



**The Stephen Hopkins Colony
Of the
Society of Mayflower Descendants
In the state of Florida**

Newsletter April 2019

**The Stephen Hopkins Colony
Serves the Treasure and Space Coasts of Florida, which includes
Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Martin Counties**



Constance Hopkins Hat

Florida Mayflower Colonies
flmayflower.com/colonies.html



Governor's Message

I'm glad spring is here after a very cool winter and some crazy weather in Brevard County. They had over 10 minutes of hail an hour apart that did a lot of damage. Our next meeting is July 11 and I hope to see you there.

The spring state meeting is April 27 in Bradenton. The state scholarship chair has not received any applications for the three scholarships this year, with one of them going to a person who is going to a trade or vocational school, see below.

We have lots of new members, thanks to the efforts of Kurt, Carroll and Nan, and stand at 93 members and hope to hit 100 by the end of the year. With a big group, we have lots of activities that need people and committees to plan, organize and run. Our latest activity is the 2020 committee to get the word out about the 400th anniversary, so please step up and help out. I want to ask again, everyone to introduce yourself to make to new members welcome and part of our Colony.

I'm pleased to announce that Debbie Dalrymple has agreed to be our webmaster and is in the process of developing the website and adding content and links.

If you have any items that you would like to include in the newsletters that are sent out each quarter, please send them to Etta Ocker at ettaocker@gmail.com.

Brian McWaters, Governor

Stephen Hopkins Colony



MEETINGS FOR 2019 -2020

We meet 5 times a year on the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 at C.J. Cannon's Restaurant at the Vero Beach Airport. Announcements for the meeting are sent out about three weeks in advance letting you know the meal choices and the speaker. You need to let John Hillhouse know you are coming and what meal choice you want. Currently meals cost is \$18.

Thursday, July 11, 2019 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, September 12, 2019 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, November 14, 2019 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, February 13, 2020 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 11:30 AM



The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 11, 2019. If you plan to attend, please contact **John Hillhouse** with your menu choice at mailto: hillhousej@att.net please remember that if you have to cancel, let John know so that the Colony does not have to pay for your meal.

The July meeting program is

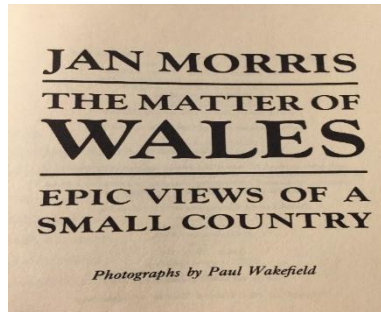
“Mayflower Maize”

Presented by Sharon Paugh, Vice Governor.



Lost and Found

A book was left at the meeting by the front wall. The title of the book is below. If it is yours and would like to claim the book please contact Nan Baker: nanb1620@gmail.com



April 2019 speakers

Mary Rianhard & Lee Day

They discussed
“The use of Herbs and Gardening in the 1600’s.”



Left to Right: Mary Rianhard (speaker), Lee Day (speaker), Gov Brian McWaters, Recording Secretary Nan Baker

Stephen Hopkins Colony Participates at 2019

Indian River County Genealogical Society Conference on April 13, 2019

On my way out of the exhibition hall after this year's conference, one of the conference organizers commented, "Wow, your Mayflower group was really involved at the Conference this year." Yes, we were! I truly appreciate the assistance that 19 Colony members provided by staffing our table/display and answering questions about Mayflower history, the upcoming 400th Anniversary, our Colony, and membership in the National Society.

Lisa Tomson, Hopkins Colony Elder, gave a conference presentation at the about preparing and understanding ancestor tables. My presentation explained Mayflower and lineage society membership applications and where to find alternatives to vital records. Both sessions were well attended, with excellent participation by the audience. Our colony has already been invited to participate in the 2020 IRGS Genealogy Conference.

If you missed this conference and would like copies of the presenters' handouts, [visit https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KnMRwH2n3aEqzE8J4K46BCwUdVsLVv_n0](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KnMRwH2n3aEqzE8J4K46BCwUdVsLVv_n0) .

