



# Myles Standish Colony News

## Save the Dates:

### Colony Meetings

**NOTE: New Location/ Dates:**

**Heritage Bay Golf &Country Club, 10154 Heritage Bay Blvd, Naples**

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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## March 2023 Meeting Dress Like A Pilgrim

Have you ever wondered about the Pilgrims' clothing? How they acquired the clothing materials? What colors they preferred - was it the black and white depicted in paintings and popular culture? What footwear was needed to survive New England's severe winters and hot summers?

Then there is my very personal question - how did they survive without a closet full of clothes?



At the March luncheon meeting, we will learn more. Colony members will model authentic Pilgrim attire and will explain how



they wove their linen clothing from the flax they grew and then the colors they dyed it using the native plants and berries. They will also explain the purpose of each garment that they wore.

All members who would like to participate in the development of this program, please contact Vice Governor, Carolyn Alden – (239) 682-4506, [carolynealden@gmail.com](mailto:carolynealden@gmail.com).

## February 2023 Governor's Message

Dear Standish Colony Members:

I grew up knowing I was a White descendant. My first application in 2014 was simple as my uncle had been a member. Later, I learned that our family has Mayflower lines through our maternal grandfather AND our maternal grandmother. This has enabled me to prove 8 Mayflower applications over the last several years.

While completing the family research, I have grown to appreciate that our British ancestors left many socioeconomic “norms” behind when they fled to America. Since women were in short supply in the colonies, colonial women tended to be more highly valued than in Europe. Marriages often occurred in haste creating unlikely pairings and the start of the “melting pot” environment that our country is now known for. In my own family, Martha Doty, the granddaughter of “Stranger” and servant Edward Doty married John White-- the grandson of the privileged “Separatist” Resolved White in 1701.

My maternal **grandfather**’s “Rounsevell” ancestors hailed from the Devon/Cornwall area on the **southwestern coast** of England. The Rounsevell males settled in Freetown, MA, about 30 miles from Plymouth in the 1690’s. Many married Mayflower descendants. Most were farmers and Patriots. They often bragged about being **White** descendants.

My maternal **grandmother**’s “Smith” ancestors were from Hingham, Norfolk, England which is on the **eastern coast** of England. Ancestor Ralph Smith became a founder of Hingham, MA in the 1630’s but eventually his family settled in the Eastham and Barnstable areas of Cape Cod and later Nova Scotia and Gloucester, MA. My grandmother’s family were fishermen, ship captains and Loyalists! My grandmother never mentioned that she was a Mayflower descendant. **Did she know?**

My grandparents met by chance when they were both in their twenties. My grandmother was a new public-school teacher living in Freetown which is about 100 miles from her hometown of Gloucester, MA. My grandfather was a WWI veteran and working as a carpenter and poultry farmer in the same town his family had lived for nearly 250 years. The only obvious similarity was that they were both Protestant.

Yet in spite of their dissimilarities, my grandparents share three of the same Mayflower lines. Both are **Brewster** descendants through Patience Brewster, both have more than one **Doty** line, and both have **Warren** lines though daughter Mary Warren Bartlett. Additionally, both are **Kenelm Winslow** descendants. (Kenelm is the brother to Passenger Edward Winslow.)

I regret that I discovered this family history after my parents’ and my grandparents’ deaths. I am quite certain they never knew of this shared history. When people ask me why they should complete a Mayflower application I say; “By joining GSMD, your descendants will know that you had the privilege of knowing your family’s story. They will not wonder if you knew or not!”



I have honored my grandparents with an engraved brick in the Mayflower House Garden in Plymouth.

An article in the **Mayflower Quarterly** (winter 2022 edition) about a 2023 GSMD Mayflower Heritage Tour convinced me that it was time to travel abroad and learn more about my British ancestors before their 1620 voyage to America. My husband Steve and I have opted to plan our own “Heritage Tour” in mid-May. We depart from Miami on a non-stop flight to London. After a tour of London, we take a short flight to Amsterdam and a train to Leiden. We return to England on an overnight boat cruise into Harwich—the home of Captain Christopher

Jones. Using a British Rail pass, we hope to visit Boston, Lincoln, Gainsborough, Retford, Babworth, Scrooby, Gloucester Plymouth and Southampton. We have arranged to meet local historians in each city to take us on walking tours. Stay tuned for a summer report of the trip!

