

# Governor's Message

Dear Members:

This will be my last message to you as governor. As you may be aware, the Illinois Society of Mayflower Descendant's bylaws include a term limit for the governor position. I have completed the maximum three year term.

I have enjoyed the time spent leading the group and would like to thank each of the individuals who have served as Officers, members of the Board of Assistants and on committees during my tenure. It is truly a group effort. I look forward to serving the society in other ways.

Please see the report of the Nominating Committee on page 12. The proposed slate will be voted on at the November 23rd meeting. Thanks to the committee for their work.

The 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's landing is now just months away. The California Society is preparing an entry in the Tournament of Roses parade for



January 2020. The General Society has events in the works as well. The Illinois Society has a 2020 Committee to find an appropriate commemoration of this milestone. If you have an interest in participating, please contact any member of the Board of Assistants.

It's also an excellent time to encourage other family members who are not yet members to begin the process. The Membership Secretary and our group of Historians are ready to help.

I welcome your input. If you would like to serve on the Board of Assistants – or have ideas for events, projects or anything at all

– please contact me or any other Board member.

Again, thanks for the privilege of serving as the 39th governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois. Let's get ready to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim's landing.

*Sincerely – John Schellinger, Governor*

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# 2019 Spring Luncheon



Jane Schleinzer standing with Governor George Garmany at the May luncheon with Jessica Schleinzer and Judy Mayo (*far left*). Charles Wells and Sue Wells (*above*) have both been Mayflower Society members since 1991, Charles through John Howland and John Tilley; Sue is descended from William Bradford.

## Illinois welcomes Governor Garmany

### MEETING MINUTES

By Mary Morony, Recording Secretary

The spring luncheon meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois was held on May 18, 2019, at the Union League Club of Chicago. The meeting was called to order by Illinois Governor John Schellinger at 11:30 am.

Jane Schleinzer gave the invocation, then John led the pledge of allegiance and read the Mayflower Compact. John announced that the Nominating Committee was looking for volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Chairman Max Brown.

He also directed the group to a sign-up sheet for raffle tickets to win the Mayflower Quilt made and donated by Irene Trovato. The drawing will take place at the



Holly Barigazzi--BoesJarke with her son Matthew Barigazzi.

fall meeting on November 23.

John introduced the 2019 Illinois Mayflower Scholarship winner John Cantieri who thanked everyone for the scholarship and announced that he will be attending the University of Illinois. He also announced that he is a new member of the Society.

Following the table blessing, members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch then heard remarks from George P. Garmany, Jr., Governor General of the General Society.

There being no further business, Jane gave the benediction, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm. Then those who were interested assembled on the stage for a group photo, a first-time event for the Illinois Society.

*– More coverage on following pages*



Illinois Governor John Schellinger with his wife Karen Schellinger and Cary Stone-Greenstein (on right). Two couples: David and Camilla Burgess (left) with Albert and Catherine Tucker.



Sally Pfeiffer with her mother Sandra Kuhn. Judith Rohlf and Frank Jarke (right).



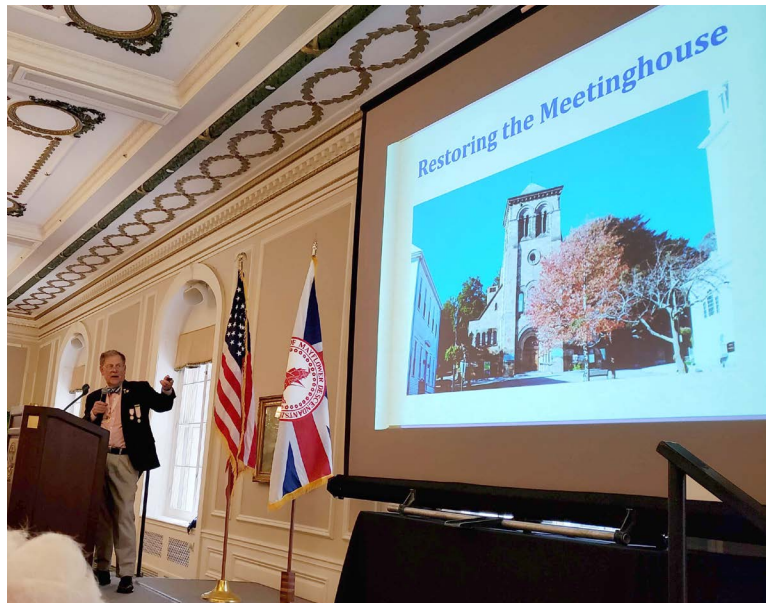
Mary Jo Field



The Cantieri family (from left): Bill, Brian, Kevin, scholarship winner John and his mother Ann. (See article on page 9.)



