



"When our hearts turn to our ancestors, something changes inside us.
We feel part of something greater than ourselves." *Russell M. Nixon*



Mayflower Chronicles

Albany Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON MEETING

Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY
November 9, 2019 - Social Hour 12:00, Luncheon Meeting 12:30—3:00

Colony Governor's Message

As we approach 2020, the 400th Anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage, did you know that the plans were formalized in 1619? And that these early plans were one of the causes and reasons for the **Mayflower Compact**? In Nathaniel Philbrick's *Mayflower*, "By June 1619, [Gov. John] Carver and [Robert] Cushman had succeeded in securing a patent from the Virginia Company," p. 19, for the future *Mayflower* voyage of 1620. By 1614, John Smith (previously from Jamestown) had sailed the New England coastline for King James and drawn a map of it naming the area New England. New England was actually no longer referred to as Northern Virginia.

William Bradford, in *Of Plymouth Plantation*, referred to the **Mayflower Compact** as *the Deed of Government* drawn up on Cape Cod, 11th of November, A.D. 1620. This Deed of Government was created partly due to the mutinous speeches of some of the Strangers who boarded the *Mayflower* in London. When they got ashore, they planned to use their liberty with no one having the power to command them. Their rationale was that the patent procured in June 1619 was for Virginia, not New England, which belonged to another company, with which the Virginia company had nothing to do. The **Mayflower Compact** became essential to maintain law and order. And now you know another reason it was written and signed by our male ancestors. As we journey toward 2020, please know that our forefathers had already formalized the 1620 venture by June of 1619. Our *Mayflower* ancestors knew this, whether Saints or Strangers.

Our **November 9th** luncheon/meeting presentation will be: "**Great Graves of Upstate New York**" by **Chuck D'Imperio** of Unadilla. One of Upstate's most "in demand" public speakers, his audiences enjoy his stories of the region and its people, events, and folk tales. His talks are lively, thoughtful, and always a lot of fun. Chuck is an award-winning radio broadcaster (more than 25 years on the air), a newspaper columnist, and the author of several popular books that celebrate upstate New York. This promises to be a fascinating and entertaining presentation.

Thanks to Sylvia Magin for creating the *Chronicles* and to Karl Danneil for managing the Albany Colony website. I look forward to seeing you at Normanside Country Club on **November 9th**.

NEXT MEETINGS:

May 2, 2020

And

November 7, 2020



Dave Morton

Colony Governor

"We . . . loyal subjects of . . . King James . . . having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together."

from the Mayflower Compact

Colony
Officers:

Colony Governor —
David W. Morton, Ed.D

1st Dep.Col.Gov. —
Walley G. Francis

2nd Dep. Col. Gov. —
Douglass (Tim) M. Mabee

Secretary —
Sandra P. Zerrillo

Treasurer —
Betty-Jean (B-J) Haner

Asst. Treasurer —
Walley G. Francis

Co-Captain —
Douglass (Tim) M. Mabee

Co-Captain —
Priscilla S. Davis

Historian —
Paul S. Johnson

Elder —
Arthur F. Young, Jr.

Archivist —
Kristen L. Moore

Chronicles Editor —
Sylvia S. Magin

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May 4, 2019 – Meeting Minutes

The **Spring Meeting** of the Albany Colony, SOMD, was held at the Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY on Saturday, May 5th. In the absence of Colony Gov. David W. Morton, the meeting was called to order by 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Douglass Mabee at 12:30 p.m. The Invocation was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by 2nd Deputy Colony Governor Douglass (Tim) Mabee.

Officers present were introduced by 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Douglass (Tim) Mabee; Secretary Sandra A. Zerrillo; Treasurer Betty-Jean Haner; Co-Captains Priscilla Davis and Tim Mabee; Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr., Archivist Kristen Moore.

