

The Pilgrim Legacy



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Mayflower Photo
Durando Family

Please Help! - Rose Parade Float \$25,000 Short!

The Mayflower Float that participated in the Rose Bowl Parade on January 1st was a great success. That is in all ways except financial. Our state fund came up \$25,000 short. We are again requesting \$25.00 from each colony member. The San Joaquin Valley Colony will match that amount and send the total to (Our Governor) Susan Oldfield, State Treasurer. Please send your donations to: Faith Haag, 2687 Marie Drive, Madera, CA 93637-8648. Make your checks payable to: The San Joaquin Valley Colony of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California

Durando Family: Three Generations of Mayflower Descendants Decorate Float

Diane Durando said, "When we signed up we did not realize that this was the last 8 hour shift for decorating and that the judging was the next morning at 8 am ... This was a great family experience that we will remember and treasure forever."



Pictured left to right: Eileen Price, Charlotte Price, Jim Durando, Crispin Price & Diane Durando

Governor's Notes:

I took the decorative boxes we wanted to give to Charter Members to Fresno to look up three recipients. As I headed for the address of Joan Roden, I soon realized I was going to the Terraces, a lovely retirement community where Charlie and Ann Wadhams and John Erb reside. Joan was pleased to have a visitor. She announced she is 100 years old!!! I enjoyed visiting with her and wrote a note in the box, as she was very hard of hearing and at first didn't comprehend the meaning of the visit. Her eyes lit up when talking about the days when she could still attend our meetings.

I discovered Sally Bledsoe has moved to a nursing home (unknown address), and Ruby Jeter died November 17, 2016. Her son was happy to receive the box, he said at some point they will be cleaning out her bedroom where she has a lot of Mayflower memorabilia. I told him to let us know in case there are some Silver Books we could use.



Joan Roden, Charter Member



Charlie Wadhams, left, Ruby Jeter, right
An early photo

Last Chance – Statewide Scholarship Reminder

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California is once again having a Scholarship Essay Contest. The final day of submissions is March 2, 2020. A total of three scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$2,000 - \$3,000 & \$5,000. To Apply Or For More Information:

<http://www.camayflower.org/scholarships.html>

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Last Chance - San Joaquin Valley Colony Scholarship Reminder

Our Scholarship Deadline is March 2nd, 2020. 1st Prize \$500, 2nd Prize \$250. Please encourage your young relatives to participate. You can find the application, topic, and more information on our website. Click on **Scholarship Information** after you go to our website: <http://www.sanjoaquinvalleycolony.org>

Amazing Opportunity for Teachers Deadline March 1, 2020!

The NEH, National Endowment for the Humanities, is partially funding a two-week class in Plymouth, MA.
Beyond the Mayflower: New Voices from Early America, 1500 – 1676

Location: Plymouth, MA / July 26 – August 9

\$2,100 stipend to partially cover costs will be provided to those accepted for the program.

To Apply Or For More Information

Call 508-746-1622 Ext 8359 – Or - <https://sites.google.com/plimoth.org/beyondmayflower>

Or - <https://www.neh.gov> - Enter “Beyond the Mayflower” In the search box

Larry Beston Honored

Our own Larry Beston, Secretary, SJVC Mayflower Society, was recently honored by the DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution. Larry served as an essay judge for the DAR’s Good Citizens and American History Winner reception on February, 15th. Sixty-four essays were submitted by sixth grade students. The topic paragraph began, “Imagine you are one of the passengers on the Mayflower. Knowing what materials were available in 1620, what would you have packed to prepare for the trip...” Congratulations to Larry!

Larry is pictured with Barbara Volker, American History Chair, of the Fresno-Yosemite Chapter, DAR.



Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held May 2, 2020.

11:00 am Sign In / Meeting begins @ 11:30 am

Location: High Sierra Grill

2003 W Bullard, Ave., Fresno, CA 93711

You will be provided with more information as we get closer to the date.

Our Next Presenter

The presenter at our next meeting will be Marcia Huntley Maloney, Honorary Governor of California.

Her topic will be the “Children of the Mayflower.”

Marcia was also Co-Chair of the 2020 Mayflower Rose Bowl Parade Float.