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A Message from our Governor



I am deeply honored to have been elected Governor of the Ohio Mayflower Society at our State Day in May. Thank you to the members of the Columbus Colony who helped make the event such a success. The morning speaker, Jennifer Garvin, provided an inspiring presentation about the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II. In the afternoon, former Governor General Lea Filson informed us of the progress of the restoration of the Mayflower Meetinghouse. We were able to see how the donations the Ohio Society has provided have been used to restore our beautiful property.

Our society represents a proud lineage that traces back to the courageous passengers of the Mayflower—men and women whose vision, determination, and faith laid the foundation for our great nation.

As we honor our heritage, we renew our commitment to preserving the legacy of these early pioneers. Their perseverance, hope, and sense of community continue to inspire us today.

In Ohio, we are honored to carry this legacy forward. Together, we support a growing community of descendants who value liberty, service, and patriotism. Through our programs and projects, we honor the past while helping shape the future.

We are pleased to welcome many new members to the State Board of Assistants. Their fresh perspectives and ideas will strengthen our work, and we look forward to what we can accomplish together.

Over the past year, we have made several technology improvements and will continue to build on them. We hope you have visited our updated website and noticed the enhanced experience. We have also switched our online payment system from PayPal to Stripe. As membership renewal begins in August, we encourage you to use this simpler, more convenient option. Our Technology Committee will continue making improvements, so please visit the site often for updates.

Will you be traveling to Plymouth, Massachusetts, for the Forty-Fourth Congress on September 11–16, 2026? Although early registration ended on May 31, you may still register through July 15. Congress offers a wonderful opportunity to visit sites connected to our Mayflower ancestors, learn more about the area, and take part in meetings and the election of National Officers. If you plan to attend, please email me. We would like to arrange a time for our Ohio cousins to gather while we are in Plymouth.

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Western Reserve Colony

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 Kiara Bollinger 12th from Elizabeth Tilley Howland
 Kiara Bollinger 13th from Joan (Hurst) Tilley

Congratulations

AMERICA 250

Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death

Evan Andrews, Columbus Colony

March 1775, and the American colonies were on the brink of war with Great Britain. Tension had been escalating for years, with colonists growing increasingly angry about taxes, frustrated about their lack of representation in Parliament, and worried that Britain was slowly taking away their rights. Many still held out hope that a peaceful solution could be found. It was against this backdrop of uncertainty that Patrick Henry delivered a speech at the Second Virginia Convention, a speech that would go on to become one of the most famous quotes to have ever been said. His words had passion and conviction, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" This rallying cry became one of those moments that just stuck - you know, the kind of thing that gets quoted in history classes and gives you chills when you really think about what he was saying.

He wasn't just trying to get attention, he really believed that freedom was worth more than his own life. That's a pretty dramatic thing to say, especially when you're talking to a group of leaders who were thinking about going to war. I picked this quote because it shows just how intense things had gotten by 1775. It wasn't just about taxes anymore, it was about whether the colonies were going to accept being controlled or fight for their independence. Henry's words captured the mood of the time, and it's clear that he was willing to risk everything for what he believed in. It's a powerful statement! The fact that he was willing to die for freedom is a testament to just how strongly he felt about it. And when you think about it, that's what the whole revolution was about - the desire to be free and make their own decisions, rather than being controlled by someone else.

To understand why Henry made that statement, it's essential to examine the events that preceded it. The French and Indian War had left Britain with a massive debt, prompting Parliament to pass laws such as the Stamp Act and the Townsend Acts, which imposed taxes on the colonies. Britain figured this made perfect sense, as they had borne the cost of defending the colonies during the war. However, the colonists saw things differently - they felt it was unfair to be taxed without having any representation in Parliament. This gave us the phrase "no taxation without representation," which was more than just a financial grievance; it was about having a say in the decisions that affected their lives. The colonists believed that if they were to be taxed, they should at least have a voice in the matter, which was a fundamental principle of fairness and justice.

The Boston Massacre had already sparked widespread outrage against the British soldiers, and the Boston Tea Party was an outlandish display of defiance. But when Britain retaliated with the Coercive Acts, it was like pouring gasoline on a fire. Many colonists felt that Britain was attempting to exert total control over them, and this perception fueled their growing resentment. Yet, even as late as 1775, there were still those who were hesitant to take up arms. They were intimidated by the might of the British army, which was one of the most powerful in the world. The prospect of going to war seemed like insurmountable odds, as it would put everything at risk: homes, livelihoods, and even lives.