New members -- There were no new members in attendance at this meeting. **Self-introductions** by members and guests included name, location, and ancestors. Members present 28 & guests 18 = 46. Minutes from the November 4, 2018 meeting were printed in the Chronicles. The minutes were filed as printed. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Betty Jean-Haner. The report was filed for review by the Audit Committee. **Audit Committee Report:** Tim Mabee, Walley G. Francis and Kristen Moore are the current members of the Audit Committee. In the absence of Walley G. Francis, Tim Mabee and Kristen Moore met prior to the meeting to review the treasurer's records. Tim Mabee Audit Chairman reported that the books are in order. A motion was made by Arthur Young and seconded by James Rogers to accept the report of the Audit Committee. Motion carried..

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Historian – The Historian's Report was published in the last issue of the Chronicles. The report was filed as printed. **Chronicles:** 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Mabee thanked Editor Sylvia Magin for her outstanding dedication to publishing the issues of the Chronicles. **Website:** 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Mabee thanked past Webmaster Karl Danniell for all the work that he has done over the years as our past Webmaster. The current Webmaster, Jim Pratt, gave a short presentation to highlight the new website that has been created for the Albany Colony.

Longevity Certificates – This year the Albany Colony awarded longevity certificates to nine members who were celebrating milestone anniversaries. The recipients and the years of membership were printed in the May Chronicles. Secretary Sandra Zerrillo presented a 25-year certificate to Sherret Chase. Unbeknownst to our Albany Officers, Sherret turned 100 years old last June. It was decided that at this May meeting, we would honor Sherret and celebrate his upcoming 101st birthday. Secretary Zerrillo read a short biography of Sherret's life and presented him with a special birthday certificate and birthday cake for him to take home and enjoy with his family. The presentation ended with all those in attendance singing "Happy Birthday."

Old Business: 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Mabee expressed his thanks to the Website Committee and especially Jim Pratt for their hard work on this project. **(1)** A motion was made by Eleanor Morris and seconded by Kristen Moore to adopt Jim Pratt's website at the annual expense of \$100.00 for the Albany Colony. **Motion carried.** **(2)** A motion was made by B-J Haner and seconded by Jim Rogers to approve a donation to the GSMD 2020 Fund in the amount of \$400.00 in Memory of Bette Bradway. **Motion carried.**

New Business: **(1)** A motion was made by Arthur Young and seconded by Jim Rogers to approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the New York State Society of the Mayflower Descendants in Memory of Robert Morse. **Motion carried.** **(2)** **Election of Assistant Treasurer 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Mabee** announced that Walley Francis had been nominated for Assistant Treasurer by the Executive Committee. 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Mabee asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none a voice vote was taken. Walley Francis was unanimously elected to the position. **(3)** **The 2019-2020 Proposed Annual Budget** was introduced by 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Mabee. A motion was made by Kristen Moore and seconded by B-J Haner to adopt the Proposed Annual Budget of \$1,960 for the Albany Colony. **Motion carried.**

(Minutes continued)

4) A mockup of a medal to honor the 400th Anniversary of the Albany Colony was presented by 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Mabee. The medal will feature a graphic of the Mayflower encircled with the following writing: Society of Mayflower Descendants Albany Colony, New York and it will be attached to the official pink and white ribbon. A motion was made by Priscilla Davis and seconded by B-J Haner to approve the purchase of 100 medals at a cost of \$600.00. **Motion carried.** It should also be noted, that 2nd Deputy Colony Gov. Mabee will seek the approval of the Insignia Chairman prior to ordering the pins. (5) **Albany Colony Website Addendums (a)** A motion was made by Kristen Moore and seconded by Priscilla Davis to adopt a new Domain for an Annual cost of \$30.00 for the Albany Colony website. **Motion carried.** (b) A motion was made by Eleanor Morris and seconded by Kristen Moore to adding a Facebook Page at no cost to the new Albany Colony Website. **Motion carried.** It should be noted that the Facebook Page is currently set to "Secret" and only members given permission by the webmaster can join this page and view the contents of the site.

