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Governor's Message

Greetings Dear Mayflower Cousins,

We have had another busy year in SMD-SC! I continue to be humbled by the time and effort our volunteers (BOA and Non-BOA) spend serving their Society. We cannot possibly thank them enough. Our Committees: Finance, Bylaws, Resources, Store, Recognition, and Store Profit have been actively working to support our Society. You can read about some of those efforts in this newsletter. The Policy updates are now available on our website:

[PoliciesSMD-SC20July2024.pdf](#)

Five of our members attended the GBOA meeting in Asheville, NC this September. DGG Jeffrey Jackson will share his thoughts on that event.

Additionally, you'll find a look back on our well attended Spring Luncheon Meeting in Hopsewee. Our Guest Speaker, Diana Leigh Matthews,

presented the story of the Pilgrims, religion and policy that sent them on their journey to Leiden and eventually to found Plimoth Plantation.

Make sure to read about our upcoming Compact Luncheon Meeting scheduled for November 9, in Aiken at The Reserve. Deputy Governor Frances Frame has been planning this event with the assistance of Desiree Voegelé, our Elder. Their hard work will soon pay dividends as we enjoy another lovely gathering with our cousins.

At the Compact Luncheon, we will celebrate South Carolina Compact Day, which was declared in SC House Resolution 5441. The Resolution recognizes and honors the signing of the historic Mayflower Compact on November 21, 1620, as a 'Monumental Moment In Human History'.

I am proud to announce the 2024 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship winners. Aligned with the South Carolina and National History Day Theme, which is 'Turning Points in History.' This year's theme encouraged students to explore questions of time, place, cause and effect, change over time, and impact and significance. Holly Lohness, our Education Assistant, has coordinated this effort, and you will be introduced to the winners in this newsletter.

And finally, please look for the articles about the SMD-SC Store Profits, and how we are using those profits to bring programs about our Pilgrim ancestors to South Carolina. And please do not forget to pay your 2025 dues. Only about half of our members have paid so far. Dues are due on October 31. Forms are at the back of the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at the Compact Luncheon Meeting in Aiken.

Melana A. Maxie

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Great news from the Historians!

By Mary Brandenberger, Historian

GSMD has now given us some really great tools to use for research. We can now check the lines as we receive applications, and along with that goes the ability to check to see if an applicant has other passengers that they can claim and apply for supplemental applications.

If you are interested in finding out if you have other passengers, we can sometimes do that on the spot in just a few minutes. We will attempt to try this at the fall luncheon if we can get reliable internet. If you want to check on the line you already have approved, we only need your GSMD number. You are welcome to download the application form from our South Carolina website and bring it with you if you are starting a completely new line. If we can't get it done there, we will take them home and be in contact with you shortly.

Welcome Aboard New Members!

We are happy to extend a hearty welcome to the newest members of our South Carolina Society!

John Alden

Steven Brooks, Bluffton, SC
Judith Ann Stevens, Salem, SC
Jessica Anastasia Pares, Mt. Pleasant, SC

William Brewster

David Milford Huyck, Goodyear AZ
Jody Debra Payne, Murrell's Inlet, SC

Edward Doty

Janet Eileen Wright, Bluffton, SC

Francis Eaton

Janet Eileen Wright,
Bluffton, SC

Priscilla Mullens

Vandelyn Czika, Bluffton, SC

Elizabeth Tilly

Darla Jean Domoke, Myrtle Beach, SC



In Memoriam

With a sad heart, we announce the passing of these members:

Edward Hicks (SC # 890, GSMD# 82646), Salem, SC, August 2023

Welcome to the Newest Junior Members

Simon Alexander Carter (Thomas Rogers)

Do you have any family members interested in joining the Mayflower Society?

If so, please let us know by giving us their contact info and we can get the application going! This includes our junior members (18 and under).

Junior membership is a one time only \$50 fee to join. Contact Cari Gillette @ le_plum@yahoo.com to start the process.





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 do not receive our monthly emails, please provide our Corresponding Secretary with a current email address at shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com.

Anytime your email, phone or address changes, please don't forget to update your contact information with us.

Please add shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com to your contacts to ensure our emails do not go to your spam folder.

Ever Wonder Where Your Brick is?

Cheryl Soares and other GSMD staff Members, as well as Assistant General Jeff Stark have compiled an updated garden walkway index.

The bricks are indexed by what is inscribed on your brick. This list will continue to be updated when new bricks are placed, and is now available online here:

[Garden-walkway-project/](#)

The Society accepts orders year-round and bricks are generally placed in the Garden Walkway twice per year – once in the spring and once in the fall.

Brick orders can only be made by mail at this time.

[Link to Form to Order a Brick](#)



*Mayflower Society Walkway Garden Project and Map.
Photo Courtesy of GSMD*

A Wee Bit About Our Pilgrim Mothers

By Melana Maxie, Governor (As presented at the 2024 Spring Luncheon at Hopsewee)

In ***Of Plimoth Plantation***, Governor William Bradford reported that the Pilgrims were worried that the "weak bodies of women" would not be able to withstand the rigors of a trans-Atlantic voyage and the construction of a colony. The Pilgrim husbands, as heads of the household, had an important and difficult decision to make. Sadly, that general concern proved valid. Of the 18 adult married women who made the voyage – 14 (75%) did not survive to see the 'First Thanksgiving'. Only 4 survived: Mary Brewster, Ellen Billington, Elizabeth Fischer Hopkins and Susannah Jackson White.



Image: Detail from Thanksgiving at Plymouth by Jennie Brownscombe

Amazingly though, of the 34 children that were on the Mayflower, 26 (75%) survived. Despite the general belief that girls were weaker, of the 11 young girls (ages 1 to 17) to set out from England, 9 survived, a whopping 88%! Of course, most of them went on to help forge a new life in Plimoth Colony. During the journey, the women were in charge of cleaning the ship's quarters, emptying chamber pots, minding the youngsters, preparing meals and mending clothes for the entire group (including the sailors). This was certainly not a luxury cruise with folded towel animals and chocolates left on your bed every night.

There were three pregnant women on the Mayflower voyage: Elizabeth Hopkins, Susanna White, and Mary Allerton. The intent was to get to the northern part of the Virginia colony, establish the new colony, build shelters and then deliver the babies. However, due to all the long delays in actually getting underway, Oceanus Hopkins was born at sea sometime in October or November 1620. Susanna White delivered her son, Peregrine, on the Mayflower on December 4. And let us not forget Mary Allerton who gave birth to a stillborn son on December 22, 1620, on the ship, in Provincetown Harbor. Mary did not survive the first winter, leaving her husband Isaac, and their 3 children ages 4 - 8.

That first Monday that the Mayflower was anchored off the Cape Cod coast, many of our weary travelers made it to shore for the second exploration of the area. Several women went with the party in order to complete some much needed washing. They found a freshwater pond and washed two months worth of clothes and linens while the men explored and worked on the shallop. Nathaniel Philbrick writes in his book "*Mayflower*" that for generations to come Monday would always be 'wash day' in New England, a tradition that began with the women of



Image: Women Washing Clothes by a Stream, By Daniel Ridgeway Knight

the Mayflower. My grandmother, born in Vermont and raised in New Hampshire, observed this tradition until she was no longer able to do her own laundry.



Image: Pilgrim Women Cooking, Artist Unknown

Jump forward to the first Thanksgiving, and the four surviving English women (Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Billington, Mrs. Brewster and Mrs. White, now Mrs. Winslow) had the daunting task to prepare the food for something like 150 or more people, for 3 days. They had 7 teenage girls and four household servants in the colony to assist. I can assure you, the Wampanoag women were also hard at work.

As the colony became more ‘civilized’, life did not get much easier. Almost everything a family used or ate was prepared at home under the woman’s direction:

- She made butter, cheese, soap and candles
- Kept the all important fire going
- She prepared all meals and preserved meat and vegetables
- Spun and wove cloth and made it into clothing
- Worked the vegetable garden
- Took care of chickens and dairy cattle
- All while tending to the children

Girls were taught housewifery by their mothers.

