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## Governor's Message

**Happy Fall, Y'all!** We are freshly back from the General Board of Assistants (GBOA) meeting in Plymouth just a few weeks ago. We had a wonderful time visiting with friends and family from all over the country. You probably recall that the Congress scheduled for last year (our 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower) was cancelled due to COVID-19. GBOA meetings typically see about 100- 120 registrants, but this year they had close to 400 registered. Several of those decided not to attend, also due to COVID concerns. But still- WOW! It was spectacular to reconvene with our cousins that did attend. Please be sure to check out our DGG Jefferey Jackson's article about the GBOA meeting. I also put together a bit of a travel log of the places Don (my husband) and I were able to see and do. All of that gathering, exploring and remembering has me in just the right frame of mind to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the First



Thanksgiving. Plans are already underway for the GBOA Meeting in Minneapolis next year, then back to Plymouth for the 2023 Congress, and the 2024 GBOA meeting is slated for North Carolina. Be sure to pencil these into your calendar.

Also, in this issue are the Scholarship winners with their essays published here for you to enjoy. A hearty 'CONGRATULATIONS' is extended to them all. A special note: Mr. Owen McWilliams won again- for the second year in a row. Well done, Owen, we congratulate you and wish you well on your educational journey.

You should have received several notifications for our 2022 Dues Drive. We do this 'early' so that most of the work is completed before the busy holiday season. We offered an Early Bird reduction of 10% if paid by Sept 30. If you missed that, be sure to make a note on your calendar for next year. After that they are \$70 for our Regular Members, and \$35 for our Emeritus Members.

We continue to provide opportunities for our membership to participate, including our SMD SC Book Club, The Mayflower Moment Virtual lecture/chat series, and of course our Semi-Annual Luncheons. **As of this writing we are planning on our Compact Day Meeting in person, in Charleston on November 13.** We will follow all regulations regarding COVID health as mandated by the State of South Carolina and the City of Charleston. Currently, there are no restrictions on gatherings of any size.

The CDC provided guidance on 30 July 2021, recommending that unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals wear masks or face coverings when indoors. Each individual is to make their own decision on whether to attend gatherings or wear masks. We recognize each SMD SC member's responsibility for their own health and wellbeing. We look forward to seeing our members and enjoying a safe Compact Day Meeting in person.

Plans are also underway for our Spring Meeting in Aiken, on April 23. More details are available in this issue, so be sure to search those out and plan to participate. I would like to express my heartfelt 'Thank You' to Debi Bacon for her hard work to make these events happen.

Our Online Store was launched in May and Susan Thompson has been busy shipping those orders. Thank you, Susan! We had a booth at the GBOA meeting and were visited by folks from all over the country. Don't forget about our store when you are doing your Holiday shopping. We plan to add a few new products next year so keep an eye out for that.

We are always looking for new and innovative ways to engage our membership and looking for volunteers. If you would like to host a Mayflower Moment, have a speaker in mind, can sponsor an event venue, or just want to chat- please call or email me. I always enjoy visiting with my Mayflower cousins.

*Melana A. Maxie*



*Pre-Pilgrim's Progress gathering of SMD-SC Members: Sally & Bob Campbell, Bonnie Wade Mucia, myself (not wearing Pilgrim attire) and Mary Helen Wade. Also around were Melissa Lynn Geddings, Jeff & Noretta Jackson, and several of Mary Helen's family members.*

## South Carolina Historian Bricks

Last year we collected donations for Historian Bricks to be installed in the Historian Walkway at the Mayflower House Gardens. The Historian walkway runs from the new Governor Bradford Statue towards the library. We received enough donations to install one brick dedicated to all of our Past Historians, one for Barnwell Linley, and FIVE for Nick Maher. Thank you to all our members that were able to contribute. In case you are wondering, Yes- you can still add a brick to the walkways in the garden. Check it out online at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/bricks>. (Note that the photo for this topic on the GSMD website features the brick with two of our members, Herb & Lois Lamb of Charleston.)



*Photos of the Historian Walkway, By Melana Maxie*

## Welcome Aboard: New Members!

We are happy to extend welcome to the newest members of our South Carolina Society.

### William Brewster

Michelle Privette, Lexington, SC  
Louisa Watrous, Myrtle Beach, SC

### Edward Doty

Tammy Bass, Fort Mill, SC

### Edward Fuller

Sheila Anderson-Melba, Moore, SC

### Stephen Hopkins

Elizabeth Baucom, Greenville, SC

### John Howland

Kevin Abernathy-Cornelius, Alpharetta, GA  
Joseph Cartee, Taylors, SC

Doris Jenkins, Taylors, SC  
Sandra Gibson, Bluffton, SC  
Ashton Tupper, Ladson, SC  
Charles Tupper, Edisto Island, SC  
Charles Tupper, Eugene, OR  
Gladys "Rene" Whaley, Greenville, SC

### Richard Warren

Virginia Laskowitz, Murrells Inlet, SC  
April Staley, Greenville, SC

### William Bradford

Matthew Palmer, Chapin, SC

### William White

Cherylee Vanderham, Isle of Palms, SC

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## In Memoriam

With a sad heart, we announce the passing of this member:

Jason H. Stevens, 18 June 2021, Hilton Head, SC

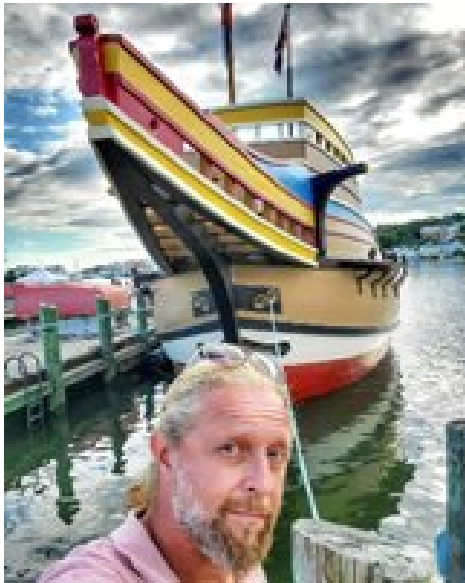
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## From The Corresponding Secretary

In an effort to cut down on costs and help save the environment, we are trying to communicate with our members via email. Please help us! If you did not receive a Compact meeting notice or this Palmetto Log via email, please provide our Corresponding Secretary with a current mail address at [kbanurse.mayflower.sc@gmail.com](mailto:kbanurse.mayflower.sc@gmail.com).

*Anytime your email, phone or address changes, please don't forget to update your contact information with us- please contact CorrSec Karen Andrews (contact information is provided in the back of this newsletter.)*





THE SOCIETY OF  
MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

*Announces*

**2021 Compact Day Luncheon**

Saturday, November 13, 2021

11:30 a.m.

Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon

\$45 per person

RESERVATION DEADLINE: October 31, 2021

See page 32 for RSVP Form or Register Online at

<https://smd-sc.square.site/events>

**Speaker:** Andrew Giles Buckley, Producer, “Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare’s Shipwreck” and “Hit and Run History”

**Location:** The Harbour Club at WestEdge  
23 WestEdge Street, Suite 700  
Charleston, SC 29403

**Luncheon Buffet**

*Pecan Encrusted Chicken Breast and London Broil  
Hot Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Southern Stewed Tomatoes  
Soup du jour and Gourmet Salad Bar  
Chef’s Seasonal Desserts  
Coffee, Tea and Water  
Cash Bar: Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks*

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*Should you become infected by COVID & have to cancel, we will refund your tickets if you let us know by 8am November 13.*

Andrew Giles Buckley, a two-time Emmy-nominated producer, founded *Hit & Run History* in 2008. In their film, *Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare’s Shipwreck*, Andrew and his crew are hot on the trail of Stephen Hopkins, a Virginia-bound castaway who found his way not only onto the decks of the *Mayflower* a decade later, but immortalized on stage as the drunken Stephano in Shakespeare’s final play, *The Tempest*.

***Stay tuned: We are working to make the documentary available for you to view before the luncheon. We will provide that information via email once it becomes available.***

***An informal meeting with our speaker:*** If you will be in Charleston Friday evening, November 12, set aside time to meet our Compact Luncheon speaker Andrew Buckley. Specific time and date to be announced.

For those wishing to stay overnight in Charleston, we recommend the Meeting Street Inn  
173 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401 <https://www.meetingstreetinn.com>

## Spring 2021 Meeting



We hope you enjoyed the fascinating Sue Allan, author and official historian at Scrooby Manor as she spoke to us on Zoom. Be sure to visit [www.mayflowermaid.com](http://www.mayflowermaid.com) and find her novels, “The Mayflower Maid”, “Jamestown Woman” and others, plus non-fiction “In the Shadow of Men, The Lives of Separatist Women” among others.

Following our Zoom meeting, Governor Maxie received the following note from Sue after she received the Speakers Fee: *“This money is so vital as it will enable me to pay to send Simon Neal into one of the archives near London for a day to carry out a targeted search for me to hopefully find some vital documents*

*I need to continue my Pilgrim research. And who knows what gem will turn up! I am very grateful...”*

Since our meeting, Sue has continued her research with Caleb Johnson and Simon Neal. Their latest Pilgrim William White research was recently published in The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, VOLUME 175, WHOLE NUMBER 698, SPRING 2021, Editorial: *The Excommunications of Mayflower Passenger William White and His Half-Siblings Henry and Jacomine May, at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.*<sup>1</sup>

## Spring 2022 Meeting

Make plans now to be with us at The Reserve Club in Aiken, SC, Saturday, April 23, 2022. Our speaker will be Dr. Joe Kelly, Professor and Director of Irish and Irish American Studies at the College of Charleston. Dr. Kelly recently published "Marooned: Jamestown, Shipwreck, and a New History of America's Origin"

**PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS A DIFFERENT DATE THAN WAS LISTED IN THE PREVIOUS "PALMETTO LOG".**



## Future SMD SC Semi-Annual Meetings

- 2022 Spring Luncheon: April 23, 2022, Aiken, SC
- 2022 Compact Day Luncheon: November 12, 2022
- 2023 Spring Luncheon: April 29, 2023: Governor General Jane Hurt visits
- 2023 Compact Day Luncheon: November 14, 2023

## Minutes of Spring Board of Assistant's Meeting

*By Marylen Jackson, Recording Secretary*

Held virtually on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Governor Melana Maxie called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and greeted about 28 members who had joined the meeting on Zoom. Kathy Landing opened the meeting in prayer. Captain Dave Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and DGG Jeff Jackson led in the Pilgrim Pledge.

Historian Nick Maher read the Roll Call, and each member responded when his or her ancestor's name was called. There were 7 for Howland and Tilley, while Brewster and Warren tied for 2nd place with 5 each.

Deputy Governor General Jeff Jackson gave a report of General Society news. South Carolina has finished paying their pledge of \$25,000 to help purchase the Meeting House in Plymouth for the Society. Much exterior work has already been done to it. With the increase in dues to \$35, the needed work to the Mayflower House and Library will soon be done. It is also hoped that applications may be done electronically before too long

Historian Nick Maher has had over 500 applications approved and that is 40% of all submitted in S.C.

**Our Compact Day Meeting will be Nov. 13 IN PERSON at the Harbour Club in Charleston.**

The SC Mayflower website has been up-dated, and the Juniors page refurbished. The informal 'Mayflower Moment' is held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. on zoom. In June Bonnie will speak about the Silver Books and in August about tracing female ancestors.

Melana announced that volunteers are needed for: Store chairman; Social Media; Speakers for Mayflower Moment; Assistants for the Historian; also for Education and a leader for the Book Club and contributors to the Palmetto Log. Melana showed some items from the Store: a silk scarf for \$70 a different one for less money; a House flag for \$28 and a garden flag for \$15; color books for \$5 each.

Nick mentioned, and Bonnie confirmed, that the 100,000th application has been granted in Plymouth and soon a celebration will be held for that person. Treasurer Janet Morris reported a balance of \$8,383.62 in the checking account and \$251,722.07 in the Raymond James account.





## What Was Cooking?

By Deborah Hall Hill, Palmetto Log Editor

400 years ago, Pilgrim Edward Winslow wrote to a friend back in London, detailing events at his new home in New England, including the first fall feast. These few lines are the only reference we have to that historic moment.

*" ... our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a more special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the company almost a week,"* Winslow wrote.

From other documents, we know they ate duck, geese, swans and wild turkey. So, maybe they did eat turkey at the first Thanksgiving, no one knows for sure. From the sea they ate a lot of codfish, lobsters, eel and shellfish. They made a kind of clam chowder but it would not have been like we have today because they did not have milk. They did not bring cows with them on the Mayflower!

The Pilgrims did not grow wheat that first year so they had no flour. They did make an unleavened flatbread from ground corn. Other food probably served at the first Thanksgiving could be squash, turnips, parsnips, onions and carrots which were yellow and purple back then. All grown from seeds the colonists would have brought with them on the Mayflower. However, the main protein was probably venison as Winslow went on to write:

*"... many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest King Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain, and others."*

What is missing?? No cranberry sauce as sugar was in low supply. No potatoes & gravy as potatoes were not grown in their gardens. Apples and pears were not grown in this region so there were no pies or sauces. And.....no Clemson vs Carolina football!!

