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SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN THE STATE OF UTAH, VOL 48, NO. 2, FALL 2015



## From Leiden to Plymouth: Exploring the Beginnings

Join us for our annual November banquet on **Wednesday, November 18, at 6:30 pm**, featuring Nathan Lunstad, who recently spent four months earlier this year living near Leiden, The Netherlands with his family.

He will share his experience of volunteering at the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum and learning about the Pilgrims living in Leiden. Approximately half of the Mayflower passengers came by way of Leiden—spending about a decade in Holland before

the voyage. The presentation will touch on the influences of Leiden on the Pilgrims. Was it here that they got the model for the Thanksgiving feast?

Nathan is a descendant of Francis Cooke and Richard Warren. His wife Julianne Holt-Lunstad is a descendant of George Soule. A native of Washington State, Nathan has lived in Utah since 1990. He is an engineer for the Utah Division of Drinking Water and has bachelor's and master's degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering from BYU. *Use the reservation form on this newsletter to RSVP.*

## Could You, Would You?

It takes a lot of people to help keep the society moving forward and the dynamics of our organization are constantly changing. We are looking for two new board members, the *deputy governor general* and a new *junior chair*. Our heartfelt thanks to Kirk Hagen and Lindsay Jackson for all they have done as former board members.

The deputy governor general is our representative for the general Mayflower Society in Plymouth and the junior chair maintains the records of our junior members and provides educational materials and activities for them. If you have suggestions about who might be available to volunteer their services, please contact our governor, Andria Cranney. ([andria.cranney@gmail.com](mailto:andria.cranney@gmail.com))

At every banquet we enjoy beautiful musical numbers. We realize that many of our own society members are accomplished musicians. If you, or another member you know, could provide music, we would love to hear from you!

### Other Needs

We are also looking for someone who could help maintain the website. We use WordPress to maintain our website (easy to learn), and we'd be happy to train you on how to use it. Finally, we are searching for a volunteer to work with the newsletter. Please let us know who might be in a position to help.

## Writings of the Pilgrims

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It's never been easier to access the most brilliant minds in the earth's history. Many have written their ideas and thoughts in letters, journals, and in the world's great literature—all of which can be at our fingertips with the click of a button on our computers.

And, since there is no obligation to read anything but the best, our searching can be most profitable.

In his book *Great Literature and the Good Life*, Sterling Sill writes:

*I like to imagine that, instead of books, the shelf in my library actually contains a collection of great human beings where I may have the best of each as his service is needed by me. What an awful death it would be to die of ignorance, or coarseness or indifference or boredom. We must not allow ourselves to starve to death while attending the greatest banquet that life has ever offered to any group of people who have ever lived upon this earth.*

I love the exchange that goes on when I read. Somehow it's a communication between me and the writer as we pass thoughts back and forth to each other.

Much of my love for the Mayflower voyage and its passengers has come to me through books written by historians, philosophers, and biographers.

But why not read accounts directly from the Mayflower passengers themselves?

Here are some of the books written by Mayflower passengers:

- *A Relation or Journal of the Proceedings of the English Plantation Settled at Plymouth*, by Edward Winslow and others (London, 1622). These are the Pilgrims' journals for the first year at Plymouth.
- *Good News from New England*, by Edward Winslow (London, 1624). These are the Pilgrims' journals for the second and third year at Plymouth.

- *Of Plymouth Plantation* (Volume 1 and Volume 2) by William Bradford (written 1630–1651, first published 1854). This is the most complete first-hand history of Plymouth, written by its long-time governor.
- *First Conference Between Some Young Men Born in New England and some Ancient Men who Came out of Holland*, by William Bradford (manuscript, 1648).
- *Third Conference Between Some Young Men Born in New England and some Ancient Men who Came out of Holland Concerning the Church and the Government Thereof*, by William Bradford (manuscript, 1651).
- *Poetry of William Bradford* (various poems, 1640s and 1650s).
- *Hypocrisy Unmasked*, by Edward Winslow (London, 1646).
- *New England's Salamander Discovered*, by Edward Winslow (London, 1647).
- *Glorious Progress of the Gospel Amongst the Indians*, by Edward Winslow (London, 1649).

In the 1670s Sir Isaac Newton wrote, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." Surely, these first-hand accounts—quickly available through Internet search—can connect us deeply to the extraordinary events of our forefathers.

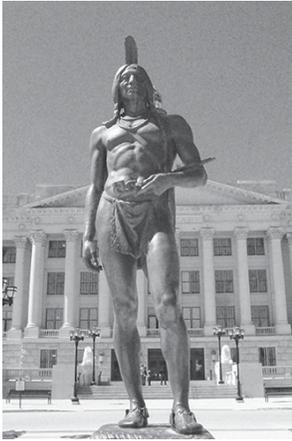
## Welcome New Members!

