

The Pilgrim Legacy



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Notes From the Governor; Susan Rae Oldfield

I surely enjoyed our get-together at my house on November 7th. Since we only have two meetings a year, we tend to have quite a bit of business to attend to, I always feel rushed. Maybe we should consider starting at 11:00 a.m. Our next meeting will be the first Saturday in May.

The Zoom meeting went pretty well, I think. I was surprised more didn't attend by Zoom. I'm sure we are all becoming familiar with that format. Marcia Maloney, Honorary Governor of California, gave her talk on Zoom covering the "Children of the Mayflower" from her home in Irvine. Marcia was Co-Chair of the 2020 Mayflower Rose Bowl Parade Float.

The General Society has worked hard on changing some of the by-laws. This, of course, had the domino effect and the State asked all of the colonies to improve our by-laws as well. There is a special Membership Meeting on February 27 at 10:00 A.M. Generally, this meeting is held every other year, in June. Once it was held on the Queen Mary. Once at the Green Lantern Restaurant and is supposed to be a chance for many to network and mingle. In this case, it is strictly to vote on the State by-laws that were approved in December by the Executive Board and the BOA. All members are welcome to attend. I need an RSVP from you if you will attend. At that point you will get a zoom "invite" from Scott Miller who administers the State Zoom. We need a head count because we may have to upgrade the Zoom subscription (speaking as the Treasurer) if more than 100 want to attend.

You can access the by-laws on the State website: <https://www.camayflower.org> Scroll down to the digital copy of the Winter 2021 Quarterly. Go to page 24.

RSVP to me, Susan Oldfield lilystarr@aol.com or 559-805-4446, if you would like to attend the Zoom meeting.

Meeting Location

Due to Covid restrictions the location of our next meeting on Saturday, May 1st, is yet to be determined. It may be a Zoom meeting. We'll let you know as the date approaches.

Dianna Saario: Deputy Governor / Colony Membership Chair

I encourage all of you that are members of the Mayflower Society to vote for the by-laws as written. The CA Board of Assistants and CA Executive Committee have spent many hours coordinating our By-Laws to correspond with the GSMD. What you see in the Mayflower Quarterly and the CA Mayflower Quarterly are in cooperation with each other so that our modified By-Laws reflect each other. Please vote! Vote! Your vote will be heard. Thank you for your participation.

As Deputy Colony Governor, I have not heard back from several restaurants where we might hold our next meeting on Saturday, May 1st. With the lock down now, restaurants are only doing take-out. Our previous location, the High Sierra Grill, has been served an eviction notice and their phone is disconnected. If any of you have a preferred location which can accommodate our group with visual and audio connections, please let me know at sjvcmfchair@gmail.com. We all will have to keep track of Fresno Covid restrictions.

Diane Saario: Our Next Speaker

We have a speaker for our next meeting, Alden Owen. He will speak about his trip to you guessed it, the "John Alden House" in Plymouth. He will also present his research project following his ancestors from place to place, looking for documents to prove his multiple lines.

Faith Haag: Treasurer

Our colony participated in the 2020 fundraiser for the Mayflower Society's New Year's Day Rose Parade float. The float was titled, "The Voyage of Hope – 1620." We did very well! Our colony donated over \$3,500 to the float through cash donations, matching funds, and the purchase of Mayflower labeled items.. We were one of the top colonies in the state to support the 2020 float! For more information please go to: <https://www.camayflower.org/about-the-rose-parade-float.html>

Larry Beston: Secretary

When we send out newsletters and other informative notes to our San Joaquin Valley Colony members, we try to send everything possible by email because it allows faster delivery, takes less time to prepare the actual sending and it is virtually cost free. Currently we have 90-100 mailings but have to use the USPS for about 20 each time there is something of interest to go out to our members.

If you have been receiving our communiques by snail mail it is likely because we do not have your email address on file. It is in this regard that we ask that if you or a member of your home has an email address and could receive our information that way we would encourage you to provide that to the Secretary so that we could make the change in our distribution activity and get you on the email list. If, however you need to remain on the postal service system you need not do anything as we will continue to keep you well informed by using the USPS.

If there is a change that you want to make you can email me at larrybeston@sbcglobal.net or call me at my home phone number of 559-297-0361. If you call and get my voice mail please feel free to leave a message and I will return your call.

Dan Cabe: Newsletter Editor / Webmaster

This newsletter is also available on our new website:

<https://sanjoaquinvalleycolony.org/>

A Mayflower Float video of the 2020 Rose Parade is available at the link below.

<https://sanjoaquinvalleycolony.org/mayflower-float.html>