***We have so much to be thankful for!!***







*Pilgrim Progress, Photo by Jeffrey Jackson*



*A stroll through along Town Brook, Photos by Melana Maxie*



## “The Mayflower Moment”

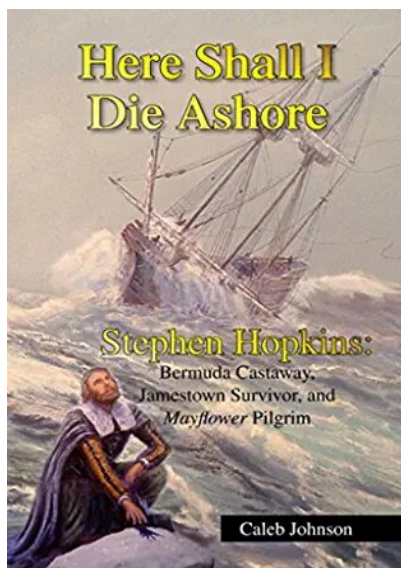
### Virtual Chat Series Continues

Join Fellow SMD SC Members on Zoom to learn about various Mayflower, Pilgrim, Historical, and Genealogical topics. We will meet on the Second Thursday of the month at 7pm. We have the following sessions planned (*Stay Tuned for 2022 Programs*):

- October 14 - [Click to Register](#) - Join Denise Brola for a discussion about one of her Pilgrim Fathers- Miles Standish.
- December 9 - [Click to Register](#) - Stacy Wiegman will discuss the arrival of the Fortune in 1621 and the Anne and the Little James in 1623. She will focus on the people who arrived at Plimoth in 1623, reuniting family and friends and introducing new colonists.

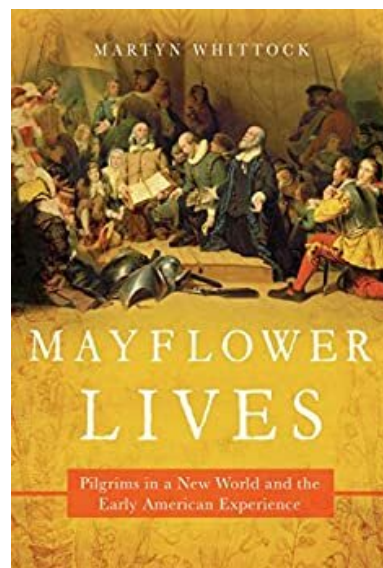
*Registration is required. Attendance is limited to 100 participants. You may register now, or anytime up to the day of the event. Reminders will be sent a day or so before the Mayflower Moment to assure you have the meeting link.*

## Join our Virtual Book Club



Join us for our virtual Book Club. We are discussing ***Here I shall Die Ashore***, by Caleb Johnson on Sept 27 & October 11 at 7pm. Our last book for 2021 will be ***Mayflower Lives, Pilgrims in a New World and the Early American Experience***, by Martyn Whittock. We will meet via Zoom on Nov 15 and Dec 6 at 7pm.

If you would like to join us, please let Melana Maxie know of your interest ([melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com](mailto:melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com)) and we will add you to the email list. Happy Reading!



# A Journey with Your Governor

By Melana Maxie, Governor



Melana & Don with Mayflower II

My husband Don & I went to Plymouth a few days before the GBOA so we could enjoy some time in and around Plymouth. We have been to Plymouth before and visited all the main sites in Plymouth, except the Mayflower II because she was in Mystic getting refurbished. We decided that this year we would check out some lesser *known* sites.

We spent Monday (Labor Day) onboard the Mayflower II and traveling to Kingston, Duxbury and Marshfield. The Mayflower II was spectacular, and we had a beautiful day to enjoy her company. She looks great after her refurb. We noted that 'Tween Decks' on Mayflower II is about 6 foot high, whereas when our intrepid ancestors journeyed on the Mayflower 'Tween decks' is believed to have been about 5 feet high. I understand why they did that when Mayflower II was built, and it certainly makes for less knocked heads on board today.

After Mayflower II we set out for the scenic drive & photo ops to the north. Since it was September, and a

Monday, most things were closed, but off we went anyway. We hope you enjoy this photo journal of the journey.



John Howland Homesite. A wee bit overgrown, but a really neat place to visit. I suggest you wear long pants and good shoes. Unexpectedly, we spent quite a bit of time here.



Myles Standish Monument (Closed- we can't get to it, but could glimpse it over the trees)



*Major John Bradford's House (William's grandson) also closed, but has a nice garden and rock wall.*



*Part of the old path from Plymouth to Green Harbor. This ancient path dates back long before our Pilgrim ancestors arrived. Yay-this park was not closed.*



*The Alden House (Their third homesite), also closed, and also has a nice garden. But hey, we were there!*



*Peregrine White's homesite.*



*Winslow House & Museum- would love to come back to it when it is open...*



*Marshfield Town Hall features a wind vane of Peregrine White on his horse. If the wind is blowing from the north, he is on his way to visit his mother, if the wind is blowing from the south he is headed back home. He was on his way home when we saw him.*



*Duxbury Old Burying Ground. Another must see, and it was open! Yay! Duxbury was very intriguing, as 18 Mayflower passengers eventually moved to that area.*



*Winslow Cemetery- another must do. Good 'Ole Daniel Webster is also laid to rest here. Several of my ancestors are noted as Early Settlers on the monument, not just the Pilgrims. I found the sentiment on the tombstone touching (Mr. Lincoln Hall (1891 - 1969).*



## **SMD-SC Wants You!**

***We are looking for a few more volunteers to help our Society.***

Our Education Chairperson would like an assistant to help with the Scholarships and Educational Outreach. We would also like help with maintaining the website, and if we had someone really computer savvy, we could start putting our Mayflower Moments and Meeting Presenters online to make them available for our members that cannot meet during our regular times. If you would like to speak at a Mayflower Moment *or* lead the Book Club, we would sincerely appreciate that help as well.