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| Audrey Bridges<br><i>Brewster</i> | Collette Kingsley<br><i>Howland</i>   |
| Karla Burnes<br><i>Howland</i>    | Kasen Lambeth<br><i>Rogers</i>        |
| Lisa Collier<br><i>Brewster</i>   | Nathan Lunstad<br><i>Cooke</i>        |
| Jill Davis<br><i>Howland</i>      | Carrie Matkin<br><i>Alden</i>         |
| Gary Duhaine*<br><i>Howland</i>   | Betty Smedley<br><i>Chilton</i>       |
| Rhonda Fisher<br><i>Cooke</i>     | Kristine Wallen<br><i>Howland</i>     |
| Gayle Gardner<br><i>Browne</i>    | Hayley Woolf<br><i>Alden</i>          |
| Jacky Gray<br><i>Alden</i>        | Wendi Woolf<br><i>Alden</i>           |
| Perry Holmes*<br><i>White</i>     |                                       |

## Chief Massasoit

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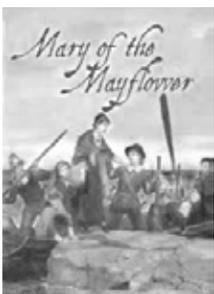
This sculpture, by renowned Utah artist Cyrus E. Dallin, is a tribute to the Wampanogas chief who greeted the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts. The statue was first erected at Plymouth, Mass., in 1921. The original plaster figure was given to Utah by Dallin the next year and displayed in the

Capitol rotunda. In 1927, The Nicholas Morgan Sr. Foundation funded the duplication of the statue in bronze. It was placed in the gardens in front of the Capitol in 1959. Now, the statue stands in front of the east doors of the Capitol.

On 22 March 1621, Massasoit decided to pay his first visit to the Plymouth Plantation. He and his brother along with 60 armed men came and stood at the top of the hill overlooking the Colony. Edward Winslow was sent to him with some knives and a copper jewel chain as gifts—and Massasoit was told that the Pilgrims only desired peace and trading. Massasoit lived a long life, and remained a close friend and ally of the Plymouth Colony until his death around 1661.

## Mary of the Mayflower

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There's always been a question as to who was the first woman to step on Plymouth Rock. According to legend, many believe that Mary Chilton deserves that recognition. Mary's parents, James and Susanna, died during that first winter in Plymouth. She married Governor Edward

Winslow's brother, John, who arrived in Plymouth in 1621. She died some time before May of 1679 and is the only female passenger to leave a will.

The recently published called *Mary of the Mayflower*, written by Diane Stevenson Stone, a descendant of Mary, is engaging for readers of all ages as it weaves a compelling narrative.

## Susan Ross Harrison

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Susan Harrison, our new deputy governor and descendant of Stephen Hopkins, was born and raised in California and lives in St. George. She says she will always be a "California Girl" in her heart! Married to Wayne Harrison for 47 years, they have two sons and two daughters plus 15 grandchildren.

Her love for her family roots began when, as a young child she watched her mother going through old boxes and finding yellow sheets of paper with writings from her grandmother and great-grandmother. They were notes about her great-great-grandfather. That was the moment that sparked the interest that remains with her today.

## Gary Robertson

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Gary Robertson, the captain on our Mayflower board, was born and grew up in Salina, Kansas. For 33 years he served in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve as a survival instructor and C-130 Loadmaster. After retiring as an administrator from the State of Utah, he has become

a disability insurance specialist. He is a descendant of Stephen Hopkins and John Howland. His hobbies include family history, camping, hunting and fishing, and gardening.

## Mark Smedley

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Presently serving as elder for our society Mark Smedley (descendant of John Alden) was born and raised in Bountiful, Utah—attending the same elementary and junior high as his father, aunts and uncles and grandfather Smedley. Soon after 1992 graduation from the University of

Utah, he moved to Heber City, Utah, to practice law. It was there where he met his wife, Lynette. They are the parents of five children. Mark is the Heber City Prosecutor and Heber City Attorney.

# The Society of Mayflower Descendants Reservation Form

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*Wednesday, November 18, 2015  
The Empire Room, Joseph Smith Memorial Building  
6:30 pm  
Cost: \$28.50 per person*

Checks should be made out to *Society of Mayflower Descendants* and are due by November 9. ***If you are one of the few who have not paid your 2015 dues (\$30), please pay that now along with payment for any dinners.***  
My enclosed check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ covers \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s). For questions about your reservation or dues, please email the treasurer: [kathleenvandijk@hotmail.com](mailto:kathleenvandijk@hotmail.com)

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