

The Pilgrim Legacy



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From the Governor; Susan Rae Oldfield Zoom “Host” Needed lilystarr@aol.com

I found that being hostess, Governor and Zoom meeting coordinator was a little much. I didn't get a chance to visit with people. Would someone sit by the computer and do the Zoom portion of the meeting? Please? You won't be responsible for setting up the meeting. You'll essentially click start and sit by the computer while Zoom is operating. Some knowledge of Zoom is preferred.

Meeting Information

Dianna Saario: Deputy Governor / Colony Membership Chair

Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2021, it will occur both in person and via Zoom. Susan, our Governor, has again graciously offered her home in the country for our socially distanced meeting. A \$12 catered lunch is available for purchase. Please see below for details on lunch, reservations, time and location. sjvcmfchair@gmail.com

Dianna Saario: Deputy Governor / Colony Membership Chair

May is on its way, and I am seeing all those May flowers. I am hoping by the time we get together we have moved down a tier in our Covid shutdown. I had my second shot of Moderna at the end of March.

As Colony Membership Chair, I have our wonderful secretary Larry Beston who keeps track of our new members. Please welcome each new member into our midst, I know that they have worked really hard to finally achieve their goal. sjvcmfchair@gmail.com

Larry Beston: Secretary

The San Joaquin Valley colony is happy to welcome 7 new Mayflower members as confirmed by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. They are: Susan Stone, Modesto; Mark Storch, Ridgecrest; Eileen Jackson, Oakhurst; Fred Lusk, Fresno; Richard Loomis, Tulare; Carolyn Benson, Modesto; and Diane Nitta, Sanger. larrybeston@sbcglobal.net

Dianna Saario: Our Next Speaker

The speaker for our next meeting will be 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. svcmfchair@gmail.com

In Person Meeting

Tables and chairs will be provided for our socially distanced outdoor meeting, RSVP Susan lilystarr@aol.com if you will be attending in person.

Saturday, May 1, 2021, 11:00 am
Home of Susan Rae Oldfield
35802 Road 180, Visalia, CA 93292
lilystarr@aol.com
559-805-4446

Zoom Meeting

If you plan to attend our meeting via Zoom you must let Susan know via email. She will then send you an "invitation." RSVP lilystarr@aol.com

Lunch

RSVP Susan lilystarr@aol.com if you wish to order a \$12 catered lunch.
Menu: Chicken, beef, or ham croissant sandwiches, potato salad & dessert.
Drinks: Coffee, Iced Tea, & Lemonade

Faith Haag: Treasurer

We currently have a balance of \$2,241 in our account. 5_haags@sbcglobal.net

Mayflower Kid's Challenge

Colby Nitta, the grandson of Diane Nitta, one of our newest members, was a participant in the **2020 Mayflower Kid's Challenge**. This is an event put on by Pilgrim Hall Museum.

<https://www.pilgrimhall.org>

To participate in the contest, children were asked to submit a photograph of themselves dressed as a child who was a passenger on the Mayflower. In the photograph on the facebook link below, Colby is dressed as Samuel Fuller, age 12. Colby and his grandmother are descendants of Edward Fuller.

To see Colby's photograph go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/Pilgrimhall/videos/2020-mayflower-kids-challenge/791504728097414/>

For more information on the contest itself please visit:

<https://seeplymouth.com/event/mayflower-kids-challenge/>

Open Positions Beginning in November

Contact Susan Rae Oldfield For More Information lilystarr@aol.com

Although we are a small colony, we have been an earnest and dedicated colony since 1974. We've had our ups and downs. Dianna and I both have weathered some extreme lows when it looked like the colony would fold, we raised our donation to the Speaker to \$50.00 and have offered the speaker \$100.00 for overnight expenses. We wanted to try to get speakers further away to participate. I have been Secretary, Treasurer, Deputy Governor and Governor. It is time to step down. Likewise, Dianna has served in those positions as well. I really encourage you to step up. The descriptions of the positions are below. Really, if everyone does their share, it is not difficult. We will be electing a nominating committee and they will present new nominations at the Compact Meeting in November.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The **Colony Governor** shall preside at all meetings; shall act at all times as the chief executive officer of the Colony; shall appoint (with the approval of the other elected officers) all committees not otherwise provided for; shall attend the Board of Assistants meetings whenever possible; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee; and shall notify Secretary of any new members.

Section 2: The **Colony Deputy Governor** shall, in the absence of the Colony Governor, perform the duties of Colony Governor, and, in addition, shall, as Program Chair, arrange and obtain speakers and locations for all Colony meetings.

Section 3: The **Colony Secretary** shall: (a) keep the minutes of the Colony and the Executive Board; (b) email, or snail mail, copies of the minutes of the general meetings within two weeks after each meeting to members of the colony and the State Secretary. The board meeting minutes will be summarized in the newsletter. (c) shall email a news blurb to the Editor of the California Mayflower Quarterly in a timely manner; (d) maintain a current roster of colony members; (e) conduct such correspondence as requested by the Colony Governor or by the Executive Board; and (f) email, or snail mail, a copy of the newsletter to members, as well as, the CA Governor and the CA Deputy Governor North. The Colony Secretary welcomes new prospective members and interested guests, as well as new members, to our Colony.

