny 12th from Susanna Jackson

#### **Cleveland Colony**

Kimberly Bland 12th from Resolved White

Joe Stamm 12th from John Tilley  
Kimberly Bland 13th from William White  
Carolyn Cheverine 12th from George Soule  
Carolyn Cheverine 12th from John Alden  
Brian Lamb 11th from John Howland

#### **Toledo Colony**

Janet Blanchard 12th from Francis Cooke  
Carol Tomasic 12th from Francis Cooke  
Bonnie Walendzik 12th from Francis Cooke

#### **Western Reserve Colony**

Lori Caldwell 13th from Stephen Hopkins  
Carl Swanson 13th from Edward Fuller

### Transfers to Ohio

#### **Cincinnati Colony**

(Betsy) Sue Copley, 11th from Edward Doty

#### **Cleveland Colony**

Kevin Brewer, 13th from John Alden.

Edward Dean, 10th from Myles Standish

## New Junior Members

### Cincinnati Colony

Alex McGuire, Edward Doty, Sponsored by Great Aunt Susan Bray  
 Claire McGuire, Edward Doty, Sponsored by Great Aunt Susan Bray  
 Daniel Larson, William Brewster, Sponsored by Great Great Aunt Beth Anderson  
 Liam Good, Stephen Hopkins, Sponsored by Great Grandmother Beth Anderson  
 Elizabeth Palmer, John Alden, Sponsored by father Andrew Palmer  
 Mitchell Byrd, John Howland, Sponsored by Grandmother Carol Byrd  
 Myles Byrd, John Howland, Sponsored by Grandmother Carol Byrd  
 Vivian Cho, Susanna (Jackson) White Winslow, Sponsored by mother Elizabeth Cho  
 Connor Snow, Richard Warren, Sponsored by Great Aunt Linda Busken Jergens  
 Ella Snow, Richard Warren, Sponsored by Great Aunt Linda Busken Jergens  
 Emerson Sams, Richard Warren, Sponsored by Great Aunt Linda Busken Jergens  
 Jack Taylor, Richard Warren, Sponsored by Great Aunt Linda Busken Jergens  
 Sophie Taylor, Richard Warren, Sponsored by Great Aunt Linda Busken Jergens

### Cleveland Colony

Amelia Rybicki, William Brewster, Sponsored by Great Grandmother LuAnne Speck  
 Caitlin Speck, William Brewster, Sponsored by Great Grandmother LuAnne Speck  
 Isabelle Speck, William Brewster, Sponsored by Great Grandmother LuAnne Speck  
 Ian Bencsath, Richard Warren, Sponsored by Grandmother Margot L. Anthoisen  
 Sean Bencsath, Richard Warren, Sponsored by Grandmother Margot L. Anthoisen

### Columbus Colony

Miles Hurley, Edward Fuller, Sponsored by Grandfather Brian Adams  
 Sebastian Adams, Edward Fuller, Sponsored by Grandfather Brian Adams  
 Ferdinazdo Dilello. John Alden, Sponsored by Grandmother Suzanne Ress  
 Luca Donadio. John Alden, Sponsored by Grandmother Suzanne Ress

### Western Reserve Colony

Alan MacCracken IV, William Brewster, Sponsored by Grandfather Alan MacCracken  
 Elizabeth Margaret MacCracken, William Brewster, Sponsored by Grandfather Alan MacCracken  
 Tristan Thomas MacCracken, William Brewster, Sponsored by Grandfather Alan MacCracken  
 Erin Birdsong, William Brewster, Sponsored by Grandmother Kay Eramo  
 Catherine Walker, John Howland, Sponsored by Father Chip Walker  
 Howard Walker, John Howland, Sponsored by Father Chip Walker  
 Andy Bills, John Howland, Sponsored by Grandmother Jennifer Keaton



## IN MEMORIAM



THE OHIO SOCIETY EXTENDS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF EACH OF OUR PILGRIM  
 COUSINS WHO HAVE LEFT US

