



# Columbus Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio

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## May 2022

### In Praise of Mothers

For me, my mother has always been at the heart of my childhood memories. She was always there to love, nurture and support me until I was ready to face the world on my own. As I grew into adulthood her role subtly shifted from mother to confidante and friend. She is gone now, but her essence remains in the many cherished memories I have of her.

“What is a Mother?,” a poem by Helen Steiner Rice, speaks of the deep devotion and love that mothers have for their children. This poem resonates with me as I am sure it will with many of you as you think of your mothers.

A mother's love is something  
that no one can explain-  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain.  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring, come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away.

In the United States, Mother's Day has been celebrated for just over a hundred years. Anna Jarvis, a West Virginia native, led the first Mother's Day commemoration in the Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia in May 1908. She handed out hundreds of white carnations, her mother's favorite flower, to all the mothers in attendance. Her mother had died on May 9, 1905. Anna chose the second Sunday for the observance so that it would always be celebrated close to the anniversary of her mother's death. It became a West Virginia state holiday in 1910. President Woodrow Wilson designated Mother's Day as a national holiday in 1914.

Miss Jarvis came to regret the establishment of Mother's Day because of the commercialism that came to be associated with the holiday. Greeting card companies, florists and candy makers saw prime opportunities for growth in their businesses. Flowers, candy, and cards remain the traditional choices for gifts on Mother's Day in our era. In fact, the holiday that yields the most sales for florists is Mother's Day.

*“Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.”*  
Proverbs 31: 30-31 New Living Translation Bible

*Cheryl Bash,  
Columbus Colony Elder*

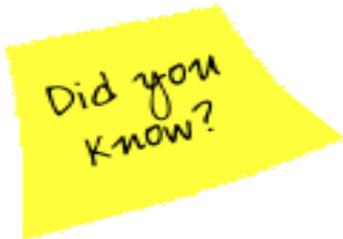
### **What flowers symbolize Mother's Day?**

**Pink carnations** are the most significant flowers for Mother's Day as it is believed that they first bloomed where the tears of the Virgin Mary fell, turning them into a symbol of a mother's undying love.



### **What color flowers mean on Mother's Day?**

Traditionally speaking the go to Mother's Day flower is the Carnation. Pink Carnations are perfect for expressing gratitude and Red Carnations represent your admiration for the recipient, while White Carnations are typically adorned and worn symbolically in remembrance of a mother who has passed away.



Mother's Day is celebrated in the United States on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May each year.

One of the earliest Mother's Day celebrations was in Ancient Greece. The would have spring celebrations in honor of Rhea, the goddess of fertility, generation.

The first thing a baby can vocalize is the 'ma' sound, which is why in almost every language the word for mother begins with the letter 'M' or is some iteration of the 'ma' sound.

Mother's Day is celebrated all over the world. Albeit on different days. But in addition to the U.S., Great Britain, Canada, Costa Rica, Samoa, Georgia, Australia, and Thailand all have designated celebrations to honor their country's mothers.

During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday", celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent. This was a time put aside for relaxation and enjoyment during the long Lenten fast. Servants would go home to see their families, bringing cakes and sweets to their moms. This custom was called "going a-mothering". Each mother would receive a simnel-cake (Latin for "fine flour) and mothers would give a blessing to their children.

Columbus Colony Mayflower Society  
April 2, 2022 Spring Meeting  
Clintonville Woman's Club

We had 27 members and 1 Jr. Member representing 20 lines of our Pilgrim ancestors: Aldens (14), Allertons (5), Bradford (2), Brewster (8), Chilton (1), Cooke (5), Doty (2), Fuller (2), Howland (6), Hopkins (1), Tilley (5), Mullins (5), Standish (3), Soule (2), Warren (6). We had 16 guests in attendance.

The Columbus Colony opened with a greeting from Lt. Governor Hilda Pappas. Elder Cheryl Bash gave the blessing, and we enjoyed a delicious lunch of coffee, tea, Trio Salad, and pumpkin pie.

Hilda Pappas called the meeting to order. Elder Cheryl Bash gave the invocation. Junior Member Coordinator Mary Davis-Northrup led our group with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pilgrim Pledge; after which she read the Mayflower Compact.

