



# Palmetto Log

## The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina

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### Governor's Message

Greetings, Cousins!

I am astounded at the speed summer has passed and that it is already time to send out our Palmetto Log. Where does the time go?

Amazingly, we had five SC members make the journey to San Antonio, Texas for the 2025 GBOA meeting. I served as Acting DGG, Deborah Hill represented South Carolina as Acting AG, Bonnie Wade Mucia attended as Silver Books Director, Captain David Smith and Historian Melissa Gibbons also attended. Our SMD-SC Store was shopped by many and a net profit of approximately \$1800 was made. Actually, I now know where all my time went this summer- I was making a lot of products to sell in the store! Deborah Hill graciously offered to write the report on all the happenings at the GBOA meeting which you will find in this newsletter.

We have had some changes to our Board of Assistants. First, I would like to thank Sarah Clingman for her decades of service to SMD-SC and GSMD. She resigned as our Counselor in April, and the BOA appointed Ginny Laskowitz as Acting Counselor. Next, in May, Doug Rogers became our Historian and Melissa Gibbons became our Co-Historian. By early June, Doug had to resign due to a family emergency. Fortunately, Melissa was able to fill the role as Historian. I am pleased to say that Nick Maher is assisting Melissa with additional research, when she needs a little help. Lastly, with Melissa now serving as Historian she resigned her position as Surgeon. Only one volunteer responded to our request to fill the Surgeon role. I am happy to announce that Brandi Gibbons is now our Surgeon. Thank you to all our wonderful board members, those who have stuck it out for years and our new ones. You help make this Society a thriving community, and you are very much appreciated.

SMD-SC continues to support education in South Carolina. The Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship winners and their projects are presented in the newsletter. This year we had fewer entries than last year and the BOA will be considering other ways to advertise and award scholarships in the future.

This fall we will again “Bring a Pilgrim to South Carolina Classrooms”. We will have a Pilgrim Educator from Plimoth - Patuxet visit Charleston schools for a full five days. This program is funded with profits from the SMD-SC store and a generous donation from Foster’s Outriders. Deputy Governor Frances Frame has planned a lovely event for us in Greenwood for the Compact Day Luncheon, where the Pilgrim Educator will be our guest speaker! I hope you can join us for this special event as well as our Spring 2026 luncheon in Lexington.

Our Bylaws Committee has been hard at work updating a few key points. Our SMD-SC BOA has approved the recommendation, and they are now in review by the GSMD counselor general. We expect to be able to publish those and vote on them in Spring 2026. I send a grateful Thank You to the committee members.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Melana A. Maxie*

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

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## **In Memoriam**

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

Virginia “Ginny” Adelaide (Hizar) Meyer April 8, 2025

Wayne Weaver Hitt July 18, 2025

John Elliott Cushing, Sr August 7, 2025

## **Welcome Aboard New Members!**

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

### **John Alden**

Laurine Curtis, Bluffton, SC

### **William Brewster**

Helen Mavrogordato, Bluffton, SC  
Margaret Bishop, Summerville, SC  
Julia Cowart, Travelers Rest, SC

### **Stephen Hopkins**

Elizabeth Wilson,  
Lexington, SC  
Julia Cowart, Travelers Rest, SC

### **John Howland**

Chris Mansfield, Hollywood, SC

### **Richard Warren**

Jennifer Ellis, Greenville, SC



## **Welcome to the Newest Junior Members**

Lucas Alexander Ferriera (William White)

***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](mailto:le_plum@yahoo.com) to start the process.



## **2026 Dues Drive is underway!**



The 2026 Dues Drive started in mid August. Be on the lookout for an emailed invoice from our Treasurer, George Unsinger, via QuickBooks (treasurerscmayflower@gmail.com). Check your spam folder. If you cannot find the invoice, please email George and request that he resend it. You may also choose to print the form included in this newsletter on page 38. Now may be the perfect time to become a life member form also included in this newsletter on page 39. Payment is due by Oct 31. After that a \$20 late fee will be applied. If not paid by December 1, you will be dropped from membership. We start early so that our volunteers can also enjoy the Holiday Season. Please be kind and pay on time (or early!).

## Home Sweet Home

*By Deborah Hall Hill, Palmetto Log Editor*

Although we never owned it, two generations of my family lived, loved and cared for the Mayflower Society House and called 4 Winslow Street, Plymouth, MA their home. My sister, Sandy, and I have played in it, roamed the grounds and climbed to the cupola since we were small. Later, our children came there to visit their grandparents. Sometimes with a roaring fire in one of the fireplaces or a picnic lunch on the side piazza. Those days are gone, never to return, but what great memories were made!

From the year I started first grade until after I graduated from college (1960-1978) my grandmother, Corinne Hill Damon Hall, was the Historian General for the Mayflower Society. She drove daily from her home in Pembroke, MA to the Historian's office which was in Boston at that time. History tells us there were two separate fires in the Historian's office that damaged many of the early records. One in 1947 and one around 1960. This is when the decision was made to move all records to the headquarters in Plymouth. A fireproof vault room was added to the existing "Tea House" in the garden and this became Gramma's new office. Soon, Gramma & Grampa Hall sold their home and moved into the apartment quarters of The Mayflower Society House. We would often visit for a Sunday dinner. I remember one year, before our Thanksgiving dinner, we all walked to a church service at The Meeting House. Another precious memory was made.



*Dad (Stuart Hall) dressed as Myles Standish. Hall Family Photo*



*Mom and Dad (Ruth & Stuart Hall) portraying the Willoughby Family. Hall Family Photo*

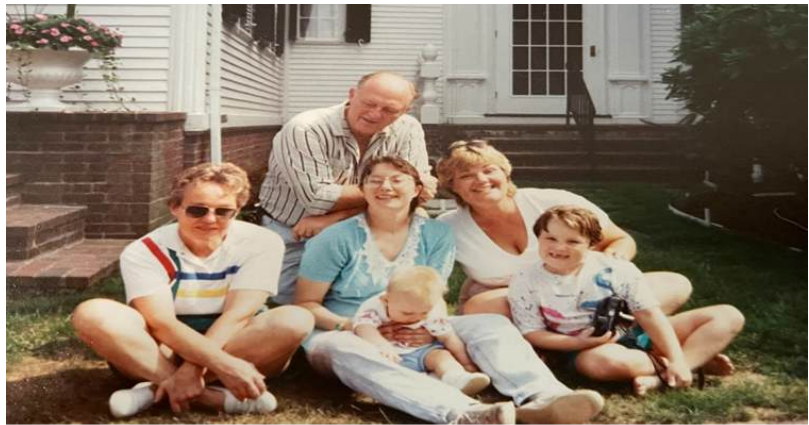
At some point, my mother, Ruth Bowker Hall, was employed to give the house an annual spring cleaning and ready it for special events. This was yet another opportunity for my sister and I to explore the house when we weren't helping polish the silver. On May 31, 1975 Mom was officially appointed Chairman of the Mayflower Society House, later to become Curator. In her report she says her first task was supervision of the hanging of the original iron gates at the driveway entrance. When the driveway was widened, many years prior, Mr. Willoughby, the former owner of the house, asked the contractor to take the gates to the dump but the contractor stored them instead at his home

for all those years. Somehow my mother learned of this and was able to retrieve them and get them back to where they are still installed today.

