

Message from our Illinois Governor

Dear Members:

I would like to start off with thanking you for electing me as Governor of this Society. I have been a member since 2008. I have participated on the board since 2014, holding positions of Junior Committee Chairman, Assistant and Treasurer. Some of my favorite parts of being a part of this Society, is the camaraderie with everyone I have met. I have traveled to and represented Illinois at the GBOA meetings and GSMD Congress for the past four years. I am part of three generations to have been a member at the same time, with my Great Grandma Dorothea Miller and my mom Jane Schleinzer, who is a Past Governor of the Illinois society (2013-2016) and current Member-At-Large for GSMD.

I am looking forward to my three-year term, especially with 2020. It is here, the year we have all been waiting for! We will kick off the year with our May luncheon at Riverside Receptions in Geneva, Illinois. What a fabulous location to award our yearly Scholarship. I do hope to meet many of my fellow descendants at this meeting.

I will be heading to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Congress in Plymouth, Massachusetts in



John Schellinger presents a rose to welcome Jessica Schleinzer as our new Governor at the Fall 2019 Meeting. (Photo by John Schleinzer)

September. I do recommend coming out to Plymouth in the upcoming months to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* sailing. Registration is now open and the sooner you register the better (see page 7).

If you have any concerns or suggestions, the wonderful people on the board and myself are more than willing to listen and answer questions.

Sincerely, Jessica Schleinzer, Illinois Governor

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2019

Fall Luncheon

and ANNUAL MEETING



Jessica Schleinzer with her family: Jane Schleinzer and John Schleinzer in front with David Duxbury and Pat Connell next to Jessica. Above: New member Lisa Wichterman and Keith Wichterman share a table with Kirk Houchin and Cynthia Houchin.

New Illinois Governor is installed

The Annual Meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois was held on November 23, 2019, at the Glen Club in Glenview, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Governor John Schellinger at 11:35 a.m. Deborah Domain gave the invocation, John Schellinger led the pledge of allegiance and read the *Mayflower Compact*.

John directed everyone to the sales of raffle tickets for the *Mayflower*-themed quilt from the Brand Family who are Edward Doty descendants (made by Irene Trovato), the silent auction items and the *Mayflower* insignia items.

Nineteen new members to the Illinois Society were asked to come forward for an installation ceremony performed by Historian Cary Stone-Greenstein. Deborah Domain gave the table blessing. After a delicious lunch, Leslie Goddard performed a historical portrayal of Elizabeth



New member Linda Lyons with applicant Diane Sleger.

Hamilton, the wife of Alexander Hamilton.

Following the program Don Sherman read the Necrology and John introduced the current officers. A motion was passed to elect the 2020 officers and Jessica Schleinzer was installed as Governor.

John Schellinger explained the procedure for the new member and Mayflower Ancestor Family Photo sessions (*see pages 8-11*). Jane Schleinzer encouraged everyone to purchase the May-

flower insignia items and announced that she was spearheading a federal census staffing effort and had information on the program.

There being no further business, Governor Jessica Schleinzer gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

– Mary Morony, *Recording Secretary*



New member Linda Fratt.



H. Clark Dean has been a member since 1965 and served as Illinois Governor from 1998 to 2001. Don Sherman, membership chair, is a descendant of John Tilley and John Howland.



Applicant Carol Spanuello and new member, Anne Polaski, whose application was just accepted in January.



Left: John Schellinger welcomes Nancy Tieszen as Cary Stone-Greenstein presides over the new member ceremony. *Above:* Anne Sears, member since 1997, and applicant Linda Wingstrom.



Anne Krischke, Mark Sutherland and Laurie Sutherland.



James Kinney, Mary Morony and Brian White.



New member Winifred Barbato.



Ron Langenberg and his son Michael are descendants of John Alden. *Right:* New member Brett Herand with his wife Jaime Herand and their children, Elyse and Elliott, young junior associates.



NEW MEMBERS: *Front, from left:* Kay Irving, Bonnie Wiser, Jan Tarbet, Geneve Harris, Bray Miklasz. *Back:* Eric Wiser, Jay Bailey, Lisa Wichterman, Linda Lyons, Ellen Roseberg, Ceinwyn Elliott, William Elliott.