### Cincinnati Colony

Charles Doty, Edward Doty, born 11/15/1936, died 3/6/2021, elected 10/13/2001

### Cleveland Colony

Laureen Steele, William Bradford, born 7/17/1956, died 3/20/2021, elected 2/18/1978

### Columbus Colony

Ruth Banner, Richard Warren, born 10/28/1946, died 6/30/2021, elected 12/4/2020

Edna Edwards, Richard Warren, born 2/1/1924, died 5/19/2021, elected 5/27/2007

### Toledo Colony

David Martin, William Brewster, born 4/23/1950, died 8/10/2021, elected 2/2/2015, colony elder

John MacDonald, Stephen Hopkins, born 10/8/1930, died 10/3/2021, elected 6/29/2011

### Western Reserve Colony

Shirley Adams, Stephen Hopkins, born 5/22/1933, died 7/5/2021, elected 8/4/2018

# Beware

*Susan Fisher. Lt. Governor Toledo Colony*

Our gravestone had been set in Knauss Cemetery across the road from us for four years. Most information is engraved into the stone, on both front and back. The Mayflower descendant medallion was between my name and my birthdate. Purchased for \$100 through the GSMD store on-line, it is a modest 4" circle. I had asked the monument company to recess the medallion into the stone and to use "pins" as well as "glue" to hold it in place, the process recommended by GSMD. The information sheet on how to do this was mailed to the monument company before the medallion was installed.

On 23 August of this year, my husband noticed that the Mayflower medallion was gone. Sometime in the prior two weeks, someone had slipped a thin tool behind it and stolen the shiny medallion. The monument company had not installed the medallion in the manner I had asked. It had merely been "glued" on.

In recent months, thieves have been busy stealing metal from many different sites in our county and nearby counties in Indiana as well as Michigan, and apparently the bright color of the metal attracted the attention of some unscrupulous person. Then that person probably took it to an unscrupulous scrap metal buyer who melted it down. The theft has been reported to our township sexton and the county sheriff's office, but I have no illusions of having the medallion returned. The sexton told me that people are even prying up the flat brass memorial markers given to mark the graves of veterans. Replacement cost for those is \$1,000.

However, I will not let evil direct my life. I will deal with the monument company and will have "Mayflower descendant" engraved into our gravestone.

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Note: The General Society will only sell one grave medallion per General Society number so if one gets stolen, it cannot be replaced.

## 2021 Commendation Award

### GSMD Commendation Awards

2014 - Ann Gulbransen

2015 - Jan Kleinline

2017 - Lee Martin

2019 - Dr. Don Nichols

2021 - Beth Anderson

GSMD makes these awards at each GBOA meeting or Triennial Congress based on nominations from the member society. If you know of an Ohio member who has gone above and beyond and should be nominated, please email Jill Parker at

[ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com](mailto:ohiomayflowergovernor@gmail.com)



Beth Anderson, a Brewster descendant, joined the Ohio Society in 2013. She quickly became involved in the Cincinnati Colony as historian and BOA representative. Through her involvement with the Ohio BOA, Beth volunteered to organize Ohio's 2020 celebration. In doing so, she involved all five Ohio Colonies in the preparations and was able to enlist the help of a Cincinnati Colony Mayflower member who had planned large events in the past.

When our event was cancelled due to COVID, Beth successfully worked to recoup our funds. She immediately began making plans for a state-wide Thanksgiving event for October 2021. In addition to working on the statewide celebrations, Beth agreed to chair the state nominating committee. Beth and her committee were able to enlist able experienced members to fill all of our state positions in 2020. Beth is one of those people who will jump in to volunteer when others will not.