What really gets your attention about "Give me liberty, or give me death" is just how simple it is. There aren't any complicated words or long-winded explanations - just two options: liberty or death. When you stop to think about it, that's pretty extreme. But that's exactly what makes it so powerful. It makes people think in simple terms. Would you rather live without being free, or would you risk everything to be free? It's a pretty basic question, but it's one that can be really tough to answer. And I think that's what makes it so memorable.

I find it really interesting how Henry works up to that big moment. He reminds everyone that Britain hasn't been listening to them, and then he asks some pretty pointed questions, like why would Britain send armies if it really wanted peace? Those questions are a bit snarky, to be honest. He's basically saying that Britain's actions don't match what they're saying. By the time he gets to the final sentence, it feels like he's arrived at the only conclusion that makes sense. It's an emotional moment, but it's also based on what he thinks is clear evidence. He's not just being dramatic - he's reacting to what he sees as the truth.

What makes this quote really stick in your mind is how it puts two big ideas right next to each other. On one hand, you have liberty - that's freedom, being able to make your own choices, and

having control over your own life. On the other hand, you have death - the ultimate price to pay. By putting these two ideas together, Henry is making it clear what's at stake. He's saying that living without freedom is basically the worst thing that can happen to you. That's a really powerful thing to believe in. It's like he's saying, if you don't have freedom, you might as well not be living at all. That stark choice - freedom or death - really sticks with you.

Henry's speech had a real impact, it wasn't just empty words. After he finished speaking, the Virginia Convention decided to get the colony ready for battle and create a militia. This shows that his words were not only inspiring, but also convincing. It didn't take long for things to escalate, and soon fighting broke out at Lexington and Concord, marking the official start of the Revolutionary War. While Henry didn't solely cause the war, his speech certainly played a role in pushing Virginia towards taking action rather than sitting back and doing nothing. His words helped to spark a sense of urgency and determination in the people, which ultimately contributed to the colony's decision to fight for its freedom.

Looking at this quote now is tricky. When Henry said "liberty", he didn't mean it for everyone. Back then, enslaved people were still not free, women couldn't vote or have important jobs, and Native Americans were forced off their land. So, even though the colonies were fighting for freedom, it wasn't the same for everyone. This is something we can't just forget about. It makes the whole Revolution thing both really inspiring and really flawed at the same time. We have to remember that it was a complicated time, and the idea of liberty wasn't as simple as it sounds.

The idea behind the quote really made a big impact in the end. People started to believe that freedom was a must, and this idea played a role in the Declaration of Independence and later in the fight for civil rights. As time went on, more and more groups wanted the same freedom and rights that others had, so they demanded that the promise of liberty be kept for them too. In this way, what Henry said back in 1775 had a lasting effect that went far beyond just that one moment.

I think this quote still hits hard because it taps into something we all feel - the desire for autonomy and freedom. Nobody likes being pushed around or feeling powerless. The thought that freedom is a worthy cause to fight for is a theme that is played out throughout history. When Henry spoke those words, he was not only discussing government, but also the importance of dignity and self-respect. It really resonates with people, as it goes to the basic human need for independence and the ability to make choices. This desire for freedom is a powerful force that has driven countless movements and revolutions throughout history, and it continues to inspire people to this day.

It's crazy to think about the fear that must have been going through people's hearts during that moment. Going to war isn't something to be taken lightly! Families must have been aware that their loved ones would be lost, and that's a horrible thought. When Henry declared that he'd rather die than live without freedom, he was acknowledging those risks and willing to face them head-on. That makes his words feel even more profound.

Even after all these years, it is a very straightforward quote. It makes you stop and think about what's truly important to us as Americans. The quote captures a moment when someone found the courage to stand up, take a risk, and speak their mind - even if it meant facing death. It's a moment that has stayed with us, and continues to inspire us to this day. With our 250th birthday coming up, maybe this quote should remind us what we're really about.

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JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP

The essay on the previous pages was submitted for the annual SMDOH scholarship competition. Unfortunately, Evan was not eligible for the scholarship award since the applicant is required to be in college. However, the committee felt his essay was just too good not to share it with our members. We hope that Evan will participate for next year's award when he is a college student. Evan is a new member of our Society.

Summer 2026 Junior Essay

What Plymouth, Massachusetts Mayflower related site would you most like to visit?

Entries should be 250 words, double spaced in 12 point Times New Roman font.

Please submit to SMDOHedu@hlhorton.org with the subject line: Juniors Essay Competition.