WELCOME, AUSTRALIA! William Elliott (*shown above right with his daughter, Ceinwyn*) was instrumental in organizing our newest society, the **AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY of MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS**, made official on January 26, 2020. It becomes the 54th Member Society.

Our Mayflower Stories



John Girardot with his wife Amy Girardot at the luncheon.

John Girardot

I have always had an interest in history and genealogy, so I had reasonable awareness of various lines in my background. Interestingly, the Denison line had kept a written history, a copy of which my mother kept for me from the time I was pretty young, maybe 6 or 7. In recent years my interest was reignited when my oldest son's birthday present to me (about 5 years ago) was the 23AndMe DNA kit. He joined me in that venture and it's been very interesting.

Through 23AndMe, a man named Ron Hallberg contacted me saying the data indicated we might be 3rd cousins. We share a common 2nd Great Grandfather in my Denison line. He asked me if I knew we had relatives on the *Mayflower*. That really intrigued me. After some assistance from Ron, I submitted my Brewster application, which was approved in November right after the Fall Luncheon. I am now pursuing a supplemental line through John Howland.

I look forward to participating in the Mayflower Society and learning more about our ancestors. As I said above, I have always had an interest in history and genealogy, and I have always found the Mayflower story and the settling of the northeast United States particularly compelling. I have only been to Rhode Island, so I look forward to visiting Plymouth and more of the areas settled by our ancestors in that region. I also look forward to sharing this with my children and grandchildren and preparing them to embrace their Mayflower heritage.

Patricia Young

The Mayflower Society has been a very special part of my life. I have enjoyed so many rich and rewarding events and met the most wonderful people through the Mayflower Society. The highlight of the year is always the fabulous luncheon which brings us together to share a day showered in history.

I can still remember as a small child my mother and aunts discussing the Mayflower Society and their meetings. It was only a natural transition to join myself.

My lineage is through the Tilley/Howland line. I am a 13th generation.

These ancestors lived primarily in the Massachusetts and Connecticut area. Mercy Gorham, 4th generation, married George Denison, a captain, and they built a home in Mystic, Connecticut. This home is known as the Denison Homestead, *Pequotsepos Manor*. It is an interesting place to visit if you should be in the area.

Through the Denison line, Nathan Denison relocated from the east to Mendota, Illinois to found a Baptist church. This is how my family became part of the midwest. I am also a member of the Denison Society.

My daughters, Julie and Amy, are also members of the Society. It has brought me great joy to watch my granddaughters make their debuts at the Mayflower Debutante Ball in New York City.



Patricia Young joined the Illinois Mayflower Society in 1982.

NOTE: It's purely coincidence that our two Mayflower stories have the Denison line in common. Who knows how many family connections can be made within our Society! Contact Jan Harrington if you would like to share your story.

2020 *Mayflower* celebrations have begun

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants and specifically the California Mayflower Society kicked off the 400th anniversary in a big way with *“The Voyage of Hope – 1620”* sailing in the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena.

What an experience to see the bare

bones of the float on my first shift December 26th transformed into a beautiful float gliding down Colorado Boulevard on January 1st, 2020.

The volunteers (*primarily Mayflower members, family and friends*) added lots of seed, flowers and other natural materials under the supervi-

sion of Fiesta Floats managers. The California Mayflower team did a wonderful job organizing this event.

The last shift on December 30th ran well past midnight to put all the finishing touches on the float and make it picture perfect. The *Mayflower* entry received the **Americana Award** for “most outstanding depiction of national treasures and traditions.”

This was definitely an experience of a lifetime!

– Chris Schlosser,
*Wisconsin Society of
Mayflower Descendants*



Chris Schlosser in Pilgrim attire at the California Mayflower info booth.



Volunteers spent hours applying seeds, flowers and other organic materials to create the floats and signage in the Rose Bowl Parade.