*Nominated by Sandy St. Martin, Past Governor, Ohio*

**Congratulations Beth!**

## THE PILGRIMS WORLD

Hello! I'm back with #2 in my looking at history from the 1570's until about 1675. I found that in the 1562 the French Wars of Religion began and ended about 1598. During that time, some of our ancestors were beginning their thinking that perhaps led them to the Mayflower voyage. In March of 1562 the massacre of the Huguenots took place which began that terrible time in Protestant history. The word Huguenot comes from the Swiss-German *Eidgenossen* meaning "oath companions". Ivan the Terrible was doing "his thing" in Russia. One of the terrible things he did was kill his son in 1581. He continued his brutality until his death in 1584. During those years his brutality extended to his people. I wonder how much knowledge our ancestors had of the August 1590 discovery of the abandonment of Roanoke settlement. Or did they know a great deal about the problems at Jamestown. They must have heard something as Stephen Hopkins had been there following being shipwrecked in Bermuda! The world was much "larger" than most communications would have covered. Just food for thought.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dr. Don Nichols - AG*

### Need a last-minute gift?

Shop from home and support our Ohio Mayflower Society

Buy a Cookbook for \$25.00 (includes S/H). The cookbook is mailed in a nice white box suitable for wrapping.

"A collection of 520 recipes from our kitchens to yours." 21 pages of Mayflower history from General Society to our five state colonies

For information contact cookbook chair Hilda Pappas at [hildapappas@gmail.com](mailto:hildapappas@gmail.com).

If you are purchasing more than 1 cookbook mailed to the same location, please email Hilda and you will be provided a shipping cost. You can specify if you want your cookbooks mailed to separate locations.

It was an honor to present **Ann Fox Gulbransen** the Western Reserve Colony Distinguished Descendant Award.

Ann is a proven descendant of Stephen Hopkins, Edward Fuller, and William Brewster. Her membership date is June 8, 2006.

Ann has served the Western Reserve Colony and the State Society with boundless energy, enthusiasm and dedication non-stop from the day she became a member. She meets and exceeds the criteria for being nominated for this award, including (1) a passion for Mayflower history and encouraging others to share in this passion, (2) support of and respect for authentic requirements of the Mayflower Society and other genealogical organizations, (3) appreciation for the Western Reserve Colony, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, (4) desire to share both personal and general genealogical insights, stories and information with others, (5) encouragement of others in their genealogical pursuits, (6) commitment to community outreach (libraries, historical organizations/events, schools, etc.) by informing and educating others on Mayflower history and genealogical activities, (7) involvement in scholarship, research and publication of Mayflower history, (8) participation in programming for the WR Colony, the SMDOH, or the GSMD, and (9) leadership thru active participation in WR Colony, the SMDOH or GSMD and their affiliated ventures.



*Jill Parker, Governor & Christina Wagner Schepis, WR Colony Lt. Governor*

## Silver Book Donations

The Cincinnati Library Main, downtown Cincinnati hosted the Cincinnati Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants of Ohio, October 13, 2021. The Colony donated 5 Silver Books to the Library. The Silver Book Project was authorized by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in 1959. The goal is to provide documentation from primary sources for all statements regarding the first five generations of descendants of the Mayflower passengers. Each Silver book is specific to a Mayflower passenger.

The five books included:

William Brewster Through 6 Generations Part 2 V. 24

William Brewster Through 5 generations Part 3 V. 24

Edward Winslow V. 25

John Alden Part 6 V. 16

Thomas Rogers Part 2 V. 19

The Cincinnati Library has a wonderful History and Genealogy Department. The staff is very knowledgeable and passionate about what they do. Christopher Smith met us and made arrangements for the event. Just like our Society members who made the journey to the past to bring it forward to the present, both the Mayflower Society and the library strive to preserve and promote the study of history

in America and around the World.

Starleyne Vondrell - Lt. Governor and Sue Bray – Historian represented the Cincinnati Colony.



Books have also been donated to the Hayes Presidential Library and the Ohio Genealogical Society this quarter.

