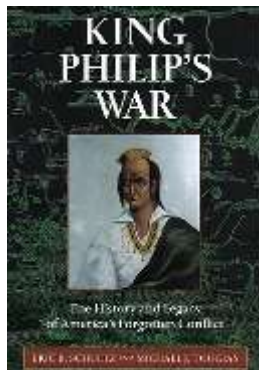


## MYLES STANDISH COLONY NEWS

### WINTER MEETING & LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

Kensington Golf and Country Club, Naples  
2700 Pine Ridge Rd, Naples, FL  
11:30-2:00



*"From the Mayflower to King Phillip's War"*



Our January 15, 2020 meeting sets the stage for an exciting start of our 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Guest speaker **Michael J. Tougias** will present; "From the Mayflower to King Phillip's War".

Michael is a *New York Times* bestselling author and co-author of 29 books and he lectures across the country on each of his book topics. Among his bestsellers are *The Finest Hours* (Disney Motion Pictures' version opened in 45 countries in January 2016), *Fatal Forecast*, *Overboard*, *King Philip's War*, and *There's A Porcupine in My Outhouse: The Vermont Misadventures of a Mountain Man Wannabe*. Do not miss the opportunity to hear this renowned speaker. Book signings and book purchases will be available at the meeting.



Dear Myles Standish Colony Members and Friends:

I wish to start my letter by wishing all of you a very happy holiday season. We were unable to spend Thanksgiving with family in Massachusetts this year. However, we were very happy to have Assistant General and former FSMD Governor Ken Carter and his wife Kathleen as our guests along with a few other Thanksgiving "orphans". It was indeed a wonderful day of celebration and giving thanks for our blessings. We are now in full swing for Christmas. Barry and I look forward to spending Christmas with family in Massachusetts....can't wait to see our two little Pilgrims, William and Joey.

I have decided to once again to host the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Myles Standish Cocktail party at my home on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Everyone brings a tasty something to share along with an "adult beverage" of their choice. This is purely a social gathering and we have had lots of fun meeting and greeting our Mayflower cousins. We will pass-around an RSVP list at our next luncheon. If you wish to advise me ahead of time, RSVP to me at [eastontravel@hotmail.com](mailto:eastontravel@hotmail.com). Both members and non-members alike are welcome but a RSVP with your full name is necessary as I must pre-register all guests to allow entrance thru our neighborhood security gate.

I have just come back from the annual Fall State Meeting which was hosted by Governor Clara Waterman Powell and the Brewster Colony in the Miami area. The big news was the success that we had with the selling of the Jack Daniels Single Barrel Select Mayflower 2020 commemorative bottles of whiskey. Barry and I, on our way north last spring picked out the barrel which was reserved in the FSMD name. The state paid \$10,000.00 for the barrel. Jack Daniels was able to produce 269 bottles of "Jack" from the barrel which were then sold for \$75.00 per bottle. The bottles are beautiful with etchings on either side....one of the Mayflower and the other of the insignia of the Mayflower Society. There is also a metal medallion around the neck of the bottle. The first barrel has completely sold out with a profit earned for the scholarship fund of over \$10,000.00. A second barrel has been ordered. If you did not purchase a bottle from the first barrel, please don't miss your chance with the second barrel. It would make a wonderful Christmas present for next year's 2020 celebration. This is a very limited and one-time only chance to purchase this commemorative item from FSMD. If you wish to reserve a bottle or two of "Jack", please email me at [eastontravel@hotmail.com](mailto:eastontravel@hotmail.com)

Ken Carter and his wife Kathleen attended the GBOA Meeting held on September 7, 2019, in Denver Colorado. Many things were brought up at the meeting. Two of the most important things being a rate hike in the Application fees as well as the possible increase in dues from \$34.00 to \$55.00. These items, along with others will be voted on at the upcoming Congress which will be held in Plymouth, September 2020, and if passed will take effect with your 2021 dues.