***If you would like to volunteer, please contact Governor Maxie at [melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com](mailto:melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com).***

## GBOA 2021 Meeting in Plymouth

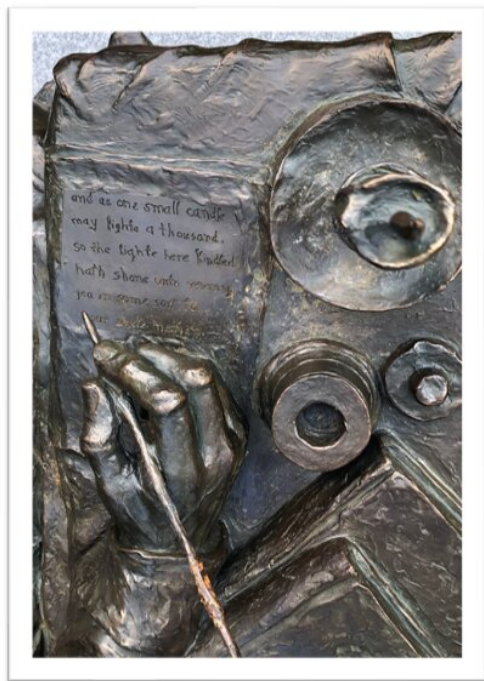
*Report by Jeffrey A. Jackson, Deputy Governor General (DGG)*

The Mayflower Society's General Board of Assistants (GBOA) 2021 Meeting, hosted by the Massachusetts Society, was held September 8-11 in Plymouth, MA and Celebrated the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving with the Theme: 1621-2021 Arrival to Survival. Highlights from 2021's GBOA Meeting include Director of the Silver Books Project Director Bonnie Wade Mucia's presentation on the history and current progress of and future plans for GSMD's ongoing Silver Books Project. Bonnie is our own Former SMDSC Governor and currently serves as one of three GSMD Executive Committee Members-at-Large (MAL) and is also Chair of the Mayflower DNA Project For more information about the Silver Books Project and Bonnie's work please see:

<https://themayflowersociety.org/genealogy/explore-your-roots/silver-books-project/>.

Brian Pfeiffer, Architectural Historian, gave an enlightening report on repairs and restoration of the Mayflower Society House revealing that many older long-tested brick mortar and craftsman proved construction materials provide better lasting results than recent new technological materials and innovations. We learned that GSMD has trademarked, "The Mayflower Society". Bonnie, Melana and Jeff participated in the Pilgrim Progress with Wreath Laying and were privileged to attend the Meeting House Ceremony. (<https://themayflowersociety.org/visit/mayflower-meetinghouse/> & <https://themayflowersociety.org/news-events/save-the-meetinghouse/>)

SMDSC contributed \$25,000 toward the funds raised to permanently maintain the Meeting House which was donated to GSMD by the First Parish Church congregation. They also attended the Garden Reception and Dedication of the Governor William Bradford Statue (<https://themayflowersociety.org/visit/the-gardens/>) The statue portrays Governor Bradford writing "-as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation."



*Governor William Bradford Statue, Mayflower House Gardens, Photo by Jeffrey Jackson*

## **2021 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship**

*By Kristen French, Assistant for Education*

Congratulations to our 2021 Scholarship awardees!

**Owen McWilliams** (College/Continuing Ed), \$1500 award for *A Lack of Understanding: The Wampanoags and the Pilgrims*

**Emma Wester** (High School), \$1000 award for *Communication Was the Key*

**Tenley Olman** (Middle School), \$500 award for *To Be Known*

The contest was especially competitive at the College/Continuing Ed level, compared to previous years. As in past years, the Assistant for Education administered the contest but was not a judge. High school social studies teachers **2021 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship Winners** were recruited, and South Carolina History Day judges volunteered to help us this year through SMDSC's budding relationship with that program. Essays were redacted for personal information, and the judges' decisions determined the outcome of the contest.

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### **Owen McWilliams, Towson, MD, SMDSC member, College Division**



Owen's membership into SMDSC was approved earlier this year! His Mayflower ancestors are Mary Chilton, James Chilton, Elizabeth Tilley, and John Howland. His aunt is also a SMDSC member, Kristen French. Owen is studying physics and astronomy at the University of Maryland, College Park.

#### ***A Lack of Understanding: The Wampanoags and the Pilgrims***

The early communication between the Wampanoag Tribe and the Pilgrims was marked with apprehension and trepidation. To quote Silverman, "Over and over again, the Wampanoags were asking: 'Peace or war?'" Whether it was scouting the camp from afar, or sending emissaries, the Wampanoags sought to carefully determine the intentions of their new neighbors. When circumstances pushed the two groups together, they would have to overcome a formidable challenge: Their lack of understanding of each other.

When the *Mayflower* first arrived at Cape Cod in 1620, the Wampanoags were in a weakened position. They were still recovering from the epidemic of 1616-19 and were constantly at threat from the Narragansetts, a nearby tribe. They desperately needed allies, especially ones with powerful weapons such as the colonists, but were hesitant to befriend the Pilgrims because they believed that the epidemic was caused by past European settlers (Silverman, 128). The Pilgrims, on the other hand, were starving and struggling to adapt to their new homes and needed help to expand their food sources. Once the Pilgrims moved to Plymouth, the stage was set for an uneasy alliance. After a while, diplomatic relations between the two groups began. Interactions with emissaries like Samoset and Tisquantum (Squanto) eventually led to a meeting between the Pilgrims and the most powerful nearby sachem (tribal leader), Massasoit, to discuss a peace deal. This conference led to a written treaty, which included an agreement



to not harm each other, an agreement to return stolen items, and a defensive pact (Bradford). However, Massasoit and the Native American culture as a whole had no concept of a written treaty, so it is unlikely that he understood the implications of this document. The Wampanoags understood this agreement to mean that the two peoples were friends, deserving of hospitality whenever one would visit the other, while the colonists considered it more of an official agreement between leaders (Silverman, 155). Furthermore, when the colonists made this agreement with Massasoit, they thought they were making an agreement with all of the Wampanoags, as if they were dealing with a king, while tribal power didn't quite work this way. Other sachems could refuse to be allies of the colonists if they wanted to. Massasoit, on the other hand, did not understand the concept of a king. So, when the final clause of the treaty states that "King James would esteem of him as his friend and ally" (Bradford), he most likely did not understand that he was making a deal with all of Great Britain, and that later "the English would try to redefine friendship with the king is subjection to his colonists" (Silverman, 155-156). Peace was established, but the colonists and the Wampanoags had a long way to go until they understood each other.