Entries are due by August 15, 2026.

The SMDOH Junior Newsletter Essay contest is open to Ohio Mayflower Society Junior Members grades 5-12. In your email please include your name, age, grade, school (or homeschooled), contact email and contact phone number. The author of the best essay will be awarded \$100 (if he or she hasn't already won this year) and have his or her entry published in the Fall newsletter.

Spring Essay Winner - Dylan McDaniel. Western Reserve Colony

If I were to meet a Revolutionary War Patriot, I would like to meet Thomas Knowlton. Knowlton had an extensive military career and there are many reasons I find him to be impressive, but I will elaborate on just a few.

When Thomas Knowlton was fifteen, he was in the French and Indian War with his brother and together they were often sent on scouting missions for their company. If I met Knowlton, I would definitely ask him about the scouting missions. I have a twin brother and I imagine that going on a scouting mission during a war would be really awesome.

He also served in the Revolutionary War with another one of his family members, his own son Frederick. Knowlton was made a Captain and was given command of 200 men; mainly farmers armed with shotguns. At Bunker Hill, Knowlton and his men made a barricade out of fences and new-mown grass, and helped cover the Americans retreat at the end of the battle, only losing three of his men during the fight! I would ask Captain Knowlton how he held the British off for so long with so few losses, as that is probably my favorite thing about him in the war.

Knowlton's amazing military career finally came to an end when he was shot in the back at Harlem Heights. His son, Frederick, had remained beside him in the war. His final words to his son were: "You see my son, I am mortally wounded. You can do me no good; go fight for your country." Thomas Knowlton was an excellent commander and an amazing Patriot, making him one of my favorites.



Bunker Hill Monument

OGS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Impressions of a first-time attendee at the Ohio Genealogy Society Conference

I had the opportunity to attend the Ohio Genealogy Society Conference from April 29- through May 2, 2026. And it was a busy four days. I was impressed with the organization of the conference, and the speakers and topics were as varied as the attendees. The topics ranged from Artificial Intelligence for genealogy to basic how to do genealogy. I was wishing I could split in two so I would not have to choose one session at a time.

The speakers were very knowledgeable about their topic and could field questions without any problem. The topics I chose were all well done. Many of the speakers are nationally known and several were Ohio residents. My favorite speaker was Dr. David McDonald he is a retired preacher and covered topics on German Genealogy. I spoke to him at one point while waiting for a room to finish up and commented on his necklace of flash drives, he told me they keep him organized as each color had a group of different topics. He had the ability to keep your attention in a fun way.

I did spend more money in the vendor hall than I had budgeted but don't regret it. Sitting at lunch every day with new people to interact with. I met people from the surrounding states, fun to run into them during the walks between talks. OGS had many types of silent raffle prizes every day and I won

THREE!!! That was a surprise.



The Sharonville convention center in northern Cincinnati was a great spot, but lots of walking as the smaller rooms were located on two floors. I was encouraged to dress in layers but did I, NO. In my mind the only negative was the temperature of the rooms. I ended up wearing my jacket as did other people!! I really enjoyed the event but was exhausted at the end of Saturday and happy to get home. Would I go again, absolutely and I plan to next year. It will be in the same location.

Beth Anderson and David Burnham

Beth Anderson, Assistant General, Cincinnati Colony

Rhode Island Genealogical Society. As a former board member of RIGS, I have been asked to inform our Ohio Mayflower Society of the many benefits of using RIGS as a resource. The RIGS website, <https://rigensoc.org>, provides useful links to Rhode Island sources, including lineage groups, libraries, early census information, and a chart showing when each town was formed.

RIGS has an online store with volumes on specific families, taxes, marriages, and the town council gleanings. The town council gleanings provide information on what went on in Rhode Island towns during the Colonial Era. Most publications are not available elsewhere for purchase.

If you are considering joining RIGS, a digital membership costs \$25. It includes access to current and past issues of *Rhode Island Roots*, the *RIGS Reporter* newsletter, Town Council Gleanings books and a list of local researchers.

As an example of local research, I needed some information from East Greenwich. My researcher was Bruce MacGunnigle, past Governor General of GSMD.

Most RIGS meetings are via zoom.

Sandra Carlin St. Martin, Past Governor, Ohio Society

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

So Many Smiles! Thank You All – I Hope to See YOU Again, Soon!

By Jill Parker, Past Governor, Western Reserve Colony

May 15 & 16 = Best Time I've had in at least half a year! Thank you!