New member Patrick Bell with his wife Nancy Bell and Luann Benoit, a member since 1999.



Garmany shared the story of the gavel (shown above) donated by Victor Clifton Alderson. He also talked about Plymouth and 2020.

## News of our past and 2020 are highlighted

By **Mary Morony**, *Recording Secretary*

Dr. George P. Garmany, Jr., Governor General of the General Society, deviated from the standard format for a report to a Member Society meeting because he had some news for us about one of the artifacts on display at all of our events, the gavel donated by Victor Clifton Alderson in 1899. (The gavel was made of wood from the Old Manor House in Scrooby, England.)

It turns out Dr. Alderson, a professor then dean at IIT in Chicago, was one of the original Mayflower members in what became the New York Society in 1897. He was later elected Historian when the Illinois Society was formed. In 1904 he became President of the Colorado School of Mines and was a charter member of the Colorado Society, one of the first in the west. He was also the founder of the School of Petroleum Science at Colorado Mines and is credited with doing the first research on shale oil.

In the more traditional part of his remarks at the May meeting, George updated the members on several topics, starting with the status of the Plymouth Mayflower House, the state of the membership records digitization project and the future indexing. He also encouraged male members who bear the surnames of their Mayflower ancestors to join the DNA Test Project



Victor Clifton Alderson

at Family Tree DNA to establish DNA matching.

In preparation for the 2020 celebration, many of the iconic Mayflower sights in Plymouth, especially the ship *Mayflower II*, are undergoing renovations. The General Society is currently engaged in outreach programs to Plymouth locals as well as other cities including Leiden, Holland and Plymouth, England.

Since the United Kingdom Mint is producing a commemorative coin, the United States Mint will have one despite the failure of Congress to enact a bill to create it. George hopes that the 2020 postage stamp can include the color-change feature recently added to some of the collectibles.

Another new feature in Plymouth will be a bronze statue of a seated William Bradford writing by candlelight, inspired by his famous quote “*As one small candle may light a thousand.*”

As well as an update on the Meetinghouse acquisition, George outlined some of the events for 2020, starting in Boston, and sailing to Provincetown for a re-enactment on *Mayflower II* of the signing of the Compact prior to the 2020 Congress in Plymouth.

And how does the year 2020 begin? With a *Mayflower* ship “sailing” in the Pasadena Rose Parade. Watch for it on January 1.

**For more info, go to: [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org)**



Katherine Bedingfield (*far left*) sitting next to new member Kris Sellers and Jan Berning. Kris and Jan are members of the same DAR chapter with friend Mary Pritchard (*above*).



Karolyn Radulovich with her mother Carolyn Krane. Applicant Betty Sullivan is standing with her son Greg Sullivan.



Applicant Richard Gallas and Joyce Steffel.



New member Geneve Harris with her husband Kurt Harris.



Bill Conger with his wife Kathleen Conger and Bill Smith. Elizabeth Hough Bjerklie with her daughter Margaret Bjerklie (*above*).



A first-time event for our Illinois Society! A group photo was taken at the end of the meeting for anyone who wanted to participate.



Martha Cassens (from left) with Mary Morony, Mary Gardner and Karen Seda.



Jay Bailey with his wife Kathleen Bailey.



Kathy Haas (far left) has been a member since 1998 through Richard Warren. Her husband Dean Haas is descended from Stephen Hopkins, Isaac Allerton and Francis Cooke and joined in 2015. Laura Chase (above left) with Sydney Shaw.