After the agreement, the colonists reluctantly hosted Wampanoag visitors in Plymouth, due to this misunderstanding of the nature of their peace treaty. The colonists sought to remove these unwanted visitors, so they sent Stephen Hopkins and Edward Winslow with Tisquantum to visit and send a message to Massasoit in his village (Bradford). During this journey, the colonists got to observe Native American life for the first time. They saw them fishing, farming, and eating, just as they did in Plymouth. They were exposed to the Wampanoag culture firsthand, taking part in rituals and speeches. When they laid to sleep, they even had to share a bed with Massasoit, his wife, and two of Massasoit's chief men. While uncomfortable and tedious, Winslow and Hopkins began to understand the Wampanoags more during this cultural experience. As Silverman says, "some Englishmen were beginning to see their Wampanoag neighbors as something more fully human than just savages of the wilderness." (156)

Throughout the creation of this treaty and alliance, the colonists regarded the Wampanoags as savages, and the Wampanoags regarded the colonists as potentially dangerous. This is similar to the extremely polarized political parties in the modern USA. According to a study by Pew Research Center in 2016, 45% of Republicans see the Democratic party as a threat to the nation's well-being, and 41% of Democrats say the same about the Republican party. This figure has been trending upward since 1994. Additionally, there is strong evidence that the average member of each political party leads a very different life than an average member of the other political party. On average, Democrats and Republicans live in different places, with a clear trend between increasing population density (people who live in cities) and democratic votes (Kopf). They also gather separately on social media, according to Hughes and Stocking. The political parties also watch different news networks. 93% of Fox News viewers are Republican, and 95% of MSNBC viewers are Democratic (Richter). Neither side understands the other well, as each side does not gather with the other often. However, similar to the Wampanoags and the Pilgrims, we are neighbors that need each other. We need to negotiate and make progress through this lack of understanding.

If more of us follow Hopkins and Winslow's actions and learn about the human aspects of the other side, it could be possible to understand each other better and more compromises could be struck. It may be awkward at first, just like Winslow and Hopkins' sleepover with Massasoit, but at the end of the day, we will be more united because of it. While the alliance between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoags didn't last, we can use their initial communication and peace-making to inform our future.

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## Emma Wester, Surfside Beach, SC, High School Division



Emma was sponsored by her high school counselor, Caroline Ross. Her father Bryan Hawes Wester is an SMDSC member. Their Mayflower ancestors are John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley. Emma graduated from St. James High School in June and is attending Brevard College this fall.

### *Communication Was the Key*

According to the American Speech Language Hearing Association, "The ability to communicate is essential to learning, working and social interaction as well as to achieve and maintain independence. It affects every aspect of a person's life, including family and work interactions" (Why Add Speech). This definition is essential in understanding why communication between the people of the Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag tribe was so very important. In order for the members of these two very different groups of people to be able to live side by side and even together in many ways, it was imperative that they learn to communicate with each other. This process was perhaps made more difficult because each group had pre-existing and not necessarily accurate conceptions about the other. Many colonists thought of the Wampanoag people as savages and many of the Wampanoag thought of the colonists as violent thieves.

Initially communication between the colonists and the Wampanoag tribe members was nonverbal. For example, one of the first contacts was made by the appearance of two Indians, who were carrying two arrows. One sharpened arrow and one arrow that was not sharpened. This was an indication that the meeting could go either way: it could be peaceful or it could be confrontational. It was important for the colonists to pay attention to these type of details. Another example of nonverbal communication was the color of the paint that the Wampanoag tribe members wore. They oftentimes wore black, indicating

death, or red indicating blood. The colonists also used nonverbal communication. An indication of this was by the colonists not leaving their weapons outside of a meeting area, indicating possible violent intentions. It is interesting that the members of these two groups of people may not even been aware of how their behaviors were affecting the other group (Silverman).

Fortunately, for all involved, nonverbal communication was not the only form of communication that was available. Tisquantum, a member of the Wampanoag tribe, had been held captive by another earlier colonist group. For this reason, Tisquantum had learned English and was able to act as a translator for the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag tribe members. It was Tisquantum who initiated the first official meeting between the two groups, which included an invitation of the English to the Wampanoag Camp. From this meeting, where food and gifts were exchanged, a treaty of seven principles was produced (Silverman).

Even though this treaty was agreed upon, there was doubt that, due to the communication barrier, the true meaning of the treaty was not understood by both parties. The formality of the treaty that the colonists utilized was not understood by the Wampanoag, who viewed the agreement in a less formal way. They exhibited this by stopping by and visiting the colonists, which put a strain on the colonist's nerves, as well as their resources (Silverman). This treaty, even though its intent may be interpreted differently by each group, did help the colonists survive. It provided them with not only excellent opportunities for trade, it also provided them with some protection, in the form of acceptance. This treaty was "the longest-lasting and most equitable peace between natives and immigrants in the history of what would become the United States of America" (Mark).

My ancestor, John Howland, played a great role in the success of the Plymouth Colony. "He was one of the 8 Plymouth "Undertakers" who assumed the colony's debt. He also served as an assistant to the governor, as a member of many committees and was placed in charge of the Colony's fur trading post at Kennebec, Maine. Howland was also an important person in the Plymouth Church" (Aspen). I believe that communication in his role in the fur trading post would have been crucial. The people of the Wampanoag tribe often traded furs and food for weapons with the people of the Plymouth Colony. Good communication would have been essential for trading to take place.

Good communication skills were essential in the forming of the treaty between the colonists and the Wampanoag Tribe. Nonverbal and verbal communication both played a critical role in the peace that was found between the colonists and the Wampanoag tribe. Communication was a key factor in the success of the Plymouth colonists.

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## Tenley Olman, Navarre, FL, Middle School Division



Tenley's grandmother, Diane Kilbourn, is an SMDSC member, and their Mayflower ancestors are Stephen Hopkins and Elizabeth Fisher. She is a rising 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Snowshine Homeschool.

### ***To Be Known***

Communication is all about wanting to be known, heard, and most of all understood. Most people spoke in English, just like my ancestors Stephen and Elizabeth Hopkins, although that was different with some of the Native Americans. Most Native Americans communicated in the language called Wopanaak, which included a series of symbols and drawings. The symbols and drawings communicated everything from the Wampanoag's spiritualism to their popular culture such as music and dancing.

They needed to find a way to share all that their culture believed and cherished with the new neighbors. It was fully essential for the Wampanoag Tribe to find a way to communicate with the Pilgrims for the survival of both of their peoples.

When the Pilgrims had arrived in the New World on November 11, 1620 and decided to set up camp on the place where the tribe, whose name was Patuxet, once stood they ended up, practically, camping in the Wampanoag's front yard. Just like the Pilgrims, the Native Americans were exceptionally diligent, curious and intrigued with the newcomers. They didn't know why the Pilgrims had come to their land and how they would establish communications with them. All they knew was that they had to establish peace with the newcomers, because they did not want to engage in a war. With the possibility of promising new allies at stake, every effort would be made to ensure success in the multicultural relations.

