



**The Stephen Hopkins Colony
Of the
Society of Mayflower Descendants**

In the state of Florida

Newsletter - January 2020

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



The GSMD Mayflower Float in the 2020 Rose Bowl Parade

https://youtu.be/izSz_5BmPpA



Governor's Message

Happy New Year and I hope you had a good holiday. We now have over 112 members on our Colony with several more at Plymouth waiting to be approved. We still need someone to fill the recording secretary position. This is the last year for the current board with election slated for the November meeting. A nominating committee will be form in March and they will be looking for candidates. A list of candidates will be announced at the September meeting, but anyone can be nominated at the November meeting and a vote will take place if there are two or more candidates for a particular position. The board is currently looking at revising some of the by-laws that need updating. These updates will be presented to the members for review and questions and voted on at the next meeting. Don't forget the next meeting is March 12th.

The state society has bought a second barrel of the special Jack Daniels's single barrel Rye in case anyone missed the first go around or wants another bottle. Jeff Rogers won the second raffle at the state meeting in November and won the decanter set. See you at the March meeting.

Governor Brian McWaters

Great News!!

Sharon Paugh Stephen Hopkins Colony, Vice Governor has received a beautiful letter for our Meetinghouse naming rights donation for the Pew Plaque with a personal note.

The personal note says that we were the FIRST Pew Plaque donation!! This is fabulous! Sharon will bring the letter to the March board meeting for the Secretary's books!

Thank you all for making this a reality for our Colony!



First Parish Church Plymouth Restoration Project

<https://youtu.be/XynOMWqbif0>

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, March 12, 2020 – 11:30 AM

Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 11:30 AM



The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 12, 2020. 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.

March Program

"Edward Winslow - A Man for All Seasons"

Meeting Presenter – Elder Lisa Tompson



Letter of Edward Winslow, 11 December 1621

<http://mayflowerhistory.com/letter-winslow-1621>

The Stephen Hopkins Colony has a new website

Created by Webmaster - Debbie Dalrymple

Visit our colony's new website for information and events

<https://stephenhopkinscolonyflmayflower.wordpress.com/>



SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

JUNIOR MEMBERS PROGRAM & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please follow the link below for more information on the guidelines, rules and applications form to these programs. If you are interested in applying for a Junior membership, please contact Kurt Bressner, Hopkins Colony Junior Chair.

Hopkins Colony Name Tags Available

Name tags for our Colony members are available for purchase at a cost of \$13.00 each, if hand-delivered to you at a Colony meeting or \$16.00 if mailed to you. Name tags are available to members of the Hopkins Colony only. Contact Kurt Bressner Hopkins Colony Historian / Junior Chair at kbressner@gmail.com or at 561-436-2328.

Programs flmayflower.com/programs.html





Kurt Bressner, Colony Historian presents a gift of fine dark chocolates (her favorite) to Assistant Colony Historian Carol Robinson along with a framed certificate in appreciation for her service to our Colony

The Interest in the Mayflower t-shirts seems to continue, so, I've set up a new order with this link to follow to place an order. Please share with your members.

[Florida Mayflower Society Group Order Form - Sign Up Today!](#)

State Governor James Preston



Membership Due Reminder

Membership Dues Notice Our Stephen Hopkins Colony dues for the 2020 calendar year are due December 31, 2019. If you have not paid your dues please contact John Hillhouse - 275 Date Palm Road Vero Beach, FL 32963. Dues are \$34 per year; checks should be made out to: Stephen Hopkins Colony

2020 Indian River Genealogy Conference

Saturday, April 25, 2020

3960 12th Street, Vero Beach

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

As in past years, the Stephen Hopkins Colony will have a Mayflower informational table in the Exhibition Hall at the Conference. Volunteers from our Colony are needed to staff the table and “meet and greet” persons interested in exploring their Mayflower roots. Only an hour commitment is requested during the Conference hours. If you are able to assist this year, please contact Kurt Bressner at kbressner@gmail.com or 561-436-2328. Our table will have informational items about the Pilgrims and the 400th Anniversary of 2020.

Kurt Bressner, Stephen Hopkins Colony Historian and Florida Mayflower CO-Historian will present "A Mayflower Genealogical Journey: 1620-2020 - Vital Records and Their Accepted Cousins". This talk will help you determine the records necessary to help you complete your application to a lineage society.

Information about the Conference and registration may be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/IRGConf/>

By Kurt Bressner, Hopkins Colony Historian

New Members, Supplementals and Transfers

During 2019 to the present, 17 new Colony members had their first Mayflower applications approved by the General Society:

P. J. Herdman — William White

Mickie Cook — Stephen Hopkins

Deborah Dalrymple — Richard Warren

Holly Jedlicka — John Howland

Loretta Decker — William Bradford

Gary Williams — William Bradford

Elizabeth Perrott — John Alden

Robert Howard — Samuel Fuller

Amy Jo Paul — William Bradford

Michael Paul — Edward Doty

Jane Hebb Paul — Edward Doty

Jeanette Thompson — William Bradford

Suanne Meyer — Stephen Hopkins

Constance Wetzel — Stephen Hopkins

Lynne Jensen — Elizabeth Tilley

William Sander — James Chilton

Nina Taylor — Stephen Hopkins

During 2019 - 6 Colony Members had Supplemental applications approved by the General Society:

Bonnie Dobbs — William White

Carol Robinson — William Brewster

Christine Keller — Stephen Hopkins

Nancy LaFortune — John Billington

Etta M Ocker — Thomas Rogers/Joseph Rogers

Jeffery Rogers — John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, William Mullins