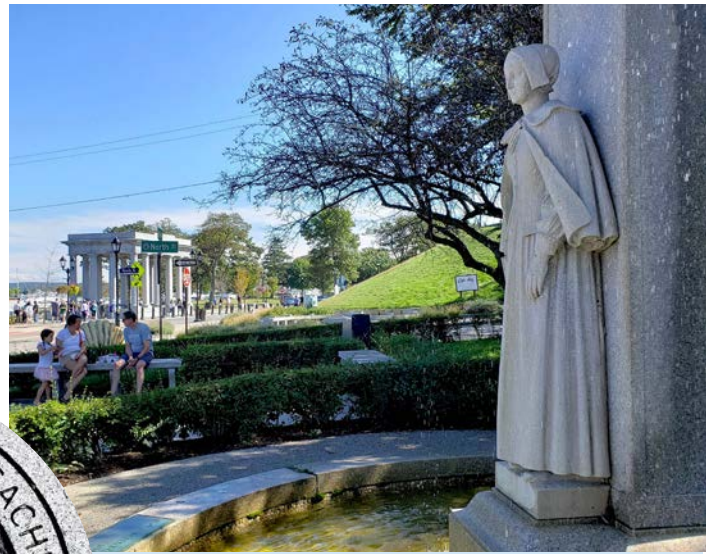


Plymouth prepares for the 400th anniversary

Events are planned in Plymouth, Boston and Provincetown throughout the year. The 42nd General Congress of the Mayflower Society will take place Sept. 12-19, 2020. If you plan to attend the Congress, please note the following: Registration and payments must be done online ONLY. General attendance and tour capacities are limited. Registration badges will be required at ALL events.

To register:

1. Go to the GSMD website, www.themayflowersociety.org, and click on "Log in" at the top right of the screen.
2. Have your **5-digit GSMD number** ready. Your number is on your approved membership application and in our directory. Or click on the "Help" tab, and the membership department will help you.
3. Registering is a two-step process. Fill out the form on the website. Press "Register" at the bottom of the page and submit your information.
4. You will receive a confirmation email with a verification link shortly after submitting. Please read the email fully and click the verification link in the email. Your account must be verified before it can be approved.



The Pilgrim Mother Fountain overlooking Plymouth harbor was completed in 1925 to honor the women of the *Mayflower*. The names of the women and girls are inscribed on the back. The DAR commissioned the granite statue in 1920, spurred on by women winning the right to vote. The statue has been restored and will be rededicated on November 14, 2020.

5. Once you verify your account by clicking the link, an administrator will be notified to activate your account. Please allow up to five business days for your account to be activated. You will receive a confirmation email when your account access is ready.

Sailing back to 1920

The waterfront area of Plymouth was dramatically changed to accommodate big crowds for the 300th anniversary celebrations in 1920 and 1921. Programs included a visit from President Warren Harding, public ceremonies, parades, concerts and a historical pageant with a cast of 1300 local residents, called "*The Spirit of the Pilgrims*."

The Plymouth Public Library houses a large collection of *Mayflower* items in the Bartlett Room, including photographs and other Tercentenary history. These can be viewed online at pplma.omeka.net.

Commemorative stamps, coins and other collectible items were produced for the occasion, including this Dutch blue and white handpainted Delft plate. Illinois Mayflower member Barbara Rossi inherited this rare plate – which includes the coat of arms of Leiden, Amsterdam & Delftshaven – from her mother Lydia Reese. Thanks for sharing!



For news from Plymouth and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, visit the website: www.themayflowersociety.org or Facebook: facebook.com/themayflowersociety

2019

Ancestor FAMILY PHOTOS



John Alden: *Front, from left:* Ann Sears, Mary Dammann, Jan Tarbet, Geneve Harris, Anne Krischke, H. Clark Dean. *Back:* Albert Tucker, Norman McFarland, Larry Wright, Mark Sutherland, Deborah Domain.



John Billington: Marilyn Moisio. **William Brewster:** *Front, from left:* Barbara Ryan, Judy Mayo, H. Clark Dean, Mary Ellen Wright. *Back, from left:* Ceinwyn Elliott, William Elliott, Holly Ann Barigazzi-Boes, Brian White. **John Tilley:** Cary Stone-Greenstein, Patricia Young.