Like their parents before them, my parents sold their home and moved into the Mayflower Society House's apartment quarters. They promoted and encouraged the public to visit this and other historical locations in Plymouth. Some of the creative things they did were to decorate for Christmas, provide live music and host special productions on the grounds and in the home. My



father, Stuart Hall, made sandblasted Mayflower related etchings on glasses selling them to profit the GSMD. My parents truly enjoyed and cherished the years they lived there. By then, my sister and I were both married and starting families. Since I moved to South Carolina I would fly home with my child, Ivy, for a week every summer before school started. On Friday nights we would go to the basement and pick out a costume to wear in the Pilgrim



Back: Dad, Stuart Hall  
Middle: Mom (Ruth Hall), my sister (Sandy Mastrangelo) and Me  
Front: The grandchildren (Joe Mastrangelo and Ivy Hill). Hall Family Photo

Progress. Dad was usually Miles Standish, dressed in full armor. I was usually Susannah White and got to carry a baby doll, Peregrine. Ivy was a young child, perhaps Mary Chilton? Mom was our photographer. The house was open for tours back then so we had to be quiet from 9-5. But once it closed for the day Ivy delighted in running back and forth on the huge front porch. We also loved visiting Plymouth Plantation, Mayflower II, Plymouth Rock and of course the Wax Museum on top of Cole's Hill which is now condos. The view from Cole's Hill was (and still is) breathtaking!

My sister and I got to tour the house with former Governor General Jane Hurt at the 2023 Triennial Congress. We were astounded and thrilled by all the restoration, improvements, love and caring that has taken place at the Mayflower Society House. We know our family would be pleased. I hope that as members of this wonderful Society you will get a chance to enjoy the house as well.

***A side-note about fires.*** In 1994, when the GSMD was compiling data to create *Centennial History 1897-1997* the records from 1909-1935 were not to be found. Had the records been lost in the 1947 fire in Boston? They searched for two years to no avail asking assistance from all member societies. They were about to give up on compiling the book. Now, I will insert a quote from the book from page iv: *"Then – in September 1996 – a miracle! Investigating the contents of some built-in drawers at the back of a storage closet in the upper hallway of the Mayflower Society House and Museum, Mr. Stuart Hall (that's my father) discovered several large boxes of papers – all in great disarray with many pages badly mangled, crumpled, folded or rolled. Suddenly the task of sifting and sorting such a large volume of historical material seemed overwhelming. Sheaves of letters, notes, agendas, original minutes and a flurry of correspondence were clipped together with rusty paper-clips, pinned together with corroded straight pins, or rolled up with dead rubber bands. Some of the early papers had burned edges which disintegrated into black powder at the touch. Fortunately, many of the early records had indeed survived the fire in the Boston office."*



## **From The Corresponding Secretary**

I am happy to report that we have updated the Membership Directory. The BOA voted to not print the Directory therefore you will receive it via email this month. If we do not have an email address for you or if you 'unsubscribed' from our Mailchimp emailing, please contact me with an email address where you can receive it, and I will send it to you.

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! **Anytime your email, phone or address changes, please don't forget to**

**update your contact information with us.** Please add [shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com](mailto:shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com) to your contacts to ensure our emails do not go to your spam folder.

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Volunteers should contact Holly Lohnes, via email at [EdAsst.sc.mayflower@gmail.com](mailto:EdAsst.sc.mayflower@gmail.com).

## **Sarah Linley Clingman, Esq. Receives 2025 Commendation & Appreciation Award at GBOA Meeting**

*By Deborah Hall Hill*

Sarah was approved for membership in 1986 and was put to work right away. She has served SMD-SC and GSMD continually for 38 years as follows:

- 1987-1990 as Corresponding Secretary
- 1990-1993 as Recording Secretary
- 1993-2002 as SMD-SC Counselor
- 2002-2005 as SMD-SC Governor
- 2005-2025 as SMD-SC Counselor
- 2011-2014 as Counselor General



While establishing her Elder Law practice and being a fierce advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves, Sarah also belonged to 15 Lineal Societies. We are fortunate that Sarah chose the Mayflower Society to actively participate in. Under Sarah's leadership the South Carolina Bylaws and policies were updated in 2005, for the first time in more than 25 years. Sarah also completed all the paperwork required to register as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt entity and be recognized as a charitable organization in the state of South Carolina. While serving as Counselor General, Sarah was a member of the Executive Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the Reproductive Technology Committee. Sarah evaluated risk and proposed policies and procedures for adoption. One of Sarah's most important achievements as Counselor General was working to create and adopt the Society's first Strategic plan in 2014, which presented the GSMD's path forward.

*We THANK YOU for your OUTSTANDING service, Sarah!*

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## **Thoughts about Thanksgiving**

*Excerpt From 'Thanksgiving, The Pilgrims First Year in America', by Glenn Cheney*

Most likely the event started as a Pilgrim celebration, and when Massasoit's people came along, they were invited to join in. The presence of almost a hundred non-Christians at the feast, and Winslow's reference to "entertainment," would imply that the event was not strictly the religious Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer. Such entertainment may have included games, dance, songs, speeches and revelry. The traditional harvest feast is the most likely reason the settlers decided to do some extra hunting, break out the stored food, and invite the neighbors to share the food.

## Meet the New Board of Assistant Members



### **Melissa Gibbons - Historian**

I am proud and honored to step into the role of Historian for the Society of Mayflower Descendants in South Carolina. As a mother and grandmother, preserving our shared history for future generations is deeply meaningful to me. For over 20 years, I have pursued my passion for genealogy, researching my own family and helping others discover theirs. Learning about my Pilgrim ancestors has given me a profound respect for their courage and legacy. Having previously served on the Board as Surgeon, I look forward to continuing my service to the SMD-SC. It is a privilege to help safeguard our heritage, and I am excited to work alongside all of you in honoring the stories of our ancestors.

### **Ginny Laskowitz - Acting Counselor**

#### **CURRENT :**

Married to Cory-- 25 years. We have 3 sons, five grandchildren, one 55 lb dog named Coco Chanel (a private rescue) and we enjoy spending time on our two little boats.

Carolina Gold Chapter NSDAR, Murrells Inlet, SC

- Chapter Librarian & Parliamentarian
- Triple Crown leadership training completion.

Member of The Church of the Resurrection, Surfside, SC.

#### **PAST:**

- Temple University, BS 1976
- California Western School of Law 1979
- CA Licensed from 1980-2018- Private practice-- Business & Estate Planning.
- Martindale Rating AV, the highest.
- Hearing Officer for: City of San Diego, Port of San Diego & San Diego Superior Court.







