

"As one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation."

- William Bradford

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Governor's Message

Greetings San Diego Colony Members and Friends

I hope all is well with you and your families. This has been a harrowing several weeks for all SoCal folks with the horrible fires North of us. I hope and pray so much that you, your family, and friends are safe. We here in San Diego County can all identify with the anxiety and tragedies they're now dealing with. I encourage us all to do what we can to help them through this.

We have many California Mayflower Members in the three affected areas: *Los Angeles Colony*, *Foothill Colony* and *Rancho Conejo Colony*. I've been told there were home losses to Mayflower Members. Stay safe yourselves and keep our cousins up North in your thoughts and prayers.

Our last San Diego Colony Meeting was held Saturday, November 16th, at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum. At the meeting, we celebrated the signing of the Mayflower Compact document in December 1620. Little did they know that document would have ramifications more than 405+ years later. San Diego Colony Member Bill Smith led us in reading the Compact that was originally signed aboard the ship by the expedition's members.

Many thanks to the SD Colony Friends, John and Lore

Meanley, who donated a beautiful



model of a 17th and 18th Century ship to us. Kathy Loftman now has custody and has expressed her intentions to have it transformed into our own 1620 Mayflower. Three Huzzahs to the Meanley family! Now . . . where to display it? Not to worry – we'll think of something.

The guest speaker's presentation was by Mr. Fred Grand. Mr. Grand has been the President of the Old Town San Diego Chamber of Commerce for several decades. He also happens to have an interesting background and ancestry himself. He is a direct descendant of one of the Spanish 'Leather Jacket' soldiers that accompanied Fr. Junipero Serra when he began establishing the Alta California Missions in 1769. His ancestor, Corporal Juan Ismerio Osuna, eventually settled here. Several generations later, the

family was granted a Spanish Land Grant for Rancho San Dieguito. Fred is also a member of the Kumeyaay Nation via marriages with his Spanish/Mexican ancestors. His presentation basically covered the pre-human era, pre-colonial era, the Spanish colonial era, the American era, as well as a number of the current issues. He was quite an interesting person and his information was unique.

At the conclusion of our

meeting, our 'BRAVE' colony members who wore their Pilgrim attire posed for our traditional Compact Photo.

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February 15th SD Colony Meeting Program

We are honored to have **Valarie LaBore** as our guest program presenter for our February meeting. She will be showcasing, "*History's Revolutionary Fashion, 1740-1910*".

Valarie has been making her own historical costumes since 2003. She is a member of the Los Angeles-based Costumers Guild West, and an honorary member of other guilds in different states. She was the Dean of Costume College, a 4-day costume seminar in Los Angeles in 2018 and 2024, and a past President of the San Diego Costume Guild. She's also a representative of the San Diego History Center. Her interests cover 1775 to 1920, but her favorite time period



is of the mid-1880s bustle, and the "bloomer dresses" of the 1850s,

where she re-created a 'bloomer dress' based on one in the San Diego History Center (one of only two existing in the United States). In 2015 she did a presentation on them at the annual ALHFAM conference in Williamsburg, VA.

Valarie retired from law enforcement 17 years ago and now spends much of the time improving her skills and education in sewing her historical costumes, teaching classes, and sharing with others what she learned on her blog, "Time Traveling in Costume." She has been writing, directing, and modeling in historical fashion shows for the last ten years and began putting them on for retirement communities with her group, "The Historical Costumers".

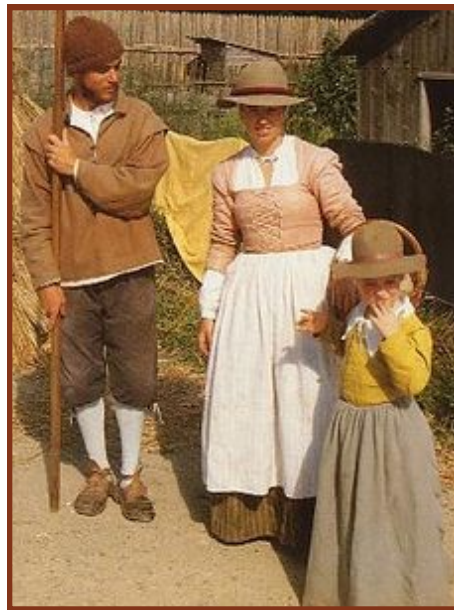
Speaking of Historic Attire, What Did the Pilgrims Wear?

