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Governor's Message

Greetings Dear Pilgrim Cousins,

Time flies, indeed! It's hard to believe that the New Year is already behind us, and the Pine Pollen Season has begun. My husband Don and I recently returned from a road trip to Ohio, where I had the honor of being inducted into the Cory Rawson High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Quite a grand title for the small school I attended! Walking down memory lane and sharing those moments with Don was a delightful experience. Now, back home, despite the Pine Pollen Season, I'm grateful to be in familiar surroundings.

I invite you to relax and catch up with the latest happenings in our Member Society. This issue introduces our newest Board of Assistant members and unveils the 2024 Governor's Challenge.

Additionally, you'll find a reflection on our charming Compact Luncheon in Spartanburg. Our Guest Speaker, Jennifer Sensigalli (Pen Name J. L. Rose), shared her compelling journey of writing her book, "Before the Mayflower."

Make sure to read about our upcoming Spring Luncheon Meeting scheduled for April 27, just outside of Georgetown at Hopsewee Plantation. Deputy Governor Frances Frame has meticulously planned this event, promising a beautiful gathering.

I am proud to announce the 2024 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship. Aligned with the South Carolina and National History Day Theme, which is 'Turning Points in History,' this year's theme encourages students to explore questions of time, place, cause and effect, change over time, and impact and significance. Visit our website and the NHD website (<https://nhd.org/en/contest/theme/>) for details. Submissions are due by May 1, with winners announced in the Fall.

Our Committees (Finance, Bylaws, Resources, Store, Recognition) are actively working to support our Society. As always, we have opportunities for volunteers, whether it's taking photos at luncheons, hosting a Meet & Greet, crafting items for the store, writing a book review, or suggesting new ideas for SMD-SC to consider. Feel free to reach out and share your thoughts!

I eagerly anticipate seeing you at the Spring Luncheon Meeting in Georgetown.

Melana A. Maxie

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

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*Gov. Maxie with Distinguished Alumni Plaque
Photo by Fellow CR HS Grad Becky Warren*



*Mayflower Society House as seen
from the rose garden.
Photo by Melana Maxie*

Meet the New Board of Assistant Members

Mary Brandenberger - Historian

I was born and raised in California. When I was 5, I told my dad I wanted to be a firefighter. It was 1954 and he informed me that girls can't do that. Let's just say it was a "hold my beer" situation. In 1972 I was sent to Fire Academy and Life Support EMT schools. From there I went to the US Forest Service as a wildland firefighter, then US Army, then back to Forest Service as Captain and a law enforcement officer. I'm a work-a-holic so at one point I worked 3 full time jobs at the same time. I was severely injured after 21 years in firefighting and I was entitled to be retrained for another job. I already had a college education so they asked

what I wanted to do. I said "how about law school", and off I went for 2 years to get a California Paralegal Certificate. My husband, Jay is the Associate Historian for SMD-SC so we are doing this together. We love history and have visited hundreds of historical sites. We have always complimented each other in strengths and weaknesses, what one is weak in the other is strong in. It makes it easy to work together and we both are excited about doing this historical research for the Mayflower Society.



George Unsinger - Treasurer



George Unsinger originally hails from Syracuse, New York and Summerville, South Carolina was his last stop of his 26 year career in the United States Air Force. He then built from the ground up an HVAC Restoration franchise which he sold in 2020 and now operates a bookkeeping business. During his Air Force travels he met and married his bride Jodi in 1991 and has two grown children Tim and Kate who live and work in the Charleston area. Several years ago George began his ancestry journey and things he heard about, but didn't mean much as a child, were all true. Besides being a Mayflower Descendant of William White, he has a rich military history dating back to the 1600s with numerous Patriot ancestors from the Revolutionary War and further service in almost every major call to arms since the 1600s. Along with his recent election as the SMD SC Treasurer, he is active with the Sons of the American Revolution and the Clan Hamilton Society.

Melissa Gibbons - Surgeon

Greetings! My name is Melissa Gibbons, and I am delighted to serve on the SMD-SC Board as Surgeon for the current term. A member of GSMD since 2016, I am a descendant of the Billington and Eaton families. I am also a member of DAR, The Eaton Families Association, and a charter member and historian of the Billington Family Society. Professionally, I am a Registered Nurse working in the Special Operations and Acquisitions Division of Fresenius Medical Care. My current position requires constant travel, and I especially like assignments in the New England area, where I spend days off exploring my family's history. It was on a trip to visit my grandmother's home town in the Catskill Mountains that I discovered a genealogical society that possessed a letter, written by a family member over 100 years ago, mentioning our family's connection to the Mayflower.



I continue to reside in Sumter, SC, where I was born. My family consists of my three wonderful children, their spouses, and five beautiful grandchildren (with number six expected in June). I enjoy reading, cooking, traveling, wineries, time with friends & family and, of course, genealogy. I'm looking forward to the next three years as your Surgeon and am excited for the opportunity to *meet each of you*.



Frances Frame - Deputy Governor

Dr. E. Frances Frame, of Charleston SC, has taught at The Citadel since 2000. She received her B.A. from Davidson College, her M.A. from UNC-Chapel Hill, and her Ph.D. from USC-Columbia (1999). Her area of specialization is Victorian literature. Other courses include Making a Comeback: The Growth Mindset in Literature and Film, The Sinking of the Titanic in Literature and Film, and The Bible as Literature.

Frances is a descendant of George Soule.

Sarah Hoyle - Corresponding Secretary

I am the Administrative Specialist for the Columbia Police Department's Criminal Investigations Bureau in Columbia, SC. I have been researching my family for more than twenty years and finally decided to submit my application to the society and was approved as a SMD-SC member in March 2021 through Pilgrim John Howland. I am currently, and in the future, submitting additional supplemental applications for approval. I enjoy assisting other individuals on their journeys to find their ancestors and share their amazing family stories through traditional records and DNA connections. I am honored to have been nominated and elected to be your new SMD-SC Corresponding Secretary.