### Book Review

#### **The Last Pilgrim – The Life of Mary Allerton Cushman**

by Noelle Granger

Ms. Granger's tale of adventure is a meticulously researched and wonderfully imaginative retelling of the Pilgrim story. The book begins with the Mayflower's Atlantic crossing and the establishment of the colony at Plymouth and ends with the political absorption of the colony into the larger Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Real life historical events provide the backdrop for the narration of the story. In the beginning of the book, Isaac Allerton's narrative voice gives the reader insight into the happenings aboard ship and the early struggles endured in getting the colony started. For the rest of the book, Isaac's daughter, Mary, continues the narration of this wonderful and adventurous story.

Those who have read any books about the Pilgrims know about the huge difficulties they faced. Ms. Granger takes a refreshingly unique stance in relating the hardships from the woman's perspective. She uses conversations Mary has with her "gossip" (her close friends) and family members to give insight into the full spectrum of female concerns involved in colonial life.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading a story of adventure which is told in rich historical detail.

*Cheryl Bash, Columbus Colony Elder*

## SURGEON'S THOUGHTS!

We have continued to see the fall out from our ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic. As a Child Psychiatrist, it is clear that this has been very difficult for many children. One of the things that has become clear it just how important it is for ALL of us to have a routine, some sort of schedule. We are beings dependent upon external interaction (social and other) with our internal cycles to keep us on track.

I suggest that really working on developing orienting rituals for yourself and teaching your child to do so as well can really pay off. Sleep is by far out most important routine-this is where we detoxify, accomplish cellular repair and all growth-so shooting for a good 8-9 hours really pays off.

Exercise if the most impactful for almost every biological process-walking is by far the best -but 30min /d has been found to be "equally as helpful as any antidepressant"

Developing a practice of Regular "mental down time "(meditation, mindfulness, Yoga , deep breathing)-we call it a practice because if you do not practice it ,it does not work-this is a daily practice and is probably the most beneficial thing that one can invest their time into -10min of meditation /d has been shown to improve longevity-the data for this is excellent

Developing a practice of gratefulness has also been demonstrated to have a uniquely positive effect on pretty much all biological function. Never sit with a bad feeling - identify what you can be grateful for in that moment.

Help you children develop rituals-same place for shoes upon entering the house. Same time and place for homework every day. Eating family meals -this takes effort and prioritizing Children do what parents do, sometimes these things are picked up , but really worth the effort to teach. In this time really being with children and empathizing with their concerns and discomfort.

Another helpful tool can be a family electronics contract-there are many good ones available on the internet. This can help avoid the overuse of electronics and social media in this time where other contact can be restricted. Parent s need to be in dialog about their childrens' social media use-as we have recently seen some of the really damaging impacts unrestricted use can result in for children in the news recently. As the holidays approach we have the opportunity to develop new rituals that accommodate out current connection issues -find new ways to keep in touch-zoom is a great tool.

*Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad, SMDOH Surgeon*

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2021-2022

ATTENTION

The scholarship program for this year will be offered with the following theme:

**"CONFLICT"**

What were the conflicts that existed between the Church of England and those who were members of the Separatist churches?

The members of the Scholarship Committee, are looking forward to your efforts regarding the Contest for the year 2021-2022.

The application form and guidelines can be found at [www.ohiomayflower.org](http://www.ohiomayflower.org) or obtained by writing to Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Dr. Don Nichols at 2890 Margaretta Drive Westlake, Ohio 44145



### OGS (Ohio Genealogy Society) annual conference

April 27-30, 2022 (April 26 separate workshops at \$20.00 each)

Great Wolf Lodge, 2501 Great Wolf Drive, Mason, OH 45040 (Warren county)

The Ohio Genealogical Society, located in Bellville, OH, (Richland county) is the largest state genealogical society in the United States, with a mission of protecting and sharing Ohio's family history resources, developing engaging educational opportunities, and connecting genealogists.