Program - Co-Captain Priscilla Davis introduced guest speaker Jack Casey, local attorney, author, storyteller, and songwriter. Mr. Casey gave a wonderful video presentation that provided a backdrop of his novel "*A Land Beyond the River*," which is described by Mr. Casey "as a love story centered around the digging of the Erie Canal during the War of 1812," while our Webmaster Jim Pratt handled the slide projector. Mr. Casey ended his program by singing and playing his guitar for us, which everyone enjoyed. After the program Mr. Casey graciously signed several copies of his book and gave them away to the members.

Benediction was given by Elder Arthur F. Young, Jr. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

~ ROLL CALL OF ANCESTORS ~

John Alden and wife Priscilla Mullins Alden - 2
Isaac Allerton and wife Mary Norris Allerton & children Bartholomew, Remember, Mary, John - 1
John Billington and wife Elinor & sons John and Francis - 0
William Bradford and wife Alice Carpenter Southworth Bradford - 4
William Brewster and wife Mary & children Love and Wrestling - 5
Peter Brown - 0
James Chilton and wife Susanna & daughter Mary - 1
Francis Cooke and son John - 2
Edward Doty - 4
Frances Eaton and wife Sarah & son Samuel - 2
Moses Fletcher - 0
Edward and Mrs. Fuller & son Samuel - 0
Samuel Fuller - 0
Stephen Hopkins and wife Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins & children Constance, Giles (Damaris & Oceanus) - 3
John Howland and wife Elizabeth Tilley Howland - 7
Richard More (and wife Mary & Ellen and Jasper) - 0
William Mullins (wife Alice & children Priscilla and Joseph) - 1
Degory Priest - 0
Thomas Rogers and son Joseph - 1
Henry Samson - 0
George Soule - 4
Miles Standish (and wife Rose) - 0
John Tilley and wife Joan Hurst Tilley (and daughter Elizabeth) - 5
Richard Warren - 2
William White and wife Susanna Jackson White & sons Resolved and Peregrine - 2
Edward Winslow (and wife Elizabeth Barker Winslow) - 0

John Howland's descendants had the greatest representation - 7

Sandra A. Zervillo, Secretary

"A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about." *Woodrow Wilson*

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Albany Colony's Membership Totals as of August 31, 2019

Regular Members 241, Life Members 13, Total Membership: 254

New Members - Welcome to Albany Colony!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Melissa Stark Baldwin	NY 6334	05/21/2019	Mary Allerton
Yvonne Joyce Deligato	NY 6349	09/12/2019	George Soule
Douglas Keith Landers	NY 6337	06/07/2019	John Howland
Mary Elizabeth Peck	NY 6325	04/12/2019	Samuel Fuller
Lynda Rogers-Seeley	NY 6356	08/23/2019	Francis Cooke
Kim S. Stevenson-Vuozzo	NY 6342	06/25/2019	Francis Cooke

Transfers In:

Melinda Marvin Kittell	NY 6328	04/29/2019	William Brewster
Patrick D. Smith	NY 6310	03/09/2019	William Bradford

Transfers Out:

Thomas L. Potter	NC 2124	To North Carolina
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Supplemental Lines Added:

Ann Donlan - Francis Cooke, Linda S. Enright - George Soule, Leota Larson - Stephen Hopkins

Reinstated:

Ellen C. Bertke, Jane Bradford Cook, Wm. Bradford Cook, Kadi B. Luchsinger

Removed:

Wendy S. Allen, Mildred Y. Berard, Ryan W. Carpentier, Laura B. Donlan, Cheryl P. Doyle, Jennifer B. Eshbaugh, Elaine A. Henderson, Nathan M. Kilburn, Emily Ann LaFountain, Tyler J. LaFountain, Charlotte Z. Palmeri, Christina D. Raineri, E. Philip Redick

Paul S. Johnson, Historian

"Years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Widely misattributed to Mark Twain

Editor's Note: If you attended our May luncheon meeting and enjoyed Jack Casey's presentation on the building of the Erie Canal but missed out on receiving a copy of his book, "A Land Beyond the River," and would like to have one, please see me. Jack graciously dropped off several more copies and I will bring them with me on November 9.