I look forward to seeing you at our March 7, 2023 luncheon

Ann Kremer, Governor

**MINUTES****Society of Mayflower Descendants/State of Florida****Myles Standish Colony, Naples, FL****Regular Meeting, JANUARY 17, 2023/Heritage Bay Club**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:** 12:00 by Gov. Ann Kremer. Thanked Kay Friedberg, Susan Szen, and Bev Duncan for volunteering at the registration table.

**INVOCATION:** Christel Walters, Elder

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Beverly D. Wagner

**PILGRIMS' PLEDGE:** Linda Osborn

**READING OF THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT:** Val Bilbrey

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS:** Carolyn Alden, Vice-Governor;

Mary Ann Buma (DAR), Barbara McGonagle, Mary and Bob Randall, Beverly Wagner.

**MINUTES:** The NOVEMBER 7, 2022 minutes were approved as published in the October newsletter.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Linda Gadkowski, Treasurer.

Beginning balance: \$22,402.47. Expenses: \$6,160 State dues; \$188.51 for Historian; \$149 for Zoom; \$527.50 for contributions (Silver Books, scholarship, Naples library, Mayflower Society). Current balance: \$15,411.56. Membership is 155 (includes 2 transfers in). Linda distributed a take-home reminder to pay dues. 38 were in attendance today.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ann Kremer, Governor

Ann attended the Florida State Annual Meeting in St. Augustine Nov. 18-19. We have done two DAR presentations to help increase the awareness of Myles Standish Colony. Some other colonies would like copies of our program. All members are encouraged to seek opportunities for presentation of our program in their communities.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Current officers' terms end in November 2023. Past Governor and Director **Nancy Ratner** will chair the

**Nominating Committee.** Please contact Nancy if you'd like to serve on the Nominating Committee or as a Board member.

**Revised Colony Constitution and Bylaws** will come up for a vote at the March 15 Luncheon. Revisions will be emailed before the meeting. **Our colony will host the Florida State meeting November 15-16, 2024.**

All members are encouraged to attend. Volunteers will be needed for planning. The new **Pink Book** will be printed this fall. Revised Constitution and Bylaws will be included, as well as the new Board. Mention was made of a planned tour to Leiden, Holland in June; ad was in the Winter 2022 Mayflower Quarterly.

12:15 BREAK FOR LUNCH

**ROLL CALL OF ANCESTORS (AND FAMILIES)** by Bev Duncan, Rec. Secretary and Dave Burgess, Captain: The Hopkins family—9; Alden—4; Brewster, Mullins, Soule—3 each.

**PROGRAM Introduction:** Carolyn Alden, Vice Governor: **What Happened to the Mayflower Children?** Speaking parts written by Gov. Ann Kremer.

**BENEDICTION:** Christel Walters, Elder.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 2:12 by Ann Kremer

*Respectfully submitted, Beverly Duncan  
Recording Secretary*

## THE MYLES STANDISH COLONY CONTINUES PRESENTATIONS OF "PATRIOTS WHO DESCENDED FROM NOTABLE MAYFLOWER WOMEN"

The Myles Standish Colony presentation, "**Patriots who Descend from Notable Mayflower Women**" continues to be met with interest and enthusiasm. The most recent was at the Barefoot Beach DAR, Estero, January 11.

### Upcoming presentations:

**Marco Island DAR: Thursday, March 16, 2023 Big Cypress DAR (Naples): November 2023**

In most cases, guests are invited to attend. If you would like to attend and/or participate in these presentations, contact Ann Kremer at [standishcolony@yahoo.com](mailto:standishcolony@yahoo.com)

### Remembering Elsie M. Connell

**Elsie M. Connell**, a Mayflower life member and descendant of William Brewster, passed away January 10, 2023. She was 99 years old and is survived by her three children, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Elsie received her Bachelor of Fine Arts at Connecticut College, and a Masters of Library Science at Columbia University, graduating with honors. She worked for many years as a librarian at Briarcliff College. After retiring, she volunteered at local public libraries in Briarcliff Manor, NY, Edgartown, MA, and Naples, FL. An accomplished artist, Elsie created many paintings, primarily of landscapes local to her residences.



