



# THE UTAH COMPACT

UTAH SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS VOL 58, NO. 2, Summer 2025

## The Utah Society Held its Spring Banquet

The Utah Society met for its Spring 2025 Banquet on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Sons of Utah Pioneers National Headquarters. The view of the Wasatch Mountains provided a beautiful backdrop for the meeting, and an art print of the Pilgrims was on display for all to see. Acting Governor Vicky Dewsnup spoke about the art print, which is a reproduction of “The Pilgrim Fathers: Men of the Mayflower” painting by Ron Embleton.



Acting Governor Vicky Dewsnup speaking about the Pilgrim Fathers art print

One special highlight of Utah Society business was honoring Past Governor Susan McEvoy for her many years of service. As a gesture of appreciation, she was presented with a certificate and brooch. In other business, Assistant General Jill Dewsnup shared news about the upcoming General Board of Assistants Meeting in San Antonio this September. For more information about GBOA, members were directed to go to the Members Only page of the GSMD website. Historian Kevan Barton will be stepping down in

November, and Dan Newbold will serve as a Co-Historian for the next six months as he receives training. Acting Governor Vicky Dewsnup then informed all members present that the Society is looking for volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee and prepare a slate of nominees to fill some Board offices at the November meeting. Those interested in serving on the committee should send an email to [governor@utahmayflower.org](mailto:governor@utahmayflower.org) with a brief description of their qualifications to serve on the committee. Stay tuned as more details will be forthcoming!



Photo of “The Pilgrim Fathers: Men of the Mayflower,” by Ron Embleton



AG Jill Dewsnup with Past Governor Susan McEvoy and DGG Thomas Portlock





*Sons of Utah Pioneer Headquarters*

The Utah Society also thanked Clair Hopkins for his service as Elder, and Jay Ashworth was asked to serve as Acting Elder until the November election. Next, Deputy Governor General Thomas Portlock reported on RootsTech 2025. He reported that there were many interested prospective members who stopped by the Mayflower Society booth. Visitors were warmly greeted by representatives from GSMD and the Utah Society.

During the program portion of the evening, Mayflower Cousins enjoyed hearing more stories about Pilgrim ancestors. A panel consisting of Board members spoke about John Howland, Richard Warren, Mary Chilton, and Thomas Rogers.



*Secretary Lori Liljenquist spoke about Richard Warren*



*DGG Thomas Portlock spoke about Mary Chilton*



*Treasurer Eileen Johnson spoke about John Howland*



*AG Jill Dewsnap spoke about Thomas Rogers*



## Dues

From our Treasurer:

Cousins: Please pay your annual dues only when you receive an invoice or after checking with me. Several members have paid dues unnecessarily and are at least two years ahead of schedule. I can refund the overpayment to your credit card within 180 days; I just need the expiration date of the card used. I have emailed the member when the duplicate payments are made but I do not always receive a response. I would appreciate your cooperation with this request. For payments on dues, please contact Treasurer Eileen Johnson at [treasurer@utahmayflower.org](mailto:treasurer@utahmayflower.org).

## 2025 Approved Utah Society Applications as of May 2nd

### Supplementals

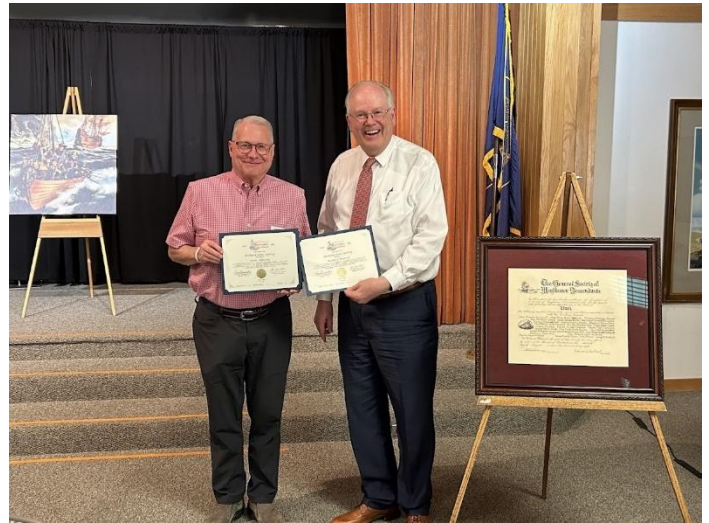
Richard Jones Sperry  
(Isaac Allerton and Richard Warren)