Holly Lohnes - Education Assistant

Holly Lohnes grew up in the upper Midwest, but she and her family have traveled all over the world as part of her husband's work as an IT contractor. She has lived in Columbia, SC twice, most recently since 2019. She received her BSN-RN from Bob Jones University and works as a home health nurse in the Columbia area. She is a descendant of Stephen Hopkins.

Board Members that returned for another term and their Introductions may be found in the Spring 2021 Palmetto Log, on our website:

[https://www.scmayflowersociety.org/img/newsletters/Palmetto Log SPRING 2021 Vol 84 No 1 finalcomp.pdf](https://www.scmayflowersociety.org/img/newsletters/Palmetto_Log_SPRING_2021_Vol_84_No_1_fin_alcomp.pdf)



Former Governor Pat Sayko Inducts 2023 – 2026 BOA Members



Welcome Aboard: New Members!

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

John Alden

Mary Pallon, Aiken, SC

William Brewster

Jay Brandenberger, Camden, SC
Billy Cook, Sheldon, SC

Edward Fuller

Karolea Lucas, Charleston, SC

Samuel Fuller

Matthew Bell. Taylors, SC

John Howland

Galen Bishop, Winnsboro, SC

Thomas Rogers

Allyn Hoak, Charleston, SC

Henry Samson

Christine Ramsey, Belton, SC

George Soule

Brian Kayhart, Bluffton, SC

John Tilly

Marty Lamphere, Graniteville, SC
Walter Baker, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Richard Warren

Jean Cotton, Summerville, SC
Bailey Brederick, Union, KY
Brook Seaman, Heyworth, IL

William White

Cheryl Perkins, Livermore, CA

In Memoriam

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

Gary Coats, Buffalo, SC August 2023
Donna Peterson, Kingston, IL, September 2023
Carol Scott, Durham, NC October 2023



The Massachusetts Coastline, Photo by Deborah Hill

Welcome to the Newest Junior Members

Alden Birtley DeJulio (Peter Browne)
Conrad Birtley DeJulio (Peter Browne)
Sloan Birtley DeJulio (Peter Browne)
Milo Russell Rosenfeld (Peter Browne)
Edie Lou Rosenfeld (Petre Browne)



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 shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com. **Anytime your email, phone or address changes, please don't forget to update your contact**

information with us. Please contact CorrSec Sarah Hoyle (contact information is provided in the back of this newsletter.) Please add shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com to your contacts to ensure our emails do not go to your spam folder.



***Compact Luncheon at The Piedmont Club.
Photo by Holly Lohnes***

King Philip's Chair

By Melana Maxie, Governor and Deborah Hill, Palmetto Log Editor

While in Plymouth for the 43rd Congress last September, Melana Maxie and Don Browning took a day trip to Bristol, RI to spend some time exploring the area of King Philip's Chair in the Miery Swamp. We were not sure what to expect, but we were delighted! We parked at the parking lot for the Haffenreffer Museum's Collections Research Center, and headed in. The path was more overgrown than pictures on the internet showed, but it was an easy walk to the outcrop.

In the 1600's this area was part of the Wampanoag/Pokanoket tribe's lands known as Sowams. The "chair", at the base of the largest outcrop of white granite in Rhode Island, served as the seat of Metacom (known by the English colonists as King Phillip). It is said that Metacom held meetings here and the top of the rock served as a lookout. From 1675 to 1678 a war between the Native Americans and English colonists was fought in this area. The King Philip's War was by far the bloodiest war in American History (per population) as nearly 10 percent of the population were killed on both sides. Some of the fiercest fighting occurred in the nearby towns. King Phillip met his end in Miery Swamp a mere half mile southwest of King Phillip's Chair on August 12, 1676.

Today, Brown University owns 376 acres of woodland on Mt. Hope off Tower Street in Bristol, RI. The university's grounds on Mount Hope include King Philip's Seat (or "chair"). To visit the location, one must receive permission from Mount Hope Farm at 401-254-1745 for permits and parking passes.



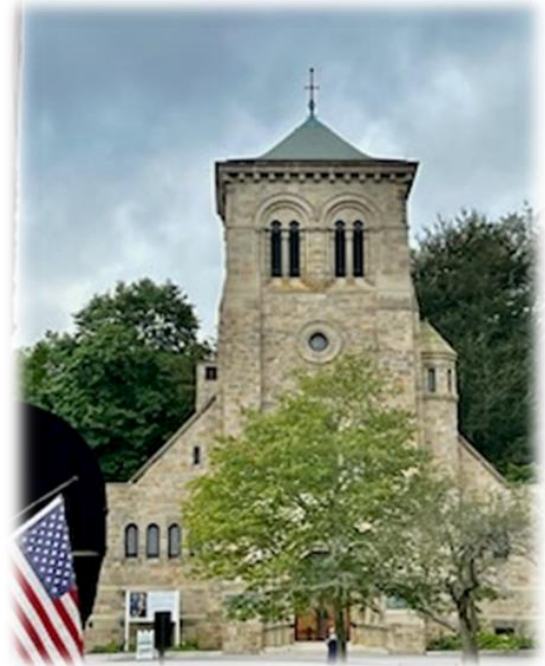
The site of King Philip's death in the Miery Swamp on Mount Hope, Photo from Wikipedia

Trail Marker and Pantograph photo of the outcropping and King Philips Chair. Photos by Gov. Maxie



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. 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.