## Welcome our NEW MEMBERS

*Congratulations to the following who have been accepted into the Mayflower Society in the State of Illinois (February - July 2019).*

Descendants of **JOHN ALDEN**

**Ann Lara Aler**, *Skokie*

**Ann Margaret Cantieri**, *Mt. Prospect*

**Christopher David Fahey**, *Elmhurst*

**Jennifer Jane Mattes Farrand**, *Franfort*

**Scott Thomas Mahew**, *Arlington Heights*

Descendant of **ISAAC ALLERTON**

**Lisa Alice Wichterman**, *Springfield*

Descendants of **MARY ALLERTON**

**Nathaniel Parker Hudnut**,

*Redondo Beach, CA*

**Alexander Putnam Hudnut**,

*Los Angeles, CA*

Descendant of **WILLIAM BRADFORD**

**Patrick Brennan Bell**, *Batavia*

Descendants of **WILLIAM BREWSTER**

**Alan Wood Weller**, *Forest Park*

**William Raymond Elliott**, *Gordon Park,*

*Queensland, Australia*

Descendants of **JAMES CHILTON**

**Robert John Anderson**, *Naperville*

**Elsbeth Gunn Harris**, *Chicago*

Descendants of **FRANCIS COOKE**

**Jay Densmore Bailey**, *Evanston*

**Cheslea Charles Taylor**, *Virginia*

Descendant of **EDWARD DOTY**

**Elizabeth Ann Enochian**, *Chicago*

Descendants of **STEPHEN HOPKINS**

**Linda Louise Fratt**, *Gurnee*

**Laura Jean Ross**, *O'Fallon*

Descendants of **JOHN HOWLAND**

**Quinn Alexander Eaton**, *Crystal Lake*

**Brayon Leigh Miklasz**, *Naperville*

**Candace Ruth Wilmot**, *Urbana*

Descendant of **THOMAS ROGERS**

**Kris Kay Anderson Sellers**, *Hinckley*

Descendant of **GEORGE SOULE**

**Linda Lou Lyons**, *Buffalo Grove*

Descendant of **RICHARD WARREN**

**Sandra Jean Scheck**, *Grayslake*

## NEW SUPPLEMENTALS

*The following members have been approved for additional ancestors.*

**Deborah Ann Domain**

**(FRANCIS COOKE)**

*Chicago*

**Patricia Marie Dunn**

**(WILLIAM BREWSTER)**

*Hinsdale*

**Christine Foster**

**(WILLIAM BRADFORD)**

*Decatur*

**James Raymond Pranger**

**(EDWARD DOTY)**

*Chicago*

**Janice Patricia Pranger**

**(FRANCIS COOKE,**

**STEPHEN HOPKINS)**

*Hinsdale*

**Jane Lawrence Schleinzer**

**(WILLIAM WHITE)**

*Aurora*

## MEMBERSHIP INFO

Applications can be downloaded from our website:

[illinoismayflower.com/membership-inquiries](http://illinoismayflower.com/membership-inquiries) or

by contacting Membership

Secretary, Don Sherman at

[membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com](mailto:membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com).

- **Supplemental** applications are for existing members who would like to prove their lineage to an additional Mayflower Passenger.

- **Junior Associates** may be nominated by a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle who is a member.

## NEW JUNIOR ASSOCIATES

**Declan James Fahey (JOHN ALDEN)**

*Sponsored by Christopher David Fahey*

**Liam Francis Fahey (JOHN ALDEN)**

*Sponsored by Christopher David Fahey*

**Niamh Elizabeth Fahey (JOHN ALDEN)**

*Sponsored by Christopher David Fahey*

**Elliott Andrew Herand (JOHN ALDEN)**

*Sponsored by Brett Andrew Herand*

**Elyse Marie Herand (JOHN ALDEN)**

*Sponsored by Brett Andrew Herand*

**Jane Holly Kammo**

**(WILLIAM WHITE, FRANCIS**

**COOKE, RICHARD WARREN)**

*Sponsored by Ann Warren Wilkerson*

**Micah Page Lipschutz (FRANCIS**

**COOKE, RICHARD WARREN)**

*Sponsored by Leslie Bundy Lipschutz*

**Andie Elizabeth Sellers**

**(THOMAS ROGERS)**

*Sponsored by Kris Kay Anderson Sellers*

# OUR *Mayflower* STORIES

## RUTH LUCCHESI

My Mayflower descendance was family lore on my mother's side, but no one had any proof. As a young woman I did not take the idea seriously. But after I retired in 1998, (my mother had passed away in 1995 at age 96) I got more curious. It was a previously unknown distant cousin, Audrey, who had corresponded with one of my first cousins, who gave us the legacy information on Richard Warren. At the time Audrey was Historian for the South Carolina Society.