During 2019 to the present, 8 Members transferred to our Colony from other FL Colonies or other states:

Ellen Nicoll — E. Fuller (out of state transfer)

Barbara Lezette — John Alden, William Mullins, Thomas Rogers, John Howland (transfer from FL Colony)

David Lang — Stephen Hopkins (transfer from FL Colony)

Hartford Inlow — William Bradford (transfer from FL Colony)

John Kent — John Alden (transfer from FL Colony)

Joanne Baker — Thomas Rogers, John Howland (out of state transfer)

Virginia Downs - Myles Standish (transfer from FL Colony)

Elizabeth Brown - William White (transfer from FL Colony)

For Calendar year 2019 the Stephen Hopkins Colony grew from 90 to 108 members. By the end of January 2020 our Colony membership is 112 members. Congratulations and Welcome!

By Kurt Bressner, Hopkins Colony Historian

The 400th Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims: 2020
Commemorations, Activities, and Celebrations for
the 400th Landing of the Pilgrims on Massachusetts Shores



<https://www.plymouth400inc.org/> click here to learn more about the commemorations



<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/2020-commemoration>

New England Historic Genealogical Society

American Ancestors has launched the world's first online gallery of Pilgrim descendants. Created by New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) at Mayflower.AmericanAncestors.org, American Ancestors invites Mayflower passenger descendants to commemorate their Pilgrim Heritage with name and photo. An interactive website reveals authoritative accounts of the lives of Pilgrims and Mayflower crew drawn from years of NEHGS research.

Commemorating 400 years of shared history.

One ship that links four nations, spans 400 years of history and connects millions of people.

<https://www.mayflower400uk.org/>



Stephen Hopkins Colony
Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants
General Meeting – November 14, 2019

Colony Governor Brian McWaters opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at C.J. Cannon's Restaurant, Vero Beach. Elder Lisa Tompson gave the invocation. Captain Charles Moore led the pledge to the American flag and the salute to our Mayflower flag.

Governor McWaters welcomed members and guests and recognized past colony governor, Aline Scott. He recognized the officers of the colony pointing out the need for someone to become the corresponding secretary. The Descendants reading was conducted by Janice Sly, Corresponding Secretary. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. Treasurer John Hillhouse reported a balance of \$5,553.65 and noted that we had recently donated \$250 to Project Hope and \$250 to the Salvation Army. Historian Kurt Bressner reported we have a membership of 108. There are five new memberships applications awaiting approval at Plymouth along with two supplementals. To date we have added 14 new members this year as well as having nine supplementals approved. Jeff Rodgers spoke about the joy of presenting his grandsons with memberships in our Juniors Club. Kurt Bressner encouraged all grandparents to have their grandchildren join the Juniors Club which requires only a \$30.00 one-time membership fee.

Elder Lisa Tompson gave a memorial tribute in honor of past member Calvin Cushman who died in March 2019.

Carol Robinson, assistant historian, was recognized for her dedication in helping prospective new members with their research for their applications. Historian Kurt Bressner presented Carol with a special certificate and a gift of chocolate candy.

Governor McWaters stated that no one had offered to chair a 2020 400th Anniversary Committee. He therefore encouraged members in all the counties represented in our membership to consider contacting local media outlets about the upcoming 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims in America. He asked members to inform him of their plans for such announcements so that there will not be duplications.

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Governor McWaters informed members that election of officers in our colony will take place at the November 2020 meeting and that a nominating committee will be formed in March 2020. He encouraged members to consider taking leadership positions in our colony.

Governor McWaters spoke of November as being a special time of thankfulness, and he extended his special thanks and appreciation to the colony's board members.

Prior to our traditional Thanksgiving meal Elder Lisa Tompson gave the blessing quoting appropriate words from a letter written by Pilgrim Edward Winslow in 1621 telling of the first thanksgiving feast.

Following lunch Vice-Governor Sharon Paugh introduced Elder Lisa Tompson who gave an informative program with slides about the historic Mayflower Meetinghouse (church) of the Pilgrims in Plymouth, Massachusetts. This program was prepared by member Nan Ball and Lisa. The need for restoration of this historic place was emphasized. Following her talk, Vice-Governor Sharon Paugh reported the Board of Managers had today approved the donation of \$1,000 to the Charitable Trust for the Mayflower Meetinghouse for the purchase of a new pew (or equivalent) for this renovation. A plaque will be placed-- stating-- that Stephen Hopkins Colony, Vero Beach, FL made the donation.

Governor McWaters reminded everyone there were tickets for sale today for the Jack Daniel gifts to be raffled at the meeting of the Florida State Society, November 22 & 23 in Homestead. A 50-50 raffle also was held with profits going to our colony's education fund.

The next meeting of our society will be held on March 12, 2020 instead of the usual February general meeting due to a scheduling conflict with the restaurant. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Janice Sly, Secretary

**COLONY OFFICERS
2017-2020**

Governor - Brian McWaters

Vice Governor – Sharon Paugh

Treasurer - John Hillhouse

Historian – Kurt Bressner

Membership/Corresponding Secretary – Janice Sly

Recording Secretary –

Elder - Lisa Tompson

Junior Chair – Kurt Bressner

Board of Directors – Marsha Adams, Nancy Dobbs, Etta M Ocker

Non-Officer Positions

Assistant Historian – Carol Robinson

Assistant Treasurer – Micki Cooke

Education Director – Vacant

Junior Chair – Kurt Bressner

Newsletter Editor – Etta M Ocker

Webmaster – Deborah, Dalrymple