Compact Luncheon at The Piedmont Club. Photo by Holly Lohnes

Spring 2024 Luncheon Meeting Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Hopsewee Plantation



Photo by Alan Sherlock

Tea Room Doors open at 11:30 a.m.
Meeting starts at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
Luncheon: \$40.00 per person

SMD-SC Historic House Tours: 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Adults: \$22.00. Seniors: \$20.00

RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 18, 2024

Location: River Oak Cottage Tea Room, Hopsewee Plantation, 494 Hopsewee Road, Georgetown, SC

Speaker: Diana Leigh Matthews. Matthews is a descendant of Alden, Brewster, and Warren.

Menu: Lunch will include one of four entrées (select yours on the form), pimiento cheese biscuits, choice of iced tea, minted lemonade, or soft drink, and almond pound cake with lemon curd and clotted cream for dessert. **A cash bar (beer and wine) will be available.** Entrée options:

- Shrimp and Grits with House Salad
- Blue Cheese Spinach Quiche with House Salad
- Chicken Salad Platter with Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, and Bean Salad
- Lowcountry Sampler (Pulled Pork, Pirleau, Collard Greens, Macaroni and Cheese, and Sweet Potato Casserole)

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.

SMD-SC Private Historic House Tours:

Built circa 1740 on the Santee River, Hopsewee Plantation was a major rice plantation and the birthplace of Thomas Lynch, Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Private 75-minute Historic Landmark House tours will be available for us at **10:00 a.m.** and **3:00 p.m.** Public house tours are 50 minutes, but our private tours will include additional information and run for 75 minutes. Adults: \$22.00. Seniors: \$20.00. **Use these links to purchase your tour tickets online in advance:**

[10:00 a.m. Tour](#)

[3:00 p.m. Tour](#)

Hotel blocks have not been reserved, but we offer the following options for those who wish to stay overnight Friday, April 26:

- The George Hotel, 615 Front St., Georgetown, SC 29440 (closest to Hopsewee)
- Hampton Inn Georgetown-Marina, 420 Marina Dr., Georgetown, SC, 29440
- Quality Inn & Suites, 210 Church St., Georgetown, SC 29440

The Registration form for the Spring Luncheon Meeting can be found on Page 31 of this newsletter. Link to Register & Pay online: <https://smd-sc.square.site/events>



Our Featured Speaker:

Diana Leigh Matthews is the author of numerous books, including *History Made Real: 500+ Interactive Ideas to Bring History to Life*, *Carol of the Rooms*, the *Just a Closer Walk: 90 Breath Prayers* series, and *Finding Balance in an Unbalanced World: 90 Day Journal to a More Balanced Life*. She has taught genealogy at Greenville Technical College, and she blogs about genealogy and history at alookthru.com. Diana also writes about her faith and struggles at DianaLeighMatthews.com.

Friday Night Meet and Greet

Join us for the Friday Night Meet & Greet on April 26! We are trying something new this time! SMD-SC Member and Volunteer Pam Snyder will host our gathering in her home from 5pm until 8pm or so.

We will have light appetizers and order pizza, 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 31.

The location is 832 Kings River Road on Pawleys Island, which is just a short hop from Georgetown.



Interesting Things to Do in Georgetown

If you are planning to spend some extra time in beautiful historic Georgetown, SC below are some links to places of interest that you may want to tour. We are assured there are many other places of interest in this area as well.

<https://www.kaminskimuseum.org/>

<https://www.historicgeorgetownsc.com/history>



Save the Date: 2024 Compact Luncheon Meeting

Join us, November 9, 2024, at The Reserve in Aiken, SC, for our Compact Day Luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Tracey Todd, who was the CEO of Middleton Place Foundation for 33 years. His interesting career began with polishing silver and cleaning bathrooms at the Edmondston-Alston House in Downtown Charleston.

Read the Post and Courier about Tracey Todd here:

https://www.postandcourier.com/news/tracey-todd-ceo-of-middleton-place-foundation-announces-retirement/article_39fdb1e8-27fd-11ee-ba7d-6f9efc323ab8.html



***View From the Meetinghouse/Fort at Plimoth Plantation.
Photo by Melana Maxie***



2023 Compact Luncheon Meeting in Spartanburg

We hope you had the opportunity to hear the featured speaker Jennifer Sinsigalli (Pen name: J.L. Rose) from Duxbury, MA at our Compact day Luncheon last November. She presented an informative talk about her book and afterward held a lively question and answer session with the audience. The Piedmont Club in Spartanburg, SC was a lovely venue for this event.

Future SMD-SC Semi-Annual Luncheon Meetings

- 2024 Spring Luncheon Meeting, April 27, 2024, Hopsewee Plantation, Georgetown
- 2024 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting, November 9, 2024, Midlands
- 2025 Spring Luncheon Meeting, May 3, 2025, Charleston 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, TBD



***Compact Luncheon at
The Piedmont Club.
Photo by Holly Lohnes***



Announcing the 2024 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship

By Holly Lohnes, Assistant for Education

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina announces the Gilman Montgomery French (GMF) Scholarship. Any student in South Carolina or descendant of one of our members may apply. Every year our theme follows the [National History Day \(NHD\)](#) theme, please check the NHD website for this year's theme, rules, and how to get started. There are many resources at the NHD website to guide you on the theme and on submissions to their contest.* Our rules for submissions follow the NHD Contest Rule Book.† Any historical subject which relates to the theme is accepted. Our intent is to encourage students who are interested in history by recognizing that they will do their best work on a subject they feel connected to and have chosen themselves.



Divisions for the GMF Scholarship include:

\$500 – Middle School (6th – 8th grade)

\$1000 – High School (9th-12th grade)

\$1500 – College/Continuing Ed (enrollment in 2 year or 4 year college/career school, or graduate school; age requirements 18-24 years old. Seniors in High School should apply to the High School division.

Middle and High School Division: Students may choose from the two options below. If choosing to write an essay, we strongly encourage submission to your local, regional, and/or state NHD competition. All applicants are strongly encouraged to work with their history and/or ELA teacher(s).