I was absolutely thrilled with the idea; I applied and was accepted!! Then, I submitted three more supplemental applications, (Edward Doty, John Howland and Edward Tilly) as well as applying for my sons and granddaughter. Six of my maternal cousins from AZ, WI, and IN also joined in their respective states. I'm currently working on proving my line from George Soule.

I was fortunate to have a written lineage in the form of an 1884 genealogy book: *"A Genealogical Memoir of the Lo-Lathrop Family in This Country, Embracing the Descendants as Far as Known,"* written by E. B. Huntington, and published posthumously by his wife, Julia. My mother's brother had spent many years corresponding with others to establish our family descendance from the 1634 immigrant ancestor, The Rev. John Lothrop. As luck would have it, the last named descendant (my 2x great grandfather, born 1772, CT) in our line appears with the tantalizing line, *"835—Ezriah, a daughter, who married a Mr. Pray of Panama, NY. He was a member of the Legislature."*

It was Azariah's father, Samuel, who married Sarah Oakman, the Mayflower line-carrier.

That phrase was a challenge, and so for most of the next decade, I researched Ezriah/Azariah's 11 children, eight women and 3 men. The women of course, change family names every generation, making the research a little more time consuming. As a result, in 2009, I published a 2-volume, 1600 page book documenting the 3250 descendants I was able to identify. The following year, I was honored when the Connecticut Genealogical Society awarded me Honorable Mention in their annual genealogy research competition.



**Ruth Lucchesi** (left) researched and published a book documenting her line from Richard Warren. **Barbara Ryan** was a founding member of the Chicago Genealogical Society.

Although I published only a decade ago, the research process was much more difficult then. The amount of reliable information available on the internet is mind-boggling and so very much more accessible than slogging through microfilm in a library. Thank goodness for decennial census indices!

I was invited to be Illinois Membership Chair in the early 2000s and enjoyed that role very much. Then about six years ago I served two years as Illinois Treasurer. I have been honored to serve on the following GSMD committees: Technology, Membership, Scholarship, and Newsletter Copy Editor; I currently serve on the latter two.

Connie O'Kieffe, former Illinois Historian and Governor, encouraged me to attend the 1999 triennial congress in Plymouth. It was an experience I will never forget and I look forward to the 2020 Congress next year in Plymouth!



*"It is important to know why we came here." – Barbara Ryan*

## BARBARA RYAN

In January 1967 the YMCA advertised a class on tracing your surname. My maiden name is Von Sick, an extremely rare surname. I took the class and after it was over, the members wanted to continue to meet. That was the beginning of the Chicago Genealogical Society. I was the first and fifth presidents.

My great aunt, Hazel Chamberlain, was involved in the Chamberlain Association in America and encouraged me to trace my New England lines. I quickly discovered my Mayflower ancestors, applied, and was accepted in December 1972 on George Soule.

In November 1979 I filed supplemental lines on William Brewster through his great grandsons, Samuel Mayo and Richard Sparrow. I am currently preparing a supplemental line from Richard Warren and also one on descent from Mary (\_\_\_\_\_) Brewster, wife of William Brewster, to correct an error in the *"William Brewster through Patience"* book published in 2001.

I took over as Illinois Historian from the esteemed Elizabeth (Betty) White in November 1976 and served until about November 1980. I currently write an article for the DuPage County Genealogical Society *"Review"* and am on the board of the Berrien County Genealogical Society in Michigan. I also belong to the Rebecca Dewey chapter of the DAR in Three Oaks, Michigan.

I sponsored my great aunt for membership to the Mayflower Society and know that distant cousins have joined on my lines.

In order to appreciate America, I think it is important to know why we came here – whether for religious freedom on the Mayflower or for economic opportunity or to escape violence as more recent immigrants have.

### SHARE YOUR MAYFLOWER STORY!

Contact Newsletter Editor Jan Harrington at  
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2019 Scholarship recipient John Cantieri with his mother Ann Cantieri and Governor John Schellinger at our May meeting.

## Scholarship awarded to John Cantieri

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois is proud to announce that we have chosen the 2019 scholarship winner: John Cantieri of Mount Prospect. Sponsored by his mother, Illinois Society member, Ann Cantieri, he is descended from Mayflower passenger, John Alden.

John has just completed his senior year at Prospect High School where he was a member of the golf team, Science Olympiad team and was a tutor in Link Leaders and Knights' Way program. He has also been a member of an Explorer Post at Honeywell UOP which involved chemistry and chemical engineering. In addition, he is a volunteer at St. Raymond Church, in both worship activities and parish events.