Proud of your Mayflower ancestry? Pleased to belong to Albany Colony? Aren't we all! Now you have a great opportunity to wear an attractive emblem of your heritage, and I believe for the first time, of your Colony membership. Albany Colony is offering for sale this handsome medal suspended from a pink ribbon (the Society's official color). When you send your check for \$40.00 to Colony Co-Captain, **Tim Mabee, 17 Kilarney Court, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-7501**, he will send your beautiful new lapel pin directly to you. (The price includes New York sales tax.) As excitement and anticipation continue to build for the 400th Anniversary in 2020 of the arrival of the Mayflower in the New World, what a stylish way this is to demonstrate your own Pilgrim Pride!

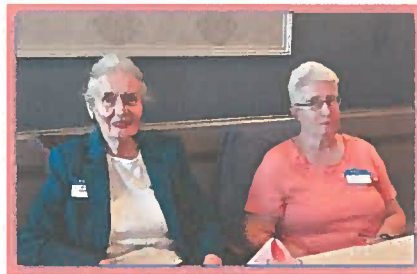


**Scenes from our
May 4, 2019
Luncheon Meeting
at Normanside
Country Club**



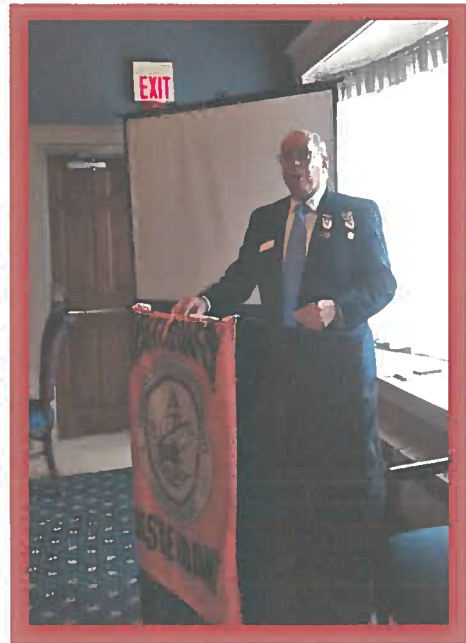
"There is no creature so perfect in wisdom and knowledge but may learn something for time present, and to come, by times past."

John Robinson



"No harm's done to history by making it something someone would want to read."

David McCullough



Thanks to Jim Rogers, the "other photographer," for taking some of these photographs.



Tim Mabee conducted the business of the day in the absence of Colony Governor Dave Morton.

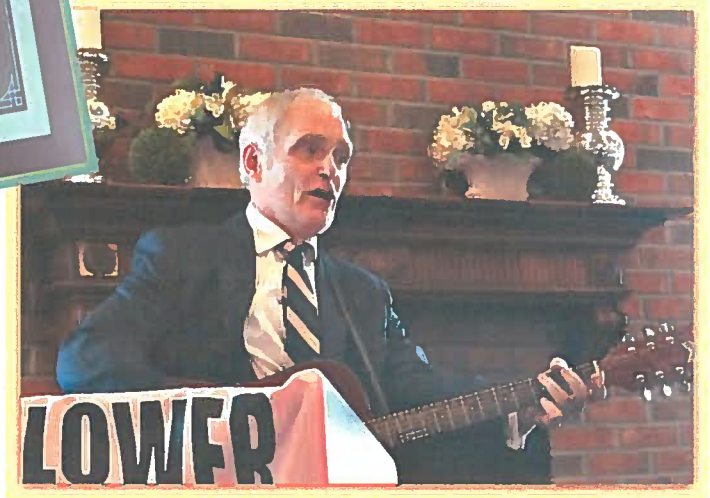


Sherret S. Chase, attending with his daughter Helen, received a very special cake and birthday card in honor of his upcoming **101st birthday** on June 30th, along with a certificate for twenty-five years' membership. We sang "Happy Birthday" and we all wished him a wonderful celebration!