A. Essay (1500-2500 words): refer to the NHD Contest Rule Book. Include the Title Page and Annotated Bibliography as described in the NHD Contest Rule Book.

B. NHD project: submit the written materials described in the NHD Contest Rule Book. This includes a Title Page, a Process Paper, and an Annotated Bibliography. Audiovisual or performance projects should provide a link or a supplemental document.

College/Continuing Ed Division: Students should write an essay which relates to the NHD theme. The GMF scholarship follows the same rules as the NHD Paper Category:

Essay shall be 1500-2500 words: refer to the NHD Contest Rule Book. Include the Title Page and Annotated Bibliography as described in the NHD Contest Rule Book.

Other requirements: All submissions must have a cover sheet which includes: (1) contact information for the applicant (and for all group members, if applicable); name, best phone number, and mailing address are required. (2) For MS and HS, please include the name and

contact information for your teacher/advisor. (3) Indication of the Division you are submitting to (MS, HS, or College). (4) Group projects must include a statement from all group members agreeing to the submission.

The deadline for applications is noon, May 1 (or postmarked by May 1). You may reach out to Education Chair, Holly Lohnes (edasst.sc.mayflower@gmail.com) with any questions. Electronic submissions to edasst.sc.mayflower@gmail.com are encouraged. To arrange a physical submission, please contact the SMD-SC Education Assistant.

Norman Rockwell:

Did you know.....the 20th century painter and illustrator known for his portraits of American life, Norman Rockwell, could trace his roots to Mayflower passenger Stephen Hopkins??

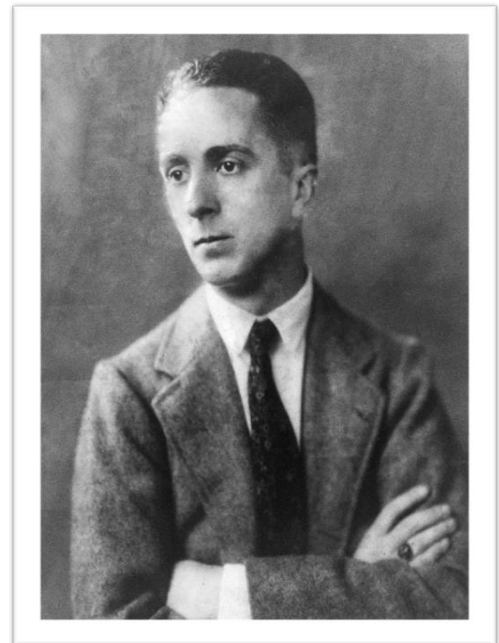
Rockwell was born on February 3, 1894 in New York City.

Rockwell was a prolific artist, producing more than 4,000 original works in his lifetime

All of the people in Freedom From Want (below) were friends and family of Rockwell in Arlington, Vermont, who were photographed individually and painted into the scene.



Freedom From Want, By Norman Rockwell
Published in March 6, 1943 issue of
The Saturday Evening Post



Norman Rockwell, 1921



Pilgrims Progress, By Norman Rockwell
Cover of Life magazine, November 17,
1921

Members Tell The Pilgrim Story

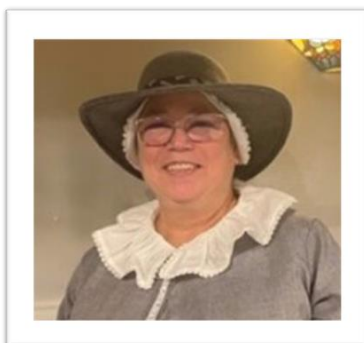
The 3rd graders at Pine Lake Preparatory School in Mooresville, North Carolina were treated to a very special Thanksgiving visitor, “Mrs. Edward Doty”. Their teacher, Mrs. Clarke, introduced Mrs. Doty, excitedly sharing that Mrs. Doty was her 12th great grandmother. After greeting the students, Mrs. Doty shared how her husband, Edward Doty, would gather their nine children around the fireplace to tell them the story of how he came over on the Mayflower. Students followed the map of his journey from England to Plymouth and learned of the hardships that he and his fellow passengers endured during the crossing. They were especially taken with the story of the two dogs aboard the ship and the birth of Oceanus. Mrs. Doty also read them the picture book, *Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun’s Thanksgiving Story* by Danielle Greendeer, Anthony Perry, and Alexis Buntin.

Students loved spending the day with Mrs. Doty and left school with a better understanding of the Mayflower’s journey and an appreciation of how the Wampanoag tribe helped the Pilgrims survive their first year in the new land.

Note: “Mrs. Doty”, aka Janet Morris, is a SMD-SC Member. Mrs. Clarke is Jennifer Clarke, daughter of Janet Morris and a SMD-SC Member

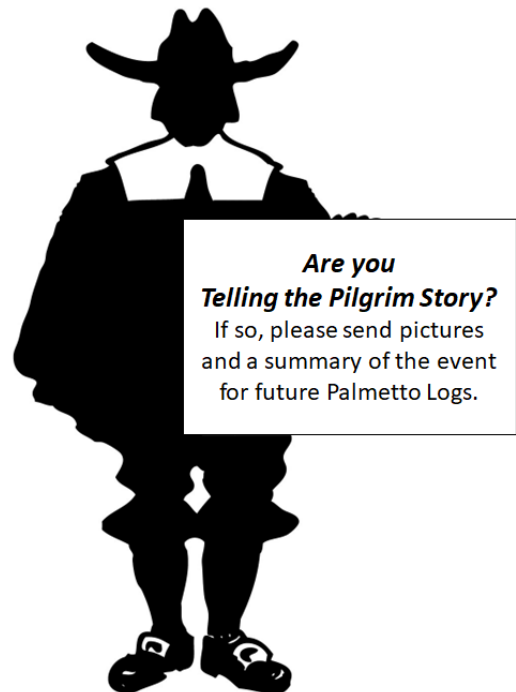


Janet Morris visited her daughter’s (Jennifer Clark) classroom to ‘Tell The Pilgrim Story’.