Speaking of Congress, it is not too late to think about registering for the 2020 Congress to be held in Plymouth, MA. September 12-19, 2020. Registration will be open soon. Our December newsletter will contain registration information. Please see the GSMD website at [www.themayflowersociety.org](http://www.themayflowersociety.org) for additional information and schedule of events.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next two luncheons. January 15<sup>th</sup> kicks off our 2020 celebration with renowned author Michael Togias and March 11<sup>th</sup> we will welcome former GSMD Governor General Leah Sinclair Filson. Please be sure to join us in the festivities and mark your calendars accordingly.

*Fondly,*

***Nancy A. Ratner***

Governor, Myles Standish Colony





Have you ever wondered how to purchase a Mayflower Society insignia medal/pin or grave marker? Here is the web site to purchase these items:

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/shop/members-only/medals?limitstart=0>

Read about the rules of etiquette for wearing your medals and pins:

[https://www.themayflowersociety.org/images/GSMD Insignia and Etiquette.pdf](https://www.themayflowersociety.org/images/GSMD%20Insignia%20and%20Etiquette.pdf)

Looking for Christmas presents for your family? Shop the Mayflower Society Gift Shop

<https://www.themayflowersociety.org/shop/>





The Myles Standish Colony invites you to attend our Winter Meeting and Luncheon **Wednesday, January 15, 2020** at Kensington Country Club, 2700 Pine Ridge Road, Naples, FL. We will start at 11:30 AM with a social half hour. Guests and prospective members are always welcome to attend our meetings. Menu will be chicken piccata with savory corn bread pudding, seasonal vegetables, and upside down apple cake with caramel sauce. Reservations for the luncheon are required **and due no later than Monday, January 6, 2020** . The cost is **\$30 per person**, all inclusive. (Please note that there is an additional \$5 per person for special meal requests.)



**RESERVATION FORM-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020 LUNCHEON**

**Please print the names of those who will be attending: Place a check in the box of the name if this is their first visit to the colony.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. _____
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**Lunch Reservation is due no later than January 6, 2020. Please make your check for \$30 per person payable to Myles Standish Colony. Detach and mail this reservation form to Carolyn Alden, 4528 Coral Palms Lane Apt 6, Naples, FL 34116. For questions in regard to the menu or special diet needs, contact Carolyn at [carolynealden@gmail.com](mailto:carolynealden@gmail.com), or call her at 239-417-4664.**

**My Mayflower ancestor is: \_\_\_\_\_, My contact telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email address: \_\_\_\_\_**

I am willing to be a luncheon "greeter" or mentor

I would like to hear about other volunteer opportunities within the Colony



Thank You to:



1. *Grace Knight*, assistant historian for the State of Florida Mayflower Society, is helping Myles Standish Colony members complete their supplemental applications. Contact Gov. Ratner for more information.



2. *Nancy Talleur*, a volunteer at the Genealogy Room at the Naples Regional Library on Monday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30. Nancy assists our members and prospective members trace their "roots". The library is located at 650 Central Avenue.



3. *Governor Nancy Ratner* is also our "acting" historian. (As if being Governor is not enough!) Nancy is seeking computer assistance to prepare prospective member applications. PLEASE contact Nancy directly if you are able to help with this important task. Email: [eastontravel@hotmail.com](mailto:eastontravel@hotmail.com)



4. *Joe Ruggio*, our November 2019 speaker. Joe presented a "Virtual Tour of Plymouth, MA" to our members and guests.



Also, thank you to **David Coolidge**:

Naples artist and **Myles Standish Colony member** David Coolidge has been a resident and art studio owner here for 35 years. As he began his career, he wanted to sell his art through prints in mail order catalogs. In 1970, he went to London to interview a printer to reproduce some of his paintings in print form. He met David McGregor & Bill Moore, who used their printer to create some Mayflower prints. McGregor had done the painstaking research that created an accurate scale plan, while Moore, member of the Royal Academy of Art, drew the view of the ship under sail.