He has worked at Rolling Green Country Club as a caddy, which he intends to continue during his college career.

John plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the fall to study systems engineering and eventually go on to graduate study.

We are excited to award John our \$2,500 scholarship this year and we look forward to learning more about his academic endeavors. His achievements to date indicate a dedicated, focused approach which will no doubt serve him well in the future.

• **THANK YOU TO ALL** who have donated to our Scholarship Fund. For information about the scholarship, visit our website [www.illinoismayflower.com/scholarship](http://www.illinoismayflower.com/scholarship). Application deadline is April 1, 2020.

# BOOK *Reviews*

## Our cousins and pioneers head west, to Ohio

By Mary Morony, Recording Secretary

Anyone with an interest in early American history has read at least one book by David McCullough. His newest – *The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West* – is especially interesting for Illinois Mayflower members because you are very likely to meet some new “cousins,” the descendants of your early ancestors and their associates.

As we know, one of the key issues that united the New England colonies with their southern neighbors against the British at the time of the Revolution was the settlement of the territory to the west of the colonies, lands granted to the colonies that were later opened to settlement by the Québécois after the defeat of the French at The Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759.

This was an issue on which John Adams stood firm during the final drafting of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, resulting in the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 -- a document signed even before the Constitution -- that guaranteed freedom of religion, stressed the need for education and declared there would be no slaves in five new states, a territory as large as all 13 colonies.

The Ordinance was passed largely due to the efforts of Rev. Manesseh Cutler, a Yale-educated scientist and artist with doctorates in Divinity, Law and Medicine. Throughout *The Pioneers*, Dr. Cutler meets everyone we know from our history books including John “Johnny Appleseed” Chapman, a Swedenborgian who gave away apple seeds for 40 years in Ohio.

The leader of the group of 48 settlers who left New

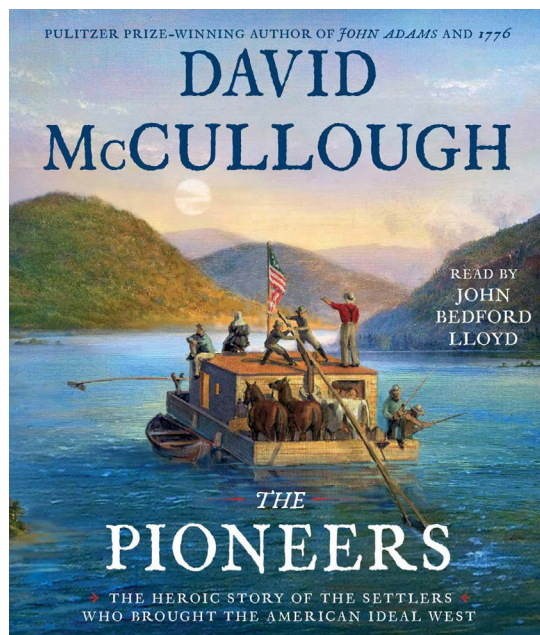
England in late 1787 was General Rufus Putnam, another multi-talented fellow. In settling the new town of Marietta (named for Queen Marie Antoinette) Putnam selected an excellent site at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum River then designed and built Campus Martius, a fortress versus a fort, that proved to be the salvation of the settlers during four years of bitter

Indian wars. Huddled inside, the citizens of Marietta created a unique culture featuring a lot of competitive sports and a lot of drinking of strong spirits, but they “maintained New England decorum.”

Putnam insisted that the town encompass and preserve the remains of the Ohio Hopewell earthworks which later proved to date from 100 BC to 500 AD. He encouraged the use of the lumber from the clearance of the dense ancient forest in shipbuilding, and one of the first vessels built was a 12 by 45-foot galley ship they named Mayflower.

The book is bursting with interesting tales of the enterprises and adventures of the early settlers along the Ohio River. One, Samuel Hildreth, a doctor, naturalist and artist, passed a bill regulating the practice of medicine in Ohio. The name Hildreth sounded familiar, so I checked my own family tree and found we shared decent from Richard Hildreth and Elizabeth Hinchman in 17th Century Chelmsford. And not surprisingly, we meet a couple of Binghamms, doing the quirky things Binghamms were fond of doing.

Floods, earthquakes, the War of 1812, visits from Lafayette in 1825 and John Quincy Adams in 1843, the creation of public schools and the University at Athens, you will enjoy all 352 pages of the history of our territory.