Gov. Melana Maxie ‘Tells The Pilgrim Story’ at Manning Lions Club

On November 28, 2023 Governor Maxie met with the Manning Lions Club to provide insights into the Pilgrims and the ‘First Thanksgiving’.



**Are you
Telling the Pilgrim Story?**
If so, please send pictures and a summary of the event for future Palmetto Logs.



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.

2024 Schedule: All meetings via Zoom, 7pm.

Feb 5, 2024 – Mayflower Chronicles: The Tale of Two Cultures, By Kathryn Hauelsen- Session 1 (Up to and including Chapter 43, page 178)

Feb 19, 2024 – Mayflower Chronicles: The Tale of Two Cultures, By Kathryn Hauelsen- Session 2 (Chapter 44, page 179 and on)

May 13, 2024 – The Swamp Fox: How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution, by John Oller - Session 1 (Up to and including Chapter 13, page 121)

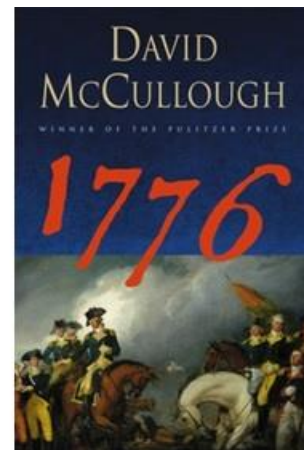
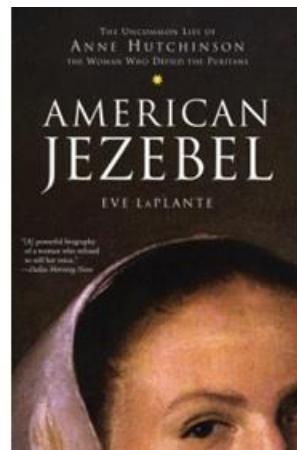
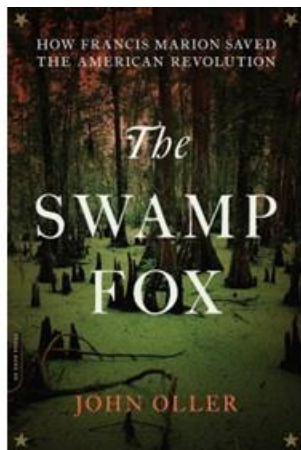
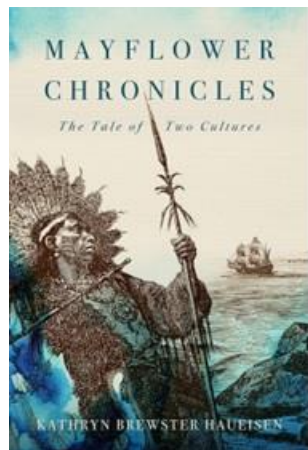
May 27, 2024 – The Swamp Fox: How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution, by John Oller- Session 2 (Chapter 14, page 122 and on)

Aug 5, 2024 – American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans, by Eve LaPlante - Session 1 (Up to and including Chapter 9, page 138)

Aug 19, 2024 – American Jezebel: The Uncommon Life of Anne Hutchinson, the Woman Who Defied the Puritans, by Eve LaPlante - Session 2 (Chapter 10, page 139 and on)

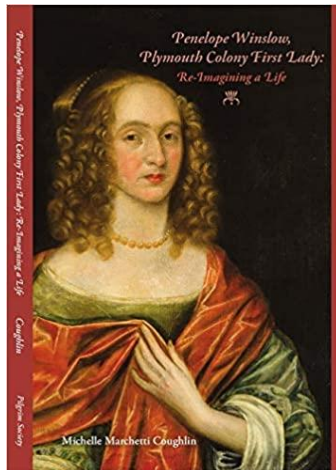
Oct 7, 2024 – 1776, By David McCullough, Session 1 (Up to and including Chapter 4, page 154)

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



Mayflower Virtual Book Club Reviews

Reviews written & submitted by Elaine Moses



Penelope Winslow, Plymouth Colony First Lady: Re-Imagining a Life. by Michelle Marchetti Coughlin

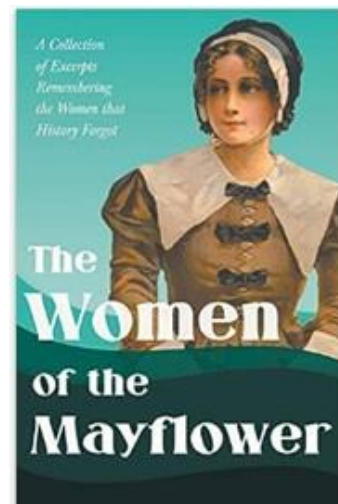
In the telling of Penelope Winslow's story, the author sheds interesting additional light on life in Plymouth Colony from the 1630's to the early 1700's using information from historic sources other than relying solely on personal letters and existing historical writings. The book's opening is artfully composed and the author includes photographs of Winslow family personal objects that survive in museums today. Entries in court documents and records of real property transactions build the story of the Winslow family and of the second generation of Pilgrims.

While Penelope Winslow was not a Mayflower passenger, she becomes a character of interest with the intertwining of her adventuresome family and the changes that took place in Plymouth Colony's years after the Pilgrims arrived. The author provides informative, well researched detail concerning the political changes as the colonist's populations in New England grew, the interactions with the Indigenous Peoples, and changes that eventually led to the American Revolution. The Mayflower Book Club members expressed their enjoyment in the reading and Zoom discussion of this book.