If not the black clothing, buckles and blunderbusses that are common in old images from the early 20th century, what did Pilgrim men and women actually wear?

Colors

We know that the Pilgrims wore a variety of colors in their clothing from probate records where the color of various clothing items were mentioned, including violet, blue, and green. The color red was also listed; however, the reds that were used in the early 17th century were more of a brick red or a madder red, which is a little more orange in nature than modern reds. What was considered black in the early 17th century was a little different than what we think of as black today. Very dark greys, greens and blues might count as poor versions of black, and natural black sheep's wool was also available. The deep, rich black was broadly expansive and was the opposite of demonstrating piety in the early 17th century. Thus, a

true black would not have worn by our Pilgrim ancestors.



Fabrics

In 17th Century England and in the Netherlands, there were two basic fabrics that were used for clothing: wool and linen. Silk was also available and used for fancy wear. Light leather was used for men's clothing in doublets and

jerkins but was not used in women's wear. There was combination of wool and linen known as fustian corduroy that was also used; however, finding this fabric today is almost impossible.

Men's Apparel

The basic clothing for men would be:

- Shirt
- Doublet
- Breeches
- Stockings
- Latchet shoes

Women's Apparel

• The basic clothing for women would be:

- Coif headwear
- Smock or Shift
- Waistcoat
- Apron
- Petticoat ("skirt")
- Latchet shoes
- Women would also wear brimmed hats, the same as men.

2025 Mayflower Society Virtual Program Schedule

The New Year is bringing some exceptional programs for us to view. Please visit our National website and navigate to *Learn, Lecture Series*. View the program from the comfort of your own home.

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

MARCH 20TH AT 7pm EST -
 “WELCOME TO THE GRAVEYARD” WITH BRENDA SULLIVAN
[Webinar Link](#)

Welcome to the Graveyard!” chronicles cemetery art, history, and symbolism. From colonial New England burial grounds of the 16 & 1700s, through the nation-

wide rural cemetery movement of the 19th century and into 21st century locations, the program examines why we have cemeteries and gravestones, why they look like they do and how styles and art have evolved over almost 400 years. The presentation is robust with photographs of original grave-



stones and burial grounds from cemeteries visited by Gravestone Girls over many years.



Brenda Sullivan is the owner of [Gravestone Girls](#). From the website is this explanation: “The Gravestone Girls are cemetery artists and historians. We do a number of different things. We create sculpted art pieces from the original, colonial tombstones. I teach responsible gravestone rubbing. I give tours about the cemeteries, walking tours inside the cemetery. I also give presentations, and lecture about the evolution of cemeteries and gravestones.”

This should be a lecture not to miss!

Now for More Gravestones!

As Historians we love research and research calls for spending time in cemeteries deciphering gravestones.

Over the many years of diving into the past I found one site in particular that is most intriguing:

A GRAVE INTEREST BY JOY NEIGHBOURS

Joy has a site with blogs going back to her beginning in 2011 for you to wander in. She describes herself thusly:

“I am a Tombstone Tourist: someone who loves to wander cemeteries. I find it akin to visiting a museum: an opportunity to enjoy rarely seen sculpture, intricate carvings, and amazing architecture, all in a tranquil outdoor setting. This blog is about cemetery culture, art,

history, issues of death, and genealogy - subjects of current relevance. Care to join me? Read on.....” Among her many articles on grave stones is this one:

“Those Amazing Tree Stones”

Another great group of Graveyard bloggers is listed on



Chantel Larochelle’s site [Cemetery Photography](#)

I have come to appreciate : [ADVENTURES IN CEMETERY HOPPING BLOG](#)

BY TRACI RYLANDS

Traci has a great blog filled with great photos and lots of information on the cemeteries she visits. My favorite thing about Traci’s blog is her running tally that lists all of the cemeteries she has visited—it’s a lot! Something to aspire to, for sure.

[SHADOWS FLY AWAY](#)
 BY CAROLE TYRRELL

A self-proclaimed graveyard girl, Carole shares cemetery symbols of the month. She explores in-depth the history of their meanings, accompanied by gorgeous photos.

A Prospector Member's Story

I'm writing about my friend of over 50 years Senior Judge of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Court, Judge Clifford Wallace. I have long admired the work that he has accomplished, here and overseas. I nominated him for the NSDAR National Medal of Honor for his work throughout the world. This award led me to investigate his family tree. For years it was thought that his ancestors had recently immigrated but with a little research I found a branch of the tree that led to great treasures and stories.

