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in the State of South Carolina



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Governor's Message

Greetings My Dear Cousins,

Spring is just around the corner! We are very excited about our Spring Luncheon Meeting on April 29 at the Poseidon Restaurant in Hilton Head. Governor General Jane Hurt will be joining us, as well as the Secretary General Meg Averett. She will present *"What's New at GSMD: Honoring our Pilgrim Ancestors."* Deputy Governor Debi Bacon has been hard at work planning this meeting as well as our 2023 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting on November 11 in Spartanburg where our featured speaker will be J.L Rose, the Author of the historical fiction book, *'Before the Mayflower'*. Both events promise to be wonderful! (See book review on Page 15.)

We announced the 2023 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship topic in the fall and the due

date is May 1st. I am pleased that the BOA voted unanimously for our Society to continue to sponsor South Carolina History Day, and award the winners of that competition. Our support helps them attend the national program in Washington DC. We encourage Mayflower Descendants and all history students in South Carolina to participate in History Day and apply for the Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship. We believe that by supporting young history buffs, we help plant the seed for future history study.

Our Education Assistant and Junior Membership Assistant, as well as volunteer Pam Snyder makeup our Resource Committee. They are tasked with updating the Resource Lists on the website, as well as providing Pilgrim, Wampanoag and Thanksgiving themed lesson plans for our educators. I also asked that they look into how our Society could help the South Carolina Library system and donate Pilgrim, Wampanoag and Thanksgiving books to the libraries across our state. Our Virtual Book Club has discovered that many of the books we select to read are not readily available in the libraries. This may prove to be more of a challenge than I had hoped, but time will tell.

I would like to thank you all for your generous donations in support of The Governor's Challenge. We are on track for a very nice donation to the GSMD Mayflower Society House Fund when Governor General Hurt joins us in April. Every little bit helps, and I am touched and grateful to you all for supporting the cause.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Luncheon Meeting on Hilton Head,

Melana A. Maxie

Governor, Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina

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Help Wanted

We are looking for an Assistant Corresponding Secretary and Bookkeeper to assist our Treasurer. Recommended skills are basic familiarity with computers, Excel and Word.

If you have a wee bit of time and would like to help our Society, please contact Governor Maxie at melamax.sc.mayflower@gmail.com, Karen Andrews at kbanurse.mayflower.sc@gmail.com or Janet Morris at janetmorris.sc.mayflower@gmail.com.

Spring Luncheon Meeting Saturday, April 29, 2023

Don't miss our visit from the GSMD Governor General Jane Hurt. Join us at the Poseidon Restaurant, 38 Shelter Cove Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC. Doors open at 11:30 and the meeting begins at noon. See your registration form in this issue and be sure to register early; attendance is strictly limited to 83 people. Lunch includes salad, choice of two entrees, dessert, iced tea, water and a cash bar is available.

There will not be a Friday night Meet and Greet for this meeting and hotel blocks have not been reserved. We offer the following three suggestions if you wish to stay overnight:

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- Comfort Suites Bluffton Hilton Head, 23 Towne Dr., Bluffton, SC 29910, 843-815-1700
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“What’s New at GSMD: Honoring our Pilgrim Ancestors”

Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt was elected and installed as Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) in September 2020 at its first virtual General Congress, held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor General Hurt leads the GSMD Executive Committee and General Board of Assistants to govern the Society's Plymouth, Massachusetts international headquarters and serve its 31,000 plus membership. A member of the Kansas Society, she has served Kansas as Governor (2014- 2017), Historian (2011-2014), and Webmistress (2014-2020). As the Kansas Governor, Jane's Governor's Project was to coordinate the installation of a new website, transfer the membership management database online and to implement a system for online payment of dues renewals, donations and meeting reservations. She also directed the process of digitizing the 100 years of Kansas applications and supplementals. At the General Society level, Governor General Hurt was elected and served as Secretary General, Deputy Governor General and Assistant General. She serves on the Personnel Committee and has also served on the Bylaws Committee, the Awards Committee, and she was the Chair of the 2020 Meetings and Events Committee. Governor General Hurt is a member of the 1620 Club. An experienced administrator and leader, Governor General Hurt's business career included various management positions in apparel manufacturing until she retired as Director of Operations. Since her retirement she became a licensed realtor in Kansas City, serving both Kansas and Missouri, and was voted 'BEST in SERVICE' and overall client satisfaction for the past ten years. Governor General Hurt is proud to be a member of a number of hereditary societies and has served as State Treasurer and Chapter Regent of the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution; State Regent of the Kansas Daughters of the American Colonists; State President of the Kansas Colonial Dames of the XVII Century; and is a life member of the Jamestowne Society - just to name a few. Jane joined GSMD through her Pilgrim ancestors, William White, his wife Susanna Jackson White and their son Peregrine White. She has also proven lineage from Pilgrim passengers Francis Cooke, his son, John Cooke and Richard Warren of the Mayflower.



John Alden

Alice Delena, Rock Hill, SC
Gordon Speed, Alexandria, VA
Stephanie Long, Ozark, MO

Isaac Allerton

Eileen Prys, Moncks Corner, SC

John Billington

Holly Moeri, Hilton Head, SC
Marian Crapanzano, Bluffton, SC

William Bradford

Cynthia Farach-Carson, Houston, TX

William Brewster

Deanna Bandenberger, Camden, SC
Willetta Murphy, Mt. pleasant, SC
Holly Hamilton, Charleston, SC
Robert Atkinson, Charleston, SC
Debra Lebar, Chapin, SC
Martha Johnson, St. Helena Island, SC

Peter Browne

Alicia Mario, Myrtle Beach, SC

Edward Doty

Bridget Morris, Warwickshire, UK
Ransom Bruce, Brooklyn, NY

Samuel Fuller

Welcome Aboard: New Members!