### Brandi Gibbons - Surgeon

Brandi, a South Carolina native and medical professional, is passionately dedicated to preserving history for future generations through her active involvement with the SC Mayflower Society. Her role as the society's surgeon allows her to channel her commitment to community service and historical preservation.

Honoring the original Pilgrim Surgeon, Samuel Fuller, whose medical expertise was crucial, Brandi's modern role centers on contributing her time and enthusiasm to keep the stories and legacies of the Mayflower alive. Outside of her professional life and historical pursuits, Brandi cherishes her family, including her 14 year old twins, Rhett and Rhileigh, who are junior members of the SC Mayflower Society. Brandi also extends her caring nature to her many rescue animals, reflecting a deep sense of responsibility towards both history and life.

Brandi looks forward to serving you as a board member and Surgeon of the SMD-SC.

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***It is time to be thinking about what you can do for SMD-SC. The Nominating Committee was appointed and is looking for future Board Members!***

Contact Ginny Laskowitz, Sarah Hoyle or Francis Frame to Volunteer. Nominations will be officially open in the Spring, with Nominees announced in the Fall 2026 newsletter.



## **2025 Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship**

*By Holly Lohnes, Assistant for Education*

### ***Congratulations to our 2024 Scholarship Winners!***

In 2024-2025 the South Carolina Society of Mayflower Descendants has shown support and made an effort to encourage the scholarly work of the students of South Carolina by contributing to the National History Day competition.

(<https://nhd.org/en/contest/national-contest>).

In addition to this annual contribution, we have ourselves awarded three scholarships through the Gilman Montgomery French Scholarship.

(<http://www.scmayflowersociety.org/SMDSC-scholarship.php>). As we are moving into this next academic year, the Society would like to encourage all its members to invite students in your local areas to participate. Requirements for the National History Day contest and the Gilman Montgomery French Scholarships can be found on the websites provided.



In addition to the scholarships awarded and the Society's support to the National History Day Contest, let us take every opportunity to communicate the history of our Mayflower Descendants at every opportunity given as well as to grow in our knowledge and understanding of our sacred history.

*"In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught." – Baba Dioum.*



#### **Junior Division:**

Sawyer Parnell, North Myrtle Beach, SC received the \$500 scholarship for his paper

***Exposing the Truth: the Boston Globe Freedom of the Press, and the Catholic Church Scandal***

Sawyer Purnell's paper may be reviewed here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/Parnell>

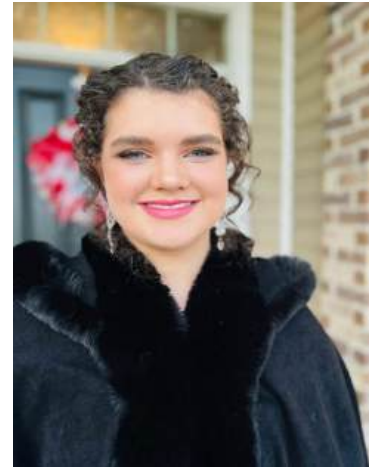
### **High School Division:**

Lily Bridges, Aynor, SC received \$1000 scholarship for her paper

#### ***John Ross' Role During the Indian Removal Act***

Lily Bridges' paper may be reviewed here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/Bridges>



### **College/Continuing Ed Division:**

Benaiah Lohnes, Columbia, SC received \$1500 scholarship for his paper

#### ***An Examination of the History and Theory of Informed Consents: A Correlation Between Ethical Rights and Moral Responsibilities***

Benaiah Lohnes' paper may be reviewed here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/Lohnes>



Tables are beautifully set at the well attended luncheon, Photos by Doug Rogers





## Results of the Governor's Challenge:

Our 2024- 2025 Governor's Challenge was completed May 1, 2025. Thank you to all the members who donated generously to the cause. We received donations totalling our goal of \$5000! We proudly presented a giant check to Governor General Lisa Pennington at our Spring Luncheon at Middleton Place. This donation will support the Mayflower Meetinghouse Project.



The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse will be an educational center that explores the important contributions of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag. In addition, 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.

To date, The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina has donated \$30,000 to the Mayflower Meeting House Project. We are honored that our members have supported this work. Thank you.

Learn more about the Mayflower Meetinghouse Project here:

<https://themayflowersociety.org/give/the-mayflower-meetinghouse-project/>



*Mayflower Meetinghouse, Plymouth, MA  
photo by Melana Maxie*



*Governor Maxie Presents SMD-SC Donation to  
The Meetinghouse Project to  
Governor General Pennington*



## **2025 Compact Luncheon Meeting**

**Saturday, November 8, 2025**

### **Greenwood Country Club**

607 West Cambridge Avenue  
Greenwood, SC 29646



**Reservation Deadline:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025

**Speaker:** A Pilgrim Educator from Plimoth - Patuxet Museums will report on the SMD-SC project to bring the Mayflower story to SC schools and demonstrate part of the school program.

**Doors open** at 11:30 AM

**Meeting starts** at 12:00 PM (noon)

**Luncheon:** \$40.00 per person

**Menu:** *Entrees listed below, and spiced pumpkin bisque soup and chocolate bread pudding, iced tea, water, (cash bar will be available)*

#### **Entrée options:**

- Roasted pork loin with apple bacon jam, brown butter gnocchi, and a blend of sautéed red and white cabbage
- Grilled Atlantic salmon topped with creamy lemon dill sauce, wild rice, and sautéed buttered broccolini
- Vegetarian alternative



#### **Hotel:**

A room block has been reserved at Inn on the Square, 104 Court Avenue East, Greenwood, SC, 29646. The SMD-SC room rate of \$129/night is available until October 5, 2025. To reserve your room, click here:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/vj91a9>

#### **Friday Meet & Greet**

We will get together from 5:00 - 7:00PM at the Fox and Hound Lounge, located at the Inn on the Square. The lounge has food service from 5:00-9:00PM, or you may elect to go to the Cambridge Chophouse (also onsite) for dinner. The Friday meet and greet is an excellent way to get to know your cousins in a more relaxed atmosphere. We hope to see you there!





### **Tour of Stony Point Plantation:**

In connection with the Fall 2025 Compact Day Luncheon, SMD-SC members may tour historic Stony Point Plantation. The plantation house is on the National Register of Historic Places and is closed to the public. William Smith began construction of the home in 1818. Construction was completed in 1829, and the house is now the home of Missy Lowery, sixth great-granddaughter of William Smith. Mrs. Lowery will lead the tour. The house is located at 1506 SC-246, Greenwood, SC 29649. It is 7.7 miles from Inn on the

Square and 1.3 miles from the Greenwood Country Club. The tour will begin at 10:00 AM. Tickets are \$5.00. The tour is limited to 20 guests. Please register when you register for the luncheon.