I'm at that point in my life when attending our annual meeting is a highlight and well worth planning for, along with Colony meetings – my Colony and others. For those who saw me and talked with me I'm sure you saw a big smile on my face. That's because I was so glad to be there. And YOU energized me. So glad to see the cousins I already knew and glad to meet new ones!! Clearly many of my cousins have their own health issues but the smiles on their faces said it all. They were so glad to be in Columbus also! And we all were having fun. And what a treat to have more participation from our Juniors – attending meetings as well as writing for the newsletter. 3 of our Juniors were awarded "Keeping the Brewster Press Alive" coasters this year for having written articles that appeared in the Buckeye Mayflower during 2025.

A special thanks to our leaders over the past 3 years and to those who planned such a great meeting. I really enjoyed the time to sit, relax and share stories with each other. And a thank you to those who are now serving on the Board for the next 3 years.



Just like our ancestors, we each have ways we can help. Thank goodness we don't all have the same skills or interests as the person sitting next to us. You are valuable to SMDOH, no matter "how you help". As we closed out the meeting I saw many helping hands, making sure people got to their cars. What a joy. Start planning now! I hope to see you in Toledo next year.

Governor;s message Continued from page 1

We need your help. Each member brings unique talents, and we welcome your skills and interests. To encourage greater involvement, we are forming new committees. Please email any Board member, and we will follow up. This is your Society, and your voice matters.

Mary Chase, Ohio Governor, Cleveland Colony

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On May 9, 2026, Junior Member Nora McDaniel, from Stow, Ohio, traveled to St. Louis, Missouri to compete in the Midwest Fleadh Cheoil on fiddle. The Midwest Fleadh Cheoil is the primary regional qualifying competition for the All-Ireland Fleadh, the world's largest Irish traditional music, song, and dance festival. Nora competed in the under 15 age category for both Irish dance tunes and Irish slow airs on her fiddle.



As a first year competitor, Nora knew that it was very possible that she would not place in either category, having never participated before, but she was excited for the experience of the event. Nora's skill on the fiddle shone brightly during her contests and she was awarded third place for her dance tunes and first place for her slow airs!

Her wins qualified her to participate in the All-Ireland Fleadh which will take place in Belfast, Northern Ireland this August, and she was also given a scholarship to attend Scoil Eisce, the

international summer school of Irish culture and arts that takes place during the week leading up to the Fleadh.

Nora takes Irish fiddle lessons from Katie Grennan, who is pictured here with Nora following her wins in St. Louis. Ms. Grennan is one of the premier Irish fiddle teachers in the United States and has performed with such renowned groups as The Chieftains and Gaelic Storm. Please keep Nora in your thoughts and prayers as she travels to Belfast later this summer to compete for the All-Ireland title! Congratulations Nora!



Former Governor General Lea Filson swearing in the new Board of Assistants: Governor Mary Chase, Historian Ann Gulbransen, Counselor Carolyn Cheverine, Deputy Historian Terri Brown, Surgeon Dr Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad, Assistant General Beth Anderson, Recording Secretary Ginger Kucan and Elder Carrie Nelson. Deputy Governor Betsy Gricar, Treasurer Laurence Winters and Captain Troy Bailey were unable to attend,

COLONY CHRONICLES

Cincinnati Colony

It has been a momentous year for the Cincinnati Colony, full of celebration and growth. We are proud to share updates from this past year and look forward to what lies ahead.

Colony Leadership Updates

Our Colony elections were held during the Compact Day Luncheon on Saturday, November 8, 2025. Once ballots were counted, the new officers were sworn in for the November 2025 – November 2027 term. The officers are: Laurence Winters (Lt. Governor), Wanda Langdon (Corresponding Secretary), Paige Craig (Recording Secretary), Clay Crandall (Treasurer), Beth Anderson (Historian), Andy Cook (Deputy Historian), Karen Wiggins (Elder), Carol Byrd (Deputy Elder), Beth Anderson (Jr. Membership Coordinator), Debby Riley (BOA Rep). Open positions are: Deputy Lt Governor.

Ohio Genealogical Society 2026 Conference

Our Colony participated in the Ohio Genealogical Society 2026 conference on April 29-May 2 in Sharonville OH at the Sharonville Convention Center. Our colony had a booth at the event with members volunteering their time to staff the booth.