Elder Cheryl Bash conducted the Necrology Service for the following members who had passed away the previous year: Nancy Snyder Farrar Allen, Ruth Cox Banner, Helen Haines Carlisle, Fred Allen Davis, Edna Allchin Edwards. A candle was lit, and a flower was placed in a vase in memory of each of them.

Our Pilgrim Ancestor Roll Call was combined with our program. Each member was previously requested to share something about their Pilgrim that others may not know. This proved to be a very interesting program that everyone enjoyed. It was apparent that our members spent time "digging deep" into their research to share their information.

Hilda Pappas began the Business meeting.

Recording Secretary, Kristen Hallows – unable to attend. Minutes of the November 6, 2021 meeting were distributed to each member in their pink folder. There were no corrections or additions. Minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer, Win Worcester – we have \$17,869.77 in the Fifth/Third Bank

Lt. Governor, Hilda Pappas – reminded everyone to visit the Ohio Society website to read our Buckeye Newsletter to keep up to date with the colonies and the state society. Our next colony newsletter will be posted in May.

Corresponding Secretary, Jenny Seely – unable to attend

Elder Cheryl Bash – no report

Historian, Sharon Bardus – no report

State BOA Representative, Jan Kleinline – no report

#### Committee Reports:

Education – no report

Jr. Membership, Matilda Davis-Northrup – In March she emailed Jr. Members activities to do at home. On April 5, she emailed an article about the April 5, 1621 return of the Mayflower to England.

Membership, Judy Snyder – total adult members to date 314; Jr. Members (age 0-17) 182; Jr. Members (age 18-24) 75. New members attending today: Wilford Simon (10-19-2021), Christine Stevens (2-2-2022), Linda Crannell (2-28-22). First Time attendees: Barbara Farrar-May (6-14-2023), Thomas Gregory (5-4-2019).

Schamp Scholarship, Dr. Jan Ebert – a report was given on behalf of the committee. The Scholarship committee (Dr. Jan Ebert, Jan Kleinline, Sherri Thomas, Steven Vrooman) distributed a printed survey to the members attending the Compact Day dinner on November 6, 2021. As a result of the survey and

the recommendation of the committee, it was determined that because of: (1) original monies bequeathed from Winifred Schamp has been depleted, (2) the lack of applicants thru the years, (3) the state society offers an annual scholarship which also lacks applicants; to not offer this colony scholarship, but to focus more on our Jr. Membership (possibly work with the Jr. Membership coordinator). Dr. Jan Ebert motioned that the Scholarship be discontinued, Sharon Hendershot 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, 1 person asked if at some future date we might offer the colony scholarship again, it was answered with - depending on funds and unknown circumstances that may arise with our general account. There were no other questions or discussion. Motion carried.

Social, Carolyn White – 3 names were drawn for 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tote Bags.

#### Old Business:

Pin sales – we have Colony Member, Colony Jr, Member, and Colony Friends pins for sale at \$5.00 each.

Cookbooks – \$20.00 per cookbook. Congratulations to Tom Gregory who submitted the most recipes from our colony (27).

400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tote Bags - \$10.00 available after the meeting

#### New Business:

There was no New Business

#### Announcements:

Hilda accepted the position of chairperson for our Ohio Society Exhibitor/Vendor table at the Ohio Genealogy Society Conference to be held April 27-30, 2022 at Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, OH. Tom Gregory from our colony has volunteered to help.

Ohio Mayflower 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held May 13-14, 2022 at the Holiday Inn, Perrysburg, hosted by the Toledo Colony.

**Our next Columbus Colony Compact Day Meeting will be Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Clintonville Woman's Club.**

Elder Cheryl Bash gave the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted  
Hilda Pappas  
Acting Recording Secretary

*“Our fathers were Englishmen which came over this great ocean, and were ready to perish in this wilderness.”*

William Bradford  
Of Plymouth Plantation, chapter 9 (1620-1647)

*“But it pleased God to visit us then with death daily, and with so general a disease that the living were scarce able to bury the dead.”*

William Bradford  
Of Plymouth Plantation, chapter 12 (1620-1647)