### **Save the Date:** **2026 Spring Luncheon Meeting**

The Spring 2026 Luncheon Meeting will be held at The Country Club of Lexington, 1066 Barr Road, Lexington, SC 29072

### **Hotel:**

A room block has been reserved at the Best Western Plus, located at 601 Columbia Ave, Lexington, SC 29071. Phone (803) 356-8300, email [hotel@bwpluslexington.com](mailto:hotel@bwpluslexington.com). The SMD-SC room rate of \$135/night (1 king or 2 Queens) is available until April 15. You may call, email, or use the link. If calling or emailing, please tell them the block name is 'SC Mayflower Society'.



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We will have a Meet & Greet on Friday, May 15. Stay tuned for more info on that!



## **Spring 2025 Luncheon Meeting At Middleton Place Recap** ***Southern Hospitality South Carolina Style***

*By Deborah Hall Hill*

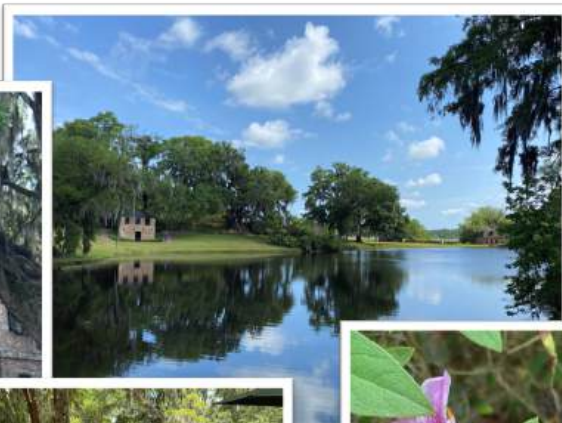
Governor General Lisa Pennington and husband, David Furlow, joined us on May 2nd and 3rd, 2025 for our annual Spring Luncheon Meeting. The event was held at historic Middleton Place, where we saw America's oldest landscaped garden and toured the home of a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Arthur Middleton. This magnolia-scented oasis is located on the Ashley River in Charleston, SC.

After a leisurely afternoon of lunch and garden strolls about 25 members traveled together by bus to the lovely home of SC Deputy Governor E. Frances Frame on nearby John's Island. We were delighted by a fabulous southern dinner of smoked brisket, steelhead trout and all the trimmings al fresco, complete with linen tablecloths and candle lights. We then boarded the bus for Middleton Place and sang to oldies music provided by impromptu DJ & Silver Books Director, Bonnie Wade Mucia. "Oh, What a Night"!

Saturday morning found some members enjoying the grounds, house and stable tours before our scheduled lunch and program at noon. Governor General Pennington delivered an excellent PowerPoint presentation focusing on the Pilgrim Story as well as the vision for the restoration of the Meeting House in Plymouth. Many thanks to the Penningtons for their warm and educational visit. And many thanks to SC Governor Melana Maxie and SC Deputy Governor E. Frances Frame for making this magical weekend come together seamlessly!



*The House at Middleton Place,  
Photo By David Furlow*



*Reflections across  
the pond,  
Photo By Melana  
Maxie*



*Lunch at Middleton Place,  
Photo By wait staff*



*One of the last azaleas to be  
found at Middleton Place,  
Photo by Melana Maxie*

## **Future SMD-SC Semi-Annual Luncheon Meetings**

- 2025 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting, November 8, 2025, Greenwood
- 2026 Spring Luncheon Meeting, May 1, 2026, Midlands
- 2026 Compact Day Luncheon Meeting and Election, November 7 or 14, 2026, TBD

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*Sunset at the Friday Meet and Greet Dinner, Hosted by Deputy Governor Frances Frame, Photo By David Furlow*



*Bonnie Wade Mucia, Jayne Larion and Marylen Jackson, Photo By Frances Frame*



## Mayflower Virtual Book Club

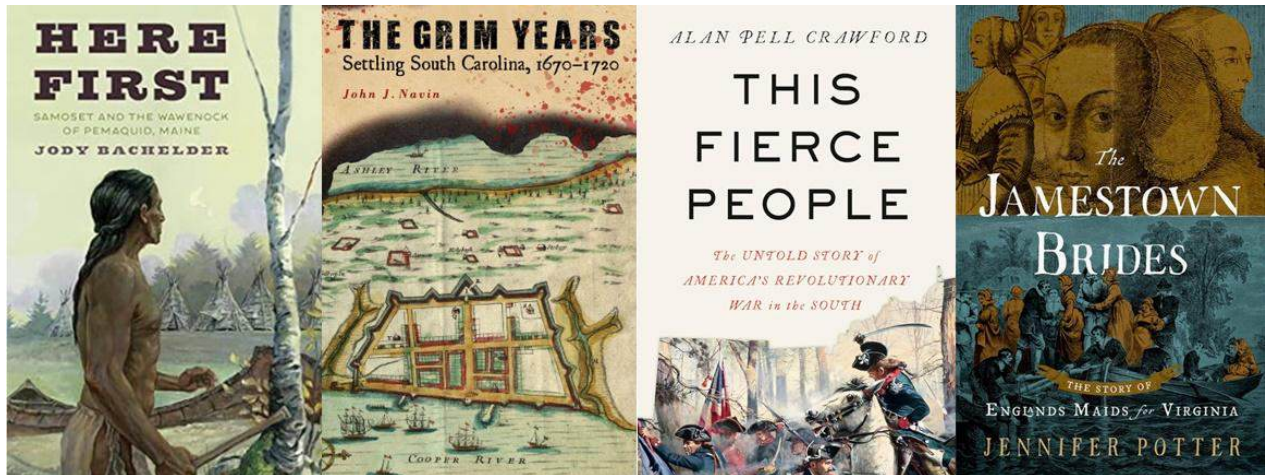
Join us for our virtual book club. We enjoy reading and discussing various books on Pilgrim and other historical topics. We read four books a year (one per quarter), and meet twice (via Zoom) for each book on Mondays at 7PM.

If you would like to join us, please email Ginny Laskowitz at [ginnylaskowitz@gmail.com](mailto:ginnylaskowitz@gmail.com), to let her know of your interest and you will be added to the email list.



Remaining 2025 Schedule: All meetings via Zoom, 7PM. We will choose the 2026 books in the October meetings.