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

William Ingogli, Greenville, SC

Constance Hopkins

Linda Marsh, Chapin, SC
Janice O’Neill, Woodruff, SC

Giles Hopkins

Janice O’Neill, Woodruff, SC

Stephen Hopkins

Holly Lohnes, Columbia, SC
Daryle Baldwin, John’s Island, SC
Nancy Drago, Summerville, SC
Kali Specht, Irmo, SC
Margaret McNew, Yukon, OK
Robin Bishop, Belton, SC
Janice O’Neill, Woodruff, SC

George Soule

Michael Redman, York, SC
John Redede, Tega Cay, SC

John Tilly

Walter Baker, Mount Pleasant, SC

Richard Warren

Anne Keigher, Charleston, SC
Allen Listrom, Columbia, SC
Virginia Meyer, Bluffton, SC

William White

Christine Olsen, Bluffton, SC

In Memoriam

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

John T. Kemper of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, December 2021
April Podd of Greenville, South Carolina, April 2022
Sandy Gibson of Buffton, South Carolina, June 2022
George E. Carl of Fort Mill, South Carolina, July 2022



Welcome to the Newest Junior Members

Lorna Riley Spear (**Miles Standish**)

Vera Mattison Spear (**Miles Standish**)

Charlotte Renee Ham (**Wm. Bradford, Wm. Brewster, John Alden, John Billington, Wm. Mullins, Francis Eaton, Richard Warren & Samuel Fuller**)



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 did not receive a Compact Day Luncheon Meeting notice or this Palmetto Log via email, please provide our Corresponding Secretary with a current email address at 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.) Please add kbanurse.mayflower.sc@gmail.com to your contacts to ensure our emails do not go to your spam folder.



Marylen Jackson out and about at the 2022 Compact Meeting, and receiving the GSMD Commendation Pin and Certificate of Commendation and Appreciation, Presented by DGG Jeffrey Jackson.

Extraordinary Eels

By Deborah Hill, Palmetto Log Editor

It is a well-known fact that Squanto taught our Pilgrim fathers and mothers how to fish for eels in what is today called The Town Brook in Plymouth. And, it is recorded that eels were served at the first Thanksgiving. They were a much-needed source of protein and relatively easy to catch.

But, did you know they have an extraordinary life cycle?

Each winter 1,000,000's of mature American eels migrate 1,000's of miles from freshwater streams and estuaries to an area of the west Atlantic Ocean called the Sargasso Sea. In these warm waters they will breed. Translucent eel larva will drift on the ocean currents back to the American coast. As they approach freshwater their bodies morph into a translucent but cylindrical shape known as "glass eels". As they adapt to the freshwater their bodies turn gray. Still only 4" long they are called "elvers" and can swim 100's of miles against the current to get to their homes. Five to forty years later, the mature eel will develop reproductive organs and prepare to start the remarkable journey over again.

Because of a severe decline in their population, they are on the protected species list today.



2022 Governor's Challenge

It is not too late to meet the Challenge!

All Donations received by SMD-SC between now and Governor General Jane Hurt's visit in April 2023 will be presented as a gift to the GSMD Mayflower Society House Fund.

Last fall, Governor Maxie challenged all members to donate at least \$10. With over 450 members, we could make a significant gift if everyone donated

\$10. Here is a link to our online store where you can make a donation: <https://smd-sc.square.site/donate> or use the QR Code. 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, Janet Morris 6203 Jack Thomas Drive, Indian Land, SC 29707-0170.



THE SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Invites you to the

2023 Spring Luncheon Meeting

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Registration: 11:30 am

Meeting: 12:00 noon

\$50 per person



RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 18, 2023

Limited to 83 guests

(RSVP Form and online payment information is on Page 25)

Location: The Poseidon Coastal Cuisine and Rooftop Bar
38 Shelter Cove Lane, Second Floor
Hilton Head, SC 29928

Speaker: GSMD Governor General Jane Riddell Hurt will present “What’s New at GSMD: Honoring our Pilgrim Ancestors”

Menu: Poseidon Salad with Creamy Zesty Herb Dressing
Choice of Chicken Marsala or Sliced Beef with Mushroom Gravy
Chef’s Choice Sides, Poseidon Chocolate Mousse Cake
Iced Tea and Water Cash Bar: Beer, Wine, Sodas

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2023 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting



Please plan to join us on November 11, 2023 at The Piedmont Club, 361 East Main Street, Spartanburg, for the 2023 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting. Our speaker will be Jennifer Sinsigalli, pen name J.L. Rose. Jennifer lives in historic

Duxbury and works at Plimoth Patuxet Museum (formerly Plimoth Plantation) as an historic interpreter. Jennifer is the author of the novel, *Before the Mayflower*. She will share with us details of writing about the thirty-three years before the *Mayflower* crossing; from religion to daily life, to the perils of fleeing one country to take refuge in another, and then to consider repeating that risky act and including Brewster, Bradford, Carver, Robins and Standish families.