- They also worked in the garden
- They learned to grind corn, barley and wheat into flour and bake bread
- How to scour, scald and cook meats and dry fish
- They learned how to cook outdoors (in billowing skirts and aprons, over an open fire)
- How to use herbs for cooking and medicinal purposes

Interestingly enough though, the demands of the Plimoth Colony allowed the women more freedom than women of later generations. The belief in female inferiority was minimized by the conditions. Every set of hands was essential to the building of a new settlement. As long as the colony remained relatively undeveloped, women of Plimoth enjoyed a limited sort of independence.

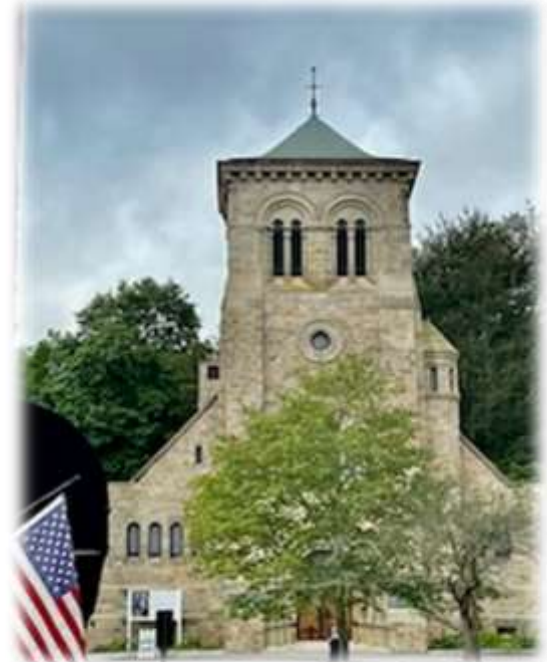


Image: Pilgrim girl working in a garden, AI generated by DallE3, and Melana A. Maxie

Life was hard for everyone in Plymouth Colony. Women played a key role in the home, the family, and the community. While their ways seem rather restrictive to us, Pilgrim women actually enjoyed more freedom than later Puritan colonists in the Massachusetts Bay Colony and we honor them for their role in making Plimoth Colony successful and launching the beginning of the Great American Experiment.

Announcing the 2024 Governor's Challenge:

GSMD Governor General Lisa Pennington will be visiting South Carolina for our Spring 2025 Luncheon, just one short year from now. Governor General Pennington's mission while serving as Governor General is 'To Tell The Pilgrim Story'. How do we tell the story? One way is to complete the Mayflower Meetinghouse. It is the only asset we have that tells the story, and the Meetinghouse will fulfill our educational mission by telling the Mayflower story on the spot where it happened. It will be an educational center that explores the important contributions of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag, and we can look forward to generating content for our Member Societies, schools and the public about this important story. In the next three years, the Governor General wants to finish the funding of the Mayflower Meetinghouse with donations and grants and open it to the public. The Mayflower Meeting House will be where our education mission will take place.



*Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth, MA.
Photo by Gov. Maxie*

All Donations received by SMD-SC between now and Governor General Lisa Pennington's visit in April 2025 will be presented as a gift to the GSMD Mayflower Meeting House Fund.

Governor Maxie challenges all members to donate at least \$10 to SMD-SC. With over 450 members, we will make a significant gift if everyone donates \$10. Here is a link to our online store where you can make a donation: <https://smd-sc.square.site/donate>. You may select an amount or enter a custom amount in the box that has \$0.00. If you prefer, you may send a check made out to SMD-SC ('Donation' in the memo line) to our Treasurer, George Unsinger at 214 Sweetbriar Road, Summerville, SC 29485.

Please note that you are free to donate directly to GSMD, which enables it to immediately go to the Mayflower Meeting House Fund. Note that all donations made directly to GSMD will not be included in our Governor's Challenge gift to be presented to GSMD during the Governor General's visit in May 2025.



Hopsewee Trees, Photo by Melana Maxie

2024 Compact Luncheon Meeting
Saturday, November 9, 2024 at
The Reserve Club in Aiken, SC



Doors open at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting starts at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Luncheon: \$40.00 per person
RESERVATION DEADLINE: Friday, November 1, 2024

Location: The Reserve Club at Woodside, 3000 The Reserve Club Drive, Aiken, SC 29803

Speaker: Tracey Todd, former CEO of Middleton Place Foundation and current Director of Museums for the Historic Charleston Foundation

Menu: Lunch will include one of two entrées (select yours on the form), spiced pumpkin soup with crème fraiche and cinnamon topping, dinner rolls, iced tea, warm chocolate bread pudding with fruit, nuts, and crème anglaise for dessert, and coffee. A cash bar (beer and wine) will be available.

Entrée options:

- Herb-roasted pork loin, sweet potato casserole with apples and pecans, braised cabbage with pancetta bits and root vegetables
- Pan-seared salmon, sweet potato casserole with apples and pecans, collard greens with pancetta bits, and roasted corn salsa

NOTE FROM THE GOVERNOR: Please bear in mind that several of our members have severe allergies to scents. Please refrain from wearing heavy perfumes. We will have two tables reserved for those of us with scent allergies. If wearing perfume please do not sit at these tables.



A Hotel Block for SMD-SC has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn at 350 Eastgate Drive in Aiken. Our rate of \$139 is available only through October 8, 2024. You can cancel up to 24 hours before your stay with no penalty, so there is no reason not to book now! Follow the link here to reserve.

Reservation line: 877.782.9444 Group Name/Group Code: SMDSC

Link to Book Hotel Online:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=AIKGIGI&arrivalDate=2024-11-08&departureDate=2024-11-10&groupCode=SMDSC&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CEN%2CDirectLink>

The Registration form for the Spring Luncheon Meeting can be found on Page 43 of this newsletter. Link to Register & Pay online: <https://smd-sc.square.site/events>

Our Featured Speaker: Tracey Todd



Tracey Todd came out of retirement in March, 2024, to accept a position as Director of Museums with the Historic Charleston Foundation. In this position, Tracey stewards HCF's two house-museums: the Nathaniel Russell House and the Aiken Rhett House. He is helping the Foundation carry forward the exciting Kitchen House restoration at the Nathaniel Russell House and reexamine the interpretation of the museum in light of new findings from the Kitchen House. At the Aiken Rhett House he is working with a team of

engineers and preservationists to understand better the long-term preservation needs for the museum and to identify appropriate community engagement opportunities.

Tracey began as an attendant at the Edmondston-Alston House in downtown Charleston, polishing the silver and cleaning the bathrooms; in September 2023, he retired as CEO of Middleton Place Foundation after a 33-year tenure. He was the first person outside the Middleton-Pringle-Duell family to lead the organization. He is a passionate historian and advocate for historic preservation and museum education. His accomplishments are varied and diverse. Tracey led successful efforts to broaden interpretive narratives and tell the complex stories of our shared history. He led advocacy efforts to preserve the rural character of Historic Ashley River Road and managed numerous historic restoration and capital projects, such as the expansion of the Pavilion at Middleton Place. He wrote scores of successful grants, produced a PBS documentary film, and co-authored *Beyond the Fields: Slavery at Middleton Place*. He is proudest of his descendent-engagement activities, which include launching a scholarship

program for Middleton Place’s Black descendants and organizing the first family reunion to bring together White and Black Middletons from around the country.

From Cromwell to Carolina: The Middletons’ American Story

Middleton Place National Historic Landmark, located fourteen miles outside of Charleston on the Ashley River, is renowned for being America's oldest landscaped gardens and the birthplace of Arthur Middleton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. But a deeper dive into the Middleton family reveals a multitude of fascinating characters and stories that richly illustrate our shared American history from one family's perspective. From mid-seventeenth century England, through Barbados, and the early settlement of Carolina and beyond, this journey shows how one great American family exhibited leadership and made tremendous contributions to our nation from the distant past to the present.

Friday Night Meet and Greet

Join us for the Friday Night Meet & Greet on November 8. SMD-SC Elder Désirée Voegele will host our gathering in her home from 5pm until 8pm.

We will have a lasagna dinner and attendees are asked to BYOB. Registration is required, as well as a payment of \$10 to help cover the cost. You may register online or via the registration form on page 43. Attendees will be limited to 24 guests, so if you plan to attend, please register early to avoid disappointment.

The location is 438 Grace Avenue SE, Aiken SC 29801-2045.