Section 4: The **Colony Membership Chair**(CMC)shall (a) call the roll of Ancestors at each regular meeting of the Colony. This roll call will be a simple raising of the hand once, for each ancestor line.; (b) assist members and prospective members with applications and lineage papers; (c) notify secretary of new members; (d) Notify the State Society without delay, of any changes in the vital statistics of members.

Section 5: The **Colony Treasurer** shall receive all funds of the Colony and shall deposit them in such bank as may be designated by the Colony. He/she shall disburse these funds only as directed by the Colony or Executive Board. In case of inability of the Colony Treasurer to sign checks, the Colony Governor's signature will be honored, and the bank notified immediately of this situation. The accounts shall be reviewed annually by a non-Board member appointed by the Colony Governor. The fiscal year of the Colony shall end each year with December 31. Each year the Colony Treasurer shall render promptly to the members a full and detailed report of all receipts and disbursements during the preceding year. The Colony Treasurer will compile a report as requested by the State Treasurer summarizing the year's receipts and expenses.

Section 6: The **Colony Chaplain** shall open all meetings of the Colony with a reading of prayer and shall conduct such memorial services as the occasion may require. The Colony Chaplain shall communicate, whenever possible, with members who are ill or in distress and shall keep an accurate list of all deceased members. The Chaplain will send a letter of condolence to families of those members who have died.

Section 7: The **Colony Delegate** shall act as Colony representative to the meetings of the Board of Assistants of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of California, Inc. if the Governor cannot attend, or if the Governor holds an office on the State Executive Committee. An Alternate Delegate may be appointed if neither the Delegate or Governor can attend.

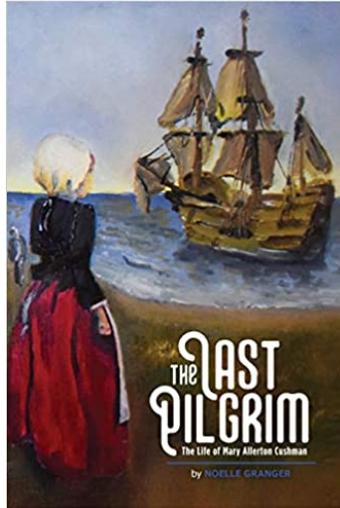
Section 8: The **Colony Archivist** shall maintain former records and advise of historically interesting items.

Information on the Colony Archivist Position by our Governor

As you know, Donna Hadrian, our archivist, died. I know she had that position since at least 2007 when I joined. It is a matter of keeping up the scrap books, and adding photos. She took photos of the meeting for our newsletter. The scrap books could be kept in a "Tupperware" tub in your garage.

Section 9: The **Executive Board** (consisting of all eight officers plus two committee chairs) shall have authority over the affairs of the Colony between meetings. Executive Board meetings shall be at the call of the Governor or Deputy Governor and may be held on a digital device such as zoom or by telephone, or email. Four members shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Board shall be subject to the orders of the Colony, and none of its acts shall conflict with a duly held, lawful vote of Colony members.

Book Review, By Susan Rae Oldfield lilystarr@aol.com



This is a review of a new book that is out in hardback and Kindle. It is by Noelle Granger, called The Last Pilgrim. I really enjoyed reading about the Pilgrims through the life of Mary Allerton Cushman. She was only 4 when she came across on the Mayflower. It is told in the first person by her father, Isaac Allerton, and then by Mary. I especially enjoyed the woman's perspective dealing with home life, cooking, gathering, growing, washing... I appreciated her description of life before electricity and plumbing as I, as a hippie in the early 1970's, lived in a country commune in a tiny shack. I lugged my water, cut my fire wood and cooked on a wood burning stove. It was cold and damp in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Noelle has fleshed out the parts that women played in creating our past. As much as I have read of William Bradford's journal, she has carefully interwoven his observations with some writer's license as she explains at the end of the book. Noelle grew up in Plymouth, participated in all things Plymouth and worked at the Plymouth Plantation. One forgets how limited women were in the "Olden Days." The book interweaves many of the other Pilgrims into the story. Well worth reading.

Mayflower Ship Survives

Paul Harvey: What Became Of The Ship Mayflower

Here's a link to an interesting video on YouTube

<https://www.facebook.com/ProRodeoVoice/videos/paul-harvey-what-became-of-the-ship-mayflower/1750692838348451/>

The End of the Mayflower

From: Caleb Johnson's Mayflower History.com

For more information on what happened to the Mayflower click the link below.

<http://mayflowerhistory.com/end-of-the-mayflower>

Dan Cabe: Newsletter Editor / Webmaster

This newsletter is also available on our website:

<https://sanjoaquinvalleycolony.org/>