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Dave Sharp and Idlewild Band Entertain/Educate Us on Wednesday, May 14

Join us on Wednesday, May 14, at the Empire Room in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building for a delightful evening with David Sharp and members of his Idlewild Band.

The band will be in period costume with instruments familiar to our Pilgrim ancestors. We'll hear and learn of the Playford Collection of 1640, and the Ravenscroft Manuscript of 1614.

Idlewild was formed nearly 20 years ago by David and Carol Sharp. Dave has played music with many ethnic groups from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds and writes and composes music in a variety



of styles. The musical group Idlewild performs Celtic music from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Brittany, and the Isle of Man. Audiences have also heard them play early and traditional music from various cultures mixed into their program, such as English, European, and French music.



Carol plays mainly the Celtic harp, Hammered dulcimer, Whistles, Tambourine, Zils, Limerbjack for performances. She specializes in the smaller lap harps and is a certified practitioner of harp therapy by the International Harp Therapy Program. Her music also takes her to the Primary Children's Medical Center where she plays and works with the patients there. Carol has received a bachelor's in human development and family studies from the University of Utah in 2002. She specializes in musical activities and therapy with children.

Dave enjoys researching and playing all kinds of ethnic and traditional tunes. Besides playing the Whistle, Recorders, Mountain Dulcimer, Epinette, German Scheitholt, Tenor Banjo, Mandolin, Mandola, Cittern, Clawhammer Banjo, Guitar and Fiddle, Dave has an extensive collection of world flutes that he plays. (Chinese Xaio, Dizi and Taipei Xaio, Japanese Shakuhachi and Shinobue, Cambodian and Thai Khloy, Vietnamese Sao Truc, Javanese Suling, Bulgarian Dvoyanka and Kaval, English Glastonbury Pipe, Alto Cortol, Hopi Flute, various Native American Plains Flutes, Bb Fife, Willow flute, Ohe Hano Ihu the Hawiian Nose Flute.

Use the enclosed green form to register by Monday, May 5.

More Than Names



Part of helping our children make sense of this crazy world is to help them know who they really are. In 1 Corinthians 13:12 it says, “For now we see through a glass, darkly.” Some have interpreted that to mean that we don’t see spiritual things clearly. But it has been suggested that the

original translation of “glass” refers to a mirror. This means, then, we don’t see our own potential—we don’t see clearly who we really are.

Mary A. Johnson wrote:

*I’ve always known your names
But,
You were flat people on a white page
Until
I read your stories.
Now you are more than names
And
I know that your blood flows also in
My veins.*

[Excerpt quoted in Sarah Jane Cannon, “Pioneers Exemplify Faith, Courage,” *Church News*, 22 July 1995, p. 5]

It does help to know those from the past whose “blood flows in” our veins. It helps when history comes alive, when the stories of our ancestors—the Aldens or the Bradfords or Cookes or the Howlands—come to life; it helps our lives have more focus and meaning. It is such a past that can give us a lifeline to our future.

When the house of my parents was inundated with mud from the 1983 slide, I remember expecting my mother, Elaine Holbrook, to be devastated when I first saw her after the disaster. But instead, she walked through the mud and started the long cleanup process saying as near as I can recall, “All of my life I’ve taken pride in my noble ancestors. They had to do hard things and I’m determined to follow their lead. I can do this.”

This next year we are planning activities that will enable our members to better share this great Mayflower legacy with their children and grandchildren. Our May banquet will be very entertaining. And this fall’s *Eat Like a Pilgrim* promises to be a grand activity for those of all ages. So invite them to join with us so they can begin to learn a little more about the blood that flows through their veins.

Welcome our New Members!

Sean Rentmeister, Syracuse, UT (Howland)
Bradford Fox, North Salt Lake, UT (Bradford)
Holly Gilliland, Layton, UT (Layton)
Alfred Hunter, West Jordan, UT (Cooke)
Larry Lawson, Orem, UT (Warren)
Marilyn Howe, Layton, UT (Tilley)
Doreen Furlong, Centerville, UT (Cooke)
Lindsay Jackson, Kaysville, UT (Alden)
Scott Fisher, Fruit Heights, UT (Howland)
Daynia Lewis, Highland, UT (Billington)
Maureen Sanders, Lompoc, CA (Howland)
Sharon Ewing, Springville, UT (Cooke)
Adam Green, Draper, UT (Hopkins)
Gary Robertson, Layton, UT (Hopkins)
Beth Vera Gingery, Cedar City, UT (Bradford)
Venita Beth Jones, Layton, UT (Howland)
Renae Ormsby, Odessa TX (Howland)

Calling All Snowbirds

There might be an interest in organizing a colony for the society in St. George. A colony would allow members to organize and enjoy some additional gatherings closer to where they live.