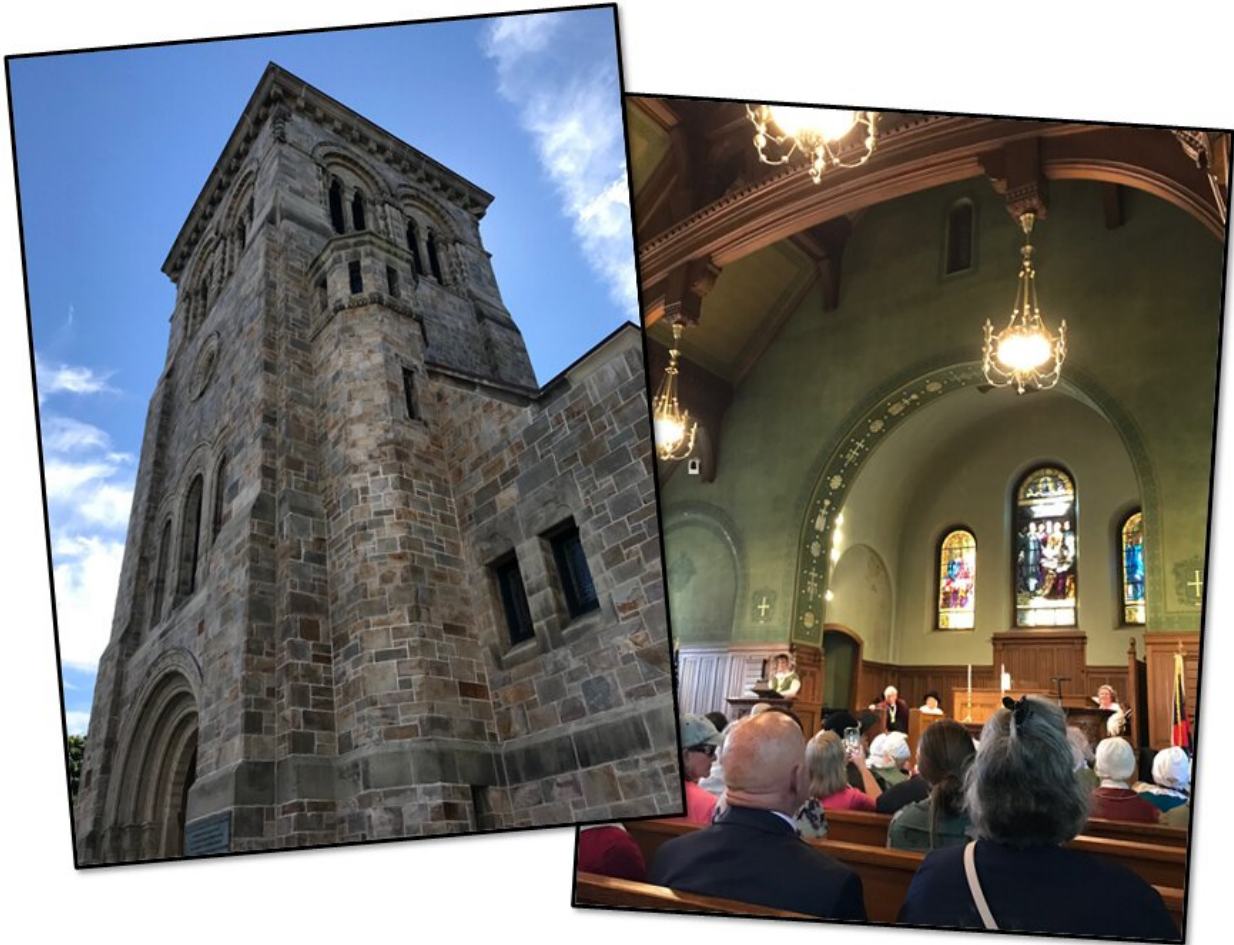
Communication was an unbelievably valuable ability for the Native Americans and the Pilgrims. When the Pilgrims first came, the Native Americans needed to know if they were a threat. So, on March 16, 1621 a native, named Samoset, walked through the village and spoke to them in English saying, "Welcome!" On that day, the Native Americans realized the Pilgrims were not a threat, but an ally. From that day on, they established a way to communicate with each other using English.

Knowing their way around was also one of the most important and crucial parts of the Pilgrim's survival, because it helped them to thrive and not just survive. It involved communication and teamwork between the two groups. The Wampanoag Tribe was there to show and tell the Pilgrims where the best trees, hunting locations, and fresh water were. Along with how to grow sustainable crops and how to study and make the most of the alien climate. With the help and willful assistance of the Wampanoag Tribe, the Pilgrims were able to learn new and useful skills.

In conclusion, you can see communication was the key to the group's survival and the everyday lives in the unfamiliar land that was the New World. Teaching the curious Pilgrims was only one of the many helpful ways the Native Americans assisted them. Every time one of the different groups helped each other, they established more trust and a better, deeper relationship. Because of the tribe being able to do this with the Pilgrims they successfully established the colonization of what we know today as modern-day Plymouth, Massachusetts.

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*Our visit to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meeting house. The exterior restoration is complete, Phase I of the interior restoration is underway. Photos by Melana Maxie*

**Pilgrim Factoids: ¶**

- *There are 464 current members in SMD-SC*
- *To date, 2009 is the year that SMD-SC had the most 'New Members' approved by Plymouth with a grand total of 49 new members that year. At our current pace, we expect to have 50+ new members in 2021.*

## What was it like to be a child in Plymouth in the 1600's?

By Cari Gilette from MaryAnn Johnson the Home School Coach

**It was very different in many ways from the life of a child today.**

### **Early educational life of Pilgrim Children:**

Formal education was not available for every child in colonial New England. For the children that did attend school, it was very different from today. They went to school after early morning work was completed. The Puritans thought that learning was very important. They believed that the devil tricked people by keeping them in ignorance. Education was a tool to fight the temptations of evil.

A dame school was common during early colonial days. A woman, usually a widow, would gather a few children in her house to teach them reading and some writing while she continued to complete her daily household work. In the one room school, there were no blackboards, maps, or globes. Lead pencils were not introduced until 1761. Children wrote with a feather pen using ink made from walnut oil. Every child was expected to bring a log to keep the fire burning. The log was a way of paying the teacher for her services and also to keep the classroom warm.