### Myles Standish Colony 2024 Dues Information

**To all Myles Standish Colony Members on behalf of our treasurer, Linda Gadkowski.**

Please note that all dues for the following year MUST be paid no later than September 15th. After the 15th, the treasurer compiles a list of unpaid members and those names are submitted for removal from our roles by the Governor at the State meeting each November.

This requires a lot of time and effort spent by our Colony treasurer to collect the dues that remain unpaid by September 15th. Over the years, many of you may have received dues reminder notices. These notices are sent as a courtesy so that your name is not added to the list of "drops" by Myles Standish Colony and many hours are spent well beyond the September deadline. In the past, the dues notice was sent out in March to accommodate those members who are in Florida on a seasonal basis. We welcome the payment of your dues at any time during the year. If it is convenient to pay your dues before you head to your northern residence, please do so.

### Myles Standish Colony Member Report

Please welcome our newest members: Donna K. Benson, approved in November, 2022, Samuel Fuller; Austin R. Downey, approved in November, 2022, William White; and Suzanne M. Messere, approved in May 2008, elected to the Florida Society, Stephen Hopkins.

Janet Brooks, Myles Standish Historian, reports that activity is brisk for both new and supplemental applications. She is very busy!

**Junior Membership Report****Nancy Ratner, Chairperson**

Total Junior Membership for Myles Standish Colony.....134

Three (3) Junior Members currently applying for FULL membership

Eleven (11) Junior Members aged out at the end of 2022 and will not pursue application for full membership.

**HAPPENINGS IN THE NEW WORLD JANUARY-MARCH 1623**

This issue begins a series reporting events in the “New World” (good and bad) 400 years ago.

**January, 1623** Short-provisioned, the Wessagusset settlers have no choice but to deal with the Indians in exchange for food despite unfavorable conditions.

Governor **William Bradford** travels to Nemasket and Manomet to stock up on corn. He narrowly escapes an assassination attempt.

In Virginia, the settlers launch various retaliatory operations against the **Nansemonds, Powhatan, Weyanocks, Pamunkeys** and **Chickahominies**.

**February, 1623**

While his colony is struck hard by starvation, Governor of Wessagusset (now Weymouth, MA) **John Sanders** requests the Plymouth authorities to mount with him an attack against the Indians. They reject the proposal.

Captain **Miles Standish** escapes a murder attempt prepared by **Massachusetts** Indians while he has gone to deal corn supply at Mattachiest.

**John White**, reverend of the Holy Trinity in Dorchester (Dorset) and Sir Walter Earle are granted a patent for the creation of a fishery on the Massachusetts coast.

**March 1623 - William Bradford** is re-elected Governor of Plymouth. He sends **Edward Winslow** to negotiate with the **Wampanoag** leader **Massasoit** to prevent the Dutch from interfering in the fur trade. **Miles Standish** escapes from his side a new assassination attempt organized by a group of **Massachusetts**.

The first American temperance law is enacted in Virginia. It aims to control alcohol consumption.

While it was on the way to supply the Jamestown colony, the **Seaflower** explodes in Bermuda further to a carelessness of the captain's son.

**Henry Spelman** and 19 men who accompany him are killed by **Nacotchanks** during a trade expedition. The Indians seize their armors and their guns.

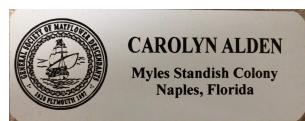
A settler of Wessagusset reaches Plymouth with a message announcing an impending Indian attack. Already informed by other sources of the potential threat of **Massachusetts** tribes, **Edward Winslow** sends a small detachment to Wessagusset under the command of **Myles Standish**.

