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Utah's Teacher of the Year to Address May 8 Banquet

We are thrilled to have Utah's Teacher of the Year, Sara Hacken, as our spring banquet speaker on May 8 in the Empire Room of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. During her presentation, entitled "Why Knowing the Pilgrim Story Is Important," she will take her many years of Pilgrim fascination and combine it with her recent visits to Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth. Sure to be an address long remembered, we encourage you to register early.

Chosen as Teacher of the Year in October 2012 (which included a \$10,000 award and more), Sara Hacken has influenced generations of students and teachers. At Lake Ridge Jr. High in Orem, her teaching has become so legendary that the Alpine District established the Sara Hacken Service Award 2009, which annually honors gifted and talented teachers. She has also brought in grants and teacher training monies totaling more than \$3 million.

In an article in the Oct. 6, 2012 *Salt Lake Tribune*, she is quoted as saying, "When I think about teaching it's not something I do, it's who I am. It's what I am. Deep in my core I am a teacher, and I'm always teaching. Every vacation I go on I'm always looking for things to buy for the kids. I'm always looking for great new sources or great activities or something fun—I never stop thinking about it. I'm always thinking about teaching and I'm always thinking about teachers too and their dilemmas and their problems and how to help other teachers."

Former student Emily Wright says of her awarded teacher, "Mrs. Hacken takes the raw facts of history, and helps you to see the people behind them. History turns into a giant story, with damsels in distress, evil villains, daring princes, and people just like us, struggling to get through their daily life."

Sounds like a story from Mayflower times! We look forward to hearing from Sara Hacken and are honored to have her join us.



Sara Hacken, left, joins others at the "Eat Like a Pilgrim" program at Thanksgiving Point.

Welcome New Members!

Audrey Davis
John Howland

Susan Harrison
Stephen Hopkins

David Holbrook
James Chilton

Clara Hopkins
Stephen Hopkins

Elizabeth Johnson
William White

Keele McCoy Livingston
Degory Priest

Gloria Ludlow
William Bradford

Nancy Miles
George Soule

Annette Mooney
William Bradford

Lois Rasmussen
Degory Priest

Janice Farr Smith
Degory Priest

Kathleen Reed
William Bradford

Aaron Stout
Francis Cook

Eric Wayne Van Atta
William White

Choosing the Better Part in a Fast-Paced World



My three months as Governor has already been a wonderful experience. I've met some fascinating people and gained a greater appreciation of a society that connects its members all around the country.

You are serviced by an incredible board that is working hard to keep this society running smoothly. Some have held their positions for many years. You are very fortunate to have them, and I am most fortunate to work with them.

One of my first goals is to ease the backlog of applications for memberships. Our historian, Priscilla Haines, gets two to three applications a week. It's a daunting task to keep up with the demand. We now have a large number of people waiting for approval to join our Utah society. I know of others I could invite who would love to join. Each of you probably do too. So for those who have experience in genealogy or perhaps love to help organize (much like a prodigious secretary might), please let me know. We may be able to use your help.

It is true that we live in a fast-paced world that is often loud and confusing—much different than the world of our 1620 Mayflower ancestors. I believe they would be pleased to know that with all of our distractions and schedules, we choose to honor them, to come together to hear their stories and learn of their remarkable lives. I believe it gives us strength when we do so.

I so look forward to being with you in May to mingle together once again, enjoying wonderful food and music and listening to one of the greatest, most engaging teachers of our time.

—Andria Cranney, Governor

Expansion of Scholarship Awards. 2013 Deadline: 15 April.

Good news for Mayflower parents, grandparents and great-grandparents of graduating seniors: The General Society of Mayflower Descendants announces an expansion of its scholarship awards.

For its first two years, the Mayflower Society offered a single \$5000 scholarship available to graduating seniors with documented Mayflower ancestors who are active members of the GSMD. This year the GSMD Executive Committee has authorized three scholarships to assist deserving direct descendants of GSMD members. The first-place award will continue to be \$5,000, while the new second- and third-place awards will be \$2,000 and \$500, respectively.