Francis Cooke: *Front, from left:* Deborah Domain, Jessica Schleinzer, Laurie Sutherland, Ann Wilkerson, Winifred Barbato, Sylva Dachman, Macey Dachman. *Back:* Jane Schleinzer, Jay Bailey, Dean Haas, Leslie Lipschutz, Arielle Dachman.



Edward Doty: *Front, from left:* Kay Irving, Bonnie Wiser, with Craig Wiser in back. **Isaac Allerton:** Cary Stone-Greenstein, with Lisa Wichterman, Dean Haas in back. **William Bradford:** Luann Benoit with Brian White and Sherman Power in back. **Degory Priest:** Mary Morony, Martha Ellsworth and Jan Harrington in back.



Stephen Hopkins: *Front, from left:* Holly Ann Barigazzi-Boes, Laurie Sutherland, H. Clark Dean. *Back:* Linda Fratt, Dean Haas, Jay Bailey.



George Soule: *Front, from left:* Rachel Fowler, Margaret Hall, Barbara Ryan. *Back:* Linda Lyons, Deborah Domain.
Henry Samson: Larry Wright, Mark Sutherland.



Richard Warren: *Front, from left:* Sylva Dachman, Macey Dachman, Barbara Ryan, Kathy Haas, H. Clark Dean. *Back:* Arielle Dachman, Albert Tucker, Leslie Lipschutz, Cary Stone-Greenstein, Brian White, Ann Wilkerson.



Edward Fuller: Mary Ellen Wright in front with John Kemp in back.
James Chilton: Jane Schleinzer, Jessica Schleinzer, with Larry Wright, Brian White and Neal Baker in back.
Peter Browne: Deborah Domain



William White:
Front, from left: David Magdziarz, Ann Wilkerson, Ellen Roseberg, Jane Schleinzer, Katherine Bedingfield.
William Mullins: *Back:* Judith Rohlf, Deborah Domain. Larry Wright, Mark Sutherland, H. Clark Dean.



John Howland:
Front: Cynthia Houchin, John Schellinger, with Bray Miklasz, Marge Pierson in back.
Thomas Rogers: Mary Gardner, Laurie Sutherland.
Miles Standish: Cary Stone-Greenstein, Larry Wright, Mark Sutherland.

Welcome our NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following who have been accepted into the Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois (August 2019 - January 2020).

Descendants of **JOHN ALDEN**

Karl August Case, *West Salem, IL*

Kyle Taylor Case, *Bone Gap, IL*

Janet Elaine Zivney Tarbet, *Lake Zurich, IL*

Nancy Jane Haymes Tieszen, *La Grange Park, IL*

Descendant of **MARY ALLERTON**

Dan James Ferris, *Bourbonnais, IL*

Descendants of **WILLIAM BRADFORD**

Katherine Grace Dow, *Shorewood, IL*

Kimberly Ann Dow Lankford, *Braidwood, IL*

Descendants of **WILLIAM BREWSTER**

Ceinwyn Jane Elliott, *Minnetonka, MN*

John David Girardot, *Aurora, IL*

Descendant of **EDWARD DOTY**

Tom D. Hughes, *Wheaton, IL*

Descendants of **EDWARD FULLER**

Bill Blaylock, *West Sacramento, CA*

Camden Jarrett Buennemeyer, *Chatham, IL*

Earline Fae Rachuy Donovan, *Wonder Lake, IL*

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Liam Francis Fahey, Sponsored by Christopher David Fahey

Niamh Elizabeth Fahey, Sponsored by Christopher David Fahey

Descendants of **WILLIAM BREWSTER**

Aria Rose Pullos, Sponsored by Ian Wood Weller

Jason Michael Pullos, Sponsored by Ian Wood Weller

Descendants of **JOHN HOWLAND**

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Edward SungHyun Howe Koh, Sponsored by Laura Howe Koh

Macy Margaret Short, Sponsored by James Joseph Short

Molly Rose Short, Sponsored by James Joseph Short

Sadie Marie Short, Sponsored by James Joseph Short

Sarah Elizabeth Short, Sponsored by James Joseph Short

Descendant of **SAMUEL FULLER**

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Descendants of **JOHN HOWLAND**