Kurt Bressner Hopkins

Colony Historian



Stephen Hopkins Colony table at the Conference

Church of Latter-Day Saints
Indian River County Genealogical Society Conference Photos



Florida Mayflower Juniors Program

In the past year, the Stephen Hopkins Colony added 30 Junior members, increasing the local roster to 58. This year we have added another 4 members. The Florida Mayflower Juniors Program is open to any Colony member who would like to sponsor a family member under 18 years of age, including sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. The prospective Junior member need not live in Florida. This program is honorary: being a Junior Member does not confer membership to the General Society. When a Junior Member reaches the age of 18, s/he may submit a regular membership application that must meet the application requirements. The cost of the Florida Junior Program is a one-time fee of \$30.00. The sponsor will receive the Junior Member's certificate and information packet for presentation. The Florida Mayflower Juniors program is a meaningful way to celebrate your family's role in continuing America's Pilgrim lineage. **If you are interested in applying for a Junior membership, please contact Kurt Bressner, Junior Chair, at kbressner@gmail.com.**

Colony Name Tags

Tags are available to members of the Stephen Hopkins Colony at a cost of \$13.00 each if delivered to the member at a General Membership Meeting or \$16.00 if the member wishes the name tag mailed to their home address. To order name tag (s) please contact Kurt Bressner by email at kbressner@gmail.com. No money is required at time of order. You may reimburse Kurt when the name tag is delivered. **IMPORTANT: Please indicate EXACTLY HOW YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR NAME APPEAR ON THE TAG.**



Getting to 100 Hopkins Colony Members

Just as the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower Landing in 2020 is sparking a keen interest in the National Mayflower Society membership, our Colony, too, is growing. As of April 2019, we have 93 members, a number considerably higher from our 2016 membership total of 54. To date this year, four new members have been approved by the National Society in Plymouth. This month, we have ten new member applications awaiting final review at Plymouth. In addition, another twenty prospective Hopkins Colony members are currently working on new member applications. I'm also quite excited by the ideas and enthusiasm our new members are showing. Many have volunteered for committees, board appointments, and other supporting roles to make Hopkins Colony among the most active and vibrant in Florida.

Kurt Bressner Hopkins
Colony Historian



New Members 2018

First Row Left to Right: Bonnie Dobbs, Bobbi Mallett, Anna Wolfe, Linda Wheeler, Kathryn Duncan (2017) Second Row Left to Right: Susan Hunt; June Bormanis; Sheryl Higbee Back Row Left to Right: Susan Hamlen Weeks, Will Holbrook, Governor Brian McWaters, John Lathrop (transfer from MA)



Supplementals 2018

Left to Right: Etta Ocker, Debbie Tice, Nancy LaFortune, Governor Brian McWaters, Nan Baker



New Members and Supplementals 2017

Left to Right: Etta Ocker, Debbie Tice Governor Brian McWaters Nancy LaFortune (Supplemental), Jeff Rogers

**The
General Society
Of Mayflower Descendants
&
Fiesta Parade Floats
Present**

“The Voyage of Hope”

Crossing The waters for New Generations

Voyage of Hope Trailer

<https://youtu.be/190C1BrOrQI>



The Forefathers Monument Explained

Important message from the liberty man

Left to us by our forefathers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLZVHOI7_mo

<https://www.seeplymouth.com/things-to-do/national-monument-forefathers>

Raffle Winner

We are very exciting to have Kurt Bressner and his wife Diane Bressner win the raffle! His energy to assist applicants is unbelievable! So well deserved!

Barbara and Ed Mallet donated the print “ The Christmas Turkey” for the Colony's fundraising projects. It is a reprint of an original from her grandfather - AB Walker's collection from the early 1900s. He was a descendent of Stephen Hopkins, and an incredible genealogist for his time!



front row left to right – Diane Brenner Barb Mallett

Back row Left to right- Gov Brian McWater ,

Historian Kurt Bressner , Ed Mallett

ALL members, their children & grandchildren, spouses, partners, and guests are cordially invited to attend the

82nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida



Hosted by the Elder William Brewster Colony

November 22-23, 2019

To be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 2855 NE 9th Street, Homestead, FL 33033

MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

(deadline for receipt of meeting registration is Thursday, October 31, 2019)

MEMBER NAME _____ GUEST NAME(S) _____
(please print clearly as these are the names which will be used on the meeting identification badges)