Since 1970 was the 350th Anniversary of the Mayflower, David thought he would buy Mayflower prints to sell in the US, however, he did not sell all of them. This past year, knowing the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary was approaching, he contacted the Myles Standish Colony and kindly donated two prints to us. Each print is 17" x 23" and printed in 3 colors. We have framed the prints and we are selling raffle tickets at our meetings. Our raffle proceeds have been donated to the Meetinghouse renovations in Plymouth.



Thank you, David. Learn more about David's art at: [www.DavidCoolidge.com](http://www.DavidCoolidge.com)



*Originally from the Midwest, **David Coolidge** graduated from Drake University and lived in the Philadelphia area for twenty years where he maintained his studio. Later, he moved to Naples, Florida. David attended The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and studied in Rome, Italy, at the Tyler School of Art, but cites his apprenticeship with John Falter, noted cover illustrator for the Saturday Evening Post, as the high point of his art training. For many years he worked in Old Naples at his Third Street South studio. More recently he works from his home studio in Park Shore.*





**January 1, 2020: Rose Bowl Parade!! The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, will be the THIRD FLOAT in the parade.** It will be the seventh unit because there will be a couple of bands and/or equestrian units thrown in there before the GSMD float. Prior to the parade, GSMD will be interviewed by the press and also Hallmark/Channel 5 KTLA will be airing a piece about us.

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020** is our Winter meeting and luncheon at Kensington Country Club. Please join us to hear author Michael J. Tougias present "**From the Mayflower to King Phillip's War**".

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**, is our winter movie day at Moorings Park, Naples, FL. The movie is; "*Desperate Crossing: The Untold Story of the Mayflower*". Movie begins at 2pm. Free admission. RSVP to Carolyn Alden at [carolynealden@gmail.com](mailto:carolynealden@gmail.com)

**Thursday, Feb 13, 2020**, Cocktail Party at the Ratner Home, 14904 Indigo Lakes, Naples. Everyone brings a tasty something to share along with an "adult beverage" of their choice. RSVP to Nancy Ratner at [eastontravel@hotmail.com](mailto:eastontravel@hotmail.com).

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020** is our Spring meeting and luncheon. Our guest speaker is former GSMD Governor General Leah Sinclair Filson. She will be providing us updates on the Meeting House renovations in Plymouth.

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020** is our 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration meeting and luncheon. This is a meeting you will not want to miss as this will be a very special event. We are seeking volunteers to help plan this event. Contact Vice Governor Carolyn Alden at [carolynealden@gmail.com](mailto:carolynealden@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in planning this special day. (Remember, November 11, 1620 is the date the *Mayflower* anchored off Cape Cod. Our meeting date will be the true 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary!)



Did you know that the Myles Standish Colony now has 141 members?!!!



**Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Florida---Myles Standish Colony  
Kensington Golf and Country Club, Naples, FL  
November 13, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

