

Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants

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Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants Celebrated its Spring 2024 Banquet



The Utah Society met for its Spring 2024 Banquet at the Sons of Utah Pioneers Headquarters on May 3rd. After conducting Society business and presenting new members with their certificates, there was an interesting “Pilgrims to Pioneers” presentation given by Dr. Brian Cannon of Brigham Young University. His presentation focused on the life stories of selected 19th century descendants of our Pilgrim ancestors after they migrated to the Western frontier.

We revealed a **new image** which is graphed on merchandise that the Utah society is offering on its website. Please go and get your mugs, medallions, lapel pins, and Hot beverage mugs. <https://utahmayflower.org/utah-mayflower-shopping/>



There is much told about the migration west, the journeys across the plains and mountains to the Great Basin, and the causes of that massive movement out of the United States. Our story for the evening is not to repeat those stories, but to reveal the account of the historical settlement of the Great Basin and the even larger Latter-Day Saint (LDS) area of colonization – from Mexico to southern Canada.

While our pilgrim ancestors never came west, their descendants did! Many of these, our ancestors, didn't end their travels upon arrival in what was to become the Utah Territory! What happened to them? A great many continued for many miles as part of the planned and organized settlement of the Great Basin. No where in American history was there such an ordered methodology employed in the settlement of land. What was that methodology, how was it decided where to send a group of folks, what were the requirements – skills, numbers, demographics, how long did they have to stay in place? Where did our Pilgrim descendants settle? What other Pilgrim descendants came west and became part of the story? Miners, soldiers guarding the Mormon trail at Fort Laramie.... The stories are fascinating and its time their tales are told.

Save the date November 8th, 2024.

Join with your Mayflower cousins on Nov 8th banquet at 6:00 pm

Join us for our next banquet on November 8th in the Wheel Room at Gardner Village. We are planning on it being a lovely Holiday celebration with a wonderful program and food catered by Archibald's Restaurant. Please note that seating is limited, so be sure to reserve your seats when the payment button goes live on our Society website. We expect that the payment button will go live the **second week of September**. Make your plans and join us for a Thanksgiving celebratory meal! We look forward to seeing you there!

Dinner begins at 6:30 pm and the Program begins at 7:30 p.m.
Located in: Gardner Village 1100 W 7800 S, West Jordan, UT 84088

Be on the lookout in September to Pay for your dinner

Go to our website at: utahmayflower.org and click on the Payment Button on the front page and complete your purchase once it goes live!



Photo by Gardner Village

Scholarships

While our Society focuses on lineage, we are also a non-profit organization and should give back to the community. We now have a payment button on the website where you can contribute towards scholarships for students related to our members.

We urge you to contribute to the scholarship fund. Once it has been adequately funded, we will announce the qualifications for deserving students. Please consider a donation, we need your support!

New Member Challenge

A reminder about our new member challenge: The member in good standing who refers the most approved new members to Historian Kevan Barton will win a dinner for two at Ruth's Chris Steak House.

Please let Historian Kevan Barton know the names of people you have referred to him so that the Board can determine who the winner of the contest is. New members must have been approved by Plymouth by the November 8th meeting.

"What Mayflower Membership Means"

Many of our members are in the "Active Member in Good Standing" category meaning that their dues need to be paid by December each year. Those members who are seeking to transfer in or out must also be an "Active Member in Good Standing to do so."

GSMD Governor General's Virtual Third Quarter Address

"Assistant General Jill Dewsnup attended the GSMD Governor General's Virtual Third Quarter Address, where GSMD business was discussed."

It is encouraged that all members view the new videos posted on the Mayflower Society YouTube channel.

The Garden Walkway Project By: Jill Dewsnap

In September 2023, I had the honor of representing our Society as Assistant General at GSMD's Triennial Congress. While there, I had time to walk over to the Mayflower Society House and spend some time in the colonial garden behind the house. The garden paths are paved with red bricks and visitors to Plymouth will see that some of the bricks have laser cut text on them. Members of GSMD have the wonderful opportunity to donate to the Garden Walkway Project. Donors can have a brick of their own placed in the garden. I chose to donate to this project as a memorial to my deceased father. After walking the paths for a few moments, I found my family's brick. It was a touching experience to see that a tribute to my father and my family is now in Plymouth. For more information about the Garden Walkway Project, visit the Mayflower Society website and look under the "Give" tab. Questions can be directed to the Development Office at: (508) 746-3188, ext. 25 or Development@TheMayflowerSociety.org.



Photo by Jill Dewsnap

Open Board and Committee Chair Positions

Interested in serving our Society? We would love to hear from you! We are currently looking to fill the following positions:

- Secretary
- Outreach Committee Chair
- Membership Committee Chair

If you are interested in a position, please email Deputy Governor Vicky Dewsnup at: deputygovernor@utahmayflower.org

Please go to our **Utah Mayflower Descendant website and Facebook** page for more information on the Utah society.

General Board of Assistants Meeting 2024 will be held in Ashville, North Carolina Sept. 5-8, 2024. The GBOA Meeting is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with our Mayflower cousins and to be involved in Society business and decision-making. All Mayflower Society members and family and guests are welcome in Ashville to enjoy the fantastic tours and to listen to the many speakers. Yearly, this is a way to connect with Mayflower cousins from near and far. Our Deputy Governor General Thomas Portlock will be attending and representing our state society.

If there are any requests for story submittals or announcements to the Utah Mayflower newsletter, please email: at DeputyGovernorGeneral@utahmayflower.org