Interesting Things to Do in Aiken

If you are planning to spend some extra time in Aiken, SC be sure to visit the Aiken County Historical Museum, Hopelands Gardens, and Aiken Center for the Arts. Aiken has a lovely downtown where you can enjoy restaurants and explore various shops.

<https://www.visitaikensc.com/explore/>



Save the Date: 2025 Spring Luncheon Meeting With Governor General Lisa Pennington

Join us, May 3, 2025, at The Lakehouse at Middleton Place for our Spring Luncheon. We will be able to enjoy the lovely floor to ceiling views that the lakehouse provides, and dine in luxury on a luncheon designed just for SMD-SC.

Our guest speaker will be Governor General Lisa Pennington. Lisa Pennington is the Mayflower Society's Governor General for 2023-2026. She previously served as Counsellor General and Member-at-Large on GSMD's Executive Committee. She joined the Mayflower Society in 2000 and has held officer positions in both the Texas and Massachusetts member societies over the years.



Lisa earned her B.A. and J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. She practiced business litigation for thirty-four years and was elected Managing Partner of her firm's Houston office for eighteen years until she retired in 2018. She and her husband, David Furlow, have three children and five grandchildren and enjoy travel and speaking and writing on historical topics.



We have arranged for Saturday morning tours of Middleton Place house and the "Meet the Breeds" tour of the stables that members may book in advance at discounted rates. Stay tuned for more on that.

We have reserved two blocks of rooms for our members to take advantage of at the Hampton Inn and at Middleton Place. At the Middleton Place Inn (4300 Ashley River Rd, Charleston SC 29414) your room will be riverfront with floor to ceiling

windows. The rate includes admission for two to Middleton Place (\$60 value), a hot breakfast, reduced price happy hour (domestic beer: \$4; glass of wine: \$7), and a night cap of port and chocolate. If you stay at the Inn at Middleton Place, you may arrive Friday after 12:00 pm and enjoy the amazing gardens on Friday afternoon. You can join the Governor General and First Gentleman, along with SMD-SC members who stay at the Inn, for happy hour on the property. There is a lovely restaurant located at Middleton as well.

Our room rate at the Inn at Middleton Place is \$275 (vs. published rate of \$369), with one queen bed, due when the room is reserved. Please note there are no elevators at the Inn at Middleton Place, so if you have challenges with stairs, be sure to request a first-floor room. Also note that our reduced rate (\$94 savings) is available only until March 3, 2025. If you intend to stay here, please reserve your room early. Also, please be aware that should you cancel before April 29,

\$50 is nonrefundable. If you cancel on or after April 29, you will forfeit the entire \$275. However, we have been assured that if your cancellation is for a valid medical reason and you call Middleton Inn directly, they may be able to refund the room charge. Use this link to reserve your room at the Inn at Middleton Place:

https://www.bookonthenet.net/east/premium/eresmain.aspx?id=wXMTfUeZ%2fXU%2fcb%2brwJwsl7gLpEkZc1VS%2fzuz9gfN%2ftzASB2Ay%2bA9qRH4IPo3gwS%2fktageb6l7%2bj4xoGYud60Q%3d%3d&arrival_date=May02%2C2025&stay_nights=1&Adults=2&Children=0&promo_code=MD-SC050225

The other room block we reserved is at the Hampton Inn & Suites Charleston/West Ashley (678 Citadel Haven Drive, Charleston SC 29414). The rate is \$209, and also includes breakfast. This rate is available until April 3, 2025. Use this link to reserve your room at the Hampton Inn:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/scsocietyofmayflowerdescendantsmay2025/>.

We look forward to seeing you all next Spring as we give the Governor General a warm South Carolina welcome.



Spring Meeting Friday Night Meet & Greet
Photos by Jayne Larion & Melana Maxie

2024 Spring Luncheon Meeting at Hopsewee Recap

75 Members met at the River Oak Cottage Tea Room at the gorgeous Hopsewee Plantation on April 27, 2024. The event was so well attended that the Tea Room staff had to open the porch to accommodate us all. Our speaker, Diana Leigh Matthews, told us about the political and religious factors that drove the Pilgrims to leave their comfortable homes and embark on the perilous Transatlantic Ocean journey to a new world.



Diana Leigh Matthews discusses the Pilgrim Journey to found Plymouth Colony



State Representative (and SMD-SC Member) Kathy Landing presents SMD-SC SC House Resolution 5441.

Rep. Kathy Landing announced that SC House Resolution 5441 (which she sponsored) passed the South Carolina House of Representative on April 18th. This Resolution recognizes and honors the signing of the historic Mayflower Compact on November 21, 1620 as a “Monumental Moment in History” and to declare November 21, 2024 as “Compact Day” in South Carolina. Kathy presented a framed copy of Resolution 5441 to Governor Maxie.

The Friday night Meet & Greet for the spring was hosted at the home of Pam Snyder, where we enjoyed a casual pizza dinner and catching up with friends and making new friends. Would you believe Pam actually found Mayflower plates? Well, sort of! It turns out they sent Pirate plates by mistake, so Pam creatively painted over the skull & crossbones and we had a lot of laughs using them!

The beautiful Tabletop Plaques were made by Columbia Police Officer Capt. (Retired) James Auld, a friend of our CorrSec Sarah Hoyle.



Members enjoyed the Store and visiting before the luncheon.

Photos by Jayne Larion and Linda Acaster



Future SMD-SC Semi-Annual Luncheon Meetings

- 2025 Spring Luncheon Meeting, May 3, 2025, Charleston (Middleton Place) with Governor General Lisa Pennington
- 2025 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting, November 8, 2025, Upstate
- 2026 Spring Luncheon Meeting, May 1, 2026, Midlands
- 2026 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting, November 7 or 14, 2026, Charleston

Members Tell The Pilgrim Story



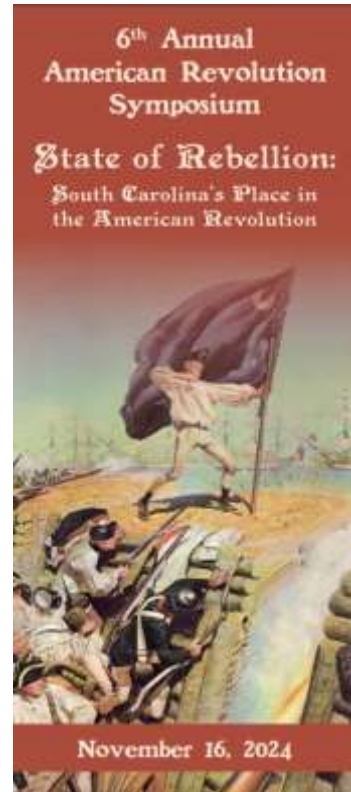
On November 16 Governor Melana Maxie, Historian Mary Brandenberger, Assistant Historian Jay Brandenberger and Surgeon Melissa Gibbons will be attending the South Carolina Archives 6th Annual American Revolution Symposium in Columbia. The theme this year is ‘State of Rebellion: South Carolina’s Place in the

American Revolution.” They will have an information table with Mayflower Society information, including the Patriot to Passenger database, Silverbooks, The Survivor Poster, etc. The intent is to inform attendees about the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina, and invite them to explore their possible Pilgrim ancestors and apply for membership.

It is not too late to register and participate in the Symposium.

Click here to register: [Register for SC Archive American Revolution Symposium](#)

This participation is funded by our SMD-SC Store Profits.



Family Group Photos



*Family Group Photos
by Jayne Larion, Linda
Acaster and Melana
Maxie*

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Maxie*

SMD-SC to Bring Plimoth Patuxet to South Carolina Classrooms to ‘Tell the Pilgrim Story’

By Governor Melana A. Maxie

When we started the SMD-SC ‘Store’ in 2021, it was agreed by the BOA that “all store profits go to the support of educational programs at the state and national level.” This was intended to be applied to new programs. The Store Profit Committee was established to explore options for how to use the \$5100 in profit earned by 15 March 2024. It should be noted that at the Spring meeting (after 15 March) we earned \$620 in profits. We also took the SMD-SC Store on the road to the GBOA Meeting, and earned a startling \$2900 in profits. It is estimated that by the end of 2024 we will earn an additional \$4000, over the March 15 total of \$5100. It is truly time to put those earnings to work!