**Myles Standish** arrives with his men at Wessagusset. He asks the colonists to gather in the store to insure their defense. The local leader **Peckusot**, his wife and three of his warriors go to Wessagusset at the invitation of **Myles Standish** for peaceful talks. Yet, after taking place in the room where the meeting is to be held, **Myles Standish** orders to open fire. All the Indian representatives are killed.

(Source - <https://sites.google.com/site/atimelineofamerica/1623>)

## Myles Standish Colony Member Name Tag

If you have not had the opportunity to order the new Colony member name tag from Naples Awards,



please contact Valinda Bilbrey ([mylesstandishcol@gmail.com](mailto:mylesstandishcol@gmail.com)) for the order form and instructions. The name tags are \$12.50 each plus \$3.50 per badge if you wish to have them shipped.

## GSMD (State and National) Scholarship Programs

### Florida Mayflower Scholarship Information:

The Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants is proud to announce the availability of four \$2,000 scholarships for 2023, including the prestigious Edward Sullivan award.

**FSMD Eligibility:** Student must be a current high school senior, current first year college freshman, or a returning member of the military. Application process begins January 1, 2023 and ends on or around March 1, 2023..Please check the state web site for additional information. There is no SAT or ACT minimum score requirement. [www.flmayflower.com](http://www.flmayflower.com)

**National Mayflower Scholarship information:** The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Scholarship Program offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are Mayflower descendants and will be attending a four-year college or university or two-year community college.

**GSMD Ancestry Requirements:** For an applicant to be considered for a Mayflower Scholarship, the Application Form must include a valid GSMD membership number for either the applicant or for a parent, grandparent, or great grandparent of the applicant. Please note that the membership number supplied must be for a living and currently active GSMD member. Additionally, the Member Society membership number must also be included.If any documentation from a parent or child that is 18 years needs to be submitted to GSMD to obtain a current GSMD membership number, applicants should begin work as early as possible with the Mayflower Historian in their state of residence to complete this process. Also, you will be required to list your Mayflower Ancestor(s) from the ship.

**Other GSMD Requirements:** Each scholarship recipient: must be a graduating senior; must provide the information requested for the application; must enter a four-year college or university or two-year community college and: must provide a test score and percentage from the SAT or ACT tests

In the spirit of the Mayflower settlers seeking to better themselves by moving to a new and uncharted world, special consideration will be given to applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to bettering themselves. Applicants are encouraged to add "Letters of Recommendation" from teachers or people in the community.

**HOW TO APPLY:** When the application period is open, you will need to log into the Members Only section of this website for instructions and forms. The next application for students graduation in 2023 is available. [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org)

**The Myles Standish Colony invites you to attend our next meeting and luncheon****Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 11:30 a.m.****NEW LOCATION: Heritage Bay Golf & Country Club, 10154 Heritage Bay Blvd, Naples (off Immokalee Road, 4.7 miles east of I75 N or 1.5 miles east of Collier Blvd)**

We will start at 11:30 AM with a social half hour. Guests and prospective members are always welcome to attend our meeting. Reservations for the luncheon are required and must be made or cancelled by **Monday, February 27, 2023** to avoid additional charges.

Menu choices are: Chicken Piccata with asparagus and rice pilaf, Salmon Almandine (same sides) or Mushroom stuffed with spinach and feta with a balsamic drizzle. Each will be preceded by a feta and berries salad with rolls and butter and followed by strawberry shortcake. All menu choices are \$35.00.

**VERY important - please indicate your menu selection here** \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the names of those who will be attending (your name first). Include your Pilgrim name(s) after the slash (/). Check the name of first time attendees.

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Your participation in this special afternoon is encouraged and will be greatly appreciated! Please indicate your willingness to assist:

- I would like to be a greeter;  
 I will volunteer in another manner or as needed;  
 I would like to participate in the "Dress Like a Pilgrim" presentation.

Mail this reservation form with your payment (payable to Myles Standish Colony) to:

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If you have not done so recently, please provide the name and telephone number for an emergency contact to Nancy Ratner to be included in the new directory. She recommends it be someone who does not live with you (child, grandchild, friend). Thank you!