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Governor's Message

Governor Pamela Alvis Hill



Dear Members:

Fall has finally arrived and cooler weather with it, we hope.

The General Society in Plymouth has been extremely busy preparing for the activities and events scheduled for 2020. An Executive Director has been hired who will handle the day-to-day activities

and guide the Society in meeting its goals and objectives. This is an important step since historically decisions have been made at annual and triennial meetings, meaning that the ship has been steered slowly rather than in a timely manner. In this time of social media and instant news, this new step means more responsive and timely decision-making. Other staff members are also being added to meet the demands of our growing Society, including additional staff in Mayflower lineage searches and the library staff. These decisions will make the process of proving lineage more timely and help the Society to grow.

Here in the Oklahoma Society, we have also been busy preparing for our own celebrations of the 400th anniversary. Cherie Lawson, Deputy Governor, and her 2020 committee have worked tirelessly to make our Oklahoma events interesting and inviting to current and future Mayflower Society members. Please see the article in this newsletter that gives specific dates and details for more information so that you, as a member, can join the excitement of participating in these 400th anniversary events and paying homage to our forefathers and mothers that risked everything to come and start a new colony in New England!

See you at our November meeting.

Governor Pam Hill

Fall Compact Meeting

November 16 At Oklahoma

Christian University

Gaylord University Center

2501 East Memorial Road, Edmond, OK

Signs will be posted. From I-35, take Memorial exit west three miles. OC is between Bryant and Boulevard.

Board of Assistants Meeting – 9:45 a.m.

General Meeting – 10:45 a.m.

Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. Program -- 12:15 p.m.

Luncheon Buffet \$ 25.00 per plate

(Reservation deadline Nov. 6; form, p. 4)



Tim Meltabarger

Guest Speaker

*“Memories of the
Bill of Rights Tour”*

Tim Meltabarger, a native Oklahoman from Ardmore, is a descendant of several Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay Colony families. A former U.S. Marine and U.S. Embassy guard at the Hague, he had the unique privilege of being part of the tour of the original Bill of Rights. He currently works for Johnson & Associates, an engineering firm that supervises construction and was instrumental in the renewal of Bricktown. He is an adjunct professor at Oklahoma State University in the Civil Engineering department.

He will share highlights of this historic document, why it was important to take it from the National Archives for average Americans to view and tell how early Americans viewed their rights in our newly formed U.S. and set guidelines for our laws and culture.



Artist Mike Haywood has previously granted OSMD permission to use this image of his beautiful Mayflower painting in *The Messenger*

Oklahoma's 2020 Celebration

The Oklahoma Mayflower Society's 2020 Celebration is taking shape. Please mark your calendars for these three very special events and plan to attend.

- Saturday February 22, 2020, the first **Mayflower Genealogy Fair** will be held at the Tulsa Hardesty Library, 8316 E 93rd St, Tulsa, OK, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday March 28, 2020, the second **Mayflower Genealogy Fair** will be held at the Oklahoma Genealogy Society's Research Center, 1125 NW 50th St, Oklahoma City, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday September 26, 2020, at Castle Falls Grand Hall, 820 North MacArthur, Oklahoma City, our **2020 Celebration Luncheon**, with guest speaker and musical entertainment, will be held 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will be sign-up sheets at our 2019 Fall Compact Meeting for members willing to volunteer their time at these Fairs. We need you and it will be fun! OSMD Historian Katherine Patterson will be heading our genealogy team.

We will need two to three other volunteers at each Genealogy Fair. Their duties will be:

- To set up the computers and printer
- To set up and take down tables for genes and displays
- To greet attendees and give each person a number and an information sheet to fill out
- To bring lunch for the volunteers
- To work the children's corner

Every member is needed to **spread the word** about our **Genealogy Fairs**. The DAR is giving points to any chapter that presents a program on the 2020 Celebration. If you are in any service clubs or other societies, please make announcements at your meetings. We are planning to have announcements or articles to appear in the *Tulsa World* and *The Oklahoman*.

Your questions and/or suggestions are welcome. Call or email me at vimayflower@gmail.com or 417-825-0940.

Cherie Lawson, 2020 Committee Chair

OSMD Scholarship Contest – 2020

Each year our Oklahoma Society awards a \$1,500 scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled in a four-year college or university and is related to an Oklahoma Society member, including those related by adoption or marriage. The award is based on college major, level of studies, grade point average and relationship to Mayflower passengers and society members. The application form and details to submit an application are available at <http://www.okmayflower.com/about/scholarships.html>. The deadline for submission of applications is March 1, 2020.

Eligibility Requirements

- Current enrollment in a four-year college or university
- Completion of at least one college semester
- Relation to Oklahoma Society member(s) by birth, adoption, or marriage

To apply, submit to Melody Kellogg, P. O. Box 1371, Guthrie, OK 73044:

- Application form
- A letter stating your interest in the scholarship
- Two letters of recommendation, with at least one from a former teacher
- All college transcripts, including grades from the most recent semester completed
- Proof of relationship to Oklahoma Society member(s)

Please do not use certified mail. Previous applicants may reapply by submitting updated transcripts.

