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Governor's Message

Dear Oklahoma Mayflower Descendants:

It was delightful June 24, 2015, while attending National Society DAR Continental Congress and attending a private reception for dignitaries hosted by President General Lynn Forney Young, to sit adjacent to Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson. She repeated how excited she is about visiting our OK State Mayflower Society in March 2016 and confirmed her trip. Note that the previous spring the meeting date was changed from April to March in order to accommodate her schedule. We talked about the new DAR pin celebrating the arrival of the Mayflower's 400th Anniversary pin available for DAR members.

Just four-and-a-half short years from now 2020 will be upon us, marking the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the *Mayflower* and founding of Plymouth Colony. A little of your time is needed now to write a letter to your Representative in Congress and your Senator, urging their support of minting a commemoration coin for 2020 to honor the 400th anniversary. Be certain in your letter to your Representative to state you would like his/her support of bill number HR 2980. In your letter to your Senator state you would like his support of bill number S.1715. Your aid as Mayflower Descendants is essential to rally the support necessary to move our GSMD Coin Project forward. WE CAN DO THIS NOW.

Many volunteers work behind the scenes to sustain the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants. Thanks to our new newsletter editor, Jeannine Long, for her work on our newsletter; Past Governor and current chaplain Henry Baer for chairing the 2016-2017 nominating committee; Mildred Greenstreet and Jeannine Long for constantly updating our yearbook and emailing the file; Norma Hughes for working with our Junior Members; Cherie Lawson for sharing the Pilgrim's Story with students,

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A Prosperous Wind

The Mayflower leaving English shores
Used with permission of artist Mike Haywood
<http://www.mikehaywoodart.co.uk/mayflower.html>

COMPACT DAY MEETING

The Greens Country Club

13100 Green Valley Drive
Oklahoma City

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Board of Assistants Meeting – 9:30 a.m.
General Meeting – 11:00 a.m.
Luncheon, followed by program – Noon

Menu: Green salad; chicken roulade filled with cranberry, feta, basil, spinach and pine nuts, topped with champagne sauce; roasted potatoes and vegetable medley; hot rolls and butter; New York style cheesecake with alternating chocolate, raspberry and caramel; and assorted beverages.

\$22 per plate

Deadline for registration is November 05, 2015.

No cancellations or refunds after that date.

(Reservation form, p. 3)



Above: Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson and OK Society Gov. Denslow, June 23, 2015 during 124th NSDAR Continental Congress at a private reception hosted by President General Lynn Forney Young in Washington, D.C.

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and Kathy Patterson for working on future members' applications.

A much awaited Elder William Brewster Genealogy was released by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. This is Volume 24 of the GSMD Silver Books series. Your Oklahoma Society donates these Silver Books to our local Oklahoma and Tulsa Libraries. The Silver Books are available for purchase online at: www.themayflowersociety.org.

I'm looking forward to meeting and seeing you in the morning of Saturday, November 14, 2015 during our Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants meeting. Take out your pen and fill in the registration form and mail it right away to Lauri Robinson, Treasurer, before the deadline of 07 November 2015.

Consider asking your good friend, neighbor, niece, or nephew to be your guest and come with you to the November OK Mayflower Society luncheon/meeting. They may have a direct line ancestor who arrived in Plymouth as a passenger on the Mayflower or they may be able to go in on your proven line, if they are a relative.

Honoring our legacy and celebrating freedom,

Stuart O. Denslow



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM AND SPEAKER

We are pleased to announce that La Nell Shores will present the program for our fall meeting, **Witchcraft in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries**. La Nell, an avid genealogist for more than 25 years, loves to teach and has taught various history and genealogy classes for genealogical societies, lineage and civic groups. She currently teaches a Legacy Family Tree software users group at the Computer Club of Oklahoma City. She presents programs throughout the state to OK SAR Chapters, Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC), and Colonial Dames 17th Century

The mother of three, grandmother of eight -- and soon-to-be great grandmother -- has been married to Michael Shores for 50 years. A stay-at-home mother for 26 years, she worked for a CPA as a tax preparer and accountant for 16 years until retirement.

La Nell is currently President of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society and has been a board member for over 15 years. She is a member of the Council Grove Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, current Capital District Director, and on the State Speakers Staff. Her other memberships: United States Daughters 1812, Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, and United Daughters of the Confederacy.



Plan to join us for what should be a very entertaining program.

*General Society of
Mayflower Descendants*

Save the Date! Sat., March 19, 2016

GSMD Governor General Lea Sinclair Filson will visit the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants at the Oaks Country Club, Tulsa. 9:30 a.m. Board of Assistants meeting; 11a.m. General Meeting, with lunch followed by program.



