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Governor's Message



Dear Mayflower Descendants:

It is truly an honor to serve as your Governor for the next two years. I promise to work very hard to increase our membership, modernize the way we do business,

and perhaps add a little more fun and excitement to our meetings. I am very interested in your input. Please feel free to call me anytime you have an idea or complaint. I want to keep the conversation open on how we can improve. Our best ideas come from our membership.

Thankfully 2021 is showing great promise. So many of us have now had our vaccinations. We cannot let our guard down though; we must continue to mask and practice social distancing. We hope that if we proceed with an abundance of caution we can have our spring and fall meetings in person and virtually for those that still cannot attend.

I am so excited to announce that our spring meeting will be held at the Tulsa Country Club May 1st. So put on your Sunday best to meet the Governor General, Jane Hurt! I first met Jane in Plymouth a few years ago when she was the Secretary General. I was so impressed by how her wardrobe was all in Mayflower pink. She looked beautiful! So I came home and bought a couple of pink dresses. Except I forgot the fact that pink is really not my color, I looked awful!

Spring Meeting

Place: **Tulsa Country Club**

Address: 701 N. Union Ave
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127

Date: Saturday, May 1st, 2021

Schedule:

Board of Assistants Meeting 9:45 am

**General Meeting,
Luncheon, & Program 10:45 am**

Cost: \$30 per plate

Registration deadline: April 17, 2021
(see registration form for more info)

Masks & Appropriate Distancing will be expected of all attendees.

Having Jane for our first speaker is a dream of mine since the Mayflower meeting I attended a few years ago in Plymouth. While at those meetings I realized that our Oklahoma Society was not really in step with the General Society. When the Oklahoma Society became involved with the Meetinghouse project, that started to change, and Jane will bring news to us on all of the projects that are ongoing to preserve our Mayflower history. I hope her enthusiasm will inspire our group to join in with the goals of the General Society.

Stay healthy and safe. See you May 1st!

Cherie Lawson
(417-825-0940)

Spring Meeting Speaker: Governor General, Jane Hurt

In its first General Congress on Zoom, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) elected Jane Hurt as Governor General for the 2020 - 2023 term. During her term, Governor General Hurt will work with the Society's Executive Committee and General Board of Assistants to govern the Society's Plymouth, MA international headquarters and serve its 30,000 plus membership.

Governor General Hurt will lead a twelve-member Executive Committee that is tasked with setting policy and guiding the operation of the society through its Executive Director, Susan Belekewicz, and staff in Plymouth, MA.



Governor General Jane Hurt most recently completed a term at GSMD as Secretary General. A member of the Kansas Society, she has served as Governor, Historian, and Webmaster. She has served as State Treasurer and Chapter Regent of the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution; State Regent of the Kansas Daughters of the American Colonists; State President of the Kansas Colonial Dames of the XVII Century; and is a life member of the Jamestowne Society. She is pleased to have proven her Pilgrim descent from William White, Susanna White, Peregrine White, Francis Cooke, John Cooke and Richard Warren of the Mayflower.

We look forward to Jane bringing news on all the ongoing projects to preserve our Mayflower history. Welcome Jane!

MAYFLOWER SPRING LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ dinners at **\$30.00** per plate \$ _____
Optional: Donation to the Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants \$ _____
Total \$ _____

Member Names: _____

Guest Names: _____

Member Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Will you need a paper name tag? __Yes __No, I have a Mayflower name-tag

Menu options: 1. Chicken _____ 2. Salmon _____ 3. Vegetarian _____

Please enclose check payable to
the **Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants** or **OSMD**.

Send reservations to: Ray Walker
1109 Cedar Place
Sand Springs, OK 74063



Registration deadline: April 17, 2021

400th Year Celebration Review

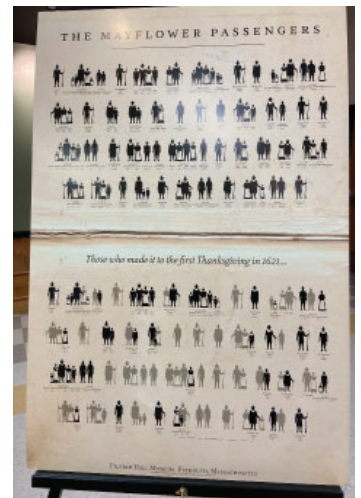
The Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants met in November 2020 at Castle Falls event center in Oklahoma City. This was the venue where we had planned to hold our Mayflower 400 years Celebration luncheon last September; which had to be canceled due to COVID. We were able to recoup a large part of our down payment we had made for the venue by meeting there last November.

We were able to fit in some celebrations in 2020. Some of our members were able to help our California cousins decorate the Mayflower float for the New Year's Day, Tournament of Roses, Rose Parade. The float featured GSMD Members from across the country and won The Americana Award, for best representation of US history. The 2020 committee also made plans to hold two genealogy fairs in two cities. We were able to hold one fair February 22, 2020 in Tulsa at the Hardesty Library. We had 65 people attend our first fair! Then COVID caused the cancellation of the fair planned for OKC.