Women of the Mayflower, by Read Books, Ltd., UK

Published by Read Books, Ltd, UK, this volume is a composite of the writings of three authors: Mrs. John Logan, (1838-1923) wife of a Union Army General; Annie Russell Marble (1864 - 1936) of Worcester, MA, and Fredrika Bremer, a Swedish writer who visited the US and met several prominent American authors of the day in the mid-1800's.

In addition to those women who made the Mayflower voyage, Mrs. Logan mentions a significant number of other women who figured in the early history of the Mid-Atlantic states and the beginnings of the various mid-western settlements. Annie Russell Marble surveys historical events of the early colonial settlement, including familiar hear-say about the Plymouth Colony story. Fredrika Bremer writes sympathetically about the history with its multitude of challenges faced by the Plymouth Colonists and their responses to those challenges. Book Club members found this book somewhat less enjoyable than others that have been discussed. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most enjoyable, the Book Club members' rating average for this book was 1.8.





Compact Luncheon Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2023

Reported By Marylen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Members and friends of the SMD-SC met Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Piedmont Club in Spartanburg. Preceding the meeting many enjoyed visiting "The Store" and the "Library" and viewing the displayed articles belonging to Former Governor Gilman Montgomery

French.

Governor Melana Maxie called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed all, especially the new members. Elder Desiree Voegele gave the invocation and prayed especially for the veterans on this special day. Captain Dave Smith led all in the pledge of allegiance to the flags, then Karen Andrews Corresponding Secretary, led in the Pilgrim's Pledge.

Upon hearing their ancestor's name read out by Captain Dave Smith, each Mayflower descendant stood to be recognized. Surgeon Melissa Gibbons kept the tally and found that John and Elizabeth Tilley Howland had the most descendants (11) present.

Following the meal, Debi Bacon introduced Jennifer Sinsigalli from Massachusetts, who talked about the historical novel, *Before the Mayflower*, which she, as J. L. Rose (her pen name) had written. Her travels to Amsterdam, Leiden and England in search of names and places made the book more accurate and readable. Many lined up after the meeting to purchase a copy of Jennifer's fascinating-sounding book.

The 2023 award winner of the Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship for College or Continuing Education students, Christina Neely, (a Brewster descendant) was introduced and congratulated on her excellent paper about how both the Scots/Irish and Native Americans were pitted against each other in colonial warfare as the British and French expanded their empires in North America. Christina thanked the Society for this financial award which helps her pursue a PhD in History at Liberty University.

The slate of officers for 2023-2026 was presented and all were elected by acclamation. The new members of the Board of Assistants are Deputy Governor Frances Frame; Corresponding Secretary Sarah Hoyle; Treasurer George Unsinger; and Historian Don Smith. Continuing officers are Governor Melana Maxie; Recording Secretary Marylen Jackson; Surgeon Melissa Gibbons; Elder Desiree Voegele; Captain Dave Smith; Counselor Sarah Clingman. Also Assistant for the Palmetto Log Deborah Hill; Assistant for Juniors Cari Gillette; Assistant for Education Holly Lohnes.

Melana reminded everyone of the Day of Mourning that indigenous people recognize instead of Thanksgiving, and remembered how the Wampanoag helped to save the lives of the Pilgrims that first year in the new world. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Elder Desiree Voegele closed the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of January 13, 2024

Board of Assistants Meeting



Respectfully submitted, Marylen Jackson, Recording Secretary

Governor Melana Maxie greeted all and opened the meeting at 2:15 from her telephone. The members present were Governor and AG Melana Maxie; Deputy Governor Frances Frame; Treasurer George Unsinger; Historian Don Smith; Corresponding Secretary Sarah Hoyle; Palmetto Log Editor Deborah Hill; Recording Secretary Marylen Jackson; Captain Dave Smith; Surgeon Melissa Gibbons; Assistant for Education Holly Lohnes; Assistant for Juniors Cari Gillette; and Deputy Governor General Jeff Jackson. Absent Counselor Sarah Clingman.

The governor introduced all the new BOA members: Deputy Governor Frances Frame; Corresponding Secretary Sarah Hoyle; Treasurer George Unsinger; Assistant for Education Holly Lohnes; and Historian Don Smith.

In the Governor's Report, Melana enumerated many of the 2023 goals which were met. Members of the Zoom Book Club met four times. The spring and fall luncheons were well attended. Continuing sales from the store netted a profit in 2023 of approximately \$4700. The governor listed the nominees for committees and chairmen as follows: Finance - George Unsinger & Janet Morris; Resource - Holly Lohnes, Cari Gillette & Pam Snyder; Bylaws and Policy - Dave Smith, Deborah Hill & Jeff Jackson; Recognition & PR - Deborah Hill & Frances Frame; The Store - Desiree Voegelé, Cari Gillette and Susan Thompson. All nominees agreed to serve, so Melana appointed them to their respective committees.

Melana reported on the dues drive. The Finance committee met with the investment advisor on January 5th. The GSMD has passed a change to increase application fees from \$125 to \$150. Our application fee should remain at \$230 with no loss of income. Frances Frame made the motion and seconded by Dave Smith to keep our fee the same. All voted by hand, so it was accepted.

Melana sent out 88 e-mails to all Life Members on November 7th. 23 people responded. Six volunteers contacted "lost" members by phone, with good results. Six members are still "in the wind."

Deputy Governor Frances Frame announced that the Saturday April 27th luncheon/meeting will be at the Hopsewee Plantation in Georgetown, SC. Tours will be given after lunch for those signing up. Reservations can be made at the George Hotel for those wishing to spend Friday night in Georgetown. Luncheon decorations were discussed.

Treasurer George Unsinger reported that the Truist Bank Balance as of 12/31/23 was \$21,352.04. The Raymond James Investment account ending balance as of 12/29/23 was \$273,702.33.

Corresponding Secretary Sarah Hoyle is working on the annual report which is due February 1, 2024.