**Hilda Pappas**, Columbus Colony, Lt. Governor; and Ohio Mayflower cookbook chairperson, has taken on another volunteer position as lead/contact person to represent our Ohio Mayflower Society at the 2022 OGS Conference. This is a great opportunity to let attendees know about our Pilgrim history and our society. Our Ohio Mayflower Society with its 5 colonies needs volunteers to give 4 hours or more of their time at this OGS Conference. We were fortunate that in 2019 14 Cincinnati colony members volunteered.

The tentative schedule for a volunteer to choose from include:

Wednesday, April 26: noon – 6:00

Thursday, April 27: 10:00 – 2:00 and/or 2:00 – 6:00

Friday, April 28: 10:00 – 2:00 and/or 2:00 – 6:00

Saturday, April 29: 8:00 – noon and/or noon – 3:00

In 2022, we would like to see members from our other colonies volunteer – we need good representation. This event is held in the Cincinnati area, but it would be helpful if members from the other 4 colonies could help.

If you've never attended an OGS annual conference – 2022 could be your year to attend. **If you plan to attend**, please contact Hilda at [hildapappas@gmail.com](mailto:hildapappas@gmail.com) to volunteer for a scheduled time to be present at our Exhibit table. I will be attending this event, but it would be helpful to have 2 members at specific times to handle the busy crowd.

For more information about this conference, please visit [www.ogsconference.org](http://www.ogsconference.org) Early Bird Registration ends: March 18, 2022. Online Registration ends: April 15, 2022. You will be provided a code for reduced rate (\$140.00 + tax per night) at the Great Wolf Lodge.

#### Treasurer's Report;

All annual members should have received your dues notice by now as this is the time to renew your membership in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Ohio and your local Colony—Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo or Western Reserve. **If you have not sent in your dues payment by now, you are running out of time.**

The membership fee is the same as last year \$56.00 by mail and \$58 when using PayPal. You can make your payment at [www.ohiomayflower.org/dues](http://www.ohiomayflower.org/dues) by PayPal or credit card, If you want to pay by check, you can download a dues payment invoice on the same page.

I must have your dues payment in hand by December 29 to give me time for processing, If I don't have your payment, you will be dropped from membership on December 31st.

Do not forget that you can also make donations to your favorite fund when you pay your dues. For those using PayPal go to [www.ohiomayflower.org/donations](http://www.ohiomayflower.org/donations)

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## BEHIND THE SCENES

This is the fourth in a series of “Behind the Scenes” articles about those who have volunteered for a particular role or position within our state or Colony organization. In some cases these are elected positions while in others they are appointed. Either way, they represent individuals who have volunteered to help lead our organization. These positions were originally held by those who first settled Plymouth and the Mayflower Society has honored those titles by embracing them in today’s organizations as well. This month we will take a look at our SURGEON.

Mayflower/Plymouth History: While we usually think of Dr. Samuel Fuller as the “surgeon”, the Pilgrims were initially under the care of the ship’s “**surgeon**”, crew member **Giles Heale**. Giles had just completed his apprenticeship in London as a Barber-Surgeon on 3 August 1619. Just prior to the Mayflower's voyage, on 2 May 1620, Giles Heale filed his marriage intention to Mary Jarrett of St. Giles in the Fields. He returned to London after his Mayflower experience and continued his career as a Surgeon.

**Dr. Samuel was the Colony's doctor**, surgeon, and was a church deacon. He had been a member of the Scrooby congregation. His apprentice during the voyage was **William Butten** who died two days before they arrived at Cape Cod. Dr. Fuller spent time helping the sick at Neumkeag (now Salem) in 1629. He himself became sick in the autumn of 1633, and died, as did a number of other Plymouth residents.