*Plimoth Patuxet Educator with Students,
Photo courtesy of Plimoth Patuxet*

The committee met on 15 May and agreed to not spend it all this year, but plan on at least two years with specific projects, and all members selected topics to explore. On August 18 the BOA approved the Store Profit Committee recommendation to bring an Educator/Actor from Plimoth Patuxet living history museum for a school outreach program in the Charleston area this fall. This program intends to expand our students' understanding of the development of self-government, spiritual freedom, and the ancient traditions of gratitude in America. Through the stories of Mayflower's 1620 Transatlantic crossing and the Native people and English colonists who met along these shores of change, the program will provide thought-stirring conversations about the foundation of the United States during the colonial period.

Our guest educator will present and interact with 8 classrooms over 2 days in the Charleston area, engaging with approximately 185 students this fall. The schools lined up for the program are the Eight Grade Social Studies classes at Military Magnet Academy in North Charleston and Thomas C. Cario Middle School in Mt. Pleasant. We intend for this to dovetail with our publicity campaign that will announce South Carolina Compact Day.

The committee put together a tentative three year plan, with additional school programs in 2025, and a teacher education program for SC teachers in 2026. Of course, the second and third year of this plan are contingent on the success of the 2024 program. Stay tuned for the Spring 2025 Palmetto Log to hear about the success of the program.

Governor Maxie, the Store Volunteers and Store Profit Committee would like to thank our members and other shoppers, for their continued support of the SMD-SC Store and helping to support the new programs we are now able to bring to our state.



Late Breaking News:

Moral of the Story: You just never know who may be interested in the work we do to 'Tell the Pilgrim Story'.

Deputy Governor Frances Frame was catching up with a Citadel former student, and was telling him about our plan to bring an Educator from Plimoth Patuxet to South Carolina, and that while 'the program' was approved by the Charleston School District, we heard from many educators that it was just 'too late' to add it to the calendar for this fall. Many of them really want to do it next year, but our plan was to take the program to the Upstate, and the budget is only so much. Through the course of the conversation the former student pledged to help SMD-SC sponsor that program in Charleston (and the planned Upstate visit) by designating a generous donation to be used for Charleston Schools in 2025. Thank you to Foster's Outriders, and their support to help us 'Tell the Pilgrim Story' and support America's founding values.



2024 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship Winners

By Holly Lohnes, Assistant for Education

Congratulations to our 2024 Scholarship awardees!

Benaiah Lohnes (College/Continuing Ed), \$1500 award for his historical paper *A Turning Point: Luther's 95 Theses*

Samuel Cripe (High School), \$1000 award for his documentary video *The Battle of Saratoga: The Turning Point of the Revolutionary War*

Sophie Grant and Gabriella Suarez (Middle School), \$500 award for their documentary video *Turning Points: Brought to you by Sesame Street*

We received several excellent submissions for the Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship competition last May. Our outreach efforts through the SC National History Day competition continue to be successful! The submissions covered a wide range of historical topics, including turning points in military history, the history of video games, the history of public television, and the history of medicine.

This year's theme was the same as the NHD theme: Turning Points in History. Because the NHD contest allows students to use a variety of formats for their projects, our contest allowed middle school and high school students to submit papers, poster exhibits, documentaries,



presentations, etc. The College/Continuing Ed submissions were limited to a historical paper which followed the NHD rules for papers. Part of the requirements for NHD is to write a process paper. As we did last year, we are publishing the process papers in the Palmetto Log, and the link to the full paper or project will be provided below as well.



***Benaiah Lohnes, Columbia, SC,
College/Continuing Ed Division***

Benaiah is an undergraduate sophomore at Bob Jones University where he is pursuing a pre-medical degree with hopes of attending MUSC. Benaiah is a descendant of Stephen Hopkins. His mother, Holly Lohnes, and his aunts, Judith Allen, Misty Harley, and Robin Bishop, are society members.

In his paper, Benaiah argued that the publication of Martin Luther's 95 Theses was a turning point not just in the history of Europe or Christianity, but specifically in the educational history of the University of Wittenberg where Martin Luther was a professor of theology. He explored the founding and history of the university, the development of educational philosophy in the West, and the impact the publication of Luther's theses had on the educational program and curriculum at the university.

A Turning Point: Luther's 95 Theses Link to [full paper](#).

I chose my topic for the Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship after thinking through a variety of turning points in history. Looking for interesting subjects, I at first considered topics related to World War II, the Industrial Revolution, the Boston Tea Party, or the signing of the Magna Carta. However, eventually I settled upon how Martin Luther's 95 theses affected the University of Wittenberg. As a Christian, this topic appealed to my faith. Additionally, as a student, this topic applied to my own education, which was interesting to me.

This topic relates to the theme because Martin Luther's reformation is arguably one of the most influential events within human history. The reformation has drastically shaped western thought, culture, and civilization for centuries, thus making it a highly important time period during human history.

This topic reveals the great influence the reformation had upon society, educational philosophy, and western civilization. These effects are still felt today. Additionally, this topic examines key figures within this change, such as Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon. Finally, this topic reveals how the reformation brought about the ideological shift from scholasticism to humanism that, while occurring in the University of Wittenberg, occurred all over Europe and affected academic institutions all the way into the Enlightenment.

Samuel Cripe, Fort Mill, SC ***High School Division***

Sam is a homeschooled high school senior who attends Pathways Homeschool Co-Op while taking college classes at USC Lancaster.

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Sam's ten-minute video documentary on the Battle of Saratoga did an excellent job presenting not just the events of the battle, but the strategic context before and after which made the battle an important turning point in the history of the Revolutionary War and of the United States. Sam's presentation was extremely well-received. He won his regional National History Day competition as well as being awarded recognition from the Colonial Dames of South Carolina for having the Outstanding Entry in Colonial History at the South Carolina state-level NHD competition.



The Battle of Saratoga: The Turning Point of the Revolutionary War

Link to [documentary film](#). Link to [annotated bibliography](#).

Years ago, my family studied the Revolutionary War and visited many cities and battle sites connected to the war. At Saratoga, I learned about Benedict Arnold and how he was the hero of the battle, but because he became a traitor, there are no statues of him there, only a statue of his boot. I've always been fascinated by this and have wanted to do a project on Arnold for a while. This year felt like the right time because the Battle of Saratoga fit perfectly with the

theme and he was the hero of this battle. Arnold had a talent for leading soldiers that many other people at the time just didn't seem to have. Arnold commanded his men and earned their respect in a way that we wouldn't see again in history until Napoleon. It was this leadership that led the soldiers into the battle against the army of their oppressor. These patriot soldiers followed him again and again to push back the British. And after winning this battle, the tides turned for the Americans as they earned money, ships and soldiers from other countries to help them defeat the British once and for all.



Sophie Grant and Gabriella Suarez, Charleston SC Middle School Division

Sophie and Gabriella attended Ten Oaks Middle School last year and are freshmen at Carolina Forest High School this year.

Their documentary video explains in a clear, interesting manner how the creation of Sesame Street was a turning point in the development of educational television for young people.



Turning Points: Brought to you by Sesame Street

Link to [documentary film](#). Link to [annotated bibliography](#).

Our topic for National History Day is the children’s television show, Sesame Street. This topic has been chosen because we personally remember watching it and loving the entertainment of it. As a matter of fact, both of us still remember a couple of the songs from some of the segments. If we asked our parents together if we learned anything from this show, they would say 100 percent. As children, we didn’t know that a television show that we watched had such a big impact on our learning.

We picked to do a documentary because when researching Sesame Street and it being a television show we understood that a big part of it was the visual aspect. We thought about how we could use video and pictures from the show to help show how it was a turning point in history. By using old and new pictures and clips of episodes we could also see how the show has changed over time. We could show how Sesame Street was a big change in how information for



Screenshot from the 1974 'A Sesame Street Thanksgiving'

school is learned today. Despite this, the overall idea for the show did not change; education of children.

We believe that Sesame Street goes with the theme of turning points in history because of the many traits that it brought to the table. It was a new way to teach education, help prepare disadvantaged children for school, include a diverse cast, and influence more educational programs.



Mayflower Virtual Book Club

Join us for our virtual book club. We enjoy reading and discussing various books on Pilgrim and other historical topics. We read four books a year (one per quarter) and meet twice (via Zoom) for each book on Mondays at 7pm.