Education Assistant Holly Lohnes sent her report to the Governor General on December 19th, 2023. The theme for 2024 is “Turning Points in History” which is the same as the National History Day theme. She asked for advice on different ways to announce the scholarship essays or projects. Any SC student or Mayflower relative in good standing may apply for the scholarship.

Under New Business: The GSMD Passenger Inheritance Program (PIP) was discussed. This allows members to “inherit” ancestors without completing supplemental applications at a cost of \$150. Ancestor bars and Certificates may be purchased. Inherited passengers are NOT ELIGIBLE to be inherited by future generations. How will SC treat these inherited members? SC needs to decide and make a policy for it. Deborah Hill made the motion to receive the PIP, seconded by Dave Smith. After discussion the motion was tabled until our next meeting.

Governor General Lisa Pennington will be our speaker at the 2025 Spring Meeting in Charleston. Melana proposed that we challenge members again to add monies to their dues (beginning August of 2024) to present a nice sum to Lisa for her mission which is “To tell the Pilgrim Story.” (We had presented former Governor General Jane Hurt with \$4000 for her project – the Mayflower Society House.) Dave Smith made the motion to make the challenge for Lisa’s mission. Cari Gillette seconded. Jeff suggested we amend it to start working on the challenge, as soon as possible. George stated that we already have about \$1,300 from gifts on hand. Dave added the amendment and after voting by hand, the motion passed.

Proposed Budget: The 2024 tracks about the same as the 2023 budget. Total Receipts \$61,170.00. Total Expenses \$13,440.00. Operating Profit \$13,440.00. Regular Dues \$70; Emeritus Dues \$35 after 7/25/2005; Application Fee \$230; Supplemental Fee \$230 ; Junior Fee \$50; Late Fee \$20; Reinstatement \$35 + Current dues. George Unsinger made the motion to approve the proposed budget. Holly Lohnes seconded, and by show of hands, the motion passed unanimously.



*Lobster Buoys, Marshfield, MA.
Photo by Deborah Hill*

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



*The Pilgrims' First
Fort and Meeting-
House at New
Plymouth.*

*Illustration from
Epochs and
Episodes of History
(Ward Lock, c 1880)*



GBOA Meeting, September 5-8, Asheville, North Carolina

The Mayflower Society invites you to be a part of the captivating allure of Asheville, North Carolina, this September, where scenic vistas will surround you and the soulful charm of this mountain city, nestled in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, will inspire you. Picture yourself wandering through historic streets, discovering artisanal treasures, and indulging in the rich flavors of the local cuisine. September in Asheville means crisp mountain air and the vibrant hues of fall beginning to unfurl. Explore the breathtaking beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains and the French Broad River. Asheville is not to be missed!

The General Board of Assistants Meeting (GBOA) 2024 is hosted by the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina. The North Carolina Society, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary, is looking forward to showcasing the Tar Heel State and to welcoming Mayflower Society members from across the country and around the world to this extraordinary venue!

You may register for the event here:

<https://generalsocietyofmayflowerdesce.regfox.com/general-board-of-assistants-meeting>

Call for Volunteers: ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Do you have a good internet connection, a nice viewing screen on your laptop or monitor and some time to spare?

WE NEED YOU! The Mayflower Indexing Project is underway! This effort will index GSMD's verified applications allowing us to move towards an automated application process. Can you join our effort?

Contact GSMDCertify@TheMayflowerSociety.org for more information or to sign up!



Attention History Buffs!!

You know you are a Mayflower Descendant but are you thirsty to learn more?

- Monthly webinar lectures are free and open to the public.
- No pre-registration required.
- Live event links are posted below.
- Webinars are recorded and available on demand.



Check it out at

<https://themayflowersociety.org/history/lecture-series/>

General Mayflower Society's Virtual Lecture Series 2024 Lineup

- Caleb Johnson - *The Mayflower and Her Passengers*
- Michael Tougias - *Indian Wars of New England*
- David Landon - *Pits, Posts and Palisades: The Archaeology of Patuxet and the 17th Century Plimoth Colony Settlement*
- Jonathan Lane - *Families and Freedoms: Connections Between the Mayflower and the American Revolution"*
- Mark Schmidt - *D-Day Deceptions*
- Dr. Lindsay Chervinsky - *Making the Presidency: John Adams and the Precedents that Forged the Republic*
- Laurence Bergreen - *Marco Polo* Thomas Weaver - *The Electoral College: Why It Endures Despite Two Centuries of Criticism*
- Stephen Tomkins - *The Journey to the Mayflower*

Did you miss a lecture? View previously recorded lectures on demand here:

<https://themayflowersociety.org/history/lecture-series/#OnDemand>

GSMD Dates to Plan Around

- 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

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Kids' Corner:

Have Fun With Your Own Colonial Whirligig Toy

From antiquity, people have used their imagination and common materials to invent toys, many of them being active, kid-powered, and noise making (just like this whirligig). While we will probably never know who invented the first whirligig, evidence suggests this type of toy was independently invented and played with by children on several continents. Simple whirling toys such as the whirligig are described in European literature as early as the 17th Century, and would have been as popular in Colonial America as they were in Europe. Additionally, numerous Native American whirligigs made of bone and clay have been found throughout the western United States, indicating the toy's antiquity in North America.

Because this toy could have easily been made with common materials, one can imagine this toy amusing people from the colonial period right up to the present day.