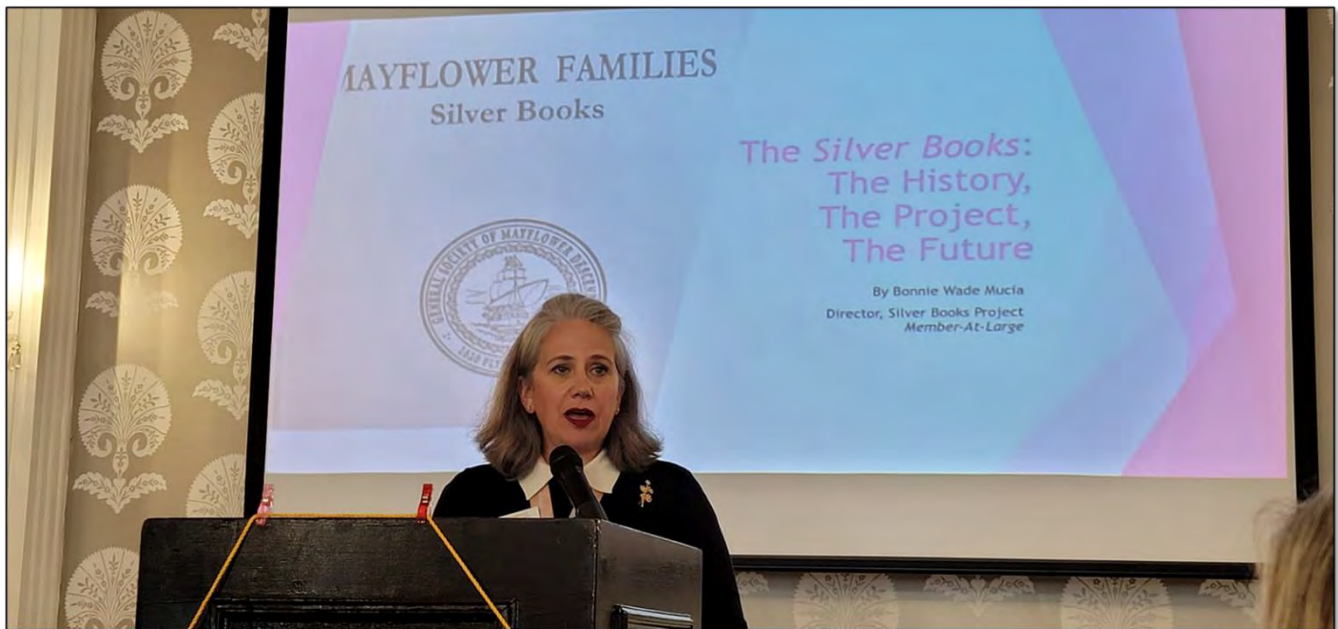
Future SMD-SC Semi-Annual Luncheon Meetings

- 2023 Spring Luncheon Meeting: April 29, 2023: Governor General Jane Hurt visits, Hilton Head, SC
- 2023 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting: November 11, 2023, The Piedmont Club, Spartanburg, SC
- 2024 Spring Luncheon Meeting: April 27, 2024, South Carolina Coastal Area
- 2024 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting, TBD, Midlands



Jenny Grist Mill, Plymouth, MA, Photo by Melana Maxie

Compact Day Luncheon Meeting 2022



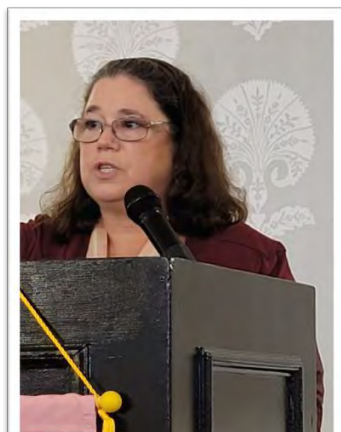
Compact Day Luncheon Meeting Speaker, Bonnie Wade Mucia (GSMD Member at Large and SMD-SC Member) Presents "Setting Sail to the Mayflower Society with the Silver Books as your Guide"

Another spectacular Fall Compact Day Luncheon Meeting! Attendees had a smashing time at The Palmetto Club in Columbia, SC. Our guest speaker was Bonnie Wade Mucia, who is the GSMD Director of the Silver Books Project, GSMD Member At Large, former Governor and current member of SMD-SC. MAL Mucia presented an informative presentation on the past, present, and future initiatives of the Silver Book Project. Please consider donating to the Silver Book Project on the GSMD website via this link: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E162078&id=1>.

Additionally, many thanks to all who assisted to make the day a success, especially Governor Maxie: Program MC; Deputy Governor, Debi Bacon: Event Planning; Elder, Desiree Voegele: Event Host; Susan Thompson: Store Sales; and the rest of the BOA for their participation. Fun was had by all, even though our beloved Historian, Nick Maher, was unable to attend. Nick was truly missed, but we are happy to report he's back at the "Historian Helm" working feverishly to assist new member applicants and get his new Assistant, Doug Rogers, up to speed.

Silver Book Factoid: *In 1985, an article in The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine (MQM) stated, "the project was a hundred times larger than originally realized. Only one volume was envisioned when this project began and that indicated that no one had the faintest notion of the scope of the project or any idea of the size of the huge genealogical tiger we now have by the tail."*

**Governor Maxie
Presents the
Governor's
Address**



**Janet Morris
Presents the
Financial Report**



**Corresponding Secretary,
Karen Andrews**



**Member At Large, and our
Speaker, Bonnie Wade Mucia**



**Gov. Maxie Presents a Thank You
Gift and announces \$500
Donation to GSMD**

Fall 2022 Friday Night Meet and Greet

About 15 or so members, including some new members to the Society, joined us at the Marriott in downtown Columbia. It was a casual, "get-your-own-drink-from-the-bar" soiree. We all enjoyed the opportunity to meet new members and get better acquainted with long time members.