If you would like to join us, please email Melana Maxie (melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com) to let her know of your interest and you will be added to the email list.

Remaining 2024 Schedule: All meetings via Zoom, 7pm. We will discuss the 2025 Books in the October meetings.

Oct 7, 2024 – 1776, By David McCullough, Session 1 (Up to and including Chapter 4, page 154)

Oct 21, 2024 – 1776, By David McCullough, Session 2 (Chapter 5, page 155 and on)

Mayflower Virtual Book Club Reviews

Swamp Fox, How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution by John Oller

Review by Linda Acaster

Between the eastern PeeDee and Santee Rivers in South Carolina, down in the lowcountry, Francis Marion, a Patriot known as the Swamp Fox, terrorized the British and Loyalists with his surprise military attacks during the Revolutionary War. From his experience in the French Indian War and as Captain in the Continental Army he developed the military tactic “maneuver warfare” which is still used by our military today. Author John Oller does a seamless job of transitioning from one military campaign to the next, with captivating details of over 12 major battles and smaller skirmishes predominantly between 1780 and 1782 when the British finally withdrew their garrison from Charleston. The maps and pictures of battle locations serve to guide the reader in understanding the operations.

The author creates a well documented portrayal of Francis Marion from earlier personal life to fighting militiaman, then to post-war family man and Senator in the South Carolina Legislature. Author Oller added 80 pages of additional notes to the text supporting his goal to divide fact from fiction about this humble, fair, decisive man who possessed survival skills and was smart as a fox. Correspondence excerpts between officers and Marion are artfully used to highlight why Marion was a popular leader who was able to attract “irregular local militiamen”, mostly farmers, who provided their own horses and weapons, dressed at times in rags with no shoes, appearing to be unfit for service. With Marion’s leadership they became some of the essential

players in defeating the British plan to capture the south then proceed into the northern states to swiftly end the Patriot rebellion.

The Mayflower Book Club heartily enjoyed *The Swamp Fox* giving it a rating of 4.2 for enjoyment on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the most enjoyable.

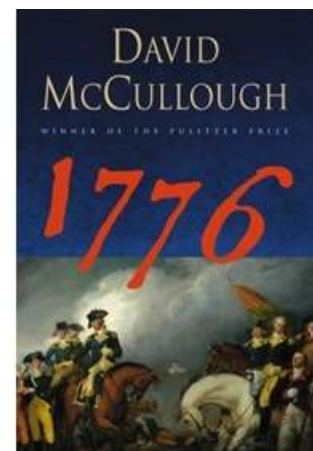
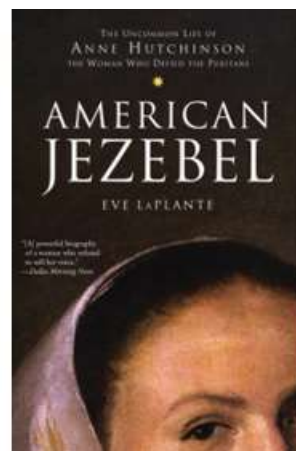
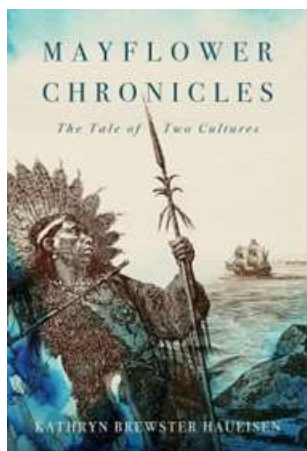
American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans by Eve LaPlante, a direct descendant of Anne Hutchinson

Review by Elaine Moses

In a book of extraordinary historic research and detail, author Eve LaPlante tells the story of Anne Marbury, daughter of a minister in 17th century England. Anne married William Hutchinson, a merchant from Alford, England, in 1612, and they and their eleven children emigrated to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1634. At their home in Boston in 1636, Anne began to hold well-attended weekly meetings with people who wished to discuss scripture and theology.

Anne's sharing of her firmly-held religious beliefs with neighbors upset both church leaders and the local government which combined to harass and ultimately banish her from her community. These experiences, not uncommon at the time, undoubtedly contributed years later to Thomas Jefferson's notions of the doctrine of the separation of church and state, ultimately leading to guarantees of freedom of worship and speech found in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The author's extensive research, inclusion of maps and historical records, as well as a description of geographic locations associated with the life of Anne Hutchinson, is impressive. In Book Club discussions members noted that the exhaustive research and numerous quotes from writings of the day made this book "an informative but very challenging read". On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being most enjoyable, the enjoyment rating averaged among book club members was 3.6.





Minutes of Board of Assistants Meetings

Minutes of April 20, 2024 Board of Assistants Meeting

Respectfully submitted, Marylen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Governor Melana Maxie called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. Twelve officers were present.

The Governor reported that a policy will soon be added to the effect that no BOA officer will receive payment for public speaking or for genealogical assistance to others. She announced that on April 18th the SC House of Representatives voted on a bill to declare November 21 as Mayflower Compact Day in South Carolina. For this we thank former treasurer Kathy Landing, who is the Representative from Mt. Pleasant. Melana also informed us that “The Store” has made a profit over \$5,000! It still has 47 silk scarves to sell. Melana has recently engraved wood, metal, and slate articles to sell. She said that the website was updated in March and the application form needs to be updated. The Book Club needs a new host.

Deputy Governor Frances Frame announced that 75 have registered for the meeting/luncheon next Saturday. Those who come on Friday night may attend the “Meet and Greet” social at the home of Pam Snyder. 17 have registered for the 10 o’clock tour of Hopsewee Plantation. Our speaker will be author Leigh Matthews, who has taught genealogy at Greenville Tech. Our next general meeting/luncheon will be in Aiken at the Reserve Club on November 9th with speaker Tracy Todd formerly of Middleton Place.

Corresponding Secretary Sarah Hoyle reported our current membership is 462. Annual dues are \$70 (\$35 of which are sent to GSMD.) Junior Dues are a one time charge of \$50.

Historian Mary Brandenburger reported that the GSMD has changed the format for applications, and it takes 6 to 8 weeks for approval after being sent to GSMD. Mary began a conversation about dates for applicants to pay for work on their applications (due to the amount of time and effort the Historian puts into one application.) (This was taken up in the New Business section of the meeting, but I, Marylen, will include it now.) After much discussion, Sarah Hoyle made the motion to “Have the applicant pay 50% of the application fee at the beginning and the balance 50% will be due on submission of application to GSMD. The applicant may choose to pay \$75 up front for the Line Match or Line Search by GSMD to see if his/her line is feasible. Dave Smith seconded the motion and it passed. This will be sent to the Bylaws/Policy committee for further study and the results will be voted on at the July BOA meeting. Mary also announced that the Matthew Fuller line has been disproved and 19 more lines are being investigated. No applications before 2016 can be used as sources. Actual proof must be shown.

Bylaws Committee Chairman Dave Smith, said the Committee will meet May 7th and about every two weeks make necessary changes or additions to any Bylaws or Policy regarding supplemental applications and PIPs (inheritance ancestors) and applicant fees.

Assistant for Education Holly Lohnes' report was given by Melana. We help sponsor the state's History Day with \$1,000. Attendants get our logo on their Tee shirts. The Gilman French scholarship entries are due May 1.

Resources Committee Report. They are keeping up-to-date with materials for teachers, children and parents with reading lists, etc.

Treasurer George Unsinger's report was presented by Melana. As of March 31, our total assets were valued at \$304,431.20, with the current bank balance of \$24,486.05. (\$15,000 of this was sent to GSMD for our annual dues.) The Raymond James account, handled by Kathy Landing is \$279,945.15. The Money Market account of \$11,000 @ 5.25% was put in Bonds at 7.9%. Percentages are consistently maintained for each type of investment. \$4,000 monies were moved from Hartford to Lumas Sayles @ 7.9%. The Financial committee is composed of George, Melana, Janet Morris and Melissa Gibbons.

Under New Business: The newly formed 'Store Profit Committee' (Melissa, Cari, Frances, Desiree and Melana) will meet and decide where to put, educationally, the \$5,000 profit from Store sales. Several suggestions were made to be considered. (The Governor General's Project; Pilgrim Hall; Burial Hill; State Archives or Museum; Sponsor a broadcast; Increase the scholarship; Help preserve and "Tell the Pilgrim Story.") Their recommendations will be presented at the November 2, BOA meeting.

