

# OREGON PILGRIM

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## **2021: 400-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST THANKSGIVING**

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NEWSLETTER OF THE OREGON SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

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## Spring 2021: May 1 ZOOM MEETING 11 a.m.-noon

“Mayflower Pilgrims and Native Peoples of the Dawnland”

With Deputy Director Richard Pickering of Plimoth-Patuxet Museums in Plymouth, Massachusetts

**FROM THE GOVERNOR’S QUILL ~ by Beth Lambright, Governor**



Dear Oregon Mayflower “Cousins,”



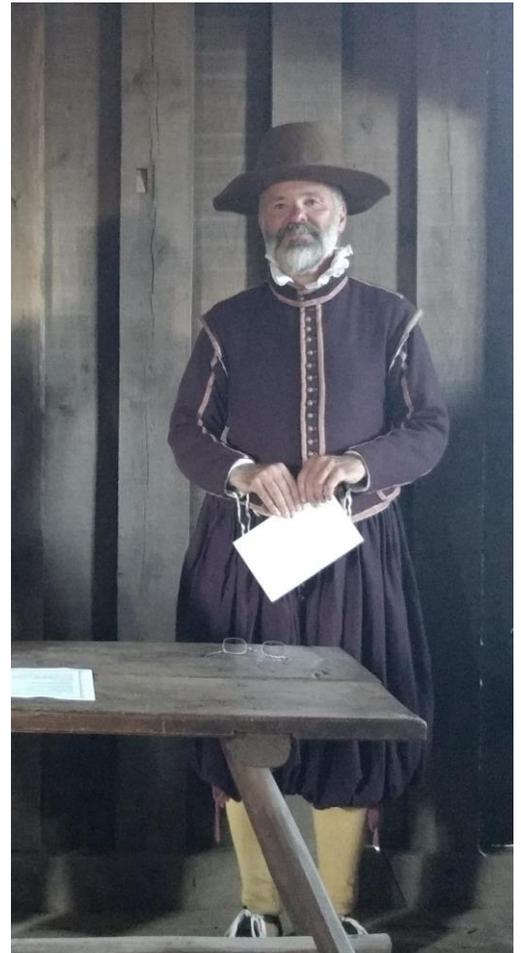
Spring is here, and with it we have beauty blooming around us AND vaccinations. I have had mine — I hope you have had yours! The State of Oregon’s policies for gatherings are beginning to change, and I am actually HOPEFUL we will meet for an IN PERSON meal in November to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving!

Although we cannot meet safely in person for our Oregon state meeting in May, we have put together a **VERY SPECIAL state meeting for May 1 on ZOOM!** That’s right — one of Plimoth Plantation’s finest historical role players will be LIVE with us to talk about life for our ancestors in 1621 with a special emphasis on their relationship with the local Wampanoag tribe.

Richard is the “star” of all the Mayflower films that Mayflower 400 UK is featuring this year and he is currently helping the Smithsonian do a video special on the history of the first Thanksgiving for this fall. He is knowledgeable, interesting, funny, and is currently working on a Ph.D. You will learn so much and be entertained, as well!

Because this is such a special opportunity I hope you will make a real effort to join us this May 1 at 11 a.m. We will be sending you lots of prompts with the ZOOM connection the week before this event to remind you to join in!

See you at the state meeting!  
Beth Lambright



# ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

If you have not used the ZOOM video conferencing program before, don't be shy — it's easy. You can sign up and download the basic/personal meeting version for free onto your computer, cell phone, or iPad here: <https://zoom.us/pricing>.

When you get the link in this newsletter or any of the reminders you will just click on the link below anytime after 10:45 a.m. on Saturday morning, May 1, and it will take you right to the meeting!

Debra Sorensen, our society's treasurer, is a ZOOM consultant and would be happy to help you learn, AT NO COST, how to prepare for the upcoming meeting. You can call her at 541-687-6951 or email her (PREFERRED) at [Sorensen@trainerdeb.com](mailto:Sorensen@trainerdeb.com). Please introduce yourself and note you are an OSMD member.