TODAY: Our SMDOH Bylaws (Article II – Duties of Officers; Section 10 - Surgeon) states: *The surgeon shall be a physician or other health professional meeting requirements of the State of Ohio and shall be under the orders of the Governor and the BOA.*

Our Surgeon is **Dr. Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad**, a John Alden descendant and a member of the Cleveland Colony. Dr. Finley-Belgrad has been a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants for as long as she can remember. Both her Grandmother and Mother were active in many areas of the organization. She has always known this family heritage to be an important part of her family and identity. Once she received her medical degree she was encouraged to offer her support and energy as the State Surgeon for Ohio and has enjoyed being part of the organization hoping to provide support and understanding of our ongoing biological challenges and to support any and all members in their medical adventures.

Key Traits and Responsibilities: The Ohio Surgeon of today plays a different but vital role in our state and colonies. The Surgeon of today is still a medical advisor and good listener. Ohio’s Surgeon, Dr. Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad, keeps the BOA apprised of current health news, particularly in today’s environment that is filled with technology devices which emit electronic waves that can interfere with our daily functioning including ability to focus, concentrate, listen and sleep. And what about the foods we eat and the beverages we drink? What are fads, what are facts? How do we know? Dr. Finley-Belgrad has reminded us to be aware and be knowledgeable but that everything we read or hear is not necessarily the truth. Medical advice does change over time with new advances always just around the corner. Common Sense remains good advice.

*Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony*

## COLONY CHRONICLES

### News from the Cincinnati Colony

#### Season's Greetings! To All of our Ohio Cousins!

Cincinnati Colony Update December 2021

Our year has been filled with much activity of which we are so grateful!

Compact Day was commemorated on November 6, 2021. There were 54 attendees, includes 7 grade school children. We were honored to have Jill Parker, Society Ohio Governor, join us, and address the troops! Thank you Jill!



Our business included:

5 Silver books donated to the Cincinnati Public Library (see page 8).

Beth Anderson received "Certificate of Commendation and Appreciation" for her 2 years of planning and organizing both the 2020 and 2021 Annual meeting held in Columbus in October.



We welcomed 2 new members. Dottie Luther (Howland) and Lynne Yash (Bradford).

Presentation "Law and Religion in Plymouth Colony" Our speaker Dr. Scott Douglas Gerber from Ohio Northern University gave a fascinating account of the topic, followed by a Q & A.



This year was our Election of Officers, 2021-2023

Star Vondrell Lt. Governor Nancy Little Deputy Governor Beth Anderson  
Communications Wanda Langdon Recording Secretary Clay Crandall Treasurer Sue  
Bray Historian Todd Reel Elder Carol Byrd BOA Representative

\*\*The Society was featured in the November 2021 issue of Cincinnati Magazine. The writer interviewed members of the Cincinnati Colony. Focus is commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. This is the link to the article. It's a fun read. <https://www.cincinnati.com/article/your-neighbor-might-be-a-pilgrim/>

The Cincinnati Colony Thanks and Congratulations...

- Hilda Pappas, Lt. Governor of Columbus Colony, and all of the Columbus members for hosting a wonderful state Annual meeting this past October.
- Special thanks to Beth Anderson as co-planner with Columbus. The meeting was a wonderful event.
- We congratulate Ann Gulbransen, our state Historian, for receiving the Western Reserve Distinguished Descendant Award. Ann is such an integral part of the Ohio Society.



*Star Vondrell, Lt Governor, Cincinnati Colony.*

## News from the Cleveland Colony

**Meetings:** The colony continues board of assistant's meetings via Zoom and one annual business meeting in 2021. On September 12, 2021 we had an in-person board meeting.

**2021 State Assembly Day:** The First Thanksgiving Day is October 1-2, 2021 was held in Columbus, Ohio at the Airport Marriott Hotel hosted by the Columbus colony. Our colony is responsible for the event reservations and registration task. The feedback regarding the event from the members and guests were positive. Friday evening and Saturday events were enjoyed by all!

**2021 Compact Day:** The annual November 13, 2021 Compact Day buffet luncheon has been postponed again this year due to COVID-19 and variants. The 2022 event is scheduled to be held again at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio November 12, 2022. 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 again in 2022! After the traditional passenger roll call, we will recognize the Veterans again and thank them for their service and we will never forget.