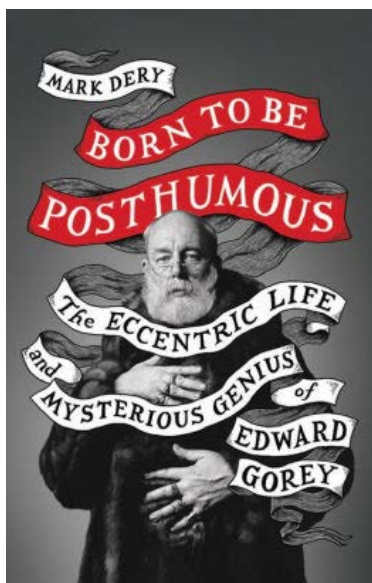
Max Brown recommends the new history of the Revolutionary War by Rick Atkinson, *THE BRITISH ARE COMING: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775-1777* “Really enjoyable and very informative.”

# Gorey grew up in Illinois

Most fans of the author/illustrator Edward Gorey knew his animated opening credits for the PBS Masterpiece Theater series "Mystery!" with the wailing Victorian/Edwardians snooping around with magnifying glasses and watching bodies sink into the lake. And who could forget Gorey's famous quote: "There are two common misconceptions about me. One that I'm English and the other that I'm dead." He also started the rumor that there is only one fruitcake in the world, and it is infinitely gifted.

Fine, but what does that have to do with the Illinois Mayflower Society Newsletter? And why should I read a book about him? Because he belongs to us.

Known mostly for his Harvard degree and his work in the New York publishing world, Gorey's origins are pure Illinois. His father was a local news reporter, turned PR agent. His grandfather was an executive with Illinois Bell. His maternal grandmother Helen



St. John Garvey was a popular nineteenth century greeting card designer and artist for A.C. McClurg.

Gorey grew up in various neighborhoods in Chicago and graduated from Francis Parker High School. Then, after a full career as an author and illustrator of very odd books and many cards and posters depicting vaguely unsettling narrative scenes in Victorian

and Edwardian settings, he finally achieved financial success with his designs for the 1977 Broadway revival of Dracula, for which he won the Tony Award for Best Costume Design. He was also nominated for the Tony Award for Best Scenic Design In 1980.

And did he choose to continue the life of a New Yorker? No way. He chose to semi-retire and relocate to Cape Cod where he wrote and directed numerous evening-length entertainments, often featuring his own papier-mâché puppets, an ensemble known as Le Theatricule Stoique. His house on Strawberry Lane in Yarmouth Point, called Elephant House, is now the Edward Gorey House Museum.

– Mary Morony



## Honoring Abraham Lincoln

On April 15th, the 63rd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Commemorating The 154th Anniversary of the Death of Abraham Lincoln was held in Springfield. There were 20 organizations represented, along with Posting of the Colors by the 114th Infantry Regiment Illinois Volunteers, Reactivated. I was pleased to see Jon Austin, MC, a former Board member, give the Address of Welcome.

– Sylvia Brewer (pictured above)

### IN MEMORIAM

*Remembering our Illinois members  
who have passed away recently*

**Marion Virginia Knoff** (John Alden)

**Verna Ruth Leetch** (Richard Warren)

**Kathie Maria Andrus Smith**  
(Thomas Rogers)

**Lawrence John Stratton**  
(John Billington)

We are always saddened to hear of a member's passing. If you have information regarding a death, please contact Don Sherman at [membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com](mailto:membership.illinoismayflower@gmail.com).



George Garmany with Society Officers and Board of Assistants for 2018 -2019.

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Jane Schleinzer, Max Brown, Don West, Mary Ellen Wright,  
H. Clark Dean, Anthony G. Hoskins, Richard J. Damisch

## Illinois Officer Slate for 2019-2020

The Nominating Committee of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois has nominated the following individuals to its recommended slate of officers for the upcoming 2019-2020 year. All nominees have accepted their nominations. This list was presented at the August 2019 Board Meeting, and will be voted on by our membership at the Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting on November 23. Please plan on attending the meeting, if you are able.