Activity Supplies and Materials

2-3 Feet of string, yarn, or thin ribbon

1 large button or other round, button-shaped object

1 Pair of scissors

One or more Adults to assist young visitors (toymaking can be a fun group activity)

Instructions

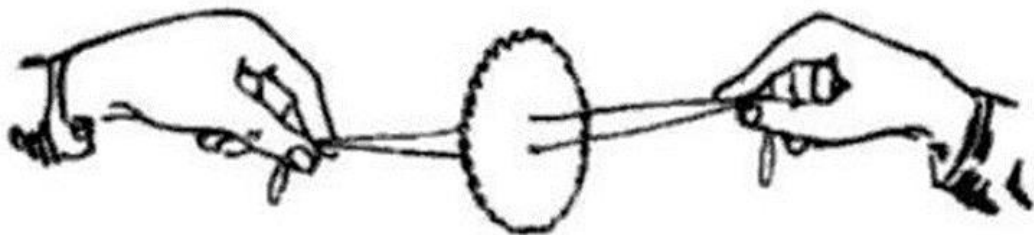
Cut a length of string approximately 3 feet long. Thread the string through one hole in the button and then through the hole directly across.

Tie both ends of the string together into a knot.

From the back of the button, pull the string until the button is in the center, as shown below.

Hold one end of the loop in each hand. Then swing the whirligig around in a circular motion to wind the string.

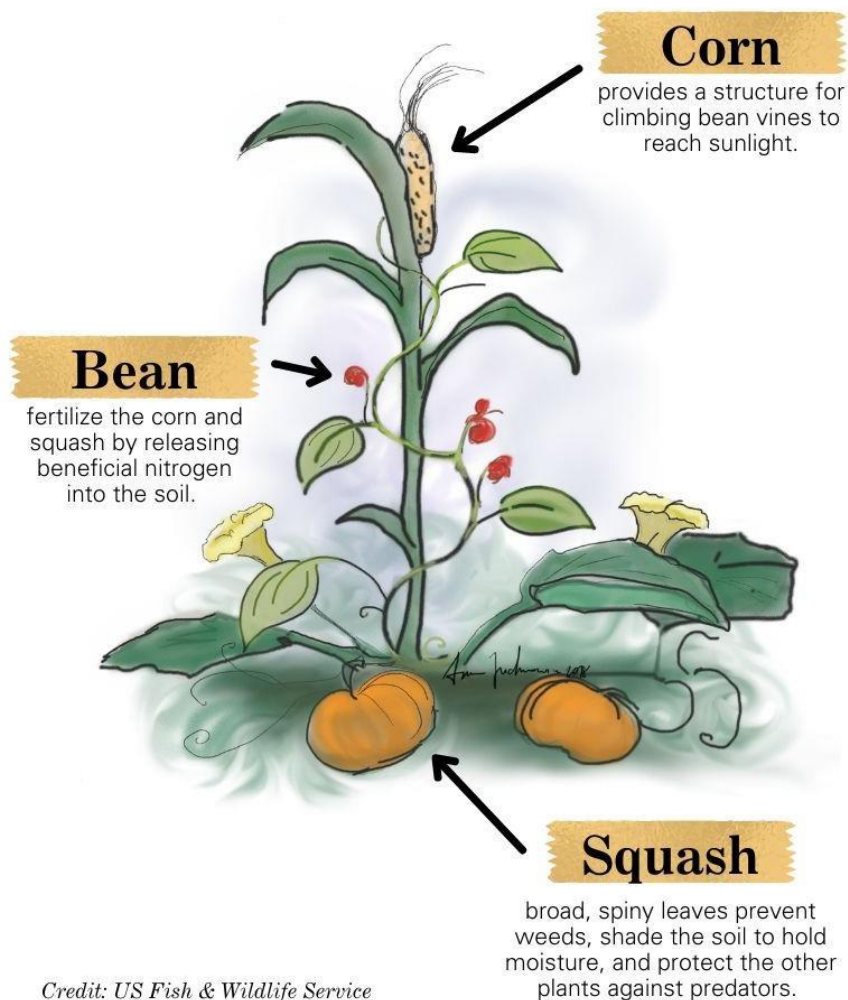
As you pull your hands in and out, the button will spin to unwind and then rewind the string.



Kids' Corner:

Three Sisters PLANTING

The Three Sisters Planting is a traditional agricultural practice used by Native Peoples where corn, beans, and squash are planted in a symbiotic triad to enhance soil fertility and plant growth.



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

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

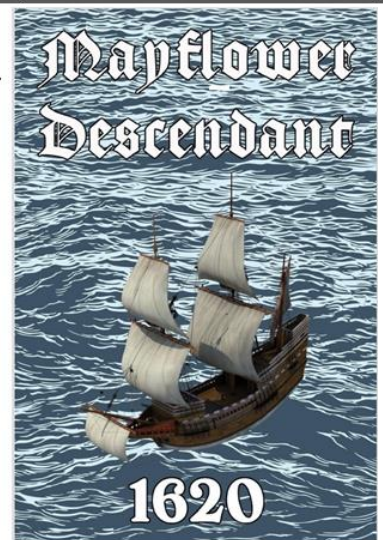


Available Soon: 111 Pieces, Completed Size Appx 17 in x 6 in x 16 inch. Price: \$16

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: ~~\$14~~
- Out of Stock**



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



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

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 ZORMOREBOOKS)

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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2024 Spring Luncheon Saturday, April 27, 2024

Doors & Store Open at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting will begin at noon.

\$40 per person.

RSVP by April 18, 2024

No reservations will be accepted after April 18.

Mail payment made out to SMD-SC to:

George Unsinger, 214 Sweetbriar Road, Summerville, SC 29485

Refer to Page 10 for Luncheon details.

	Shrimp	Quiche	Chicken	Sampler
Member _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total Meals (Shrimp / Quiche / Chicken / Sampler):	_____ / _____ / _____ / _____			
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 has not been reserved**, but we offer the following options for those who wish to stay overnight Friday, April 26:

- The George Hotel, 615 Front St., Georgetown, SC 29440 (closest to Hopsewee)
- Hampton Inn Georgetown-Marina, 420 Marina Dr., Georgetown, SC, 29440
- Quality Inn & Suites, 210 Church St., Georgetown, SC 29440