Friday Night Meet & Greet in Columbia

SMD-SC will Continue Offering Life Memberships

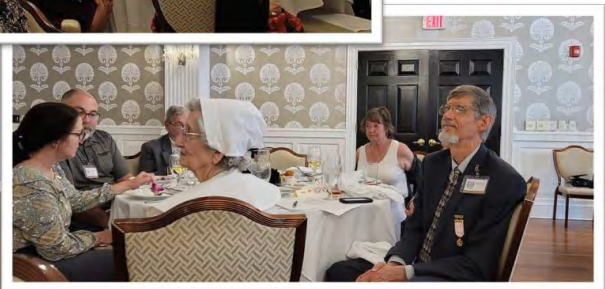
At the January Board meeting the results of the Life Membership Study were reviewed. The Finance Committee is responsible for this task, and is made up of Nick Maher, Janet Morris, Sarah Clingman, and Melana Maxie. The study evaluates the health and practicality of continuing the option for members to become Life Members, as well as Regular and Emeritus Dues for the coming year. The committee reported that the analysis indicates we can continue the Life Membership program, and recommended we increase Life Member dues slightly. We will continue the option of paying over three years. Starting June 1, 2023 the Life Membership dues will be increased as shown below. Dues will remain the same for the Regular and Emeritus Members.



Current Member Age	Lifetime Membership Dues	3 Installment Payment Amount
18 - 40	\$2,300.00	\$767.00
41 - 60	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
61 - 70	\$1,100.00	\$367.00
71 - 80	\$825.00	\$274.00
81+	\$275.00	\$92.00



**2022 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting
at The Palmetto Club, Columbia on Nov 12, 2022**



Nominations for 2023-2026 National Officers and Board of Assistants

The Deputy Governor General (DGG) and Assistant General (AG) shall be nominated by majority vote at the SMD-SC Spring meeting in Hilton Head, and Elected and installed in September at the GSMD Triennial Congress.

The BOA will be elected and installed at the Compact Day Luncheon Meeting in November 2023. At this time, we are pleased to report that the current National Officers and the majority of the Board of Assistants would like to remain in office. The Nominating Committee presents the following as their recommendation for National and State Society offices:

DGG - Jeff Jackson

AG - Melana Maxie

Governor - Melana Maxie

Deputy Governor - Frances Frame

Corresponding Secretary - Karen Boyler Andrews

Recording Secretary - Marylen Jackson

Treasurer - Janet Morris

Co-Historians - Doug Rogers and Don Smith

Surgeon - Melissa Gibbons

Elder - Desiree Voegle

Captain - Dave Smith

Counselor - Sarah Clingman

Please note that while the majority of the above BOA members currently wish to remain in office, things can change. Further, our Bylaws allow for nominations 'from the floor' of the meeting. If you would like to run for an office, you may be nominated from the floor and a written election will be held. Please note that no member may be nominated without his or her consent.

Deputy Governor Debi Bacon, completes her term this fall, after three years of dedicated service to SMD-SC. Please join me in thanking Deputy Governor Bacon for all of her efforts to help this BOA and Society. Her work leading the Bylaws Committees and planning our events has been nothing short of extraordinary. Her attention to detail and follow through is much appreciated. The Nomination Committee has recommended Frances Frame to serve as our next Deputy Governor.



Our current Historian, Nick Maher has started training his 'Assistant Historian', Doug Rogers. After Nick's term ends in November, SMD-SC will transition to a Co-Historian arrangement. Doug Rogers and Don Smith are the Nomination Committee's recommendation for those roles.

Historian Nick Maher and his newly appointed Assistant, Doug Smith have been getting together so Doug can 'learn the ropes'. We are working towards a smooth transition this Fall, when Nick retires after 15 years of service to SMD-SC.

2022 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship

By Kristen French, Assistant for Education

As previously announced in the Fall 2022 issue of *The Palmetto Log*, we will be accepting submissions through May 1st, and details on requirements, types of projects accepted, etc, are on our website: <http://www.scmayflowersociety.org/scholarships.php>

If you have any questions, please email Kristen French, Education Assistant (kristenfrench.sc.mayflower@gmail.com).

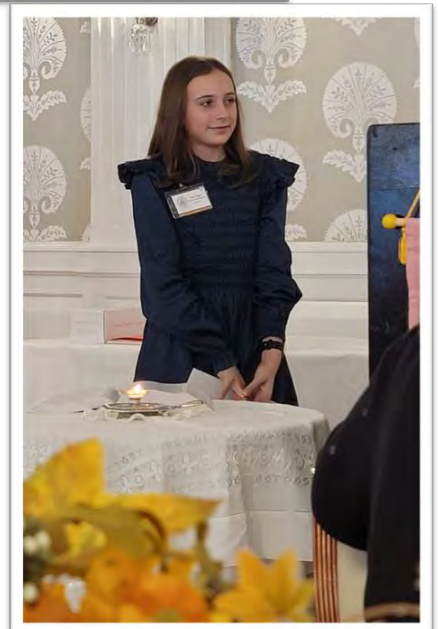


2022 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship winners attend the Compact Day Luncheon Meeting.

Kristen French introduces the winners:

Left: Drew Sims, Indian Land, SC, and Sam Cripe, Fort Mill, SC, High School Division

Right: Averi York, Rock Hill, SC, Middle School Division

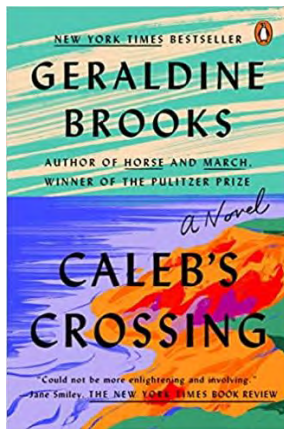




Mayflower Virtual Book Club

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.