\*\*Please see the notice our colony sent to the Cleveland Colony members and had posted to the Ohio Mayflower website.

Hello, Mayflower Cousins!

Your Cleveland Colony Board met recently to discuss the status of our 2021 Compact Day Dinner scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021. With the surge of COVID-19 and its variants, we are very concerned about the health and well-being of our members. We made the hard decision to cancel the Compact Dinner again this year. We have worked with the Lakewood Country Club and our Compact Day Dinner has been reserved for November 12, 2022. Please mark your 2022 calendar! Our speaker, Lea Filson Past Governor General has confirmed she will come to Cleveland next year. Let us hope the pandemic is over by then. Please stay safe and healthy. We are planning a Spring 2022 event. Stay tuned for more information.

*Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony*

## News from the Columbus Colony

Columbus Colony held their Compact Day luncheon on Saturday, November 6, 2021 with 28 members, 1 Jr. Member, and 9 guests in attendance at the Clintonville Woman's Club.

Our program was presented by John Burke of John Burke's Living History. His presentation was titled, "The Real Story of the First Thanksgiving from Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag." I recommend this presentation to any colony. He was dressed in authentic Native American clothing.

Our next colony meeting will be Saturday, April 2, 2022 at noon at the Clintonville Woman's Club.

*Hilda Pappas, Lt. Governor Columbus Colony*



John Burke with Sharon Hendershot

## News from the Toledo Colony

Six Toledo Colony members attended the "Arrival to Survival" observance in Columbus in early October. They included three sisters who had recently become members: Carol Tomasic of Waterville; Bonnie Sue Walenzik of Pontiac, MI, and Janet Blanchard of Puyallup, WA. Yes, Janet flew in from the state of Washington! The other three members were Judy Rand, Ed Trafford, and Susan Fisher. A June bug and a guest rounded out the group. Six made the largest Toledo member contingent at a State event in recent memory. Thanks to all who planned and helped during that SMDOH event

The colony meeting on 13 November featured regional speaker Peter Wilhelm and his illustrated talk on "Draining the Great Black Swamp", a large geographic environment that still influences life in northwestern Ohio and northeastern Indiana to this day. Many of the 26 attendees were recently new members as well as one preliminary member who

received helpful ideas on how to find proof for a particular ancestor. Both SMDOH officers Jill Parker and Lee Martin and colony board member Ed Trafford had helpful ideas for him.



New member Cassi Traunero received her colony pin in a brief ceremony. New Elder Mike Brewster led the prayers and the reading of the Compact. He and Ed Trafford were welcomed as new members of the colony board.

Walter Huffer spoke of ordering nine Mayflower cookbooks, having each mailed separately to the female members of two generations in his family as Christmas gifts. Walter and Hilda Pappas, cookbook chair and Columbus Colony Lt. Governor, had talked several times in that process plus when Walter submitted recipes, so they were glad to meet each other in person. Hilda was present to offer cookbooks and SMDOH memorabilia for sale. The tables had been decorated with a harvest theme of Pilgrim statues, lights, leaves, and fresh flowers.



The next meeting will be at Ohio Living Swan Creek on Saturday, 26 March 2022. Members are urged to plan to stay after the meeting to fill envelopes with the invitation to the 124th Annual Meeting of the Ohio Society. They must be mailed immediately after the March meeting. Elsewhere in this newsletter and on the State website, please read the article about this coming May, 2022, meeting.

*Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor, Toledo Colony*

### News from the Western Reserve Colony



Our colony members joined together on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Compact Day. Almost 50 members were in attendance for a wonderful speech by Janet Weir Creighton which described her first-hand account of having attended a State Dinner at the White House. She brought to light many of the behind the scenes activities that happen before a dinner

and illustrated the varied designs of presidential china. Governor Jill Parker presented a special award – the Western Reserve Distinguished Descendant award to Ann Gulbransen (see page 7.) We were pleased to have found a new venue that welcomed us with open arms.