**The May 1, 2021, zoom meeting will be opened at 10:45 a.m.**

**Please enter early so we can start our meeting promptly at 11 a.m. Pacific Time**

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW (or paste in search bar) TO JOIN THE MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81294878361?pwd=eEs3RjJXdFJoUHA4NTBEOkR0a3Fvdz09>

**Meeting ID: 812 9487 8361 Passcode: 624628**

**The Board of Assistants meeting will meet via ZOOM at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, 2021.  
Meeting link and agenda will be emailed to board members well in advance.**

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES ~ Debra Sorensen, Secretary**

**Note:** OSMD = Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants. GSMD = General Society of Mayflower Descendants (MA)

Members of the OSMD met December 29, 2020, on a ZOOM (video conference) at 2 p.m. to discuss two items:

Members in attendance were made aware that the May 1, 2021, in-person meeting has been cancelled due to the State of Oregon COVID-19 pandemic guidelines. The meeting on May 1 will instead be held via ZOOM, and a link will be sent to full membership prior to that date. The meeting will start at 11 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding raising the OSMD membership dues, because of the increase in dues at the national GSMD level. The OSMD Board of Assistants passed the increase at their meeting on November 21, 2020, but dues increases require the general membership to ratify the change to the bylaws.

Members in attendance voted unanimously to raise the Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants membership dues to reflect the new GSMD rates.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Williams Sorensen, Secretary

## IN THE NEWS



Spring is in the air, and hope springs eternal. Even though we haven't been able to meet in person for a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **we are still hoping to have an in-person meeting in November 2021 to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Thanksgiving in 1621.** It will be a meal featuring the REAL foods eaten in 1621! More information coming in your fall 2021 newsletter.

The GSMD has been putting many hours (and dollars) into upgrading their website (noted above), and it will go online in June 2021. Meanwhile, you can sign up anytime for news straight from the GSMD's "The Pilgrim Press" by just filling out an information form on the GSMD website. This electronic newsletter will keep you informed of every new publication that the GSMD has in the works (including Silver Books) or has available in the GSMD store. They also announce upcoming GSMD video lectures you can view.



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## GENERAL BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEETING IN PLYMOUTH, MASS. SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2021

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) is having their fall General Board of Assistants meeting in Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 9-11. **Any Mayflower Society member may attend!** There are tours planned and an authentic pilgrim banquet meal at Plimoth-Patuxet Museum with the re-enactors performing. Check the GSMD website for all the details and recommendations on accommodations that offer a GSMD discount. Visit the General Society website and log into the "members-only" page to register and sign up for the remaining events here: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org>. Click on the News & Events Tab for an overview of activities.

**Great news!** Due to popular demand, GSMD has added an identical Thanksgiving Banquet!. Please see below.

**Friday, September 10, 2021: 6:30 PM ~ 10:30 PM**

**First Thanksgiving Banquet, Plimoth-Patuxet. Cost: \$125, registration required**

The Thanksgiving banquet meal will consist of passed appetizers and a plated 2-course meal of typical 17<sup>th</sup>-century foods, including meats, fish, and vegetables. Cash bar. **Transportation is on your own. No Pilgrim attire permitted. Business casual dress.**

**Requests for the Saturday Banquet remain waitlisted.** If you are currently on the waitlist for the Saturday Banquet, you will receive an email from Site Solutions Worldwide, our registration company, so that you may change to the Friday event. **You should call their office at 866-792-5399** so that the Friday Banquet can be added to your registration, and they can process your payment. You must respond to Site Solutions in order to make this change to the Friday Banquet. You will not be added automatically.

The Meetinghouse Ceremony scheduled on Saturday following the Pilgrim Progress is currently waitlisted due to Covid-19 restrictions. We are happy to report that free docent tours of the Meetinghouse for members and guests will also be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

## ~MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM ~

**“The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated.”**

**— Mark Twain**

In the fall 2020 Oregon Pilgrim, an obituary for **Harriet Lee (Capps) St. Marie** was mistakenly published on page 7. We are deeply sorry for that error and apologize especially to her and her family. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants reported the death to us, as per their usual notifications, but inexplicably their records were incorrect.

Attempts to contact the family and to separately confirm the death via a published obituary last year were unsuccessful, so the information we published was gleaned from her husband's obituary. We have since been informed that Harriett was moved to an assisted living facility.

### **Yvonne Irene (Roberts) Earnest 1933-2020**

Yvonne Irene (Roberts) Earnest, 87, of Medford, Oregon, passed away December 26, 2020 with her daughter Laura by her side. She was born to Mabel and George Roberts on November 3, 1933, in Olympia, Washington, and moved to the Rogue Valley in 1943.

She graduated from Medford High School and continued her education at Southern Oregon University earning a BS and MS in Childhood Education and graduate studies in Children's Literature at California State University, Hayward.

