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Radio Host Scott Fisher to Address Nov. 13 Banquet

Scott Fisher, long-time radio personality in the Utah, will be joining us at our annual Thanksgiving banquet on Nov. 13 in the Empire Room of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building.

A Utah resident since 1982, Fisher has been on the radio since he was a teenager in 1970. He is best known for his 16-year run hosting the *Fisher & Todd Show* on KISN-97 from 1986 to 2001.

In his career Fisher has interviewed some of the top performers in show business, from Paul McCartney to Bill Murray. He was chosen to emcee the visit of President George W. Bush to the State Capitol for the opening of the Olympics and the visit of New York's Mayor Giuliani for the closing of the games.

Today Fisher hosts middays on *Oldies 94.1*. Also he has started a new talk show called *Extreme Genes, Family History Radio*, which airs Sundays at 6 p.m. on KNRS 105.7 FM and 570 AM. Recently one of those shows featured our Utah governor as a participant.

Aside from a passion for family history, he is an ardent baseball-history nut and collector. His wife, Julie, is a former state representative from Davis County and presently serves in Governor Herbert's cabinet. The Fishers have four children and three grandchildren. Fisher is a Mayflower descendant through John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland. Please use the form on the back page to reserve your seats.

GSMD Scholarships

Now in its fourth year, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants is again offering scholarships to graduating seniors continuing their education. Last year the society offered three scholarships with a total value of \$7500, with more anticipated in 2014. The deadline for application is April 1, 2014. Go to themayflowersociety.com/pilgrim-news.



Scott Fisher, one of our newest society members and a well-known radio personality, will join us at this year's banquet.

Get Ready for 2014

The year 2014 promises to be a year of great gatherings. Our spring banquet on May 14, 2014, will feature a program with David Sharp and Idlewild, who will entertain and educate us on authentic pilgrim instruments, dancing, and more. For our annual banquet the following Nov. we are in the process of reserving our space for an "Eat Like a Pilgrim" experience for the whole family at Thanksgiving Point in Lehi. Dates are pending.

Because You Can—and More



One prospective member recently asked me what the benefits were of joining our organization. My first reaction was similar to that of George Mallory when he was asked why he wanted to climb Mount Everest. Mallory exclaimed, “Because it’s there!” Surely one of the reasons

would be “Because you can!” But still there is much more.

For example, there is much personal satisfaction in knowing that we are descendants of those that showed such courage and determination in making that historic voyage and establishing the Plymouth Colony. The society is one way to pay tribute to remarkable ancestors who gave rise to so much of our treasured American traditions. And the Mayflower Society is one of the three largest, most respected, and prestigious hereditary organizations in America.

Also as members we belong to a large extended family with whom we celebrate the pilgrim spirit. (It is estimated there are 30 million descendants of Mayflower passengers.) How thrilling it is to be together and watch people stand as their ancestor’s name is read. It is a time for us to connect with our cousins in that extended family and find new relatives both current and past. We also encourage you to invite others you know (there are tens of thousands more in Utah) to join our ranks.

Perhaps one of the most important purposes we have is to perpetuate the inspiring story of our ancestors to our prosperity. We are in the beginning process of updating our society to encourage education among not just our children but the children throughout the state of Utah. Part of this will be done by connecting with others and teachers of like mind to help imbue the pilgrim spirit among the youth of our state.

The importance of such efforts are reflected in comments made by Tony Burroughs, an internationally known genealogist, author and lecturer, who

said, “Researching family history gives you a foundation for life. It lets you know that you stand on your ancestors’ shoulders and helps you understand why you are here today.”

We take great pride in all that those brave and determined pilgrims accomplished. We share the values that they held dear. We enjoy camaraderie as we learn more about the way our ancestors lived and the things they did. We develop a deeper appreciation of our American heritage and the values our ancestors strove to establish and preserve.

All this seems like some pretty good reasons to join.