To qualify for Mayflower scholarships, an applicant must be a graduating senior who is either a current member of the GSMD or a direct descendant (child, grandchild, great-grandchild) of an active GSMD member whose documentation of Mayflower ancestry would currently be accepted by the Society.

Though not an absolute requirement, recipients of Mayflower Society Scholarships will most often be in the upper 10 percent of their class and score in the 75th percentile or higher on the SAT or ACT.

All materials needed to apply for 2013 Mayflower Scholarships are available for download on the GSMD website (www.themayflowersociety.com). *Deadline for submission of the application is April 15, 2013*

Questions about any aspect of the Mayflower Scholarships? Contact the Scholarship Committee at scholarships@themayflowersociety.com.

Jr. Board Seeks Stories

If you know a Jr. Member that you would like to spotlight, email Rachele Orton, Jr. Mayflower Chair, at orachele10@gmail.com or write: 1035 Canyon Dr., Spanish Fork, Utah 84660. If any of your children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren have moved in the last year or have a new email address, please email her with the new information so they can receive the Jr. Newsletter. Don't forget to sign up any children who have turned 3 this year. For information, contact Rachele Orton.

Ashley Mower: No Cold Feet Jr. Mayflower Spotlight

Ashley Mower is an amazing 16-year-old Jr. Mayflower member from Farmington, Utah. To honor her great-great-grandmother who has a terminal illness, Ashley has been collecting socks to donate to the homeless shelter, Primary Children's Hospital, and others who were in need.

In Ashley's own words she shares how the idea for her project began. "As I grew up, whenever we showed



up at Nanna's without warm socks on, she and my Savta (grandmother) would always say, 'Where are your socks? You're feet will freeze!' And usually we would leave her house with some kind of fuzzy, furry, oversized socks, not always new, but always socks. We got socks for birthdays and holidays, for change of seasons, or for no reason at all. They always helped me feel safe, secure, and loved. Recently I started wondering how many kids and even adults don't have a simple thing like socks to help them feel cared for and protected, especially now that winter is here. That's when my great idea hit: No cold feet!

Ashley achieved her goal of 1,000 pairs for this past Christmas. But her project didn't stop there. She garnered 2,000 pairs for New Years, 3,500 pairs for Valentine's Day, and more for Easter. Ashley is an inspiration for us all! Her amazing story was featured on "Mormon Times" on Dec. 23, 2012. You can view her song, "Nanna's Sock's" on YouTube (<http://youtu.be/UoHbnHU2FkU>). Read Ashley's full story and donate to her project at www.socksfromnanna.org. Thank you Ashley!

Cousins in North Dakota Offer T-Shirts



Greetings from the members of the North Dakota Society of Mayflower Descendants! There is great pride in belonging to the Society of Mayflower Descendants as you are well aware of, and it is nice to be able to express our ancestral heritage to everyone around

us. Mayflower shirts are a great way of doing that!

When these shirts are worn, people keep asking our members how they can get one, so we decided to offer them to other state societies as well—and use the proceeds primarily to help set up an education scholarship fund.

Sporting many styles and colors, the shirts show the Mayflower ship with the text "My ship came in 1620." Go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ndsmd/> [Note: We'll have one on display at our May banquet.]

Wishing you and all your members the greatest year ever.

—Phillip LaQua, Governor, North Dakota Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Distinguished Mayflower Descendants



Dick Van Dyke
Peter Browne, Francis Cooke, George Soule, Myles Standish, and John Alden



Ulysses S. Grant
Richard Warren

The Society of Mayflower Descendants Reservation Form

*Wednesday, May 8, 2013
The Empire Room, Joseph Smith Memorial Building
6:30 pm
Cost: \$25 per person*

Checks should be made out to *Society of Mayflower Descendants* and are due by May 1. If you are one of the few who have not paid your 2013 dues (\$30), please pay that now along with payment for any dinners. My enclosed check in the amount of \$_____ covers _____ reservation(s).

Mail reservation form and check to:

Wes Landen (wes.landen@comcast.net)
1510 East Millbrook Way
Bountiful, Utah 84010

Member's Name: _____

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