Melody Kellogg, Scholarship Chair
melkel918@gmail.com



Spring Meeting

OSMD Historian Kathy Patterson is shown at our spring meeting after presenting to our newest members their membership passports. Left to right: Patterson; Parker Allen Hallows (Thomas Rogers); Shannon Smith Tan, Ashlee Lynn Henry, and Shari Smith Manning (all Brewster descendants); and Governor Pam Hill. Sisters Shannon, Shari and their niece Ashlee reside in Texas.

Welcome all!



Scholarship Awarded

By Melody Kellogg, Scholarship Chair



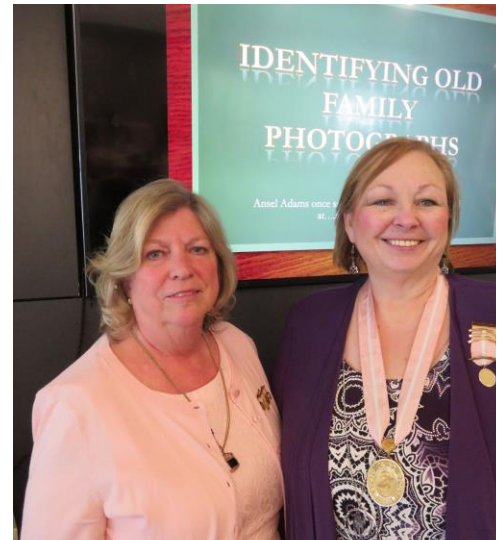
Two excellent applications were received for the 2019 OSMD Scholarship. The recipient, **Rachel Stewart**, Shawnee (above), studies Communications at online Regent University, in Virginia Beach, VA. By supplementing her studies with classes at Oklahoma Baptist University, Rachel expects to graduate in less than three years total. Her grade point averages are 3.96 (Regent) and 4.0 (OBU). Congratulations, Rachel!

A seven-year member of OSMD, her genealogy work inspired her to pursue a minor in History. She will write her final paper on one of her Mayflower ancestors, Elizabeth Tilley Howland. Rachel has led three teams to various countries for the Global Outreach Office of OBU where she now works as a Logistics Coordinator.



Spring Program

Deputy Governor Cheri Lawson's enlightening program at our spring meeting in Broken Arrow, "Identifying Old Family Photographs" has added more "tools" to use in our genealogy toolboxes. Her tips as we try to solve pesky "who-in-the-world-is-that" puzzles will be most useful. The fact that Cheri's parents were both professional photographers *may* possibly have piqued her interest in becoming a "photo detective." Thanks, Cherie.



Dep Gov. Lawson and Gov. Hill



Webmaster Leslie Kay Reid, left, is shown at the luncheon with her parents, Sherry Lynn Crow, who serves on the Board of Assistants, and Willie Fred Crow. We are proud of the excellent work Leslie has done on our website. If you haven't checked it out lately, you should! www.okmayflower.com.

MAYFLOWER LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ dinners at **\$ 25** per plate \$ _____
 Optional Donation to the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Member Name _____ Guest Name _____

Member Address: _____ Guest Name _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Will you need a paper name tag? YES NO, I have a Mayflower nametag

My check payable to the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants is enclosed.

Please mail this form with your check made payable to

Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants to:

Lauri Robinson, Treasurer, 9789 Hefner Village Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73162-7764

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Nov 6

No cancellations or refunds after the November 6 registration deadline.

In Memoriam

Malhon Elwood Blagg, Jr. – 1-19-1953 – 7-13-2019
 OK 872 — John Howland. Of Edmond, OK. Retired from 36-year career with U. S. Treasury Department. Survived by his wife Karen, three children, and two grandchildren.

The Hon. John DeLong Austin, Jr. – 5-31-1935 - 6-17-2019.
 OK 268 – Wm. Brewster. Of New York. He was an attorney, judge, author, historian and genealogist. He was also the researcher for three editions of the Stephen Hopkins Silver Book.

2019-2020 Officers

Governor Pamela Ann Alvis Hill
Deputy Governor .. Cherie Snow Lawson
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Captain Billy Gene Frosch
Elder Deborah W. Ackerly
Surgeon Gary Denslow, M. D.
Counselor Susan Ruth Cole

Welcome, New Members!

OK 1044 Elizabeth Jean Wylie Coppell – TX – Brewster
 OK 1045 Sharon Swift – OK – Richard Warren
 OK 1046 Holly Dykeman Foley – OK – Wm. Bradford
 OK 1047 Ashley Adelle Ingram – OK – S. Hopkins
 OK 1048 Linda DeWitt Hughey – MO – Francis Cooke
 OK 1049 John Milas Alagood – OK – Wm. Brewster

400th Anniversary News

“New and exciting information revealing new connections in the Mayflower story has been uncovered in the lead-up to the 400th anniversary of the ship's sailing to America . . . a groundbreaking exhibition at the [Boston Guildhall](#) reveals a connection between the Pilgrim's time in Boston and the discovery of Boston, Massachusetts.”

<https://www.mayflower400uk.org/news/2019/september/new-exhibition-reveals-unknown-connection-between-pilgrims-and-boston-massachusetts>

Check out this very interesting article!



Happy Thanksgiving

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