—*Andria Cranney, Governor*

Brent Haines to Entertain at Nov. 13 Banquet with Native American Flutes

The Native American Indians used flute music in their courtships, healings, meditations, and spiritual rituals. It is easy to imagine these ancient people making music as one hears the sounds of a wooden flute. We’re thrilled to have Brent Haines performing at our banquet in November. Brent is owner of Woodsounds, a company that makes instruments created in the traditions of authentic Native American Flutes. (See woodsounds.com.)

Someone asked Brent why a chemical engineer like himself, would spend his life creating flutes. Brent responded, “From the very first time I played



the flute, I began researching the fine details of flute design. I even applied my engineering experience to computer modeling. Like a fine wine, I constantly travel different regions in search of the right wood for the right sounds. When it's all said and done, it's the beautiful sound that feeds the spirit and inspires our craft." Brent is a descendant of John Howland and a long time member of our society.

New Website Launched

We're excited to announce our new website—Utahmayflower.org. Over the next several months, as we continue to develop the site, you will be able to browse through the drop down menus to meet the new board members, reminisce past gatherings, learn of upcoming events, explore other interesting links, and find resources and materials for junior members.

A new facebook page titled "Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants" is also just starting and is available to anyone interested.

We hope the society becomes more and more connected during this wonderful internet era.

The Story of Plymouth Rock

Plymouth Rock is an important symbol in American History. Nearly one million people a year come from all over the world to see this historic icon. Even though William Bradford and his fellow Mayflower passengers made no written references to setting foot on a rock as they disembarked, Thomas Faunce, an elder of the Plymouth Church identified the rock in 1741. Thomas said his father, who arrived in Plymouth in 1623, and several of the original Mayflower passengers assured him the stone was the specific landing spot.

Plymouth Rock has had a tumultuous history all its own. As a revolutionary fever swept through Plymouth in 1774, some of the town's most zealous patriots sought to enlist Plymouth Rock in the cause. With 20 teams of oxen at the ready, the colonists attempted to move the boulder from the harbor to a liberty pole in front of the town's meetinghouse. As they tried to load the rock onto a carriage, however, it accidentally broke in two. (Some townsfolk interpreted the rupture as a providential sign that America should sever itself from Great Britain.) The bottom portion



of Plymouth Rock was left embedded on the shoreline, while the top half was moved to the town square. On July 4, 1834, Plymouth Rock was moved again—this time

to the front lawn of the pilgrim museum. While passing the courthouse, the rock fell from a cart and broke in two on the ground.

Back at the harbor, a canopy was constructed in the 1860s to cover the lower portion of the rock still imbedded in the shoreline. Twenty years later the date "1620" was carved on the stone's surface, replacing painted numerals.

Plymouth Rock is estimated to be only a third or half of its original size, and only a third of the stone is visible, with the rest buried under the sand. A prominent cement scar is a reminder of the boulder's "rocky" journeys around town.

GSMD 2020 Committee Invites Your Participation

You are invited to join a competition organized by the GSMD 2020 Committee to create a national logo for the GSMD celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, the landing in Plymouth, and the establishment of the Pilgrim colony.

Incorporate your ideas for both the celebration of this event and perhaps the future marketing image of GSMD into a design that you believe would be an appropriate symbol.

There will be no limit to the number of entries a state or its members may submit. All entries for the contest should be sent before April 15, 2014. An independent jury of marketing professionals will review each entry and recommend a base group to the committee. Five of those entries will be published in the June Issue of the *Mayflower Quarterly* and those who wish to vote may do so. The winner will be announced at the triennial meeting of the General Congress in September 2014. For further information email hfolger@comcast.net

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The Society of Mayflower Descendants Reservation Form

Wednesday, November 13, 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 Nov. 6. (We also encourage you to pay your 2014 dues (\$30) along with payment for any dinners.)

My enclosed check in the amount of \$_____ covers _____ reservation(s).

Mail reservation form and check to:

Kathleen van Dijk (kathleenvandijk@hotmail.com)
1025 N. 60 E.
American Fork, Utah 84003

Member's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____