2023 Schedule: All meetings via Zoom, 7pm.

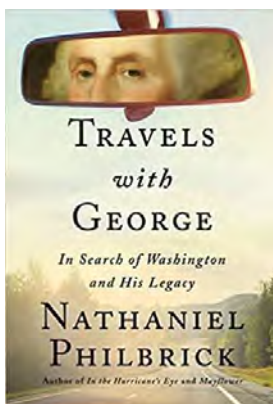
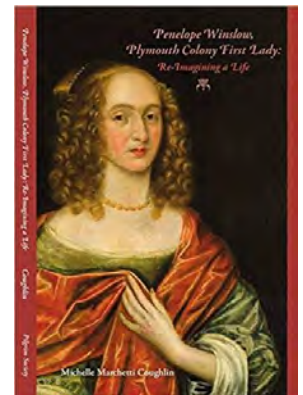


May 8 & 22, 2023: 7pm via zoom, *Caleb's Crossing*: A Novel By Geraldine Brooks

Bethia Mayfield is a restless and curious young woman growing up in Martha's Vineyard in the 1660s amid a small band of pioneering English Puritans. At age twelve, she meets Caleb, the young son of a chieftain, and the two forge a secret bond that draws each into the alien world of the other. Bethia's father is a Calvinist minister who seeks to convert the native Wampanoag, and Caleb becomes a prize in the contest between old ways and new, eventually becoming the first Native American graduate of Harvard College. Inspired by a true story and narrated by the irresistible Bethia, Caleb's Crossing brilliantly captures the triumphs and turmoil of two brave, openhearted spirits who risk everything in a search for knowledge at a time of superstition and ignorance.

Aug 7 & 21, 2023: 7pm via zoom, *Penelope Winslow, Plymouth Colony First Lady: Re-Imagining a Life* by Michelle Marchetti Coughlin

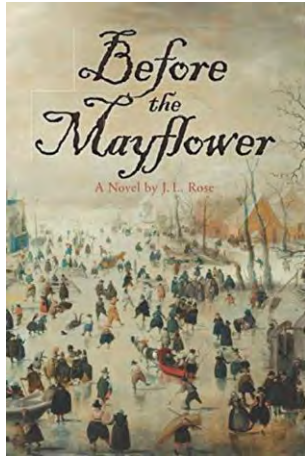
Penelope Pelham Winslow was one of the most powerful women in Plymouth Colony's history. A member of the English gentry (her third-great-grandmother was Anne Boleyn's sister Mary), she was married to Plymouth Governor Josiah Winslow. Like most of her female contemporaries, however, she has largely been forgotten. Though she authored or is mentioned in few surviving documents, she left behind a trove of physical evidence—from surviving homes and possessions to archaeological artifacts—that provide great insight into her experiences. They also offer a portal into the world of Plymouth's women.



Oct 2 & 16, 2023: 7pm via zoom, *Travels with George: In Search of Washington and His Legacy* by Nathaniel Philbrick

Written when America's founding figures are under increasing scrutiny, Travels with George grapples bluntly and honestly with Washington's legacy as a man of the people, a reluctant president, and a plantation owner who held people in slavery. At historic houses and landmarks, Philbrick reports on the reinterpretations at work as he meets reenactors, tour guides, and other keepers of history's flame. He paints a picture of 18th century America as divided and fraught as it is today, and comes to understand how Washington compelled, enticed, stood up to, and listened to the many different people he met along the way—and how his all-consuming belief in the union helped to forge a nation.

Mayflower Virtual Book Club Reviews



Before the Mayflower A Novel by J. L. Rose

Reviewed by Book Club Member, Cari Gillette

Since childhood, most of us remember the story of the Mayflower voyage to America and the founding of Plymouth Colony. However, you can now learn “the rest of the story” through this novel. The story of thirty-three years leading up to the famous Mayflower voyage is a spellbinding story woven with threads of history and fiction by meticulous research author J. L. Rose is a must read!!

The book opens on a foggy winter dawn of Feb 17, 1587 as William Brewster, shivering and numb, boards a small rowboat on the Thames on his way to disembark near the Tower of London. Earlier that month Queen Elizabeth I had signed the order for the execution of her cousin, Catholic Queen Mary of Scotland for her assassination plans. On February 8, 1587, Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded for treason.

You will be pulled into the special community of English Separatists. You’ll become immersed in their lives and feel as though you are there as a participant, as well in other instances, as an onsite observer. The physical, moral and religious obstacles faced by these brave souls, the daily perils they faced and their desire for freedoms we consider the norm, connected inextricably to the printing press, give us a whole new perspective and respect for those who created the history and who the author makes a part of our lives.



The Last Pilgrim by Noelle A. Granger

Reviewed by Book Club Member, Elaine G. Thompson

Mary Allerton Cushman, who was only four years old when she traveled to America with her family as a passenger on the Mayflower, outlived all of those who made that historic voyage with her. There is no contemporary historical writing focused on Mary Allerton Cushman’s life but Ms. Granger has carefully researched the available history and created a vivid character who tells us much about the day to day struggles of the early Separatist Pilgrims. In spite of some typographical and factual errors printed in this book, the spirit of early Pilgrim life as depicted in writings of the time shines through.

Of the numerous books about the Pilgrims that have been discussed at SMD-SC Virtual Book Club meetings, members agree that ***The Last Pilgrim***, more than any other treatise, casts a very personal and realistic light on the difficulties and the sacrifices made by women and children in the early years of the founding of the colony. Their efforts, and the resulting contributions to the success of the Plymouth venture, are both unique, remarkable and highly interesting.



Compact Day Luncheon Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2022

Reported By Marylen Jackson, Recording Secretary
Palmetto Club, Columbia, SC

Before the meeting, members and guests visited the society's store and library. Governor Melana Maxie greeted all at 12 noon.