After that, we decide to turn our posters, pictures, biographies, and Colonial clothing, into a traveling show. Our show graced the Edmond, Oklahoma library window for the month of October. We have already had many requests to hold a genealogy fair in OKC as soon as it is safe. It is our hope to continue to search for Mayflower descendants in Oklahoma by having more fairs, giving speeches to other genealogy groups, and continuing to make our traveling show available to those that are interested. We want to meet the goal we set for 2020 to make our Society known in the state of Oklahoma.



Materials available for display



There are about 10 Million Descendants in the US, or about 1 in every 33 people. Know anyone interested in genealogy? They might be a descendant! Share our website with them to help them learn more – www.okmayflower.com

In Memoriam

Marjory Maffitt Jones, Born 4-27-1931, deceased 11-15-2019

-John Howland descendant OK# 381 GS#72189

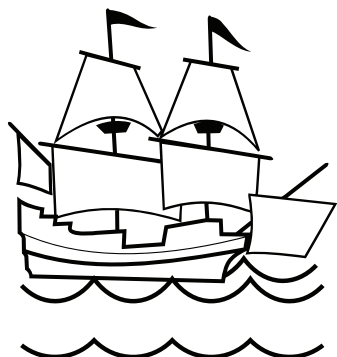
Marjory had an adventurous life as a military wife. She loved teaching journalism and loved genealogy, celebrating her Scottish roots as well as her Mayflower ones.

Anna Lee Hixon, Born 09-19-192, deceased 12-28-2020

Mary Ruth Craig, Born 10-29-1933, deceased 01-29-2021

-Edward Fuller and John Alden descendant OK #754, GS# 63981

Mother of 4, grandmother of 12 and great grandmother to 19! She was an active member of the Mayflower Society, the DAR, and the 1812.



We Welcome Our Newest Oklahoma Mayflower Members!

GS#99387 OK#1076 Laura Travis Weiss Blanchard, OK John Alden

GS#99410 OK#1077 Kaitlyn Dawn Owens Wister, OK Richard Warren

GS#99411 OK#1078 Charles Eugene Pelham Moore, OK Henry Samson

Margaret Sue Matthews Cullum

Transferring from Missouri

GS#75618 OK#1079 Wanda Samuelson French Bartlesville, OK Thomas Rogers

General Announcements

Add our new email to your contacts:

ok.mayflower1620@gmail.com

Still need to pay your dues?

Please send **\$55** to

Ray Walker

1109 Cedar Place

Sand Springs, OK 74063

Checks payable to: OSMD



Anyone that is interested in ordering a **name badge** contact:
Charlie Walker, (918) 697-2380

Find us on Facebook!

Using the "Search" bar at the top left corner of your news feed. Search for: **Oklahoma Society of Mayflower Descendants**.

The current cover photo is "Mayflower Voyage 400 Year Anniversary." This is a "closed" group, so request to join and the administrator will add you. Only members of the society will be added. Members may post photos or items for discussion. Events and meetings will be included. The Files section includes past issues of The Messenger and other documents of interest. Currently, there are 50 members in the group, and I'd like to add as many as possible!

-Norma Hughes, Facebook Administrator

The Mayflower Messenger has a new Editor, Ms. Laura Weatherholt.

Please email materials for Publications to her at **OKMayflowerMessenger@gmail.com**

Thanks for your patience as I learn this new role!

Rose Parade 2020



39 float entries participated in 2020. It took over a year to design, build, and decorate this float alone!



Did you know? All visible surfaces of the float must be covered in plant materials! Seeds, petals, vegetables, cut flowers, sticks and branches were all used to decorate the float.



Thank you!!

We owe a BIG Thank you to Jeannine Burks Long who served as the Mayflower Messenger Editor for 16 years!

And another BIG Thank you to Lauri Robinson who served as OSMD Treasurer for 8 years!

We appreciate your service to this organization.



List of New Officers

Governor: Cherie Snow Lawson
Deputy Governor: Norma Hughes
Secretary: Dee Ann Bohl
Treasurer: Ray Walker
Historian: Katherine A. Patterson
Captain: Charles Walker
Elder: Deborah W. Ackerly
Surgeon: Gary Denslow
Counselor: Pat Roark

OSMD Mayflower Scholarship Update:

Melody Kellogg had to resign as scholarship chairman. Norma Hughes and our former scholarship chairman will be making the decision this year. We have four applicants. Recipient will be announced at the Spring Meeting.

Spring Anniversary Meeting

Our spring Meeting is known as the "Anniversary Meeting" to acknowledge the anniversary of the reelection of John Carver as governor of Plymouth Colony on April 2, 1621. Shortly after he died of an apparent heat stroke. His wife, Katherine, died a few weeks later "of a broken heart". They left no children.

Carver, a wealthy London Merchant, had left England for Leiden, Netherlands, in 1607-08 due to religious persecution. He was one of the more prominent members of the Scrooby congregation and the chief figure in arranging the pilgrim migration to America. He was originally elected the first Governor of Plymouth colony after signing the Mayflower Compact on November 11, 1620. He had also been the "ship's governor" during the voyage to the new world.



Pictured: OSMD Members, Laura & Ellen Weatherholt - (Edward Fuller)