Not only did he have Revolutionary War ancestors but to my amazement, I found that he **was related to John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley** (John Tilley and Joan (Hurst) Rogers Tilley). Both Mayflower passengers who have incredible stories! The day I went to his home to show him his family tree - and his connection to the Mayflower was very special. A

humble man, he was touched and proud of his Mayflower ancestors, with strong pioneering roots. Who came to an unknown land to build a new life. It was my pleasure to do this for such a great man who has done so much for others. He said "now that makes two of us that have been on the Mayflower"! He now intends to visit John How-



land's historic home and **become a member of the San Diego Colony, along with me.**

Judge Wallace, a San Diego native says that he was an "underachiever" with no prospects for college. He joined the Navy at

the end of the war because "everyone was doing it." With the structure that came with Naval training, he started to show promise. He was chosen for training designed to prepare young enlisted sailors to attend the the Academy. It was during this time that Cliff realized he had a passion for law....this was the start of his distinguished career.

Judge Wallace served as Chief Judge and has achieved Senior status. He is still actively engaged in his position and in his spare time Judge Wallace has worked with over 70 countries to promote a secure judiciary systems throughout the world.

He is married to Jenee Robinson Zenger, their blended family contains 15 children and 51 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren.

By Kathleen Winchester, Prospective Member, Honorary Regent SD Chapter, NSDAR and tireless Researcher

New England Historic Genealogical Society Partnership

Did you know that the Mayflower Society has partnered with the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) to offer Mayflower Society Members special discounted rates on membership?

NEHGS has a growing collection of over 1.4 billion names on AmericanAncestors.org, original scholarship, and unique educational resources.

If joining NEHGS for the first time, you will also receive a free, 15-minute consultation with a genealogist to help you get started! If you are renewing you will receive a discounted membership rate. *This offer is only available to members of General Society and your General Society number is required.*

Now you can search for your

ancestor in the world's largest database of Mayflower lineages—only on AmericanAncestors.org.



This new database — called the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Membership Applications, 1620-1920 — is available to anyone with an American Ancestors membership, Individual level or higher, and it is available for free to members of The Mayflower Society.

It includes all applications and

supplemental applications to The Mayflower Society starting from its founding in 1897 and including only applicants who were born before January 1, 1920.

You can redeem this offer in two ways: Phone or Online

Phone:

Call the NEHGS Member Services Team at 888-296-3447 (choose option 1). Be sure to have your General Society number at hand so that your membership can be verified.

Online:

to www.AmericanAncestors.org/join, where you will either login or create a new account, then enter the appropriate promo code: NEWGSM for a new membership, or RENEWGSM for a renewal discount.

Compact Day Meeting, November 18, 2024



For Additional Photos of Our Pilgrim Cousins, Click [Here](#)

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2024-2026**

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Our next Colony Meeting will be a BREAKFAST BRUNCH on Saturday, 15 February 2025, at the Green Dragon in Carlsbad. Our guest speaker for that day will provide a presentation on American Historical Garments, focusing on the Civil War era. Please join us for another informative meeting with your 'distant family'. *Be Safe!*

Budd Leef,
Governor, San Diego Colony

Do You Need a Badge



As members, we proudly display our names and the name of our Pilgrim Ancestor.

If you are a new member, a Mayflower Friend, or just need a new badge, follow these steps:

Contact June Carter at starmorn@outlook.com

Include your name, your Ancestor's name, or names. They must be from an application or supplemental that has been verified by Plymouth. If you have several lines of ancestors, please check with June about a possible price increase.

Pay at a meeting or send your check for \$14.00 made payable to, "SD Colony of Mayflower Descendants" to:
Connie Bloodworth
1005 Norte Vista
San Marcos, CA 92078

**Congratulations to our New Members
through January 10, 2025**



Johnathan Hall, 13th from Myles Standish
Matthew Hall, 13th from Myles Standish
Michael Hall, 13th from Myles Standish
Terry Dickinson, 12th from William Brewster
Barbara Thomas, 13th from William Brewster

Beyond the Pilgrim Story:

Mary Chilton



Mary Chilton arrived in Plymouth on the *Mayflower* in 1620, accompanying her mother and father James Chilton. Mary's father died while the *Mayflower* was anchored in Provincetown Harbor. Her mother died shortly thereafter. For more information on Mary Chilton's parents, including information on their English and Dutch background, read the biography of [James Chilton](#).

