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A message from our Governor

I would be hard pressed to find just one word to describe our Ohio Society members' Annual Meeting held in Columbus on October 1st and 2nd. Wonderful? Enjoyable? Definitely YES to both!

Thanks to Co-Chairs Beth Anderson and Hilda Pappas along with all the visible and behind the scenes volunteers who helped make the activities go so smoothly – including the multi-year planning and adjustments, registration, decorations, photos, sales and counting the ballots! And author Noelle Granger's two presentations were informative and enlightening - reminding us that about half of the survivors that first winter were children. GS Member at Large # 2, Jane Schleinzer, updated us on activities and events at the General Society.

Thanks to the attendees who wasted no time in engaging "cousins", both old and new, in lively conversations and good stories. I was thrilled that so many new members and applicants attended and wasted no time reaching out to new-found "kin".

I invite you to enjoy this special edition of the Buckeye Mayflower. The pictures and information include Dr. Don Nichols' September trip to the General Society meeting in Plymouth where he served as the Ohio Society's representative. As you look over the pictures from our Annual Meeting I hope you sense the relaxed, enjoyable and engaging atmosphere during both Friday night's social and Saturday's programs and business meetings.

And finally, we were given the wonderful invitation from Susan Fisher, Lt. Governor of the Toledo Colony, hosts for the members' 2022 Annual Meeting May 13-14. Thanks Susan, we are looking forward to next May already!!



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GBOA MEETING

The General Board of Assistants met in Plymouth, MA in early September 2021. Dr. Don Nichols, past Governor, represented the Ohio Society. These are some of his photos.



Dr. Don accepting the Commendation Award for Cincinnati Colony's Beth Anderson for all her work planning two 400th Anniversary events!



Wreath laying at the sarcophagus



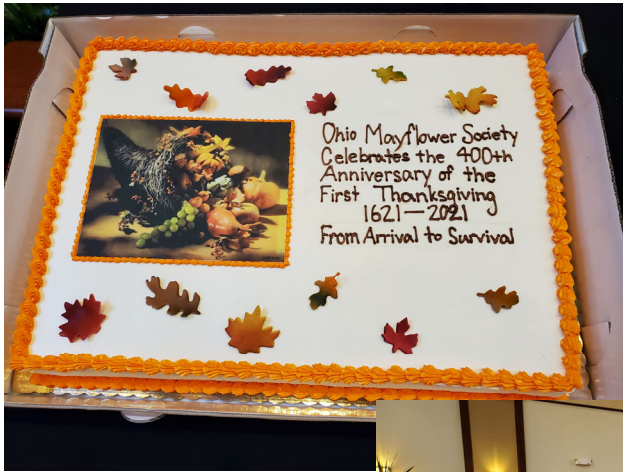
Pilgrim's Progress



The new William Bradford statue

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Sponsored by the Columbus Colony, pasta bar sponsored by SMDOH. Candid photos by Jill Parker, Charlie Mays, Ann Gulbransen and Frank Huffman.





SARUTDAY MORNING—BOA MEETING, BREAKFAST







50 year membership certificate awarded to Betsie Gricar!



The tellers counting ballots! All changes were passed.



COLONY PHOTOS





FAMILY GROUPS











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The annual meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Ohio took place in Columbus on October 2, 2021, with an evening get-together the day before. The well-attended event allowed for positive reconnection amongst the descendants with the sharing of stories and memories of past events. A couple of talks given by Mrs. Noelle Granger featured on the last surviving Pilgrim Mary Allerton Cushman plus Pilgrim childhood while Mrs. Jane Schleinker lectured on insignia, the Pilgrim Meetinghouse, and the Mayflower House. Programs by both lecturers provided interesting insights in daily life of the Pilgrims.

Despite the present health pandemic and masks required to be worn in public places within the hotel, the general mood the attendees remained upbeat. There were a few lineage tables, a registration table, and an author table where Noelle Granger signed her books. The BOA held their meeting on Saturday morning while Sandy St. Martin's son photographed the event (including the BOA, Pilgrim descendants grouped by family units (Bradford, Howland, Tilley, Brewster, Fuller, etc), State colony members, Mayflower Guard, and an officer in Washington's Army [Revolutionary War]).

This year's meeting was unusual because it coincided with the 400th commemoration of the First Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Massachusetts (normally the annual meetings are held in May). Susan Fisher announced the date of the next Annual Meeting to be in May 2022 at Toledo. The weather cooperated with the sun shining, further lifting attendee moods.

Lee Martin, Deputy Governor, Deputy Historian