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Anne Carol Spencer Polaski, *Oak Park, IL*

James Joseph Short, *Joliet, IL*

Descendant of **THOMAS ROGERS**

Jennifer Jeanne Challand Anderson, *Hinckley, IL*

Descendant of **JOHN TILLEY**

Allyson Kay Storey Mixer, *Bremerton, WA*

Descendant of **RICHARD WARREN**

John Carter Brearley, *Rockford, IL*

Descendant of **WILLIAM WHITE**

David Livingstone Richardson, *Arlington Heights, IL*

RECENT SUPPLEMENTALS:

Darren Abadi (RICHARD WARREN), *Dix Hills, NY*

Vicky Joanne Hamilton (STEPHEN HOPKINS),
Fairacres, NM

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Jane Burditt (*Isaac Allerton*)

Kelsey Mae Murphy-Miles (*William Brewster*)

Barbara Elaine Bump Taylor (*Edward Fuller*)

Elizabeth Ann Morgan Hanson (*William Brewster*)

Norman Weston Standish (*Myles Standish*)

Ruth Fanning Speidel (*Myles Standish*)

John Warren Fischer (*Richard Warren*)

Elaine Barbara Holder Bockemeier (*Edward Doty*)

Ruth Vann Duncan

(*John Howland, John Billington, Henry Samson*)

Maris Bloom Logan (*John Howland*)

George Edgar Spaulding (*William White*)

- For membership application information, visit our website at www.illinoismayflower.com or contact **Membership Secretary, Don Sherman** at membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com.

We are always saddened to hear of a member's passing. If you have information regarding a death, please contact Don Sherman.

IN MEMORIAM: Norman Standish

Norman Weston Standish, of Lanark, Illinois, passed away in Freeport, IL on October 28, 2019. Norman joined the Illinois Mayflower Society in 1991 through Myles Standish. He also has proven descent from John Alden, William Mullins, George Soule and Edward Doty. Norman was a member of Ohio Mayflower (*Cleveland Colony*), Sons of the American Revolution, Soule Kindred, and The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America.

He was born in Marion, Iowa on April 4, 1930, to Fred Weston Standish and Mary Caroline (Cooley) Standish, and came to Lanark with his parents ca.1937/38. Norman's great-grandfather, Samuel, moved from Maine to the Midwest in 1840 and worked as a conductor and signal man on the railroad.

Norman's parents purchased a Queen Anne style house at 540 W. Carroll St. in Lanark as their family home in 1945. After serving for 2 years in the Korean War, Norman married Ingrid Juescke in 1956. Years later, with his parents gone and his children grown, Norman and his wife decided to turn the 12-room home into an elegant and historic bed and breakfast. **The Standish House** opened in 1988 and is still operational today.

During the restoration, Norman and Ingrid decorated and furnished the house with 18th and 19th century English and American antiques. Norman crafted much of the interior trim and woodworking himself. A cabinet built by ancestor James Standish, a shipbuilder in Maine, displays their collection of Native American artistry.

The guest rooms are named after ancestors or men



closely associated with the Standish family including: Myles Standish, William Brewster, Edward Doty, John Alden and William Bradford. For many years, full-time inn-keepers managed the house as they lived out of state, checking in often. In 2000, they sold their Ohio home and made the Standish House their permanent residence.

Norman graduated from Beloit College and earned a Masters Degree and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Purdue. He began his long and distinguished career with Standard Oil of Ohio and British Petroleum, where he did unusual work for the National Institute of Health. He then explored uses for polymer

recycling and traveled to Washington DC and the EPA. He held 25 U.S. Patents for various chemical processes and was involved with many technical and scientific organizations. Norman was an invited speaker to England, Scotland and Italy where he spoke on a number of scientific topics.

He served as a Boy Scout Master and was skilled in pottery, photography, hand bookbinding and woodworking. A particular favorite activity was speaking to a variety of groups and organizations dressed in an authentic Pilgrim costume made for him by the head seamstress at Plimouth Plantation (*see photo above*). One of his favorite invited speaking engagements was in the town of Standish, England, dressed in his Pilgrim outfit.