New Members Since Spring 2015

Welcome!

992	Chesleigh Bonine "Chet" Snow	Stephen Hopkins
991	Janelle L. Sharkey	William White
990	Danny Lee Doty	Thomas Rogers
989	David Ryan Hall	Peter Brown
988	Sylvia Crum Cook	William White
987	Gladys Earlene Alley	Edward Fuller
986	Scott Wilson Draughon	George Soule
985	Richelle Elizabeth Hallows	Thomas Rogers
984	Jeanne Willard Holmes	William Bradford
983	Sherrel Ann Heusel Sheriff	Isaac Allerton
982	Debra Ann Taylor	Peter Brown

OSMD Scholarship

Each year we award a \$1,500 scholarship to an undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled in a four-year college or university who 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. Details to submit an application are available online at

http://www.okmayflower.com/about_scholarships.html. The deadline for submission is March 2016.

Diane Seebass, Scholarship Chair

2015 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The 2015 Scholarship winner is **Patricia Cook**, a descendent of Richard Warren, daughter of Member and Secretary Pam Hill and granddaughter of deceased member Elmer P. Alvis. Patricia's daughter Hayley, age 9, is a junior member, and hopes to soon be joined in the ranks by her younger brother Hayden, age 6. This scholarship will help Patricia finish the final year of her doctorate in Education Administration at the University of Oklahoma. Patricia is a special education teacher, currently working for Epic Charter School in Oklahoma City. Also a Girl Scout Leader, she loves to work in her garden. ***Congratulations, Patricia!***



Patricia Cook

MAYFLOWER LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ dinners at \$22.00 per plate Total \$ _____

Member Name _____ Guest Name _____

Member Address: _____ Guest Name _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

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:

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

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OK SOCIETY ON FACEBOOK

Did you know there is a private Facebook page for the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants? If you are a subscriber to Facebook, please contact our manager, Norma Hughes, at: nmhughes@cox.net and ask to become a subscriber to this page. Norma will ask for your OK Society number, your name and email address.

The purpose of this page is to be a forum for discussing topics of common interest to the members of the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants. This is a location where only our members may post questions or informational items about our General Mayflower Society or our state society or ask questions about conducting research. A member will post a question and someone else will probably provide the answer. Appropriate posts include questions about activities, projects and membership news. For example, the death of a member of the State Society and a picture may be posted and appropriate comments made to the posting.

Remember, we are a non-political society and postings must adhere to Mayflower business. Please use your private individual Facebook page to post personal activities and family news.

Thanks for your cooperation in complying with these guidelines. With your help, 2015 - 2016 promises to be an outstanding year for the OK Mayflower Society.

In Memoriam

Sarah Phelps Gilmour, OK 441– Died 1-6-15

Past OSMD Gov. Marquette Brown, OK 725
5 Jan 1925 – 12 Feb 2015, OKC

Rachael Cooper Mason, OK 937 –
1928 - 2 Aug 2015, Edmond

In 1620 John Howland Went Overboard On The Mayflower. So Why Is this Important?

In October of 1620, Mayflower passenger John Howland was thrown overboard during a major storm. . . By the grace of God, Howland grabbed hold of a topsail halyard trailing the boat and was pulled to safety. Why is this important? Among his descendants are Presidents Franklin Delano Roosevelt, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, Joseph Smith Jr. (Founder of the Mormon Church), Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Alec & Stephen Baldwin, and ... former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin

(Source: *Kellen Projects.com*)

<http://kellenprojects.com/2014/03/t-w-s-tuesday-tidbit-1620-john-howland-went-overboard-mayflower-important>

OK SOCIETY MAYFLOWER NAME BADGES AVAILABLE



A **magnetic name badge** is available. On a piece of paper, specify how you wish your name to appear on your name badge. Make checks payable to OK Society of Mayflower Descendants. The cost is \$13 each. If you wish to have your badge mailed, add \$3 for shipping. If your order is placed prior to Oct. 31, your badge will be available Nov. 14 at the registration table. Mail your order and check to:

Stuart Denslow 5721 West Orlando Circle, Broken Arrow, OK 74011-1137

Sharlee Kuhns, Editor of *The Mayflower Messenger* since the Fall 2010 issue, has found it necessary to resign her position. We thank her sincerely for her outstanding service. Her skill set brought *The Messenger* to a new level of excellence. *Thank You!*

The new *Mayflower Messenger* editor is Jeannine Burks Long.

Please mail materials for publication to her at 1225 North Canyon Way, Guthrie, OK, 73044-3942, or email to jeaniology@cox.net with "Mayflower Messenger" in the subject line.