Governor – **Jessica Schleinzer**

Deputy Governor – **Ann Wilkerson**

Recording Secretary – **Mary Morony**

Corresponding Secretary – **Mary Gardner**

Membership Secretary – **Don Sherman**

Treasurer – **John Schellinger**

Finance Chair – **John Kemp**

Historian – **Cary Stone-Greenstein**

Co-Historian – **Eva Blanco**

Co-Historian – **Barb Hofmann**

Co-Historian – **Jan Harrington**

Co-Historian –

**Kimberley Ann Smith Calaway**

Consulting Historian – **Rosalie Clary**

Newsletter Editor – **Jan Harrington**

Elder – **Karen Seda**

Counsel & Education Chair –

**Max Douglas Brown**

Junior Associate Chair – **Jessica Schleinzer**

Scholarship Chair – **Max Douglas Brown**

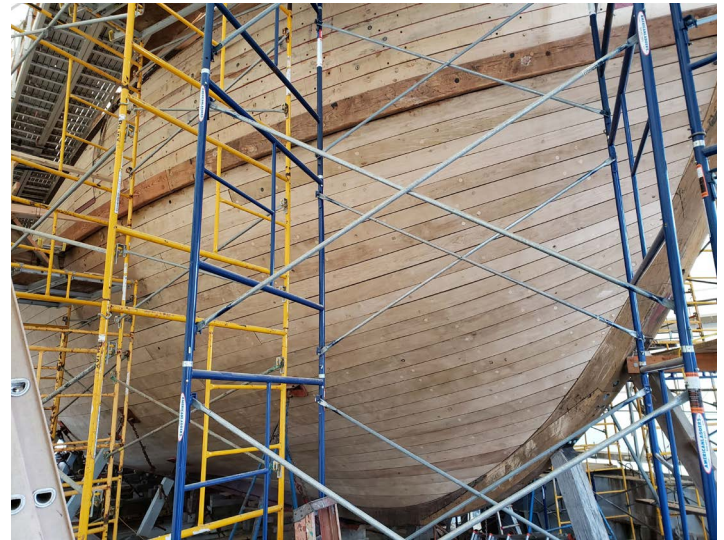
Assistant – **Leslie Lipschutz**

Assistant – **Judy Mayo**

Assistant – **Laurie Sutherland**

Assistant – **Patrick Bell**

Webmaster – **Karen Seda**



The museum features an exhibit documenting the history and restoration of *Mayflower II*. Exterior of the hull is shown above.

# Mystic Seaport is site of *Mayflower II* restoration

If you've been to Plymouth recently, you may have been disappointed that the replica of the *Mayflower* is not sitting in the harbor. That's because it has been in dry dock at the Mystic Seaport Museum preservation shipyard in Connecticut since 2016.

I visited the museum in May and saw part of the ship behind the scaffolding. An exhibition space includes historic photos, artifacts and a video presentation. Visitors can also view the large wood-working area.

The original *Mayflower* was sold for scrap in 1624. The replica *Mayflower II* was built in Devon, England in 1957

and then sailed to Plymouth. By 2013, it was decided that a major overhaul was needed.

The restored *Mayflower II* is scheduled to open to the public in late May 2020 and will be an integral part of the 400th Anniversary Celebration in Plymouth and Provincetown. Advance ticket sales are available now and highly recommended (*see back page*).

Max Brown notes that the experience of being on the vessel "is so startling for people when they see how small and cramped the ship was for the crossing."

— Jan Harrington



*Mayflower II* is owned by Plimoth Plantation. The restoration project is reportedly costing \$7.5 million.



A video presentation documents and explains the re-building process.

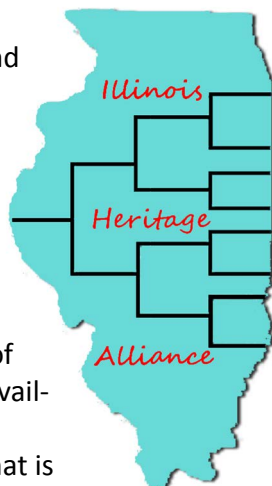


# Explore lineage societies at Illinois Heritage Weekend

Illinois lineage societies will gather for the Seventh Annual Illinois Heritage Weekend on **September 20 - 22, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria**. The event opens on Friday evening with a social hour and dinner. Saturday's dinner banquet features "Meet Emily Dickinson" by Paddy Lynn. The weekend concludes on Sunday with a wrap-up luncheon to discuss plans for next year's Heritage Weekend. An optional tour of the US Coast Guard Cutter *Sangamon* is available on Saturday morning.