STREET _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ E-MAIL _____

COLONY NAME _____ TITLE (if an officer) _____

FRIDAY, 22 Nov 2019

Non-Refundable Registration Fee for each adult member & guest \$4.00 (\$4 X _____ =) \$ _____

Social Hour (6-7pm): Dinner price includes an adult beverage. Cash Bar, additional are extra. \$ 0.00

Mayflower Banquet (7-10pm): \$35.00 per person X _____ people = \$ _____

Thanksgiving Dinner: Oven Roasted off the Frame Turkey served over Homemade Stuffing
Served with Homemade-style Green Bean Casserole, Baked Sweet Potato with Marshmallow Topping,
Mashed Potato with Homemade Gravy. Fresh Rolls & Butter. Dinner includes an adult beverage.

Those with special dietary requirements PLEASE SEND THAT INFO WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM

ANYONE WISHING TO WEAR TRADITIONAL MAYFLOWER ATTIRE DURING THE BANQUET IS ENCOURAGED TO DO SO

SATURDAY, 23 Nov 2019

BoA & General Membership Meeting (complimentary refreshments) \$ 0.0

TOTAL ENCLOSED (if registering more than one person, you may write one check for the grand total) \$ _____

All registration forms with a check payable to "**Wm Brewster Colony**" should be mailed to:

Clara Waterman Powell, 745 SE 18th Lane, Homestead, FL 33033-5250 **before Thursday, October 31, 2019.**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

(advanced registration required; book before October 31, 2019 to get preferential group rate;
please mention "**Mayflower Society Special Rate:**")

Hampton Inn & Suites
2855 NE 9th Street
Homestead, FL 33033

Discounted room rates are as follows:

Standard (1 King or 2 queen beds) pls Tax \$129.00

Stephen Hopkins Colony Mayflower Society
General Meeting April 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m. by Governor Brian McWaters. At-Large Board Member Bonnie Dobbs gave the Invocation, Captain Charles Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

Governor Brian McWaters introduced the board members, new members, prospective members and guests. Past Colony Governor Aline Scott was in attendance as was welcomed.

Call of Ancestors – Director Janice Sly.

Minutes – A motion was made by Governor McWaters to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Unfinished Business: - Governor Brian McWaters

2020 Committee – Governor Brian McWaters asked for a chairman and volunteers to head the Mayflower 2020 Committee. This committee will help spread public awareness of the upcoming 400-year anniversary.

Genealogy Conference is this weekend. Kurt still needed a few volunteers to cover the Mayflower table. Several responded and needs were met.

Webmaster – Debbie Dalrymple has agreed to be the webmaster.

Officer Reports:

Historian - Kurt Bressner reported that there are now 93 members in the colony and the passing of member Nance Duress. There are 10 pending applications and 2 pending supplemental applications at Plymouth. Mayflower now has an updated application and the supplemental application will also be updated shortly. He is currently working on 19 applications.

Treasurer – John Hillhouse reported \$4,518.65 currently in the account. His report has been filed. He thanked assistant treasurer, Mickie Cook, for her help with check-in.

Secretary – Janice Sly asked that all membership contact changes be reported to her directly.

Committee Reports:

Junior Chairman – Kurt Bressner reported that there are 62 junior members in the colony.

Audit – Marsha Adams reported that her committee met and the books are in order.

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Blessing of the Food – The Blessing was given by Member at Large Board Member, Bonnie Dobbs.

Speaker – Recording Secretary, Nan Baker, introduced the speaker, colony member Mary Rianhard and prospective member, Lee Day, who spoke about “Gardening in the 1600’s”. Nan Baker presented them both with thank you gifts which were provided by Vice Governor, Sharon Paugh.

New Business: Governor Brian McWaters
Vice Governor, Sharon Paugh, is always looking for new speakers.
Mayflower Spring Conference is in Tampa area on the 27th

50/50 Raffle - \$110 was collected in raffle ticket sales and \$55 was awarded to the winner, Richard Hamlin.

Picture Raffle – The framed picture donated by Barbara Mallett was won by Diane Bressner.

Calendar Raffle – A calendar donated by Marge Fuller-Supple and the winner was drawn.

Wooden Heart Raffle – The wooden heart donated by Marge Fuller-Supple was won by Susan Hunt.

The next general meeting will be on July 11, 2019 at CJ Cannon’s Restaurant.