Claudia Poulson Sanborn  
(John Howland)

Alice Chappell Christensen  
(John Howland)

### New Member

Patricia Behling Springer  
(John Howland)



*Richard Jones Sperry with Historian Kevan Barton*



*Kevan Barton, Claudia Poulson Sanborn, and Alice Chappell Christensen*

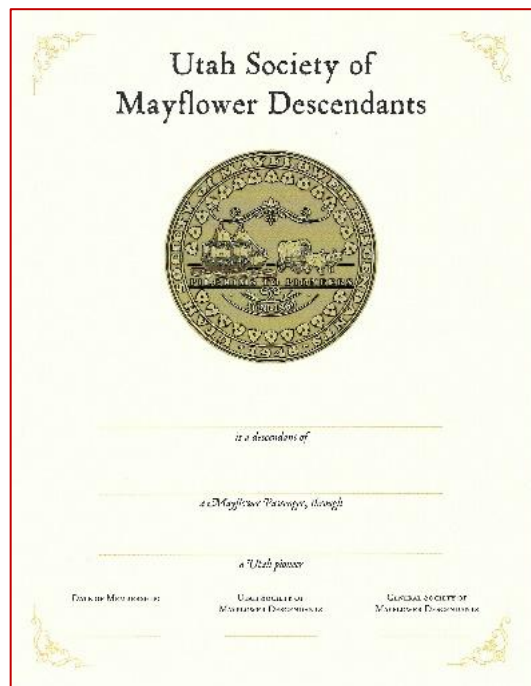


*Patricia Behling Springer and Kevan Barton*

# Pilgrims to Pioneers Merchandise

**Remember** to get your Pilgrim to Pioneer merchandise. Click on the links under each item to take you to the Utah Society website.

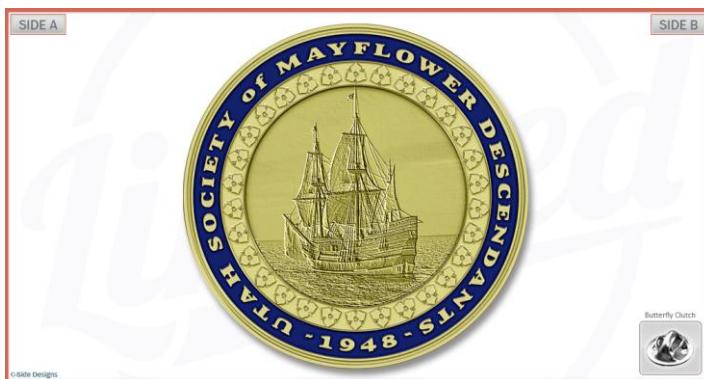
**New item!** The “Utah Pilgrims to Pioneers Certificate” is \$10.00 with verification. To order, click [here](#).



**Pilgrims to Pioneers Hot Beverage Mug \$8.00** - In pink with blue print or almond with gold print. To order, click [here](#).



**Commemorative Medallion \$20.00** - Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants 2024 Medallion 4" size 3mm thick, Standard Flat Cut edge Pilgrim to Pioneer Medallion. Raised Antique Bronze, Antique Bronze Brushed Recess. To order, click [here](#).



**Utah Mayflower Descendant Lapel Pin \$7.00** 1" size, 3mm thick, Soft Enamel, Standard Flat Cut edge Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants Lapel Raised High Polish Bronze, Bronze Sandblast Recess. To order, click [here](#).



**From Pilgrims to Pioneers Coin \$12.00** - Utah Society of Mayflower Descendants 2024 Coin 1.75" size 3mm thick, Standard Flat Cut edge Pilgrim to Pioneer Coin Raised High Polish Bronze, Bronze Sandblast Recess. To order, click [here](#).