Paper was so scarce that students learned their fundamental skills by using a hornbook. The hornbook was a wooden paddle with a piece of paper tacked to it. The paper contained the alphabet, simple combinations of vowels and constants and a prayer. A thin layer of cow horn protected the paper. Students traced over the letters with a sharp stick until they memorized each letter. After the students mastered the hornbook, they moved on to The New England Primer. It was used throughout New England for over one hundred years. The book began with the alphabet. The letters were illustrated with a biblical reference. The letters and pages were filled with biblical advice to help children lead a virtuous life

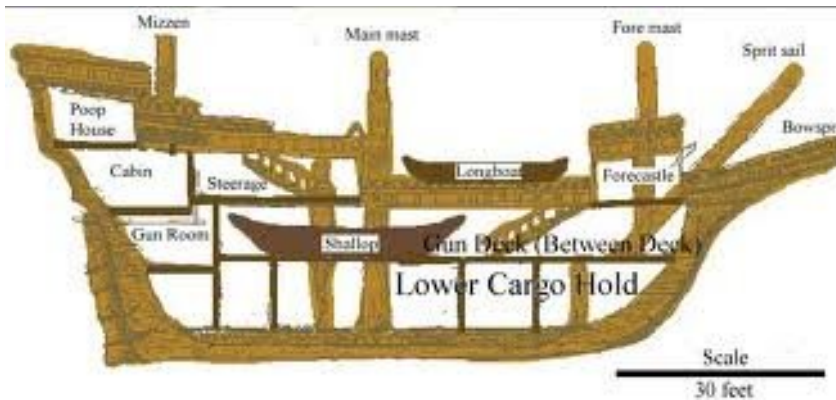
Historians aren't sure how often children in Plymouth played. One thing is certain though, they played a lot less than most children do today! Children in Plymouth Colony worked hard. They began working as early as age four or five. They worked in the corn fields, cooked, fetched water, took care of the animals, and watched younger children. Small children helped by weeding flax plants. The work of girls was closely related to the home and the work of her mother. Girls learned to sew, knead bread, and assist in the childcare of younger siblings. Boys worked mostly outdoors by way of caring for animals and crops. Boys also used jackknives to carve wood into spoons, bowls, and breadboards. Even though they worked hard, children probably were allowed to play a little every day. Many Pilgrim parents thought that it was fine for children to play games as a way of resting from work—as long as their children weren't playing instead of working! They thought that the best kind of games and sports for children were those that exercised their bodies (like running races) or their mind (like draughts). They also liked children to play games in which they practiced skills that they would need later in life (like playing house or playing with dolls). But they didn't like their children to play games that involved luck because that was too much like gambling.

### Common games Pilgrim Children played:

In England, before they sailed for America Pilgrim children played naughts and crosses, draughts, all hid, lummelen, or hop frog? Have you ever played these games? I'll bet that you have! Naughts and crosses is tic, tac, toe and draughts is checkers. Can you guess what all hid and hop frog are? They are hide and seek and leap frog. What about lummelen? That's keep away. Next time you play one of these games, stop and think how amazing it is that you're playing the same game that children played 400 years ago!



Children might also have played word games, like gliffes. Gliffes are tongue twisters. Here's one from the 1600's. "Dick drunk drink in a dish; where's the dish Dick drunk drink in?" Riddles were popular too. Blowing bubbles was also a popular pastime for children. Children might even have played with toys like stilts, pinwheels, tops, hoops, kites and marbles.



All ships, including the Mayflower, have a right-hand side and a left-hand side. As one faces the bow of the ship (the pointy end which moves forward), the side of the ship which is to your right is called the "starboard" side. The side of the ship to your left is called the "port" side. This designation came about because the ship's rudder was once called a "steer board." The "steer board" was always

on the right side of the ship as one faced the bow. When the ship docked in port, they could not dock with the "steer board" next to the pier so they docked with the other side next to the pier. The other side (which lay against the pier) became known as the "port" side. Somehow "steer board" became "Starboard."

### Materials Needed for Mayflower Cupcake:

Red, Blue, and Chocolate Frosting, Chocolate Marshmallow Pinwheel Cookies, Pretzel Sticks, Jumbo Marshmallows (Cut Diagonally), Ziploc for Piping Red Frosting. Cut pinwheel cookie in half and cover top with chocolate frosting. Use pretzel sticks to create sails.



Bag

**Be sure to visit our Juniors page for some more games, recipes, and crafts:**

<http://www.scmayflowersociety.org/juniors.php>

## Dates to Remember

- November 12, 2021 ..... Meet & Greet (in person) SMD SC members and Andrew Buckley, Producer of Hit and Run History. Reservations required. Charleston, SC (venue TBD)
- November 13, 2021 ..... Compact Day Luncheon (in person) with Producer Andrew Buckley of Hit and Run History. Reservations required. The Harbour Club, Charleston, SC
- November 25, 2021 ..... THANKSGIVING (400 Years after The 'First' Thanksgiving)
- April 23, 2022..... Spring Luncheon Meeting, Aiken, SC
- September 15-17, 2022.... GBOA Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- November 12, 2022 ..... Compact Day Luncheon
- November 24, 2022 ..... THANKSGIVING 2022
- April 29, 2023..... Spring Luncheon: Governor Jane Hurt visits (Tentative: Bluffton, SC)
- September 11 - 16, 2023... GSMD Congress, Plymouth, MA
- November 14, 2023..... Compact Day Luncheon & Election of BOA
- November 23, 2023 ..... THANKSGIVING 2023



*Lining up for the 2021 Pilgrim Progress. Those in Pilgrim attire go to the front, those of us in street clothes bring up the rear. Photo by Melana Maxie*

### ***Pilgrim Factoids: ¶***

- *The Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth is the nation's oldest continuously operating public museum, and well worth the visit. <https://www.pilgrimhall.org/index.html>*
- *'Echoes of the Ancestors', is Plimoth Patuxet's newest online exhibition. It highlights exciting new finds from the Eel River Site on the Museum's campus.*



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### ***Pilgrim Factoids:*** ¶

- *Only 51 out of the 102 passengers on the Mayflower had children. Amazingly, just 12 or 16 generations later, an estimated 35 million people can trace their ancestry to one of these 51 "first comers."*
- *John and Priscilla had 11 children survive to adulthood and are thought to have the most descendants of any Pilgrims. John outlived all others who signed the Compact, passing in 1687.*
- *John Howland finally achieved status as a free man after Governor Carver's death, and it is possible (although unconfirmed) that Howland inherited the entire Carver estate. Another Mayflower passenger, Elizabeth Tilley was orphaned when the rest of her family died during the first winter, and she lived in Howland's household as his ward. He married her around 1624 and they went on to have 10 children. Howland lived until the ripe age of 80.*
- *William Brewster was the only university-educated member of the group until Pastor Ralph Smith arrived in 1629.* ¶