- Governor Nancy Ratner called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. noon, with a quorum present.
- Elder Beverly Duncan gave the invocation, which included a Wm. Bradford prayer.
- Angie Wakefield led us with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Wes Blackwell led the Pilgrim's Pledge.
- Colony member Thomas Manley filled in for Captain Hilton to read the Mayflower Compact.
- Gov. Ratner adjourned for lunch at 12:10.
- Upon reconvening, Gov. Ratner proceeded to introduce our first time guests, starting with Florida State Co-Historian Grace KNIGHT ; new member of the Massachusetts Society, Joan LEONARD, First time guest Linda MAREE, of Massachusetts; today's speaker is first time guest Joe RUGGIO, his wife Lila; Debbie and Don McMULLEN, members of the General Society in Cincinnati, OH; Marianne BOWMAN, prospective member and first time guest; David and Merry COOLIDGE, donors of the Mayflower prints up for raffle.
- Recording Secretary Pat Leister-Ricci, and acting as Captain, Thomas Manley led the Roll Call of Ancestors, with John Alden having the most descendants present.
- Gov. Ratner then motioned to approve the minutes from the last colony meeting (March 20, 2019 that were in the previous newsletter, as written. Mary Pirro seconded the motion, and passed to be accepted as presented.
- Treasurer Cindy Lyster gave the financial report, stating as of the end of October, the colony had \$18,150 in our checking account reflecting all of the dues for 2020 and the purchasing of 4 Silver Books.
- Acting as Historian, Nancy Ratner reported that there are 25 "active" applications being worked on, several more being considered. We have 8 Junior to Full members in process, 7 members are working on supplemental applications, noting that the moratorium previously placed on supplementals by Plymouth, has now been rescinded, and are encouraging members to apply for supplementals. NEW members to Myles Standish Colony in 2019 are Mary PIRRO, Thomas MANLEY, Jordan HAIR (Jr. to Full) and Mikaela HAIR (Jr. to Full), Susan JOHNSON, and Jean SZEN. Transferring in from Henry Samson Colony in Fort Myers are Laura Fair RANDELL, Mary RANDELL, Leigh Frizzel HAYES, Susan Sweetland, and Kathryn WILBUR. Plymouth reported that 2,150 applicants were approved in 2019, and are expecting the number to increase in 2020. Gov. Ratner expressed the need for a new Historian for our colony to process applications, asking for volunteers. Junior applicant forms are on tables.
- The next meeting will be held at Kensington Country Club, January 15, 2020. The speaker will be renowned author Michael Tougias, his topic: "From the Mayflower to King Phillip's War". March 11, 2020 Spring meeting will have Lea Filson as our speaker.
- Gov. Ratner then gave her report. As of November, 2019, Myles Standish Colony had a total of 141 members. We currently have 8 members whose dues remain unpaid. Their names will be submitted at the State meeting on November 22nd. We had three resignations in good standing. We had one transfer to Stephen Hopkins Colony, Vero Beach. The six new members mentioned above in the Historian report, and the five transfers from Samson Colony. Seven members of the Everett VanHoesen family transferred out. Gov. Ratner will be attending the State BOA meeting in Homestead, FL on November 22, 2019.
- Joe Ruggio, of Plymouth, MA then gave a talk and slide presentation about Plimoth Plantation, and other places of historical significance.
- Kristen Brown, and Angie Wakefield served as photographers today. Mary Pirro served as Greeter.
- Raffle basket winner is Linda Gadkowski.
- In memory of the four members of our Colony who passed this year, Elder Duncan & Gov. Ratner honored them with prayer and rang a bell after each name: Bill Nash, Sandra Kennerson, Barbara Messere, and Everett VanHoesen.
- Reverend Beverly Duncan, Elder gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

*Patricia Leister-Ricci*

Recording Secretary





## 400th Anniversary Commemoration

PLYMOUTH, MA, SEPTEMBER 12-19, 2020

See web site: <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/society-business/2020-schedule>

The upcoming 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage in 2020 will offer many opportunities for Mayflower Descendants to participate in the fun. Whether you are vacationing in America's Hometown with your family, donning your Pilgrim best at your local Member Society Mayflower Compact Luncheon, or attending the historic Mayflower Congress in September, make sure to plan accordingly! **Congress registration is not yet open; however, members are encouraged to secure accommodations now.**

- General attendance and tour capacities are limited.
- The deadline to register for tours is **July 21, 2020** or upon sell-out.
- The deadline to register is **August 1, 2020**.
- Attendees must register through our on-line registration website.
- Registration payments will be made by credit card.
- On-site payments will not be accepted.

### Fund Raiser for the Florida State Scholarship Fund:

The State of Florida Mayflower Society is selling Jack Daniel's Premium Single Barrel Select. The bottles are engraved on each side and come with a Mayflower medallion. They are \$75.00 each and make great Christmas gifts. Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. Contact Governor Ratner if you would like to place an order.





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