Each Illinois society will hold a meeting that is open to members, their guests and anyone interested in that group. Representatives will be on hand to provide information, answer questions and assist with applications.

• **Saturday participants:** Southern Dames of America, Daughters of 1812, Colonial Daughters of 17th Century, Dames of the Court of Honor, Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims, Illinois Mayflower Society, Colonial Dames of 17th Century, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Jamestown Society, Daughters of American Colonists,



Daughters of the Union and Illinois Colonies of New England Women.

• **Sunday participants:** Huguenot Society, Court Women Descendants of Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Daughters of Colonial Wars, Daughters of Indian Wars, Bartlett Kelley Circle and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Our members are encouraged to attend, as this allows us to introduce the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois to people that may not already know about our organization.

• **Please register by September 13.** A registration form with the weekend's schedule and other event details is available on the Illinois Mayflower website: [www.illinoismayflower.com/meetings](http://www.illinoismayflower.com/meetings).

A special room rate is offered by Embassy Suites East Peoria (if reserved by August 30). Call 309-694-0200, use "Heritage Weekend" Code: TAG Or visit <http://group.embassysuites.com/heritageweekend>

• *For more information or problems with hotel reservations, contact Jane Schleinzer (JSAntiques@aol.com).*



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.

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**Please contact Jan Harrington with items for future issues of this newsletter.**

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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# Fall Luncheon

and ANNUAL MEETING

Our Fall Luncheon and Annual Meeting is typically held the Saturday before Thanksgiving, so that we may celebrate the First Thanksgiving with our Mayflower cousins.

Join us on **Saturday, November 23, 2019 at The Glen Club** in Glenview. The gathering will begin at 11:30 am and include:

- **New Member Welcome Ceremony.** Recently accepted members will be inducted into our Illinois Society.
- **Living History Program.** Actress and scholar Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., will perform a historical portrayal of

Elizabeth (Eliza) Schuyler Hamilton, wife of Alexander Hamilton.

- **Mayflower Cousin Photographs.** A professional photographer will take group pictures that will appear in next year's newsletter.

All members are invited to attend the luncheon and program, along with their guests and children. Prospective members who have started the membership application process are also welcome.

Invitations will be mailed in October and reservations are required.

**See you then!**



This quilt will be raffled off at our Fall Luncheon on November 23rd. See center detail on back page.

**Note:** The address of The Glen Club is 2910 WEST Lake Avenue and is **accessed from Patriot Boulevard in The Glen, 1 mile north of E. Lake Avenue (the main thoroughfare).** Drive north 1 mile on Patriot Blvd and turn left on West Lake Ave (just north of The Glen Town Center). Entrance to The Glen Club is on the left.

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## Illinois Membership RENEWAL and DONATION Form

**YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE of \$50 IS DUE BY NOV. 30, 2019**

- PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO**
- Renew your membership
  - Make a donation to our Scholarship Fund
  - Update your contact information, including preferred mailing address, email and phone numbers

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**2019 - 2020 Dues: \$50** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Scholarship Fund Donation:**

\$100 \_\_ \$500 \_\_ \$1,000 \_\_

Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Scholarship Donations are tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to **"Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois"**

Mail this completed form and check to **Jessica Schleinzer - Treasurer, 2625 Moss Lane, Aurora, IL 60504-6096**

**Questions about your membership status? Contact Jessica Schleinzer at [caluvz@aol.com](mailto:caluvz@aol.com)**

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Detail of the Mayflower Quilt that will be raffled off at our **FALL LUNCHEON and ANNUAL MEETING on November 23rd** at The Glen Club in Glenview

## TRAVELING TO PLYMOUTH?

Plymouth is the place to be to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage and the founding of Plymouth Colony. Whether you go now, or attend a special event in 2020, the experience will be especially meaningful to Mayflower Society members.

- The Plymouth 400 website is one source for a listing of lectures, museum exhibits, historical reenactments, special events and more. Go to **[www.plymouth400inc.org](http://www.plymouth400inc.org)**
- Tickets to board the restored *Mayflower II* (starting May 23) are available at the Plimouth Plantation website: **[www.plimoth.org](http://www.plimoth.org)**
- If you visit Plymouth – and care to share your photos with our members – Jan Harrington will happily review them for a future newsletter. Email Jan at [janqharrington@gmail.com](mailto:janqharrington@gmail.com)

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