Under Old Business: The "PIP Program" was discussed. It has been postponed from the January 13th meeting. Mary Brandenburger said it is being pushed by the GSMD. For \$150 one can inherit Mayflower membership from parents, grandparents, or siblings who are members. He/she can get a certificate and ancestral bar but will not be added to official files and cannot pass membership on to progeny. Historians will be notified, so he/she is recognized and recorded.



Centerpiece from the GBOA Banquet

Meeting Minutes, April 27, 2024

Reported By Marylen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Seventy-five South Carolina Mayflower members and friends met at the Hopsewee Plantation near Georgetown for their annual spring meeting on Saturday, April 27th. Before the meeting about 19 attendees toured the plantation home, which was the birthplace of Thomas Lynch, one of the four from South Carolina who signed the Declaration of Independence. Our guide, gracious and knowledgeable Mr. Yancy, talked about the family who lived in this lovely home on the high hill overlooking the Santee River. He also talked about the slaves who cleared, by hand, the forest swamp land across the river to make rice fields.

Governor Melana Maxie welcomed all to the luncheon meeting held in the tearoom. Elder Desiree Voegele had the opening prayer based on Brewster's famous "Light One Candle" speech. Melana called the meeting to order and gave an interesting slideshow of the life of real heroines, "Women of the Mayflower." The new and prospective members were introduced.

Deputy Governor Frances Frame, who had made all the preparations and flower arrangements, introduced Author Leigh Matthews, who also had taught genealogy. Ms. Matthew's slide show, entitled "A Look Through Time" gave the background of the Pilgrims, beginning with Henry VIII's changing the religion of the country, and their journeys in England, and Holland, then to the New World with all their difficulties and solutions in each country. Ms. Matthew was presented with a gift and later sold some of her books which were on display.



Speaker Diana Leigh Matthews had several of her books available at the Spring luncheon



Rep. Kathy Landing announced that the Resolution (which she had sponsored) passed the South Carolina House of Representative on April 18th as "House Resolution 5441." This was to recognize and honor the Signing of the Historic Mayflower Compact on November 21, 1620. A Monumental Moment in Honor Histories and to Declare November 21, 2024 As "Compact Day" in South Carolina. Kathy was thanked for her accomplishment.

Captain Smith displayed the Mayflower and US flags, and the Mayflower Compact, as well as the SMD-SC charter which was recently framed. Sarah Hoyle brought three large wooden medallion plaques of our Logo, made by a Mr. Auld, and displayed them in "The Store" and at the Registration desk.

Minutes of July 20, 2024 Board of Assistants Meeting

Respectfully submitted, Marylen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Governor Maxie called the BOA Zoom meeting to order at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 20, 2024. There were 12 attendees.

Dave Smith, Chairman of the Bylaws and Policy Committee thanked the other members – Deborah Hill and Jeff Jackson. He then gave a review of their three missions and showed a printout of each one. The new **PIP program** was copied directly from the General Board of Assistants plan. “The Passenger Inheritance Program (PIP) is an opportunity for members to “inherit” ancestors from their previously approved sibling, parent or grandparent(or even their child or grandchild) without completing an application. No rejected, or “on-hold” lines may be inherited. Each PIP is a flat fee, regardless of how many ancestors are available to inherit. Both the benefactor (the person who had the lineage approved) and the beneficiary (the person receiving the inherited ancestor) must be previously-approved regular (adult) members of GSMD. This program is entirely managed by GSMD, and members wishing to take advantage of the PIP must apply through the GSMD web site. GSMD will notify the SMD-SC Historian of any inherited lines. The SMD-SC Historian will monitor, and track all inherited lines. The Corresponding Secretary will add the inherited ancestors and date of inheritance in the Membership Database.’

Dave made the motion that we approve the addition of this PIP program. It was approved unanimously.

The membership changes were also approved unanimously. “Once all satisfactory documentation is received, the SMD-SC Historian sends a Final Application to the applicant for signature. Applicant returns the final application, along with the remainder of the application fee, to the SMD-SC Historian. If these are not received within 6 months, the SMD-SC Historian shall return all documentation to the applicant without action. The applicant for membership will pay the full amount before papers are finally sent to Plymouth for approval.” This will delete the phrase “the SMD-SC Historian collects the balance of the application fee after the applicant receives the GSMD number” from the Application Fees Section.

***Spring Luncheon
Photos By Steve
Andrews and Linda
Acaster***



Minutes of August 18, 2024 Board of Assistants Meeting

Respectfully submitted, Marylen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Governor Maxie called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 18, 2024, to discuss “Store Profits,” and up-coming meetings and luncheons. 11 members were present.

Melana gave the background for the committee (Cari Gillette, Frances Frame, Desiree Voegele, Melissa Gibbons, and Melana Maxie) on the “Store” and its profits. (\$5100 by March 2024, plus \$620 more from the Spring luncheon, and possibly a total of \$2000 more for 2024.) The committee met May 15th and decided not all the profits should be spent in the first year.

Frances Frame presented the three year plan that the committee recommended:

- (1) In the fall of 2024, bring a costumed teacher/re-enactor from Plimoth/Patuxet to several private schools with special needs children in Charleston. \$3,000 would provide for 8 classes over 2 days. (Holly Lohnes later suggested that Charleston Classical School be included. This was accepted.
- (2) In the fall of 2025 bring another speaker who could also serve as the guest speaker for our Compact Day meeting. It was suggested that 4th graders (or 8th graders) would benefit most because of their curriculum in S.C.
- (3) In 2026 the profits could be used to host the “Teacher Education Program” in S.C. on one In-service day, or ½ day. Thus, they could learn the story to teach their students also.

Deputy Governor Frances Frame announced that the fall Compact Day meeting (Nov. 9, 2024) will be at the Reserve Club in Aiken. The speaker will be Tracy Todd, CEO of Middleton Place. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn. The Meet and Greet will be hosted by Desiree Voegele..

The Spring 2025 luncheon/meeting will be at the Lake House of Middleton Place near Charleston. Reservations can be made there (Middleton Inn \$275.) You can check in on Friday afternoon. Tours can be taken before the luncheon Saturday. Or you can make reservations at the Hampton Inn or Town and Country Suites (\$209) on the Savannah Highway (\$209).



***Porch Photos By
Steve Andrews***

Have you Considered Making a Bequest?

A bequest is a gift provision in your will or revocable living trust. Assets, including cash, securities, real estate, and tangible personal property may be transferred to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina at the end of your life.



A charitable gift from your estate is a favored method of giving that enables you to achieve your financial goals and benefit SMD-SC. No other planned gift is as simple to make or as easy to change should you ever need the assets during your lifetime.

A bequest may be right for you if:

- You want to make a gift to a charity.
- You want the flexibility to change your mind.
- You want continued access to your wealth, should you need it.
- You are concerned about outliving your resources.

Your attorney can help you design an estate plan that protects your family, preserves your property, and benefits the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina. You can bequeath a percentage of your estate or dollar amount to SMD-SC. After signing a new will that names SMD-SC as a beneficiary, be sure to inform us.

USEFUL BEQUEATHING INFORMATION

- Legal Name: Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina
- Address: PO Box 7096, Columbia SC 29202
- Federal Tax Identification Number: 20-4809677



The SMD-SC Store was a hit at the GBOA with plenty of handcrafted items that you just can't get anywhere but from SMD-SC





GBOA Meeting

September 5-8, Asheville, NC

By Jeffery Jackson, SMD-SC DGG

The 2024 General Board of Assistants (GBOA) meeting was held September 5-8 nestled in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains in Asheville, NC. It was hosted by the SMD-NC, who are celebrating their 100th anniversary. Those attending from South Carolina included DGG Jeffrey Jackson, AG and SMD-SC Governor Melana Maxie, Former SMD-SC Governor and Director of GSMD Silverbooks Project Bonnie Wade Mucia, SMD-SC Recording Secretary Marylen Jackson, SMD-SC Captain David Smith, SMD-SC member Robert Campbell and his wife Sally, and Melana's husband Don Browning who partners with Melana in preparing, transporting, setting up, running and taking down the SMD-SC Store which they displayed at this GBOA and grossed over \$4,000. Thank you, Melana, Don and the SMD-SC Store Committee!!