We know of 15 members who have a permanent address down south. They have been contacted so that we can hear their opinions and thoughts. However, we’re also wondering if there are any others that use St. George as a second residence that might want to have some input as we explore this possibility.

Please understand that we are thrilled when you join us for our semiannual gatherings, especially when you have a significant distance to travel.

If you fit in the snowbird category and have any thoughts you’d like to share, please contact our governor, Andria Cranney at andria.cranney@gmail.com or 801.341.0529.

Large Gathering Planned for Special Fall Nov. 20 Banquet: *Eat Like a Pilgrim*

Almost 400 years after the first ever Thanksgiving at Plymouth Colony, families of the Utah Society of the Descendants of the Mayflower members will reenact that experience on November 20, 2014, at the beautiful Thanksgiving Point in Lehi, Utah. Bring your children and grandchildren to this memorable evening. What better way to pass on the legacy of their heritage!

The authentic *Eat Like a Pilgrim* is the only large Thanksgiving reenactment held outside of New England. And the event always sells out quickly. But through special advanced arrangements, we have an entire night reserved (400 places) for the families of the Utah Mayflower Society members and those who are applying for membership.

At *Eat Like a Pilgrim*, you'll meet several characters from the first Thanksgiving feast including Governor William Bradford, William Brewster, Squanto, and the Wampanoag. Teachers from



the Alpine School District and the Colonial Heritage Foundation play the reenactors and act as historical interpreters. This event also provides an authentic harvest dinner in a rustic Plymouth Colony setting. The evening's dinner features turkey, roast pork, stewed pumpkins, corn pudding, mixed greens salad, mixed berry cobbler, and apple cider. A few lucky guests will get to try some adventurous feast foods such as duck, oysters, parched corn, or goat's milk.

Other entertainment and activities include 17th century music, contra dancing, farm animal visits, tug-o-war, calligraphy, wooden stockade photo ops, and more.

Reservations are first come, first served. We're anticipating filling the spaces quickly, and there will be no tickets sales at the door. **So use the autumn orange flyer accompanying this newsletter to make your *Eat Like a Pilgrim* reservations early.**

What Was Going On?

In 1609 many of the Pilgrims settled in the Dutch town of Leiden in order to worship as they pleased. It's interesting to know some of the other things that were going on in the world at the time:

- 1609—*Three Blind Mice* is published.
- 1611—Authorized King James Bible is published.
- 1614—John Rolfe marries Pocahontas.
- 1615—Squanto is kidnapped and sold into slavery.
- 1615—*Don Quixote* is published by a Spanish novelist.
- 1615—Chocolate is introduced as a drink
- 1616—Jamestown (founded in 1607) colonists each receive 100 acres of land
- 1616—William Shakespeare dies at the age of 52
- 1617—Pocahontas/Rebecca Smith dies of smallpox.

Connecting with Your Long Lost Cousins

Now you can look at all the Utah Society members on utahmayflower.org. You can now find out just exactly who your distant cousins are!

We also plan on emailing each Utah society member a full directory with names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails. The PDF directory would be emailed only to current members of the Utah society. If you would rather not have any of the information included in that directory, please contact Kirk Hagen at khagen@weber.edu.

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Pilgrim Trivia

1. How many passengers set sail from England on board the Mayflower and how many arrived? 102 sailed and 102 arrived. One passenger, William Batten, a servant of Deacon Samuel Fuller, died at sea, and one child was born.

2. Who was the child born on the Mayflower during the crossing? Oceanus, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Hopkins.

3. How many days did it take the Mayflower to cross the Atlantic? 66 days.

4. Who was the first Pilgrim child born after the ship arrived? Peregrine White, son of William and Susanna White.

5. When did the Pilgrims first set foot on American soil? On November 11, 1620, on present-day Provincetown, Mass., at the tip of Cape Cod.

6. Who was Plymouth Colony's first governor? John Carver, elected twice, once in November 1620 aboard the Mayflower and again in March 1621. He died in April 1621.

7. Who were the first Pilgrims to be married in New England? Edward Winslow and Susanna White, both widowed during the first winter. They were married in a civil ceremony, as was the custom, on May 12, 1621.

8. How many Pilgrims survived the first winter (1620–21)? Out of 102 passengers, 51 survived, only four of them the married women, Elizabeth Hopkins, Eleanor Billington, Susanna White Winslow, and Mary Brewster.

9. What eating utensil would not have been found at the harvest feast of 1621? Forks. They used a knife, a spoon, a large napkin, and fingers—sharing plates and drinking vessels.

10. What is the title of William Bradford's history of the early years of the colony?

Of Plimoth Plantation, written by the second governor in his later years. This book is held in the Massachusetts archives.

Courtesy Plimoth Plantation Education Department.