Summer Picnic

Our Colony has scheduled a Summer Picnic on Sunday, June 21, 2026 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Rentschler Forest MetroPark - Cummins Shelter in Hamilton, OH. The colony

has reserved the Cummins Shelter and will provide freshly grilled hot dogs and

hamburgers, condiments, and water. Attendees are asked to bring a shareable dish and to enjoy the beautiful Great Miami River views, open fields for games and activities, playground access, nearby parking, water fountain, and restrooms. Invites have been sent out to the Colony.

Colony Stats

As of April 2026, our Cincinnati Colony has 219 members. 13 new members were added over the 2025-2026 year.

Looking Ahead



The Cincinnati Colony remains committed to historical education, fellowship, and honoring our Pilgrim ancestors. We are especially excited to continue building on the momentum of this year as we approach the 90th anniversary of our Colony's founding.

Laurence Winters, Lt. Governor

Cincinnati Colony members at the state assembly

Cleveland Colony

2026 Spring Event: The 2026 Spring event was held at the Dunham Tavern Museum Barn Sunday April 12, 2026 located at 6709 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio. Established in 1824, Dunham Tavern is the oldest building still standing on its original site in the City of Cleveland. During the meeting, we installed our new slate of officers for the 2026-2029 term. The program was "The New Pilgrims" family band. They are the children of the Western Reserve Colony member Eric McDaniel. Nora, Dylan, Eli, & Mary McDaniel are young multi-instrumentalists hailing from Streetsboro, Ohio. Their musical repertoire is comprised of classical works as well as old-time Appalachian and Celtic folk tunes. These young musicians are home educated and have received many awards and accolades at regional festivals. All are proficient on the piano, Nora and Mary play violin/fiddle, Dylan and Eli play cello. Mary also plays guitar, Dylan harmonica, and Eli banjo ukulele. The kids are also involved with various Northeast Ohio community theater companies, perform with their church's hand bell choirs and vocal ensembles, and are always a part of their local home school community's various performing arts opportunities. They



Cleveland members at the Annual Assembly: Carolyn Cheverine, Vicky Heineck, Mary Chase and Dr Elizabeth Finley Belgrad

performed at the 2025 State assembly meeting held in Mason, Ohio hosted by the Cincinnati Colony. Each band member thanked me personally for our colony giving them the opportunity to perform again. Additionally, the museum was opened for a tour. Their instrumental performance was enjoyed by all.

2026 Summer Event: The 2026 Summer event is scheduled for Sunday June 28, 2026 at the 103rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Civil War Museum which includes a private tour located at 5501 E. Lake Road Sheffield, Ohio. The 103rd OVI Memorial Foundation is dedicated to perpetuating the heroic deeds and services of the men who served in 103rd Regiment during the Civil War. It was originally built by the veterans themselves to serve as a barracks

during the reunions. In the 1970's this structure was completely restored and became the permanent home for the museum and artifacts. The Museum bordering Lake Erie is a historical landmark. Light refreshments will be served.

2026 Compact Day Dinner: The 406th Mayflower Compact Day and 96th Cleveland Colony Dinner buffet luncheon event will be held at the Lakewood Country Club located in Westlake, Ohio Saturday November 14, 2026. We will offer zoom availability with Leanne McGann as our zoom manager again. Our keynote speaker will be Patrick Henry Jolly, a descendant and researcher of Patrick Henry. He will present his program in costume as reenacted Patrick Henry and is associated with the Red Hill Patrick Henry's National Memorial located in Virginia. As always, the passenger family surname roll call will take place. We will recognize new members and the memorial service will be presented by our new colony Elder. We will recognize Veterans and thank them for their service and we will never forget. As always, we will open the invitation to other local historical organizations. The invitation will be sent electronically via Constant Contact to members with email addresses and members without email addresses will be mailed out via USPS. Additionally, we will ask our new webmaster to post the invitation to the Ohio Mayflower website under CLE Colony tab event section. The invitation will be sent to current preliminary and pending applicants as well. Door prizes will close the meeting!

Vicky Heineck, Lt. Governor, Cleveland Colony, SMDOH

Columbus Colony

The Columbus Colony put on a great event at the annual assembly May 15-16. Hilda Papas did a great job coordinating the event. No additional report was submitted.



Columbus Colony members

The morning speaker was Jennifer Gavin who gave a wonderful presentation on the Navajo Code talkers of WWII.



The keynote speaker for the assembly was former Governor General Lea Filson who gave a presentation about the progress on the restoration of the Pilgrim Meeting House.