Friday, after various morning meetings, the GBOA General's Forum began. Governor General Lisa H. Pennington welcomed the attendees and introduced Historian General Allie Golin who demonstrated the new Easy App Generator software which will expedite verifying, approving & processing lineage applications electronically versus via mail. By using the Easy App Generator our Historian and Assistant Historian, Mary & Jay Brandenburger, should be able to decrease the time needed to assist new applicants. Christine A. Schlosser, GSMD Technology Committee Chair and Member-at-Large updated us on the progress of over 220 members who are Volunteer Indexers (VIs). They are currently indexing the genealogical data for every verified Mayflower Society membership application and supplemental application approved during the first 123 years of GSMD's existence. The team is working from most current to oldest, and are in the GSMD numbers in the 90,000 range, so there is still a long way to go. SMD-SC Surgeon Melissa Gibbons is currently assisting the Indexing project using her home computer, and is enjoying the work. More verifiers are needed, and details are provided on page 36 of this publication.

There were also excellent presentations on Technology Resources Available to Member Societies & Members, by Deb Sorensen (Technology Committee); Successful Meeting Resources, by Beth Lambright (Member At Large and Education Committee); and Why DNA Matters, by Laura Smith (DNA Committee).

On Saturday the GBOA Executive Committee (EC) Members presented their reports. We are all happy to learn that GSMD's fiscal state is healthy. Ongoing donations are needed for continuing work with the Meetinghouse. Adding a Visitor's Center has begun which will provide education to visitors and "Tell the Pilgrim Story". It is hoped to be completed by 2026.

Two SMD-SC members, Bonnie Wade-Mucia and David Smith were honored for their outstanding service as showcased on the following page.

The next GBOA Meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas, September 3-7, 2025.

Governor General's Outstanding Service Award

Bonnie Wade Mucia

SMD-SC is honored to announce that Bonnie Wade Mucia, Former Governor and DGG, Former GSMD Member at Large and current Director of the Silver Books Project was awarded the Governor General's Outstanding Service Award at the GBOA meeting in Asheville. Bonnie was recognized for her continuing work as Director of the Silver Books Project. Bonnie is a professional genealogist and owns Keeper of the Past Genealogy, LLC. She is a Forensic Genealogist and does military repatriation work for the U.S. Army's Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Bonnie's tireless effort to update the Silver Books and leading the project to create a 3 volume index that covers all of the Silver Books has been a herculean effort. Congratulations and thank you Bonnie for your support of GSMD and SMD-SC.



***Photo by Mayflower Quarterly Magazine
Editor Doug Blake.***



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Editor Doug Blake.***

Governor General's Commendation Award Award

Lt. Colonel David Smith

After serving his country as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps he retired to teach high school chemistry. Proving in both cases that he is brave, dedicated and very smart!

David became a member of the SC Society in 2010 through Edward Doty. He is now a Life Member. In 2018 David became our Captain and he still serves in that position today. He

attends our Spring and Fall Luncheons which involves setting up our flags, Society Charter and various other items which he stores and displays for us. In addition to this, David served on our state Bylaws Committee from 2021-2023 and currently chairs that position for the 2024-2026 term. He is a member of the GSMD Bylaws Committee as well. David attends most of the GBOA meetings and was a SC Delegate at the 2023 Triennial in Plymouth.

We thank you, David, for your outstanding service to our Society!

Special Edition Pilgrim Barbie Raffle

We raffled off a 'Edition Pilgrim Barbie' (circa 1994) at the 2024 GBOA Meeting. We would like to thank those that supported our effort, with Don Browning and Dave Smith not only selling tickets, but buying as well!

Congratulations to Ann Wilkerson, Governor of SMD-Illinois for winning the Special Edition Pilgrim Barbie. Ann reported that Barbie is safely home in Illinois and has been renamed Susanna (White). Ann was delighted on behalf of her 5 year old granddaughter.

Stay tuned for next year's meeting in San Antonio. Who knows what we may raffle off!



GSMD Dates to Plan Around

- September 5 - 9, 2025, GBOA Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- September 2026, GSMD Congress, Plymouth, MA
- September 2027, GBOA Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- September 2028, GBOA Meeting, (Northern) California
- September 2029, GBOA Congress, Plymouth, MA



Some of Governor Maxie's AI tool Dall-E3 creations. Prompt was 'Mayflower at Sea in a Storm'

Indexers Needed!

The indexing program to digitally capture the life events of every generation, from verified Mayflower applications and the life details of our Mayflower ancestors for 400 years, is going strong!

We need your help in getting more applications indexed so that Easy App Generator is most useful in finding a close match for prospective members or for those looking for additional supplementals.

WHAT DOES A MAYFLOWER INDEXER DO?

View a previously approved application on a desktop computer or laptop, via the Internet using Google Chrome, Apple Safari, Microsoft Edge or Mozilla Firefox. Then, the Indexers enter that data in a form on the indexing platform specifically designed to mirror our applications for easy data entry.

An Internet connection is necessary for any device as this is a web-based tool. Nothing will reside on your laptop/desktop. Due to small screen size, indexing on smartphones and tablets is not possible.

Indexers will be assigned applications starting with the most recent applications as these have the most accurate, up-to-date information.

All applications will be indexed by two volunteers with a third "arbiter" making a final determination if there are discrepancies between the two indexers; therefore, Mayflower Indexers can do the best job they can, knowing more eyes will be reviewing the indexed data.

WHEN CAN A MAYFLOWER INDEXER INDEX?

Indexers can volunteer in their homes at times convenient to them for as much time as they want. The indexing platform will be open for business and available to Mayflower Indexers 24/7. You can do as little or as much as you have time for. Some indexers may complete one per week while a few are aiming to complete 200 per month.

WHAT TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED TO MAYFLOWER INDEXERS?

A User Guide is available providing detailed instructions on how to capture all critical information from every generation. Note that the applications have changed over the years, so although we have tried to establish "rules", there are often exceptions.

Historian General Allie Golon and Member-at-Large Chris Schlosser are available to answer questions. We will also periodically host a group Zoom call to help address questions and common indexing issues.

WHO CAN BE A MAYFLOWER INDEXER?

Only Mayflower Society members are eligible to participate. To ensure the confidentiality of application data, all indexers are required to sign a Nondisclosure Agreement (NDA) form prior to starting the project.

WHY ARE MAYFLOWER APPLICATIONS BEING INDEXED?

The current system of accessing data from prior applications is mostly a manual process. Building new applications is entirely a manual process. Fully digitized applications and documentation and fully indexed applications will enhance access for Member Society Historians and Research Center staff and at the same time further preserve our treasure trove of Pilgrim descendants' historical data.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT JOINING THE MAYFLOWER INDEXERS?

To volunteer, or to ask questions about volunteering, please contact Ms. Chris Schlosser, Member-at-Large and Technology Committee Chair, at GSMDCertify@TheMayflowerSociety.org

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Store Profit Committee

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Kids' Corner:

Name _____ Native American Word Search Date _____

Instructions: Search for the words from the word box and circle them.
 Keep in mind that words can go down as well as sideways.

c	h	i	e	f	o	m	z	j	d
a	n	a	t	i	v	e	n	e	o
n	t	e	e	p	e	e	o	p	e
o	d	e	c	t	r	a	d	e	b
e	b	r	a	v	e	n	a	k	u
w	i	g	w	a	m	b	n	r	f
l	f	i	r	e	e	t	c	e	f
o	t	r	i	b	e	n	e	m	a
h	q	v	b	e	a	s	d	l	o
a	r	r	o	w	s	e	i	n	o



chief tribe fire brave canoe teepee wigwam

arrow buffalo beads trade dance native



Wigwam and Highland Light, in Truro MA. Photo by Deborah Hill, Palmetto Log Editor

Mayflower Scarf

Available in 2 sizes.

- **Large scarf:** 40 x 40 inches, 100% silk. Price: \$70
- **Medium scarf:** 36 x 36 inches, 'Nu silk' (Polyester). Price: \$35 **SALE!!**



Check out our assortment of Scarf Rings online

Mayflower Flags

Mayflower Descendant House Flag:

28 x 40 inches, printed on both sides. Price: \$28 **SALE!!**



Mayflower Harvest Garden Flag: 12 x 18 inches, printed on both sides. Price: \$20

3D Puzzle Paper/EPS Foam Model Mayflower Ship For Kids



SALE!!