His survivors include his wife, Ingrid C. Standish, his sister, Mariene Caroline Standish, and his children: Robin (James) Hicks, N. Aurora, IL; Christopher Standish, Lanark, IL, and Hilary Standish, Bryan, TX.

Illinois scholarship to be awarded in May

In 2010 the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois created an annual scholarship of \$2,500 to be awarded to a student entering college or currently attending college or graduate school. This is one of the largest scholarship awards by any state society.

To be eligible the applicant must be nominated by a member of the Illinois Mayflower Society. The scholarship will be awarded based upon academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community service and financial need. A written essay is also required. The young scholar receiving this year's award will be honored at the Society's

Spring Luncheon on May 16 in Geneva.

A complete set of the qualifying criteria may be found on our website: www.illinoismayflower.com/scholarship.

Questions, completed applications and supporting documentation should be submitted to Max Douglas Brown, Chairman of Mayflower Scholarship Committee, 7575 Lake Street, Apt. 2A, River Forest, Illinois 60305.

His email is Dr.Tort@comcast.net and his phone number is 708-420-6886.

Scholarship applications must be mailed or post-marked by April 1, 2020.

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and BOARD OF ASSISTANTS



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2020

Spring Luncheon

Explore the history of Illinois

Paul Nelson, Revolutionary War re-enactor (*shown at right*), will be the featured performer at our **Spring Luncheon on May 16, 2020**. He will appear in frontier militia clothing to present his program: *"The Conquest of the Old Northwest: How Illinois came to be part of the United States."*

Paul Nelson is a retired commander of the Aurora, Illinois Police Department. He has been a member of the Northwest Territory Alliance Revolutionary War re-enactment group since 1994. He is the commander of Joseph Bowman's Company, the official Revolutionary War re-enactment unit for the State of Illinois.

A bit of historical context: In 1778, Illinois County was part of Virginia. George Rogers Clark and his men were tasked

with ending the raids of the hostile Ohio and Illinois Indians on the Kentucky settlements in the extreme northwest portion of Virginia. We will learn how the capture of Kaskaskia and Vincennes without a shot being fired greatly weakened British and Canadian [*sic*] influence and led to the territory being ceded to the United States. Illinois Statehood would come 40 years later.

The luncheon will be held at **Riverside Reception & Conference Center at 35 N. River Lane in Geneva**. All members are invited to attend, along with their guests and children, as well as prospective members who have started the membership process. Invitations will be mailed the month before the event and reservations are required. See you then.



On June 10, 1897, the charter of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois was granted by the Secretary of State in Springfield, Illinois. It became the first state society of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, founded in January, 1897. The first meeting was held on June 14, 1897, (Flag Day) at the Auditorium Hotel to adopt a constitution, bylaws, and elect officers.

ILLINOIS *Mayflower* NEWS

WINTER 2020

The Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois publishes a newsletter twice a year which is mailed to all current members. A digital copy, as well as back issues and other information, is available on our website: www.illinoismayflower.com

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Tell us YOUR Mayflower story and how you came to be a member, anecdotes about your ancestors or stories of historic items passed down in your family.

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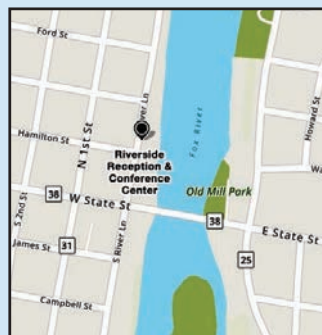
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Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois



Sharon Zingery won the *Mayflower*-themed quilt made by Irene Trovato at our Fall Luncheon.
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2020 MAYFLOWER LUNCHEONS



Saturday, May 16, 2020

SPRING LUNCHEON

Riverside Receptions
and Convention Center

35 N. River Lane, Geneva

Guest performer – Paul Nelson,
Revolutionary War re-enactor.

Invitations will be mailed in April.

Saturday, November 21, 2020

FALL LUNCHEON & ANNUAL MEETING

New member welcome ceremony and ancestor photo session.

**DOWNSTATE LOCATION, VENUE
& PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

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