A Chilton family tradition, first recorded in 1744, has the 12-year-old Mary Chilton as the first woman ashore at Plymouth. There is no contemporary recording of the event, but there are also no competing claims. Mary Chilton's landing on Plymouth Rock has been celebrated in story and in art. *The Landing of the Pilgrims*, painted in 1877 by Henry Bacon and showing Mary Chilton landing on Plymouth Rock, is on exhibit at Pilgrim Hall Museum ([click here to view that painting](#)).

Mary Chilton married John Winslow, a passenger on the *Fortune* (arrival in 1621). John Winslow's brothers Edward and Gilbert had been passengers on the *Mayflower*. John Winslow was born in 1597. John Winslow and Mary Chilton were married sometime before 1627. Read more of her [story here](#).

2025 Colony Scholarship Application

The San Diego Colony of Mayflower Descendants In the State of California

2025 COLONY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - The deadline to apply is May 1, 2025

This \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded in May of 2025, with the winner recognized at our Spring Colony May Meeting. The essay will be published in the Fall Issue of the SD Colony Pilgrim News.

The scholarship is open to CURRENT College Freshmen and High School Seniors. When awarded, the scholarship funds will be sent to the college's financial aid office.

The following criteria must be met for the 2025 Scholarship Contest application process to be successful:

- Applicant must either be a San Diego Mayflower Colony Member, or be lineage-eligible to join the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, AND have a bloodline relative who is a current San Diego Colony member in good standing for 2025 (henceforth referred to as the 'member sponsor'). The member sponsor must have been a San Diego Colony member for at least a year as of the application date.
- Additionally, there is no restriction on residence of either the scholarship applicant or the member sponsor.

Applicant Contact Information:

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Telephone Number of Applicant: (____) _____

Email of Applicant: _____

Name of college or university where scholarship award would be sent (if known):

1. Are you a Current Member of the San Diego Colony ___ Yes ___ No?

2. If "No", then name, relationship, General Society Number and CA Society Number of your bloodline

San Diego Colony Member Sponsor:

- Name of your San Diego Colony Member Sponsor: _____
- Applicant's Relationship to the Member Sponsor: _____
- Member Sponsor's General Society Number: _____ CA Society Number: _____

Application Instructions - - - Submit the following:

1. Completed Scholarship Application (this page)
2. A Copy of High School transcript and, if appropriate, current College Transcript
3. A Letter of Reference from a Non-Family Member
4. A Mayflower essay no longer than 750 words addressing the following topic:

"From the perspective of a child or teenage Pilgrim in 1625 Plymouth Colony, write a letter to a relative or friend in England or Holland describing your experiences in North America"

Please submit the application materials as attachments to an email and send it to:
San Diego Mayflower Colony Education Chair, Amy Conboy at conboyamy@gmail.com

The submission must be received via email no later than May 1, 2025

San Diego Colony of Mayflower Descendants

February 15, 2025 Winter Meeting Invitation and RSVP



Our guest program presenter will be Valarie LaBore. She and her assistant models will be showcasing: *American Clothing and Trends During the Civil War Era*. Valarie has been making her own historical costumes since 2003. She is a member of the Los Angeles-based Costumers Guild West among others. She was the Dean of Costume College, a 4-day costume seminar in Los Angeles in 2018 and 2024, and a past President of the San Diego Costume Guild, and also representative of the San Diego History Center. Her interests cover 1775 to 1920. She has been writing, directing, and modeling in historical fashion shows for the last ten years.

Join us at the:

The Green Dragon Tavern and Museum

Just off the I-5 at Palomar Airport Road
6115 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA 92011

Date: February 15, 2025

Time: Check in at 9:00 am * Meeting begins @9:30 am

Price: \$43.00 per person

A Buffet Breakfast will be served

Scrambled Eggs * Artisanal Bacon \$ Sausage * Breakfast Potatoes * pancakes with toppings
Fresh Fruit Slices * Breakfast Breads, Butter & Preserves * Iced Tea, Water, Regular & Decaf Coffee

Please return this portion with your payment

Please print your name and membership status - member, prospective member, or guest and the names of those attending with you.

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Total number of persons attending: _____

Is this your first meeting with us? _____ *Are you a new member?* _____

Payment must be received by February 7, 2025

There is a short grace period until the following Monday the 10th if you experience a problem.

Please make checks out to SDC Mayflower Society

Mail checks and RSVP form to:

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1005 Norte Vista
San Marcos, CA 92078

Contact Connie via email if you require assistance.
cluddyfamily@gmail.com or by phone: (760-815-4676)