Available Soon: 111 Pieces, Completed Size Appx 17 in x 6 in x 16 inch. Price: \$14 (5 for \$60)

SALE!!



• **Stainless Steel Tumbler:**

Double wall insulated, screw-on lid with thumb slide closure. Blue trim. 16 oz, appx. 7 inch tall. Price: \$12 (5 for \$40)

• **Campfire Mug**

Stylish Blue ceramic retro speckled design with a contrasting white interior and black rim. Microwave Safe. 12 Oz Appx 4.5 inch tall. Price: \$12



Prices Do Not Include Shipping, Actual Shipping Will Be Applied at Checkout

Mayflower Night Light with Swarovski Crystals

- Swarovski Crystals in a Gold or Silver plated tarnish resistant night light.
- The Silver has a single red, blue, and clear octagonal shaped Swarovski crystal in the sails.
- Gold has Clear Crystals
- On/Of switch. LED light bulb is included.
- Appx size: 4.5" x 2.5" x 2.5". Price: \$26



Mayflower Descendant Soft Cover Journal

- Blue with Silver Mayflower Descendant logo. Business card space & lined sheets.
- Stitch bound soft cover journal includes 40 sheets (80 pages). Includes an accordion pocket on back cover.
- Size : 8-3/8" H x 5-5/8" W.
- Price: \$4, 2 or more at \$3 each.

SALE!!

Wooden Mayflower Ship Model

- Arrives fully assembled with all sails mounted, ready for immediate display - *Not a Model Ship kit*
- Enchanting 7" tall ship model. Perfect as a gift for any child or nautical enthusiast, this solid wood model is reproduced in intricate detail.
- Complete with handcrafted wooden hull, realistic sails, rigging, and a solid metal nameplate proudly displaying her title.
- Size: 2" wide x 7" long x 6" tall.
- Price: \$15



Coloring Books:

- **The Mayflower Story:** This 40 page coloring book tells the story of the Mayflower journey to establish Plymouth Colony. Price: \$6
- **The Wampanoags & Pilgrims:** This 40 page coloring book illustrates that the Wampanoags and Pilgrims may appear to be different from each other, yet they also share many similarities. Price: \$6

Sold Out

Prices Do Not Include Shipping, Actual Shipping Will Be Applied at Checkout



Dear Cousin,

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina (SMD-SC) is kicking off our **Annual Dues Drive for 2025 Memberships**. As we commence our annual dues drive, Governor Melana Maxie and the Board of Assistants thank you for your continued support to the SMD-SC. Your annual dues covers your General Society Dues, as well as South Carolina dues. Your dues directly support our events, the website, the Palmetto Log, student scholarships, and other activities. You make the Society flourish, and we are humbly grateful for your support. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Compact Meeting in Aiken.

Please verify your contact information, and include an alternate contact person. To remain a robust Society, it is imperative to keep up to date information on members so that we can remain in contact with each one of you concerning upcoming events. If you have updates to make you may use the attached form or email the updates to shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com.

Regular/Annual Member dues are \$70. Emeritus Members are \$35. If your dues are not received by Oct 31, a late fee of \$20 is applicable. If you would like to become a lifetime member, please use the Life Member form. You can pay via check or online using the individualized invoice emailed to you (if you have an email address).

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the SMD-SC. Your Donations may be used to support GSMD initiatives or our own SMD-SC routine expenses or programs.

Finally, please let us know of any family members who are interested in joining by providing their contact information. This includes our Junior Members, age 18 and under. Junior membership is only a one time only \$50 fee.

Feel free to direct any questions or concerns to us.

Warm regards,

Sarah Hoyle, Corresponding Secretary
Phone: (803) 414-5771, Email: shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com

George Unsinger, Treasurer
Phone: (843) 822-7751, Email: Treasurer.sc.mayflower@gmail.com



2025 SMD- SC Dues Form

Mail payment made out to SMD-SC to:

George Unsinger, 214 Sweetbriar Road, Summerville, SC 29485

To Pay by Credit or Debit Card you may use the individualized invoice emailed to you (if you have an email address).

Member Name: First _____ Last _____

SMD-SC Member #: _____ GSMD Member # _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Land Line _____

Email: _____

Alternate Contact:

Name: First _____ Last _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Land Line _____

Email: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Do you have any family members interested in joining the Mayflower Society? If so, please let us know by giving us their contact info and we can get the application going! This includes our junior members (18 and under). Junior membership is only \$50 to join.

Name: _____

Contact info: _____

Annual Membership Amount \$70 Regular \$90 Regular, Late
(Indicate Amount) \$35 Emeritus \$55 Emeritus, Late
 \$ 0 Life Member, updating Contact info &/or Donation

Tax Deductible Donation to SMD-SC: _____

TOTAL: _____

SMD-SC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID# 20-4809677. No goods or services were exchanged for this donation other than services consisting solely of intangible benefits which have no ascertainable fair market value.

BEQUESTS

Your attorney can help you design an estate plan that protects your family, preserves your property, and benefits the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina. You can bequest a percentage of your estate or dollar amount to SMD-SC. After signing a new will that names SMD-SC as a beneficiary, please be sure to inform us.



Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina

<http://www.scmayflower.org>

South Carolina Life Membership Form

We request that you provide updated contact information for yourself and for a family member or friend that we may contact in the event we lose touch with you due to moving, change of email address, etc.

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Land Line: _____

Email: _____

Alternate Contact Name (Who may we contact should we not be able to contact you):

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Land Line: _____

Email: _____

Relationship: _____

Check Below to Indicate Your Age Group	Member Age	Lifetime Membership Dues	3 Installment Payment Amount
	18 - 40	\$2300.00	\$767.00
	41 - 60	\$1500.00	\$500.00
	61 - 70	\$1100.00	\$367.00
	71 - 80	\$825.00	\$274.00
	81+	\$275.00	\$92.00

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you elect to pay in 3 installments, you will receive an invoice for your second and third payments during the Membership Dues Drive in the Autumn of the following 2 years. Prompt Payment will be appreciated. Failure to pay will result in loss of Life Member Status and previous payments will be treated as Annual Dues paid in advance.

We will reach out to you during the Annual Dues Drive. If you fail to provide us your current contact information and we are unable to contact you for two (2) years you will be dropped from the Society's membership roll. If dropped, you may request reinstatement of your Life Membership at any time. Upon receipt of the request, you will be reinstated to the Society's roll without cost or fees.

Send checks payable "SMD-SC" to:

George Unsinger, 214 Sweetbriar Road, Summerville, SC 29485



To Pay by Credit or Debit Card you may use this link:

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



There is a service fee to use the credit/debit card option, but it is convenient. ***If you pay online, please email the requested contact information to Sarah Hoyle, Corresponding Secretary: shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com***



2024 Compact Luncheon
Saturday, November 9, 2024
Doors & Store Open at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting will begin at noon.
\$40 per person.
RSVP by November 1, 2024

No reservations will be accepted after November 1.

Mail payment made out to SMD-SC to:

George Unsinger, 214 Sweetbriar Road, Summerville, SC 29485

Refer to Page 8 for Luncheon details.

	Pork Loin	Salmon
Member _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Meals (Pork Loin/Chicken):	_____ / _____	
Total Number of Luncheon Attendees x \$40.00	= _____	
Meet & Greet: How many will be attending? _____		
Total Number of Meet & Greet Attendees x \$10	= _____	
Grand Total:	= _____	

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. If you are paying online, and there are not enough lines to record all your guests' names, please email a complete list to the Corresponding Secretary: shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com.

Link to Register & Pay online: <https://smd-sc.square.site/events>

A Hotel Block for SMD-SC has been reserved at the **Hilton Garden Inn** at 350 East Gate Drive in Aiken for a rate of \$139 plus tax. Reservations for this hotel block must be confirmed by October 8 to receive the discounted rate. Those who register may cancel up to 24 hours before the reservation.

Reservation line: 877.782.9444 Group Name/Group Code: SMDSC

Click to Book Room Online: [Book Hilton Garden Room](#)