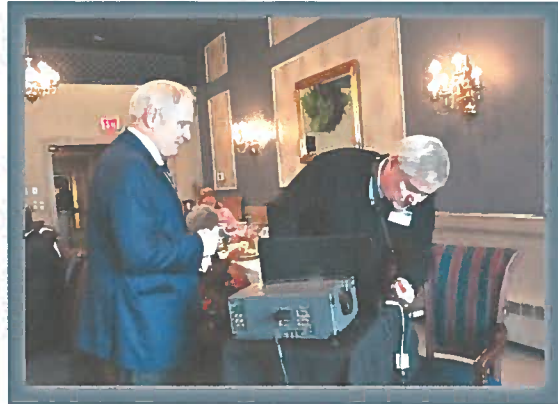
"The biggest challenge facing the great teachers and communicators of history is not to teach history itself, nor even the lessons of history, but why history matters. . . There's no phrase I can come up with that will encapsulate in a winning sound-bite why history matters. We know that history matters, we know that it is thrilling, absorbing, fascinating, delightful and infuriating, that it is life." *Stephen Fry*



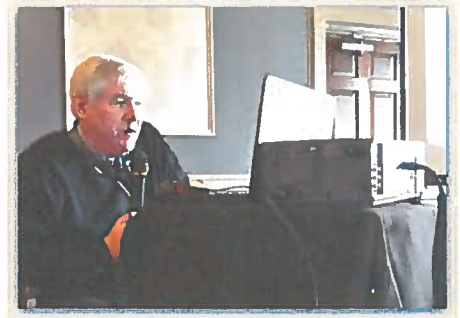
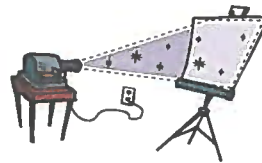


Attorney/author Jack Casey presented for us a great PowerPoint program relaying the amazing story of the creation of the Erie Canal, entertained us in song, and signed gift copies of his historical novel, "A Land Beyond the River", a delightful disclosure of the numerous difficulties and astonishing political machinations involved in the construction of "Clinton's Big Ditch."



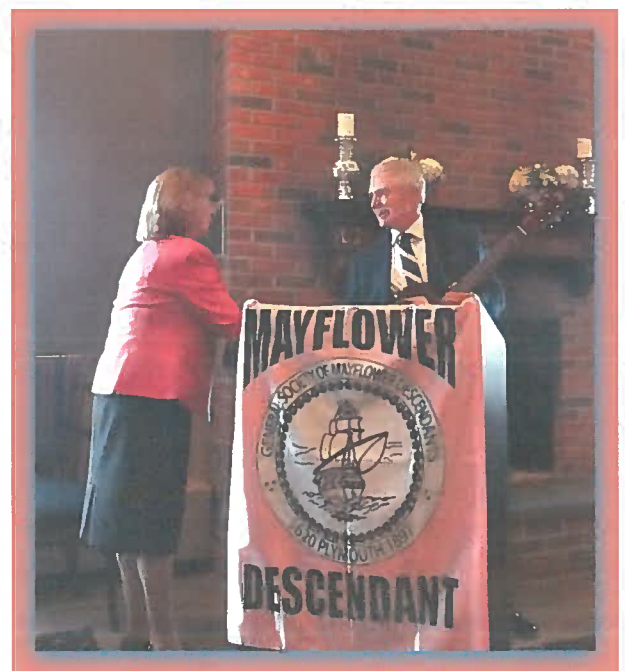


Many thanks to Jim Pratt for the use of his laptop and projector, and for operating the equipment during Jack Casey's intriguing presentation.