Elder Desiree Voegele opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was called to order by Governor Maxie. Captain Dave Smith led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag and also in the Pilgrim's Pledge. The Governor's remarks ended with Members lighting candles around the room. Cari Gillette provided Thanksgiving bookmarks at each place. Corresponding Secretary Karen Andrews introduced new and prospective members. Dave Smith and Surgeon Melissa Gibbons took the roll call while members stood as their pilgrim ancestor's name was called. William Brewster had the most (13) descendants present. Treasurer Janet Morris reported a balance of \$36,706.94 in the checking account and \$231,671.04 in the Raymond James account.

A delicious luncheon (cordon bleu, or tilapia, or vegetable tart, with glazed carrots and scalloped potatoes) was served, with cheesecake for dessert.

Deputy Governor Debi Bacon introduced our speaker, Bonnie Mucia who is Member-at-large of the GSMD Executive Committee, and Director of the Silver Books Project. Bonnie gave an interesting history of these Silver Books which give the genealogy of the Mayflower Pilgrims and their descendants for 5 or 6 generations. It has grown from one book to about 30 and is still growing. As people buy the books and contribute to the project, more information can be searched out and added. Governor Maxie thanked Bonnie and presented her with a gift and informed the MAL that a check from SMD-SC for the Silver Book Project will be sent to GSMD in Bonnie's name.

Assistant for Education Kristen French introduced two of the 2022 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship winners. Averi York, The Middle school winner from Rock Hill won \$500 for "September 11th: An Ongoing Debate about Prevention and Consequences." High School winner Drew Sims also received \$500 (as did his classmate Sam Crips) for their collaboration on the documentary film: "Reagan and Gorbachev: Reducing Nuclear Arms through Diplomacy." John Rice, college winner, (and now a teacher of history) was awarded \$1500 for his historical paper Japan's Inevitable Road to War.

Jeff Jackson Deputy Governor General reported on the GBOA meeting held in Minnesota in September. The outside repair of the Meeting House in Plymouth has been completed and work on the inside continues. Hopefully it will be completed by time for the Congress next September. Jeff also presented Secretary Marylen Jackson with a beautiful Mayflower pin from the General Society for her interest in, and work for, the Society during the past 30 years.

Gov Maxie announced that Governor General Jane Hurt will be our speaker at the Spring 2023 meeting in Hilton Head. Our AG and DGG will be nominated in April (and voted on by the GBOA at Congress next September.) We now have 475 members and expect to send approximately five delegates to Congress in addition to the AG and DGG. Officers for 2023-2026 will be installed at the Compact Day Luncheon Meeting next November. The office of Deputy Governor is still open for nomination.

Deputy Governor Debi Bacon told of the hard work of the Bylaws and Policy Committee. The revision and shortening of these, as printed in the fall Palmetto Log made them much easier to read and interpret. They have been approved by the BOA. The members present voted to adopt them.

Elder Desiree Voegele had the closing prayer and Gov Maxie read the closing passage from chapter 5 of Glen Cheney's book Thanksgiving. "So the Mayflower contained a cross-section of values that would become quintessentially American: the insistence on following the heart rather than the law; the inability to tolerate injustice; the audacity to demand authority over authorities; the courage to pursue a better life no matter how much worse it might be; the wisdom of working together as a society for mutual benefit and personal profit. They believed in the power of the congregation. They would do their own thinking and make their own decisions. They would pray their own prayers. They would dig in their heels. The strong would bury the weak, perhaps suffer a moment of doubt, then remember the mercy of their God, and then get back to work."

Minutes of January 7, 2023 Board of Assistants Meeting

Minutes of the BOA Meeting on Zoom Held Saturday, January 7, 2023, Reported by Marylen Jackson

Governor Melana Maxie called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Other members present: Deputy Governor Debi Bacon; Historian Nick Maher; Treasurer Janet Morris; Recording Secretary Marylen Jackson; Palmetto Log Assistant Deborah Hill; Education Assistant Kristen French; Surgeon Melissa Gibbons; Captain Dave Smith; Elder Desiree Voegele; Deputy Governor General Jeff Jackson. Members absent: Counselor Sarah Clingman; Corresponding Secretary Karen Andrews; Juniors Assistant Cari Gillette.

After reading the Minutes of the BOA November 3, 2022, Meeting, and corrections made by Kristen French, Dave Smith made the motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Nick Maher seconded, and the motion passed. Desiree Voegele made the motion to accept The Minutes of the November 12th Compact Day Luncheon Meeting. Janet Morris seconded and the motion passed.

Governor Maxie thanked all for the successful year 2022, and named a few of the accomplishments. New Bylaws and Policies; Increased Membership; Improved collection of dues; Fewer members dropped for not paying dues; Monthly e-mails from the Corresponding Secretary. The Governor listed goals for the coming year as: Solidify member engagement; Host Governor General Hurt; Re-home the Gilman Montgomery French Family Bible; Update the Resource List; and Increase sales from the store.

The Nominating Committee (Maher, Andrews & Morris) are searching for new applicants for Historian and Deputy Governor to be presented at the Compact Day Luncheon Meeting for election.

The Finance Committee invested \$25,000 in a CD in November. Kathy and Joe Landing have donated stock to GSMD in the name of SMD-SC. Our Society is now a member of the 1620 Club.

GSMD is proposing to double the Application Fee from \$125 to \$250. If this passes Congress next September, we must increase our fee from \$230 to \$355. Currently our Historian receives \$45 for each application approved in Plymouth.

The profit in the Store to date is \$188.20. All futures sales from the current stock will be pure profit. Actual postage on items has now been established.