Go to <https://themayflowersociety.org/give/the-mayflower-meetinghouse-project/> to read about the progress being made to turn this iconic building into an education center and to donate directly to the project.

Toledo Colony

Meetings: In-person Toledo BOA meetings followed our Saturday, 18 April 2026 Spring Luncheon Gathering and our 1 November 2025 Compact Day Luncheon, with additional meetings and group communications as required. Our next BOA meeting will occur following our 14 November 2026 Compact Day Luncheon Gathering.

2026 Spring Luncheon Gathering: Our Spring Luncheon took place on Saturday, 18 April 2026. Our speakers were Lt. Governor Edmund Trafford and Juniors Program Chair Andrea Traunero. The topic was "The Life and Times of Pastor John Robinson." Andrea opened the presentation with a showing of a Plimoth Patuxent Museums film on Robinson, and Lt. Governor Trafford followed with a slide commentary on Robinson's life and work.



Toledo Colony members at the state Assembly

2026 Summer Event: This event is scheduled for Saturday, 11 July 2026. We will gather for lunch in Perrysburg, Ohio, at Swig Bistro at 11:00 AM, followed by a guided tour of Fort Meigs Historic Site at 1:00 PM.

2026 Compact Day: This event is scheduled for 14 November 2026, with a program still to be determined.

Newsletter: The "Toledo Colony Chronicle" Winter 2026 issue was released following our Compact Day Gathering on Saturday, 1 November 2025. Our Summer 2026 issue will be released following our 11 July 2026 Summer event. It will carry a summary of our Spring Luncheon and Summer visit to Fort Meigs Historic Site as well as a preview of our Compact Day 2026 Luncheon Gathering.

Edmund Trafford, Lt. Governor Toledo Colony, SMDOH

Save the date

Friday and Saturday 21-22 May 2027

129th Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Toledo Colony

Holiday Inn and Suites

Perrysburg, OH

Western Reserve Colony

In March, WR sponsored reenactor Patrick Henry Jolly with a presentation about his namesake in celebration of America 250. The presentation was free and open to the public. It was well attended.

On June 13, we will hold our annual picnic. After two soggy years at a lovely park in Kent, we are returning to the Greentown Community Park where we will be indoors in the park pavilion and protected from any possible inclement weather. WR will be providing sandwiches and drinks with members bringing dishes to share in a potluck. For entertainment, we plan to play Mayflower Maize.



The photo above shows WR member Lee Martin staffing one of the WR sales tables. We have cork coasters for each ancestor, stress "rocks," travel mugs, wine flutes and Mayflower onesies plus much more. We will have all items available at compact day and at the 2027 state assembly in Perrysburg.



As a thank you to outgoing Governor Beth Anderson, WR had the Iris Gifts create a custom Mayflower tray for her. Here are Jill Parker, Beth, Ann Gulbransen and Lt. Governor Eric McDaniel making the presentation.

WR will be holding our Compact Day celebration at the Firestone Country Club in Akron on Sunday November 8th. Member Charles Thomasson will be our speaker.

This last photo shows WR members at the annual assembly: Eric McDaniel, Terri Brown, Jill Parker, Margo Broehl's grandson Dylan, Pat Hall, Margo Broehl, Ann Gulbransen and Lee Martin.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 13, 2026 - Western Reserve Picnic, Greentown Community Park
June 21, 2026 - Cincinnati summer picnic, Rentschler Forest Metro Park
June 28, 2026 - Cleveland Colony summer event, 103rd OVI Museum
July 11, 2026 - Toledo Colony summer event, lunch and tour of Fort Meigs historic site
September 20, 2026 - Western Reserve fall meeting with George Washington reenactor
November 8, 2026 - Western Reserve Compact Day, Firestone Country Club
November 14, 2026 - Cleveland Colony Compact Day, Lakewood Country Club
November 14, 2026 - Toledo Colony Compact Day

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The U.S. Mint is making 9 newly designed coins for the Semiquincentennial, including 5 new quarter designs that will come out early this year. Last week the FIRST quarter was released—it is the “[Mayflower Compact](#)” Quarter celebrating the importance of our



early Pilgrim ancestors and the first written document of governance in our country—the Mayflower Compact. Kirste McNally, acting director of the U.S. Mint said “We hope to offer each American the opportunity to hold our nation’s storied 250 years of history in the palms of their hands as we connect America through coins.” Let’s make sure we share our story with our families, communities and history groups as we see these quarters! Wouldn’t these quarters, maybe from the U.S. Mint, make great gifts for Juniors this year?

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