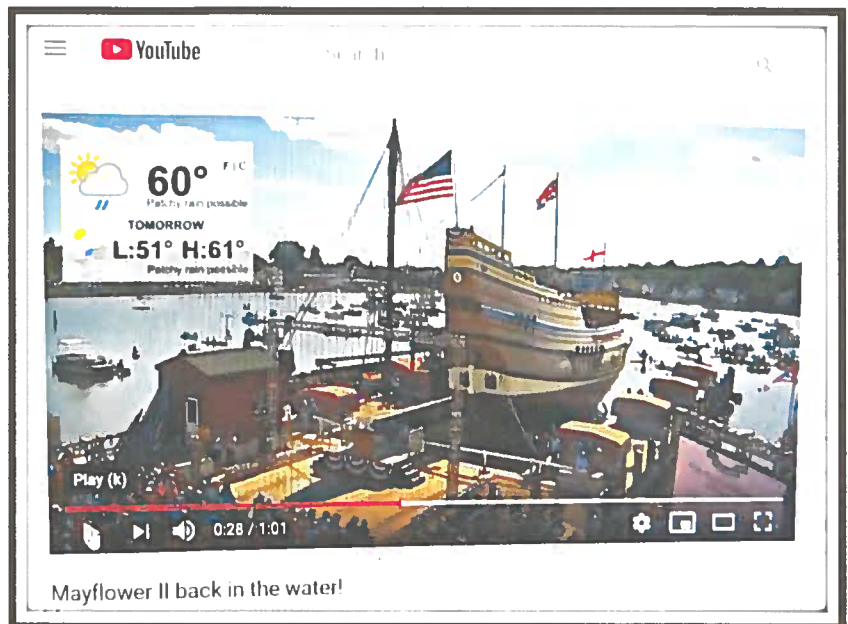
"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future."
Robert Penn Warren

"Life is beautiful not because of the things we see or do. Life is beautiful because of the people we meet. Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't."
Bill Nye



"The Mayflower is now in the water!"

When the Captain of the **Mayflower II** made that pronouncement from the ship's quarterdeck on September 7, 2019, the huge crowd assembled at Mystic Seaport to witness the ship's relaunch burst into cheers. After three years of extensive repair work, the beautiful ship, a replica of the original and a gift from England to America for its help during World War II, was again afloat. The restoration work at Mystic Seaport Museum's Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard was a much bigger task than originally anticipated, since it was not known how bad the damage would be after some sixty-two years in salt water. Work continues until spring on this \$7,370,000 restoration and will include mast, sails, and rigging.



Nathaniel Philbrick, noted author and Mayflower historian, was the keynote speaker at the September 7 festivities at what is considered the nation's leading maritime museum. Opening remarks were delivered by Steve White, President of Mystic Seaport Museum, and the National Anthem was performed by the United States Coast Guard Band. The recent event in Connecticut, which featured numerous dignitaries, also included a christening of the Mayflower II performed by Harriet Cross, British Consul General to New England, with water from all 50 states and England.

Steve Brodeur, Board Chairman of Plimoth Plantation, made mention of the storm missing the celebration site during his remarks. "What an amazing day. What an amazing moment. A day we've waited for, for so, so long," he said. "And isn't it fitting on this day that a hurricane (Dorian) just passed by? Because I know there's a ship right here who's itching to take on some big waves."

"Mayflower II is truly a national treasure," said Jared Bowen, WGBH Boston's executive arts editor and master of ceremonies for the celebration. "Because of this restoration, she'll be able to sail far into the future and carry on her educational mission for generations to come." But it will be awhile before that happens; the Mayflower II will spend the coming winter at Mystic Seaport. On May 14, 2020, the Mayflower II is slated to arrive in Boston, where it will be escorted into Boston Harbor by the USS Constitution to kick off "Mayflower Sails 2020," a free six-day maritime festival at the Charlestown Navy Yard commemorating the 400th anniversary of Mayflower's Atlantic crossing. The ship will return to Plymouth, Mass., the following week and then sail in September to Provincetown to commemorate the signing of the Mayflower Compact.

Editor's Note: The above information was combined from various Internet sources, including David Kindy, dkindy@wickedlocal.com, "Wicked Local Reports," Kimberly Drelich, "The Day" staff writer, and Malerie Yolen-Cohen, "Getaway Mavens." The photo is from a picture I took of my computer screen while a video of the relaunch on YouTube was showing. One website said that nearly 3,000 people witnessed the historic relaunch, and the video showed a great many different water craft nearby. You might enjoy visiting some of the various websites on line in this connection in case you'd like to see more about what was obviously a very special occasion.