The next Zoom Book Club will meet February 6 and Feb 20 for THE LAST PILGRIM BY Noelle Granger. On May 8 and 22 we will discuss CABEL'S CROSSING by Geraldine Brooks. August 7 and 21 the book will be PENELOPE WINSLOW by Michelle Coughlin. And October 2 & 16 TRAVELS WITH GEORGE by Nathaniel Philbrick.

The MAYFLOWER MOMENTS has been discontinued, but members are urged to participate in the GSMD virtual lecture series online.

Deputy Governor Debi Bacon reported that our April 29th Luncheon Meeting with Governor General Jane Hurt as speaker, will be held at the Poseidon Restaurant in Hilton Head. Members present agreed to charge \$50 for the Luncheon Meeting. Board members and spouses will have dinner the night before at "Frankie Bones" and each will pay his or her own bill. Debi will send an email to Board Members and ask for RSVP. Debi mentioned that three hotels in the area are the Hilton Gardens Inn in Hilton Head (\$258); Comfort Suites in Bluffton (\$178) and Home 2 Suites in Hilton Head (\$205.) Bonnie Mucia and Melana Maxie will take care of Jane Hurt's transportation and housing.

The Speaker for the Compact Day Luncheon Meeting, November 11, 2023 will be author J. L Rose from North Carolina. The venue is still in question. Also, Debi is also searching for a venue for the April 27, 2024 meeting somewhere along the eastern coast.

Janet Morris presented the Treasurer's report on a spreadsheet. The balance as of 12/31/22 in the Truist Bank is \$6,788.95. The balance as of 12/31/22 in the Raymond James account is \$250,731.30.

Karen Andrews, Corresponding Secretary, was absent but sent word that she was appreciative of those who helped collect dues and we now have 453 members.

Historian Nick Maher clarified that once an application is approved, then the member starts paying dues. He now has 6 apps in Plymouth. Last year it was 36. There will be a zoom meeting this coming Thursday night to discuss electronic submissions. When this is approved in Plymouth it will save a lot of time and paper. He is now making about 1500 copies a month.

Kristen French, Education Assistant presented her report. Some suggestions she made were to offer small rewards to elementary students for doing artworks related to Plymouth or the Mayflower, or the Wampanoag Indians. She would like to create a Genealogy lesson packet for teachers, and also consider ways to provide support for History and Social Studies K-12 teachers in SC. After some questions about the rigor of the essay/projects, Kristen responded that what was expected was not over the top but was in line with SC Education Department rules.

Deborah Hill, Palmetto Log Assistant reminded us that the deadline for articles for the Spring Log is February 15.

Cari Gillette, Junior Assistant, sent word that we now have 4 more Juniors.

Under New Business. The 2013 Life Membership Study showed a need to increase the Life Membership dues 10% on June 1, 2023. Members voted to keep the regular dues at \$70, not increase them to \$75, but do away with the "Early Bird" dues. Also keep the "Emeritus" dues the same. It was also decided not to charge members who do not get their Mayflower mail online, for postage at this time. The new Budget was discussed in detail. Kristen French made the motion, seconded by Deborah Hill to accept the revised Budget. Motion passed.

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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 .
- 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 bequest 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

GSMD Dates to Plan Around

- September 8 - 13, 2023, GSMD Congress, Plymouth, MA
- September 6 - 10, 2024, GBOA Meeting, Asheville, NC
- September 5 - 9, 2025, GBOA Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- September 11 - 15, 2026, GSMD Congress, Plymouth, MA
- September 10 - 14, 2027, GBOA Meeting, Atlanta, GA



***Plimoth Patuxet Museum,
Photo by Melana Maxie***

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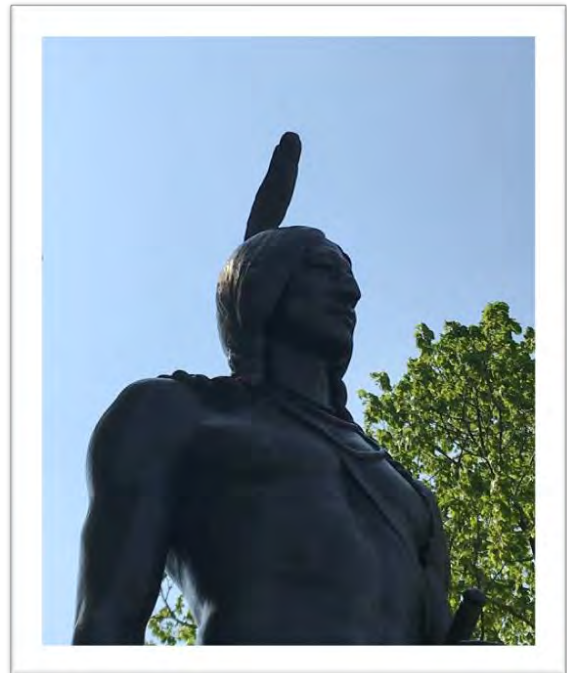
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Massasoit Sachem, Ousamequin (c. 1581 – 1661) leader of the Wampanoags. The term Massasoit means Great Sachem. Statue is located across the street from Plymouth Rock, Photo by Melana Maxie

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Delany Rogers (Our New Assistant Historian's Daughter) reading the Mayflower Quarterly in mid-air. Photo by Doug Rogers