- **Oct 6, 2025 – Jamestown Brides, The Bartered Wives of the New World**, by Jennifer Potter, Session 1 (Chapters 1 - 9)
- **Oct 20, 2025 – Jamestown Brides, The Bartered Wives of the New World**, by Jennifer Potter, Session 2 (Chapter 10 - end)



*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go".*

- Dr. Seuss (Theodore Seuss Geisel)

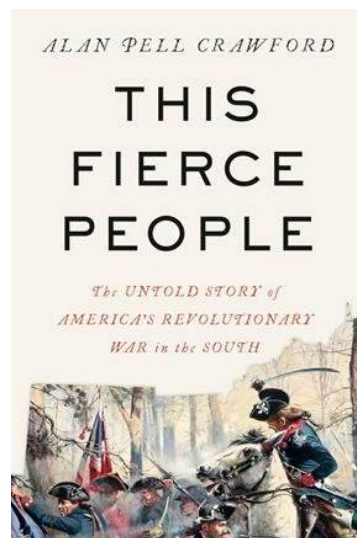
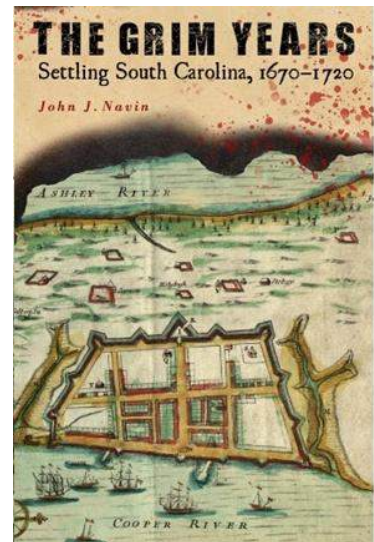


## Mayflower Virtual Book Club Reviews

### **The Grim Years, Settling South Carolina 1670 – 1720, by John Navin**

*Review by Ginny Laskowitz*

The Book Club read this relatively short book, however it was long on tragedies. These years were very difficult; the inhabitants suffered plagues, heat, humidity, fires, hurricanes and being killed by American Indians. The economy was hog and cattle ranching, lumber, naval stores, deerskins, furs and the American Indian slave trade. There was also the fear of Indian and African attacks, as well as problems from the French and Spanish. These years were prior to rice and indigo cultivation.



### ***This Fierce People, The Untold Story of America's Revolutionary War in the South, by Alan Pell Crawford***

*Review by Ginny Laskowitz*

This book examines the quest for freedom in the South during the Revolution and that General Washington and the British underestimated the Southern colonists.. The author's thesis is that the South was the reason that we do not speak with a British accent. We learned of Mercy Otis Warren whose husband held Stamp Act protests in their home. She was called offensive by John Adams and an indefatigable female influencer by another. Don't you wish you were reading this book with us?

## More Thoughts about Thanksgiving

*Excerpt From 'Thanksgiving, The Pilgrims First Year in America', by Glenn Cheney*

It's doubtful that the settlers intended to establish an annual holiday. They may have conceived the event for a combination of three reasons. For one, they had been in Plymouth for almost a year. November 11 would have been the day, but in all likelihood the feast took place between September 21 (when the shallop returned from the land of Massachusetts) and November 9. Or they may have thought having a feast as an *ad hoc* holy Day of Thanksgiving and Praise. Or they may have simply decided a good harvest warranted a good meal.



## GSMD Member Benefits:

There are many benefits available to you as a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

To highlight a few: The Mayflower Society has partnered with FreeWill, an online tool that guides you through the process of creating your will or trust. It's easy to use, accessible online, and can be completed in 20 minutes.

Discount on Storyworth. Easily capture you or your loved ones' life stories through voice recordings or email. Then, preserve them in a keepsake book with unlimited photos.

Enjoy the Mayflower Society's organized trips to historic Pilgrim sites, discounted membership at NEHGS and Plimoth - Patuxet Museum, access to our Virtual Lecture Series, discounted rates at Hotel 1620, and more.

Visit the website to learn more: <https://themayflowersociety.org/members/member-benefits/>



Governor Maxie recommends the 'Exploring Plymouth' Series on The Mayflower Society's YouTube Channel. <https://www.youtube.com/@mayflowersociety>



Summer in Plymouth,  
Massachusetts - "Morning...



Revolutionary Songs played  
on the Mayflower...



## **The Mayflower Society Silent Auction**

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is excited to announce its first official Silent Auction!

All proceeds raised during this auction will be used to support the restoration and renovation of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse.



***The auction will run from September 1st through October 1st. -Bidding closes at 8PM EDT on Wednesday, October 1st.***

The auction features a wide variety of unique and meaningful items generously donated by Mayflower Descendants' Member Societies. Many of the societies selected items that reflect the spirit and culture of their home states and/or countries.

View and Bid on the Auction Items Here: <https://givebutter.com/c/XXuF7i/auction>

Many Thanks to Jayne Larion and Pam Snyder for putting together the 'A Charleston Experience' basket from South Carolina. I do believe our submission is the best! You can see what a fantastic basket they put together here: <https://givebutter.com/c/XXuF7i/auction/items/1136656>

## **TURBO Indexing has Arrived - and GSMD Needs Your Help**

***Got a few extra minutes?? Here is an easy volunteer opportunity!***

Work from the comfort of your own computer at home with no pressure as to how many or how few applications you complete. The new streamlined new process lets you complete one in 5-10 minutes. Our goal is to complete them all by September 2026.

***We could use your help!***

***WHAT DOES A MAYFLOWER INDEXER DO?*** Indexers view a previously approved application via the internet on a desktop or laptop computer using Google Chrome, Apple Safari, Microsoft Edge or Mozilla Firefox. Then, the indexers enter that data in a form on the indexing platform specifically designed to mirror the GSMD applications for easy data entry.

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

**TO VOLUNTEER:** please contact Chris Schlosser, Technology Committee Chair by email at [GSMDcertify@TheMayflowerSociety.org](mailto:GSMDcertify@TheMayflowerSociety.org)



## Members Tell The Pilgrim Story

*By Governor Melana Maxie*

This fall will be a busy time for our Society. We will be hosting the Pilgrim Educator from Plimoth - Patuxet for a full five days in Charleston schools. We expect to reach out to 20 classrooms, with an average of 25 students per class. This means we will 'Tell the Pilgrim Story' to approximately 500 students! The Pilgrim Educator will also be our featured Speaker at the Compact Meeting.

Historian Melissa Gibbons, and Governor Melana Maxie are attending the Swamp Fox Symposium in Manning on October 17 and 18, and the Revolutionary War Symposium at the SC Archives in Columbia on November 15.

Governor Maxie will also be speaking about the Mayflower Society and the Patriots to Passenger Project at the Cayce Historical Museum Genealogy Conference on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the museum.

At all three events, we will represent SMD-SC and have an information table for attendees to learn about the Mayflower Society and explore the possibilities of being a Mayflower Descendant and applying for membership.



*It is always a pleasure to catch up with our cousins!  
Photos by Doug Rogers*

## **GSMD 2025 GBOA Meeting**

The Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

September 4-7, 2025

*Report by Deborah Hall Hill, Palmetto Log Editor, Acting Assistant General*



*Part of a Display about Theodore Roosevelt in Menger Bar. Photo by Deborah Hall Hill*

Five members and three spouses traveled to San Antonio to the historic Menger Hotel, where Teddy Roosevelt recruited his Rough Riders at the Menger Bar, to attend the 2025 GBOA Meeting. Members attending were: Acting Deputy Governor and Governor Melana Maxie (spouse Don Browning); Captain David Smith (spouse Janet Smith); Silver Books Director Bonnie Wade-Mucia (spouse Joey Mucia); Historian Melissa Gibbons and Acting Assistant General and Palmetto Log Editor Deborah Hall Hill.