News from the GSMD Website: Representatives of four nations gathered in September at the headquarters of American Ancestors (the New England Historic Genealogical Society) in Boston to announce plans for the 400th commemoration of the *Mayflower* voyage. GSMD joined with organizations from the Wampanoag Nation, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands to share events that will be taking place on both sides of the Atlantic in 2020. These commemorative events will tell the story of the *Mayflower* Pilgrims and their journey from Leiden, Holland and Plymouth, England to modern-day Provincetown and, finally, Plymouth Colony in 1620. GSMD has many exciting plans for 2020, starting with participation in an event that will be witnessed by an estimated 50 million people worldwide—the Rose Bowl Parade on January 1, 2020. Keep an eye out for the *Mayflower* float!



Spring Ahead, Fall Back

By Sylvia Story Magin



Each Autumn I think my favorite time is the red-gold days of Fall,
but every Springtime I decide that's not quite true at all.
I adore the Autumn colors and the way they paint the land,
then when Spring arrives that choice is hard to understand.

Of course I love the Summer: easy living, time for fun;
then I revel in the Autumn when the Summer's heat is done.
I put up with the Winter, meanest season to endure;
with ill-concealed restraint I wait for Spring to bring the cure.

When the snow is gone, and the days grow long, and the earth seems wide awake,
then my preference for those Autumn days appears as a mistake.
I put away the fleecy scarves, the gloves, the heavy coat;
the blessings of the warmer sun make Winter seem remote.

That season so forbidding, so unpleasant, so severe,
is easily forgotten when the Springtime flowers appear.
The first warm days, the budding trees, the freshness in the air
combine, and I appreciate those days beyond compare.

I greet each day exuberant at the annual transformation,
and once again it's Spring that's going to get my nomination.
But deep inside, a tiny thought occurs, that after all
I may just change my mind again in the wondrous, golden Fall.

The hazy Autumn mornings; the surrounding hills burn bright
with glowing leaves of red and gold, a warm and welcome sight.
Heaps of orange pumpkins crowd farm stands along the road
while apple trees bow down beneath their fragrant, luscious load.

The azure skies of Autumn, so intense a shade of blue
make me confident again my choice of Fall is really true.
And yet...when Autumn colors fade, and the days grow cold, it's then
I realize that when Spring returns, I'll change my mind again!

"Instead of an English affair, the First Thanksgiving soon became an overwhelmingly Native celebration when Massasoit and a hundred Pokanokets (more than twice the entire English population of Plymouth) arrived at the settlement with five freshly killed deer. . . most of the celebrants stood, squatted, or sat on the ground as they clustered around outdoor fires, where the deer and birds turned on wooden spits and where pottages—stews into which varieties of meats and vegetables were thrown—simmered invitingly."

Nathaniel Philbrick



COMPACT DAY LUNCHEON MEETING

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Normanside Country Club

150 Salisbury Road, Delmar, NY 12054 - (Off Route 443—Delaware Ave.)

Social time (cash bar) 12:00 p.m. ~ Lunch and Business Meeting 12:30 p.m.



"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile." John Howard Bryant

You and your guests are cordially invited to join us for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner:
Apple-Butternut Squash Bisque, Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Chef's choice of vegetable, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Butter, Pumpkin Pie, Coffee or Tea



Your check for **\$29.00** per person should be made payable to "Albany Colony SOMD"
and be mailed with the reservation blank below to:

Betty-Jean Haner, 53 New Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205-3615

Reservations must be in the mail by Nov. 2nd.

For late reservations up until Nov. 5th call Betty-Jean at 518-869-8368.

"It is therefore recommended . . . for solemn thanksgiving and praise, that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their divine benefactor . . ." November 1, 1777 (adopted by the 13 states as the first official Thanksgiving Proclamation) - Samuel Adams

Please reserve _____ place(s) for me at the Nov. 9 Fall Luncheon Meeting

I cannot attend, but it would be my pleasure to donate to the Albany Colony \$ _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed. Signed: _____

We look forward to seeing you!