*Guests are always welcome at our gatherings!*

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 13, 2022**—Western Reserve Colony Spring meeting, location TBD

**March 26, 2022**—Toledo Colony spring meeting, Ohio Living Swan Creek

**April 2, 2022**—Columbus Colony spring meeting, Clintonville Women’s Club, noon

**April 27-30, 2022**— Ohio Genealogical Society Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH

**May 13-14, 2022**—Annual meeting in Perrysburg, OH. Details will follow.

**June 11, 2022**—Western Reserve Colony picnic, Greentown Community Park

**November 12, 2022**—Cleveland Colony Compact Day

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!

Did you miss the Commemoration of the 400th Thanksgiving in Columbus in October? If you did, you missed a great event. To see both candid and posed photos from the two days, go to [www.ohiomayflower.org/newsletters](http://www.ohiomayflower.org/newsletters) and look for the 2021 Special Edition.

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one on *Draining the Black Swamp* in NW Ohio to make the land habitable and farmable.

The next day, Nov.14 I traveled to Western Reserve’s Compact Day at a new location, Chateau Michele in Canton for a program about *Dining at the White House*, complete with sample dinnerware patterns from various administrations. Their new location was lovely. Before the luncheon I participated in presenting Ann Gulbransen the Western Reserve Distinguished Descendant Award. This is only the second time the award has been given. She was escorted to the podium by Guard attired Lee Martin. I am sure most of you know Ann and agree that the recognition is well deserved. She was truly surprised. Congratulations Ann!

**LOOKING AHEAD:** As you can imagine, Colony and State events are planned well in advance of the actual events. So just a heads-up. The 2022 Ohio Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for **May 13-14. Toledo Colony is already actively planning this event. SAVE THE DATE!**

**REMINDERS, REFLECTIONS & GRATITUDE:** So much happened during 2021 for the General Society, the Ohio Society and Ohio’s five Colonies. But for most of us 2021 had a major impact on our own lives. Many of you faced major illnesses; you lost family members, loved ones, neighbors and “cousins”. You changed your routines; appointments had to be changed; many of you learned how to Zoom; and you faced challenges you never imagined you would have to face. You might have shared your challenges with many others, perhaps with just a few, or you might have just kept things to yourself. Regardless of how you dealt with the situations you faced, know that you were thought about throughout the year. Prayers were lifted often by our members – general prayers for our membership as well as specific prayers as they were made known. Prayer is powerful and comforting. My prayers go out to each and every one of you for a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

*Jill Parker, Governor, Western Reserve Colony*

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## SAVE THE DATES!

The 124th Annual Meeting for the Ohio Society will be held Friday evening and Saturday, May 13 and 14, 2022. It will be hosted by Toledo Colony at Holiday Inn and Suites in Perrysburg, OH, a southwest suburb of Toledo. Friday evening will be T3 (Toledo Talk Time), a time to gather for companionship. Saturday will be the Board of Assistants meeting, a program about the Pilgrims in art, and the main speaker after lunch, Steve Bennett, who will talk on migration patterns east to the West. (Hint: Think what the West was in the 1700's.)

This is your first official invitation. The process is a bit different this year. By late March, an official paper invitation and reservation materials will be mailed to all Ohio Society members who have a mailing address with **Ohio in the address**.

Members who have another state in their mailing address **and who wish to attend the Annual Meeting** may receive the paper materials by contacting Vickie Kuli. Send your name and colony to her email [vsk2830@gmail.com](mailto:vsk2830@gmail.com) or to her USPS address 2830 S 4 Mile House Road, Oak Harbor OH 43449-9690. Your request must reach Vickie by March 14th.

Members who have another state in their mailing address and **who are not able to attend** need not reply.

All Ohio Society members are encouraged to gather and enjoy time together in northwestern Ohio in May!

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