Wednesday, September 3: Governor Maxie & Don brought their truck, full to the brim, of

Mayflower Store items which we unloaded and set up, ready for shoppers on Thursday. All profits from store sales are applied to education. Our current initiative is to bring Pilgrim Re-Enactors from Plimoth - Patuxet to South Carolina schools. Store sales from Thursday – Saturday totaled over \$3200, with approximately \$1800 in profit.

Thursday, September 4: Our SC Mayflower Store was open from 8:00AM - 5:00PM with brisk sales as members arrived from all over the country. Historian Melissa Gibbons attended the Historians Meeting.

Friday, September 5: Many members attended a bus tour of the National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, Texas. Others attended the San Antonio Missions Tour of four missions. Still others spent the day on their own visiting the Alamo or shopping and dining at the numerous establishments within walking distance. Our store remained open from 8:00AM - 5:00PM. A Welcome Reception was hosted by the Texas Society for all members from 5:30PM - 7:00PM. Delicious appetizers and live guitar music made for a lovely evening of meeting cousins from around the country and beyond.

Saturday, September 6: Melana and Don opened the store from 8:00AM - 4:00PM. The GBOA Meeting was held from 9:00AM-4:00PM. Governor Melana Maxie attended as Deputy Governor General (DGG) and Deborah Hall Hill attended as Acting Assistant Governor (AG). Also attending from SC were Historian Melissa Gibbons, Captain David Smith and Silver Books Director Bonnie Wade-Mucia.

The GBOA Meeting was called to order by Lisa H. Pennington, Esq., Governor General. Welcome was given by Nancy Freeman Powers, Texas Society Governor who spoke of Teddy Roosevelt and a brief history of Texas. The Executive Committee was introduced. Necrology, Roll Call and Approval of 9/7/24 GBOA Minutes were conducted. Acting Historian General Michael Denny was approved to continue this position until the current term ends next September. The Member at Large vacancy was filled by Cherie Snow Lawson, Elder from Oklahoma for the rest of the term. Executive Committee Reports:



*Governor General Lisa Pennington Shops the SMD-SC Store, staffed by Don Browning, Melissa Gibbons, and Gov. Maxie. Photo by Deborah Hall Hill*

Governor General Lisa Pennington has two objectives. First, “Telling the Pilgrim Story”, which she does by posting short informative videos to our website. Look for “Pilgrims in Love” coming for Valentine’s Day 2026! The Meeting House in Plymouth will be an educational center to “Tell the Pilgrim Story”. Phase I is completed with sprinkler systems, entryway and gift shop complete. Over \$10,000,000 has been raised to this end. Phase II is to complete the sanctuary which she hopes will be done by Congress 2026. Phase III will be movies and exhibits. Her second objective is adding new members by lowering fees which will be announced at Congress 2026 as well as streamlining the application process to reduce expenses.

Secretary General Martin Beerman is planning a Mayflower Tour to England from September 26, 2026 to October 6, 2026 to visit some of the homeplaces of our ancestors. More info will be out soon. GSMD has hired a professional marketing firm, CCS of Boston, to assist with fundraising for the Meeting House Project.

Treasurer General Bart Henson says, “We are in good shape!” Expenses are lower due to better efficiency by reorganizing the Research Center, use of the EZ App, streamlining the Mayflower Quarterly Magazine content and lowering staff costs using volunteers and docents.

Acting Historian General Michael Denny feels a connection through pride of the legacy of our pilgrim heritage. He is happy to serve GBOA as both Elder General and Acting Historian General.

Counselor General Wheaton notes that the Silver Books are owned and published by GSMD but frequently finds large “chunks” of them copied into Ancestry. He has filed “Cease & Desist” orders to take down the material but it continues. There will be a new Non-Disclosure (NDA) document coming soon to keep up with the current climate and technology.





*The South Carolina Contingent, Saturday Night Banquet.  
Photo by fellow banqueter.*

Captain General Collier Weiss invites any members (and even non-member family members) to join the color guard. There are some uniforms available to borrow or you can use your own. Please contact him if you have an interest. This looks like a fun opportunity!

Former Governor General Jane Hurt reports the Mayflower Society House work is completed. It is being used for rentals, tours and special events which is bringing in revenue. All the contents of the house have been inventoried and this is stored in the cloud.

Former Governor General Lea Filson reports the Meeting House project had setbacks from COVID and rising prices of labor and materials. Every small and large contribution is put to good use. She is very excited about the hiring of CCS of Boston to help GSMD with professional marketing and fund raising.

Acting Executive Director Cheryl Soares has replaced former Executive Director Mark Schmidt upon his retirement. Some of the things she is currently organizing are the Hometown Thanksgiving Parade, the Festival of Trees, and training a new group of hostesses who conduct tours of the Mayflower Society House on the 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays May – October. She is also helping to add value to our membership through Storyworth, FreeWill, discounts at the 1620 hotel and making the research center more accessible to members.

## **GSMD Dates to Plan Around**

- September 11-15, 2026, GSMD Congress, Plymouth, MA
- September 9 - 12, 2027, GBOA Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- September 7 - 10, 2028, GBOA Meeting, (Northern) California
- September 7 - 11, 2029, GBOA Congress, Plymouth, MA
- September 5 - 8, 2030, GBOA Meeting, Virginia





## We Must Clearly See The Past

*By Helen Stetson from her book FAITHFUL, Dual Member of Massachusetts and South Carolina Societies*

they were renegades...running  
they were heretics...hurting  
they were escapees...espousing

they were exiles, exploring different options  
their stocks were low, practically exploited  
they had no royal connections, no land grants  
no courtesy titles, no stakeholders, no deep pockets

they were persecuted parishioners  
traveling abroad, not to a tax haven  
not to Heaven on Earth  
but to a wild land  
with their outlandish ideas

with grit and great determination  
they conceptualized a nation  
through a Compact written offshore  
before any dissension  
could break their spirits  
or their God given purpose

with unimaginable sacrifice, they erected shelters for protection  
from horrible storms, from a frozen wilderness, from fierce strangers  
arriving with no water in wells, no welcoming fire to sit for a spell  
and spin a yarn about the ship's crossing  
vulnerable to attacks and to ridicule from those  
left behind

it is true there were no slaves on board the ship  
they did not drop anchor in the bay to exploit labor:  
they were the labor  
they were the field hands, the minders  
they cleaned up after themselves  
they were their own doctors and nurses and medical  
administrators, they were the hospital,  
the EMT's providing urgent care, they took care of their own  
they were the case workers answering late night distress calls,  
the conscience of their community