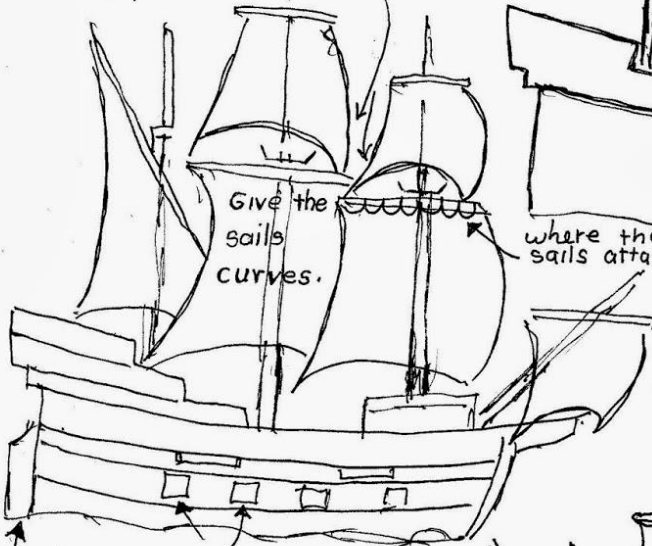
Kids' Corner

How to Draw the Mayflower Ship

Begin with the boat shape. It has a curved top and the front comes to a point, then add the raised decks at the front and back.



the top sails are wider at the bottom



Give the sails curves.

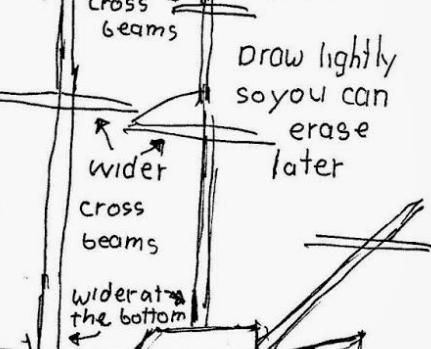
where the sails attach they dip in a series of "u"

there are four cannon ports in the side.

The rudder is a curved line that goes straight down

the back sail points backward

Draw the mast without the sails at first.



smaller cross beams

wider cross beams

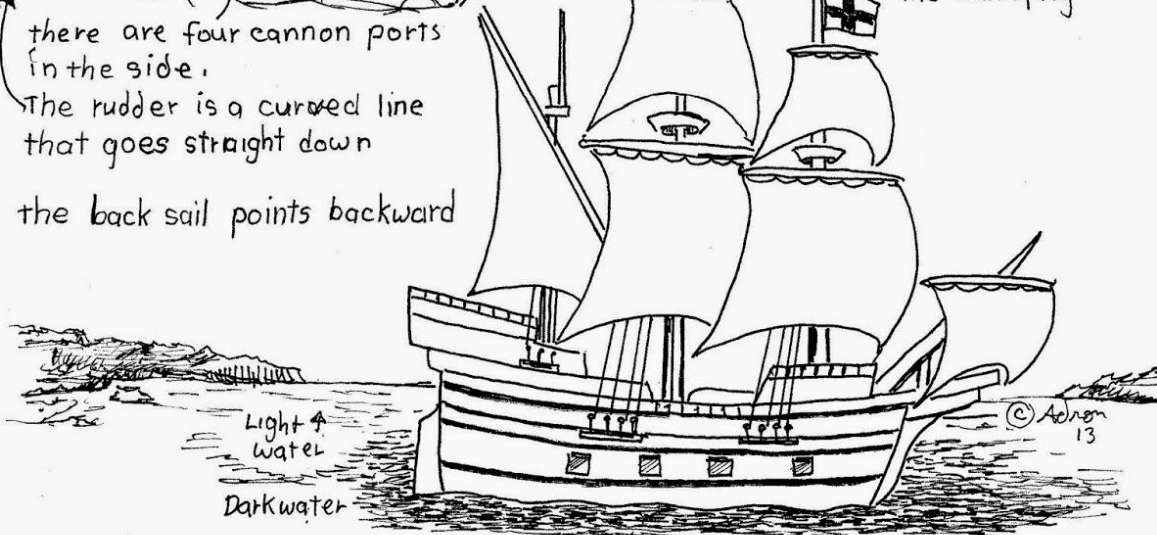
wider at the bottom

Draw lightly so you can erase later

the sails do not need to be perfect since the wind blow them around

the british flag

the dutch flag



Light & water

Darkwater

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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: \$40 **SALE!!**



Check out our assortment of Scarf Rings online

Mayflower Descendant Flag

Available in 2 sizes, Printed on both sides.

- **House Flag:**
28 x 40 inches, Price: \$28
- **Garden Flag:** 12 x 18 inches, printed on both sides. Price: \$15 (Limited Stock)



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



Available Soon: 111 Pieces, Completed Size Appx 17 in x 6 in x 16 inch. Price: \$16

New Coffee Cups Have Arrived!



- **Stainless Steel Tumbler:**
Double wall insulated, screw-on lid with thumb slide closure. Blue trim. 16 oz, appx. 7 inch tall. Price: \$14

- **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



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Available Now in our Online Store <https://smd-sc.square.site/>

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/Off 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: \$6, 2 or more at \$5 each. (Coupon code 2ORMOREBOOKS)

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 and the Pilgrims' journey to establish Plymouth Colony. Price: \$5
- **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: \$5

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Reservation form for
2023 Spring Luncheon Meeting
Saturday, April 29, 2023

Doors and Store Open at 11:30 a.m. Meeting will begin at noon
\$50 per person. RSVP by April 18, 2023

No reservations will be accepted after April 18 nor beyond 83 guests.

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

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

		Chicken	Beef
Member Name			
Member Name			
Guest Name			
Guest Name			
Guest Name			
Guest Name			

Total Meals (Chicken/Beef): _____

Total Guests x \$50 = _____



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 paying online, and there are not enough lines to record all your guests' names, please email a complete list to the Corresponding Secretary, Karen Boyler Andrews at kbanurse.mayflower.sc@gmail.com.

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