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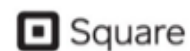
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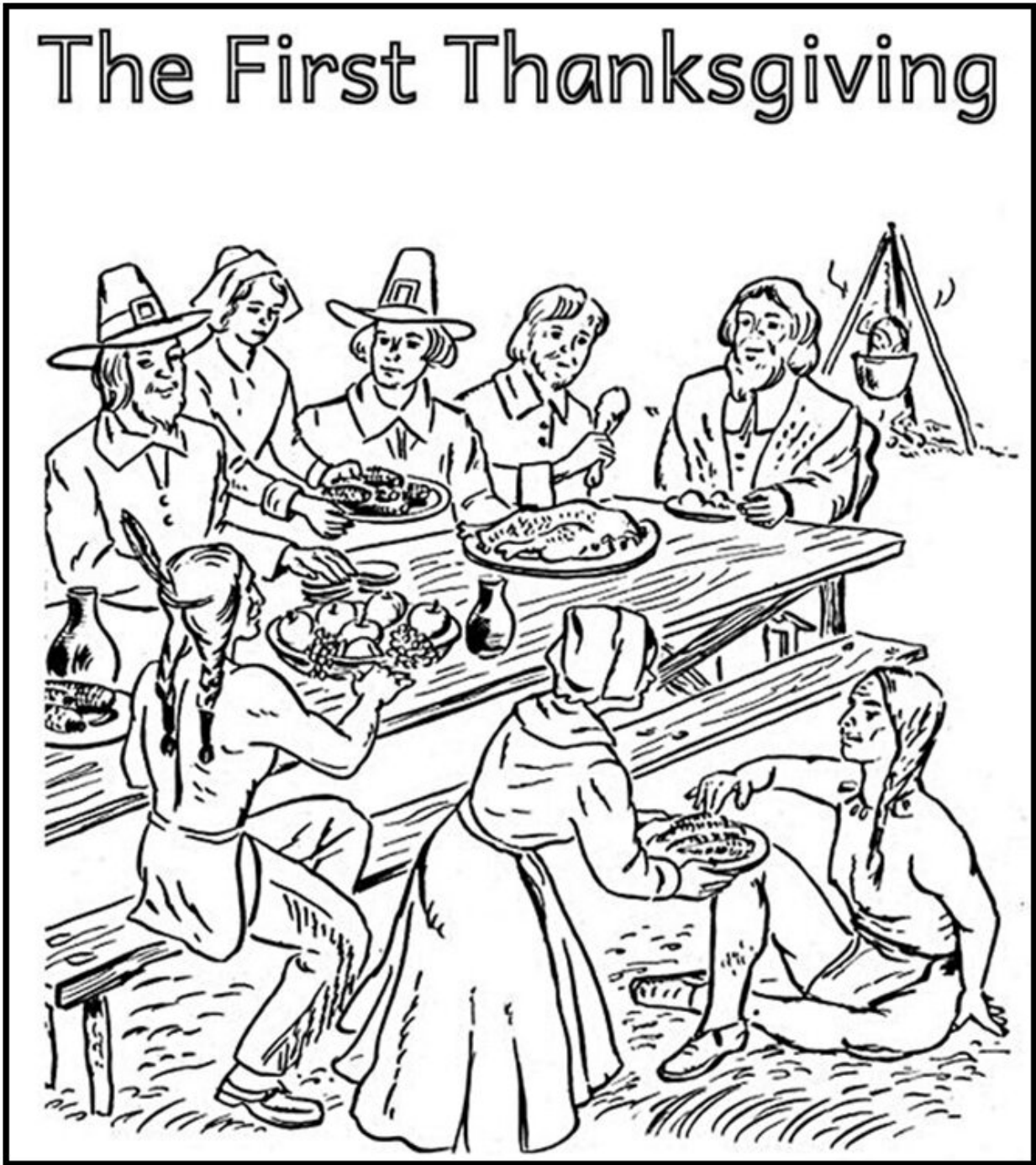


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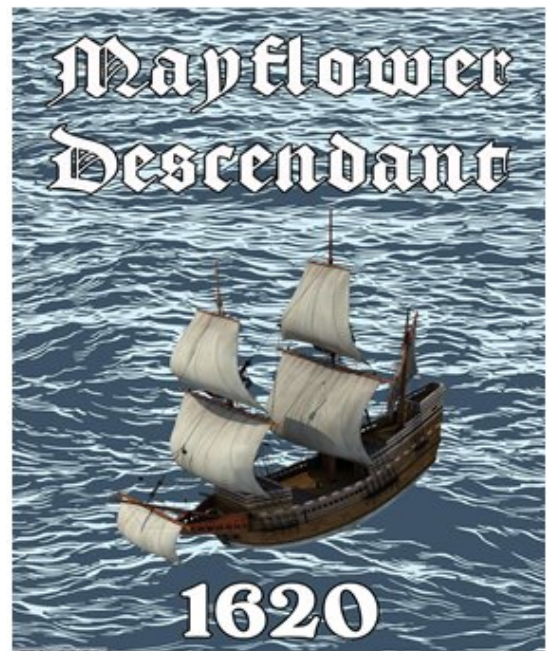
This is the 400th anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims had much to be thankful for when they prepared for their Harvest Celebration. They had survived the voyage and built new homes, and with the help of the Wampanoag, they had enough food for the community to get through the winter.

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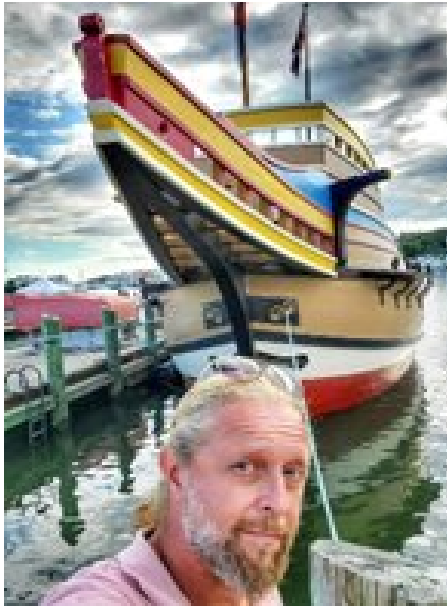


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*We will follow all regulations regarding COVID health as mandated by the State of South Carolina and the City of Charleston. Currently, there are no restrictions on gatherings of any size. The CDC provided guidance on 30 July 2021, recommending that unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals wear masks or face coverings when indoors. Each individual is to make their own decision on whether to attend gatherings or wear masks. We recognize each SMD SC member's responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.*

*Should you become infected by COVID & have to cancel, we will refund your tickets if you let us know by 8am November 13.*

**Please make checks payable to SMD-SC and mail to:**

Janet Morris  
6203 Jack Thomas Drive  
Indian Land, SC 29707-0170

Member Name _____	Amount Remitted _____
Guest Name _____	Amount Remitted _____
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Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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For planning purposes, do you plan to attend the Friday Night Meet & Greet Happy Hour (Time & Location TBA):

Total Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_



**To Pay by Credit or Debit Card you can use this link below.** There is a service charge to use the credit/debit card option, but it is convenient.  
<https://smd-sc.square.site/events>

If paying online, and there is not enough space to record all your guests' names, please email a complete list to the Corresponding Secretary, Karen Boyler Andrews: [kb Nurse.mayflower.sc@gmail.com](mailto:kb Nurse.mayflower.sc@gmail.com).