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Mayflower at sea in storm. Generated by Melana  
Maxie*

and when they were afraid, they prayed  
they prayed for divine justice, for deliverance from oppression  
they prayed for strength for their struggles, passionate pleas  
to become a congregation to worship as they pleased  
they prayed with earnest energy  
haunted by those who did not make it safely

they kept their British birthrights, the customs of the country  
be creating a new England with exceptions  
such as disavowing the bow  
nor curtsying to any old King or Queen  
or to any Lord or Lady  
just check today with Slim Shady  
if people in Detroit rap to God Save Our King  
or students in Beloit pledge allegiance to a Queen

these pilgrims thrived by hard work  
but were not physically abusive  
only if one considers splitting logs and feeding hogs  
as punishment  
there is a difference between suffering and survival  
helping themselves and helping each other  
regarding neighbors, not as contemptible,  
as hospitable

unfettering from restraining forces were choices  
not taken lightly  
especially with respect to spiritual direction  
we are the beneficiaries of their final destination  
as we inherit and inhabit their courageously built colonies  
motivated and mindful of what we must clearly see  
their legacy



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## **Minutes of Board of Assistants Meetings**

*Respectfully submitted, Marylen Jackson, Secretary*

(Edited for length and clarity)



### **Minutes of April 26, 2025 Board of Assistants Meeting**

Governor Melana Maxie called the meeting to order at 3.00 PM on Saturday, April 26. Counselor Sarah Clingman had resigned April 2, so a motion was made by Deborah Hill, and seconded by Dave Smith for "Ginny Laskowitz to complete the remainder of the Counselor's term as Acting Counselor." The motion passed and Ginny was appointed Acting Counselor by Governor Maxie, and was welcomed by all.

GOVERNOR's Report: Melana announced that Historians Mary and Jay Brandenberger had submitted their resignations as of May 15, 2025. She accepted. Melana noted that we missed sending in the money for the SC State History Day and one \$250 check to the winner of the Education project was cancelled because she had moved. DEPUTY GOVERNOR's Report: The November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Compact Day meeting will be at the Greenwood Country Club. Reservations for up to 3 nights may be made at the "Inn on the Square" for \$129 per night. The "Meet & Greet" session will (tentatively) be held in the Hotel bar on Friday night Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. The Saturday tour of the Stony Point Plantation is still being worked out.

The Spring 2026 meeting will be May 1 in the Midlands.

The Fall 2026 Compact Day meeting will be Nov. 7 or 14 somewhere on the coast.

TREASURER'S Report: Sent by George Unsinger includes the

Total Revenue to date - \$15,316.70

Total Expenditures to date - \$19,5534.78



*French Family Bible as we prepare to 'Light the Candle'. Photo By Doug Rogers*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY's Report: Sarah Hoyle reported membership at 419. Melana thanked Sarah for the Membership Directory she sent out online.

HISTORIAN'S Report: Melana congratulated Mary and Jay Brandenberger for working on old, difficult applications (which Nick Maher thought would never be completed.) Three of these have been approved in Plymouth. Twelve more applications are in the works.

ASSISTANT OF EDUCATION's Report: Holly Lohnes was not present, but Melana announced that May 1 is the deadline for submitting scholarship applications.

ASSISTANT FOR The *PALMETTO LOG*'s Report: Deborah Hill announced that the deadline for submitting articles is August 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the publication date being September 15.

ASSISTANT for JUNIORS' Report: Cari Gillette reported no new Junior members. She will put application blanks on luncheon tables. She will urge members to sign up their grandchildren.,

NEW BUSINESS: GSMD has requested that each society donate \$5,000 for the Pilgrim Meeting House project. We have collected that much.



Melana shared information in a letter from Former GSMD Governor Lea Filson reminding our society that, since SMDSC pledged \$25,000 for the Meeting House, which was contributed over a previous three-year-period and completed several years ago, we have a “naming opportunity” in the Meeting House. A second “naming opportunity” will also become available when, at next week’s Spring Luncheon & Meeting, SMDSC will give \$5,000 more to the Meeting House funding to Governor General Lisa Pennington. Dave Smith made the motion to name a Window for \$25,000, and a Sanctuary Pew Seat Section for \$5,000. Both to be named as from “The Mayflower Society of Descendants – South Carolina.” Ginny Laskowitz seconded, and motion passed.

Melana said that a nominating committee needs to be selected to identify a Deputy Governor General and an Assistant Governor. These two will be nominated at our Spring 2026 meeting, then will be elected and sworn in at the Congress in September 2026. Melana asked for volunteers. Ginny Laskowitz, Sarah Hoyle, and Frances Frame stepped up, so Melana appointed them as the Nominating Committee.

A new slate of SMD-SC officers will be published in the fall 2026 edition of *the Palmetto Log*. Delegates to Congress will be chosen before September 2026.

Melana has accepted the resignation of the Historians, (Mary & Jay Brandenberger) so she asked permission to appoint Doug Rogers as Historian and Melissa Gibbons as co-Historian to complete the term.

After the meeting, Governor Maxie learned the Brandenbergers date of effective resignation needed to be changed from May 15 to April 27, 2025. She requested approval via email from BOA members to make this change. On Sunday, April 27 the BOA members approved the date change to allow Melana to appoint Doug Rogers and Melissa Gibbons as Historian and Co-Historian as of April 27, instead of May 15. She did this.

OLD BUSINESS: GSMD Silent Auction Challenge – progress on SMDSC’s auction submission. Pam Snyder and/or Jayne Larion have done a great job supplying the sweet grass basket and securing the Hotel Bennet for one night. Jayne



*Tracey Todd, Former CEO of Middleton Place and our guest speaker in Fall 2024 joined us at the luncheon, Photo By Doug Rogers*



*Debi Bacon and Pam Snyder, Photo By Jayne Larion*

asked for “a budget of \$200 for supplies to include in the basket.” Ginny made a motion to fund the \$200 and Cari seconded. The motion passed.

Frances Frame gave an update on the Plymouth - Patuxet South Carolina Education Plan. With \$3000 contribution from the Foster Outriders Group, there are enough funds for the Plymouth Re-enactor/Interpreter to perform 3 ½ days in Charleston schools, and 1 ½ days in Greenwood schools, as well as to speak at our luncheon. Frances is waiting for a reply from Greenwood. No action is needed by the BOA. The next stage of the education plan is to hold a Teachers’ Workshop to train teachers to be re-enactors. Frances noted that Pilgrim attire can be purchased from Amazon. Melana adjourned the meeting at 5:15.

## Minutes of August 16, 2025 Special BOA Meeting

### Topic: Bylaws and Policies

Governor Melana Maxie opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Under New Business: Dave Smith (on behalf of his committee, including Jeff, Deborah, and Ginny) presented the proposed Bylaws change under “Duties of Officers ” to “The BOA shall nominate the Governor as either DGG or AG when such nominations are required.” . Motion passed. Ginny will send this to the Counselor General in Plymouth and hopefully it will be agreed on in time for our membership to vote on it at the November Compact Day meeting.