Yvonne was a teacher and librarian for the Eagle Point School District for many years, retiring in 1989. Yvonne was very active in community, state, and national organizations. Yvonne and her husband, Ed, owned and operated Earnest Orchards, a growing, packing, and shipping pear company. They were married for 45 years until his death in 1997.

Yvonne is survived by her daughter (Laura Naumes), brother, and grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family would request donations to Yvonne's charities of choice, Providence Hospice, St. Mary's School and Rogue Valley YMCA

## **2021 JOHN BILLINGTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

Our OSMD 2021 John Billington Memorial Scholarship winner is **Ella Eason** of Tigard.

Ella is the granddaughter of OSMD member Rosemary Eason of Eugene. She will receive \$1624 toward her education in commemoration of the first voyage of the Mayflower.

Ella is a senior at Southridge High School in Beaverton and hopes to attend either University of Washington or University of Oregon in the fall of 2021.

Ella is the ancestor of Edward Fuller and his son Samuel Fuller, who was raised by his uncle Samuel Fuller after Edward and his wife died during their first winter in Plymouth.

Ella is an accomplished pianist and skier and added baking to her list of hobbies just before the COVID pandemic sent her and her family into quarantine in 2020. With so much time on her hands, Ella reports she "has become an excellent bread baker and has perfected Challah as well as Finnish pulla bread."

We hope to meet Ella in person at one of our OSMD luncheons in the future, when in-person gatherings are allowed again.

Congratulations, Ella!

# TREASURER'S REPORT ~ by Mercy Chipman

## HAS YOUR EMAIL OR MAILING ADDRESS CHANGED?

Please send updated info to [mercychip@yahoo.com](mailto:mercychip@yahoo.com)

Current bank balance of the Oregon Society of Mayflower Descendants as of March 27, 2021 is **\$24,069.97**

**2020 Profit & Loss: Income \$19,976.59 / Expenses \$16,262.35**

Net Difference \$3,714.24 is because of increase in dues that will be paid to the General Society in 2021.



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### **GENERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS (national)**

Deputy Governor General: Terri Schieber  
Assistant Governor General:  
Patricia Sproul Petersen

### **OREGON STATE OFFICERS**

Governor.....Beth Lambright  
Deputy Governor.....Joni Walker  
Secretary.....Debra Sorensen  
Treasurer.....Mercy Chipman  
Historian/Applications.....Russ Francis  
Elder.....Lois Streimer  
Counselor.....James Oberholtzer  
Captain.....Darwin (Bud) Hagan  
Membership.....Francie Fessler  
Newsletter Editor.....Connie Ganz

**BOARD OF ASSISTANTS:** The above-listed officers plus Terry Maloney, Jane Slack, and Cleve Twitchell.

### **MT. HOOD COLONY\* OFFICERS**

Lt. Governor.....Mimi Biehn  
Deputy Governor.....David Wiszneaukas  
Secretary.....Joni Walker  
Treasurer.....Debbie Ketchum  
Captain.....Bud Hagan  
Historian.....Sue Glen  
Elder.....Lois Streimer

**Mt. Hood Colony's meetings are postponed due to COVID.**

### **CASCADE COLONY\* OFFICERS**

Deputy Governor.....Cleve Twitchell  
Treasurer.....Helen Schreiner

**Cascade Colony, based in Medford, is in the process of reorganizing and hopes to resume meeting this summer.**

\*Mt. Hood Colony and Cascade Colony are optional sub-groups of the OSMD that allow members from specific geographical regions opportunities to attend seasonal events and socialize. Mt. Hood Colony serves the Portland-Vancouver area, while Cascade Colony serves the Medford area. They collect separate annual dues to support their activities, and new members are always welcome to join. See the OSMD website for more information.

# HISTORIAN'S REPORT ~ by Russ Francis

### New members:

David Garrith Hiebert - GS #99268; OR #1143 on 5 Jan 2021; 12th generation from John Howland.  
Patricia A. (Manley) Oberndorf - GS #99574; OR #1144 on 23 Feb 2021; 11th generation from John Alden.  
Marguerite E. (Parmenter) Wilcox - GS #99613; OR #1145 on 2 Mar 2021; 13th generation from Richard Warren.  
Susan Elizabeth (Handy) Funk - GS #99639; OR #1146 on 5 Mar 2021; 11th generation from Degory Priest.

### Supplementals:

Donna Brunstad (Supp #3) - GS#89703; OR# 1023 on 22 Jan 2021; 13th generation from Priscilla Mullins.  
Joan Hunter (Supp #2) - GS #69152; OR #735 on 5 Feb 2021; 13th generation from Francis Cooke.