The benediction was given by Member at Large Board Member, Bonnie Dobbs.

The meeting was adjourned by Governor Brian McWaters at 12:45 PM.

Nan Baker
Recording Secretary



Stephen Hopkins Colony Mayflower Society

General Meeting February 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:37 a.m. by Governor Brian McWaters. Governor Brian McWaters gave the Invocation, Captain Charles Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

Governor Brian McWaters introduced the board members, prospective members and guests. Past Colony Governor Aline Scott was in attendance as was welcomed.

Call of Ancestors – Director Janice Sly.

Minutes – A motion was made by Governor McWaters to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2018 meeting as distributed. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Unfinished Business: - Governor Brian McWaters

Bylaws - Governor McWaters reminded membership that they were sent the proposed bylaw amendments for review. Historian Kurt Bressner made a motion to adopt the proposed bylaws amendments as distributed. The motion was seconded and the vote carried.

Officers – The newly adopted bylaw amendments provides for two additional at-large board officer positions. Etta Ocker was nominated by Sharon Paugh. Bonnie Dobbs was nominated by Janice Sly. Both Etta Ocker and Bonnie Dobbs were present and accepted the nominations. There were no other nominations.

Assistant Treasurer – Mickie Cook accepted the position as assistant treasurer.

Webmaster – This position is still unfilled.

Officer Reports:

Historian - Kurt Bressner reported that there are now 92 members in the colony.

Treasurer – John Hillhouse reported \$5,948.65 currently in the account. There are seven members who have not yet paid their dues.

Secretary – Janice Sly asked that all membership contact changes be reported to her directly. She also extended an invitation to attend the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, on January 19, 2019. Please contact her for more information.

Committee Reports:

Junior Chairman – Kurt Bressner reported that there are 62 junior members in the colony.

Blessing of the Food – Elder Lisa Thompson gave the Blessing at 12:05.
(Continued at 12:48)

Speaker – Vice Governor Sharon Paugh introduced the speaker, colony member Janice Sly, who conducted a Pilgrim Trivia Contest based on the book ***111 Questions and Answers Concerning the Pilgrims***. Vice Governor, Sharon Paugh, presented Mrs. Sly with a thank you gift.

New Business: Governor Brian McWaters

1. Marge Fuller-Supple, a CT Mayflower member is selling wooden hearts made from timber reclaimed from Mayflower II, along with a Mayflower calendar, as a fund raiser. Mrs. Fuller is a member of the 2020 Mayflower Committee.
2. Brian McWaters asked for volunteers to start a 2020 Committee to create awareness of the Mayflower 400th Anniversary.
3. Barbara Mallett presented several sizes of prints that can be ordered. The framed print will be auctioned at the April meeting.

50/50 Raffle - \$128 was collected in raffle ticket sales and \$64 was awarded to the winner.

The next general meeting will be on April 11, 2019 at CJ Cannon's Restaurant.

The benediction was given by Elder Lisa Thompson.

The meeting was adjourned by Governor Brian McWaters at 1:19 PM.

Nan Baker
Recording Secretary





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Visit America's Hometown: Plymouth, Massachusetts

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/visit/visit-plymouth>

Florida mayflower Society flmayflower.com/index.html

Mayflower II Preservation <http://plimoth.org/mayflowerII-blog/>

Jamestowne Rediscovery <https://historicjamestowne.org/>



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COLONY BOARD AND OFFICERS 2018-2019

Colony Governor:	Brian McWaters	Board
Vice-Governor:	Sharon Paugh	Board
Secretary:	Janice Sly	Board
Treasurer:	John Hillhouse	Board
Historian:	Kurt Bressner	Board
Elder:	Lisa Tompson	Board
Captain:	Charles Moore	Board
Recording Secretary:	Nancy Baker	Board
Director:	Marsha Adams	Board
Director:	Etta Ocker	Board
Director:	Bonnie Dobbs	Board
Education Director:	Janice Sly	Officer
Junior Chair:	Kurt Bressner	Officer
Assistant Historian	Carol Robinson	Officer
Assistant Historian	Cora Sjogren-Welch	Officer
Newsletter Editor	Etta Ocker	Officer
Webmaster:	Debbie Dalrymple	Officer
Assistant Treasurer:	Mickie Cook	Officer