Dave asked for a change to Article II in the Bylaws for “Authorization to suspend or expel members of the SMD-SC for bad behavior.” This does not need a second. It passed.

Dave also asked the Board to revise Policy 10 on member termination so that “it is compliant with the SC state law.” Written notice is to be given to the person and if he or she fails to respond within 30 days, the person will be permanently terminated.” Jeff asked the question “Could the person ever be reinstated?” The motion was made to delete the word ‘permanently’ which motion Deborah seconded . Motion passed.



*2025 Spring Luncheon,  
Photo By David Furlow*



*Governor General Pennington,  
Governor Maxie, Lane Beckon  
attend the Eliza Lucas Pickney  
DAR Chapter Tea on Sunday,  
Photo By David Furlow*

In a change to Article IV, Dave asked for “Authorization for the Governor to remove a BOA member from the SMD-SC society for bad behavior as per the Meeting’s policy, with adequate notice. This also passed,

A change to Article V, was made to “Open the Spring and Compact Day meetings to non-members who are not guests of members, subject to their good behavior and to not participate.” After some discussion this also was passed.

Under Old Business: Since the \$150 (budgeted for the Education Assistant to use for travel) has not been used, Melana wondered if it could be used for the \$185 Swamp Fox Symposium October 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> this year, which she and Melissa will attend? Deborah made the motion to use the \$150 plus \$35 from the treasury for the Symposium. Cari seconded and all approved.

Frances announced that the Pilgrim Educator will visit schools in Charleston for 5 full days, since Greenwood was not able to work it out this year. Frances will provide his housing (at her home!) and drive him around. He will be our featured speaker at the luncheon in Greenwood.

Deborah needs information for the Palmetto Log by September first. The GBOA meeting write-ups can be sent to her as soon as it is over in San Antonio. Deborah said she is enjoying the indexing of Mayflower records, and it goes fast and is easy. She encourages others to try it.



## **Have you Considered Making a Bequest?**

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

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

A bequest may be right for you if:

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

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

### **USEFUL BEQUEATHING INFORMATION**

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- Address: PO Box 7096, Columbia SC 29202
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### **Meeting House Committee**

Melana Maxie

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Melissa Gibbons  
Deborah Hall Hill

## **Kids' Corner:**

### **Pumpkin Spice Play Dough**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 Tablespoon of Pumpkin Pie Spice
- 1 1/2 Cups of Flour (with a little extra in case need later)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of cream of tartar
- 3/4 Cup of Salt
- 1 1/2 cups of warm water
- A Tablespoon of Vegetable or canola oil
- Orange food coloring – I used gel food coloring as it is less messy and gives a beautiful orange hue.

#### **Directions:**

1. Place all the ingredients into the saucepan and mix well
2. Place on a stovetop on a medium/low heat and start stirring continuously.
3. Continue to stir for around 5 minutes
4. Gradually the playdough will become thicker and start to be less sticky on the bottom of the pan
5. Create a ball of playdough in the pan with your spoon and cook for another minute or so, turning every once in a while.
6. Remove from the heat and place on a plate.
7. Knead into a ball and cover in plastic wrap. Leave to cool

Once the playdough is cooled, it is ready to use. Let the kids use their imagination as to what to make with their hands, cookie cutters or any other item. Decorate if you like with cloves. The Playdough will keep for 3-4 weeks in an airtight zipper bag or container.





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### **Mayflower Scarf**

Available in 2 sizes.

**Low Stock**

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



Check out our assortment of Scarf Rings online

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



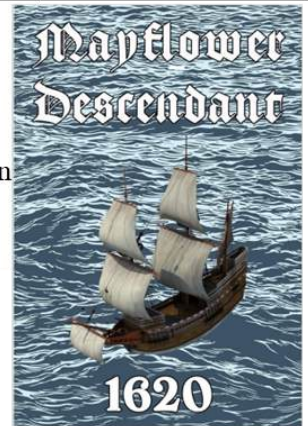
**SALE!!**

Available Soon: 111 Pieces, Completed Size Appx 17 in x 6 in x 16 inch. Price: \$10 (5 for \$40)

### **Mayflower Flags**

#### **Mayflower Descendant House Flag:**

28 x 40 inches, printed on both sides. Price: \$25 **SALE!!**



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



**SALE!!**

#### • **Stainless Steel Tumbler:**

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

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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: \$28



### ***New Items!***

### ***Mayflower 3D Metal Puzzle \$14***

The 3D models puzzle come pre cut on 1 or 2 metal sheets with clear step by step instructions - Ideal for ages 14 and up

- No need for solder tools or glue:
- Realistic and detailed
- Perfect patience practice:
- Clear instructions



### ***Plastic Mayflower Model \$14***

Traditional Plastic Model

Accurate 1:250 Scale Model Ages 14+

- Molded Flags
- Formed plastic sails
- Detailed cannons
- Display stand with nameplate
- Full Instructions and Decals included
- Requires paint



### ***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: \$6

• **The Wampanoags & Pilgrims:** This 40 page coloring book illustrates that the Wampanoags and Pilgrims may appear to be different from each other, yet they also share many similarities. Price: \$6

***Back in Stock***

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## 2025 Compact Luncheon Saturday, November 8, 2025

**Greenwood Country Club**  
**607 West Cambridge Avenue**  
**Greenwood, SC 29646**

**Doors & Store Open at 11:30 AM Meeting will begin at noon.**

**\$40 per person. RSVP by October 29, 2025**

*No reservations will be accepted after October 29.*

### Mail payment made out to SMD-SC to:

George Unsinger, 114 Little Bear Trail, Cullowhee, NC 28723

*Please refer to pages 13-14 for Luncheon and Tour details.*

	Pork	Salmon	Vegetarian
Member _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Guest _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total Meals (Pork/Salmon/Vegetarian):	_____ /	_____ /	_____
Total Number of Luncheon Attendees x \$40.00	= _____		

### **Sign up to Attend the Meet & Greet (Dutch Treat)**

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sign up for the Tour of Stony Point Plantation**

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total For Luncheon and Tour = \_\_\_\_\_

**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](mailto:shoyle.sc.mayflower@gmail.com).

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





# 2026 SMD- SC Dues Form



## Mail payment made out to SMD-SC to:

George Unsinger, 114 Little Bear Trail, Cullowhee, NC 28723

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

Member Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

SMD-SC Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ GSMD Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Land Line \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Alternate Contact:

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Land Line \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Tax Deductible Donation to SMD-SC:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## BEQUESTS

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



## Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina

<http://www.scmayflower.org>

### South Carolina Life Membership Form

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

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Land Line: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Land Line: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***If you elect to pay in 3 installments, you will receive an invoice for your second and third payments during the Membership Dues Drive in the Autumn of 2026 and 2027. Prompt Payment will be appreciated. Failure to pay will result in loss of Life Member Status and previous payments will be treated as Annual Dues paid in advance.***

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