



Mayflower Chronicles

Albany Colony

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

Compact Day Luncheon Meeting ~ November 6, 2021

At the Century House, 997 New Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110

12:00 - 3:00 p.m.



"We are bound to our ancestors and to those who made us, whether we want to be or not.
What matters is what we make of what we are." *Kate Elliott*

Colony Governor's Message

In the early 17th century, the term "thanksgiving" inferred fasting and prayer. A first harvest implied celebration and a great feast. However, there were situations in which a thanksgiving was followed by a day of feast, but generally the thanksgiving and the harvest days were two separate occasions. In *Mayflower*, Nathaniel Philbrick states that the Pilgrims did not use the term "Thanksgiving"; to them, "thanksgiving was a time of spiritual devotion."

Governor William Bradford and Edward Winslow mention the harvest. Winslow describes Massasoit bringing some ninety Indians "whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer." "Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling." In *Of Plymouth Plantation*, Governor William Bradford referenced the small harvest to prepare for the winter and they were "plentifully provisioned." He referenced fishing for cod and bass and other fish. "As well as wild fowl, they got an abundance of wild turkeys, besides venison." Additionally, they had Indian corn.

Our **November 6th** Meeting presentations will feature "**The First Thanksgiving or the First Harvest**," a Power Point program by Dave Morton, Colony Governor.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our Luncheon Meeting on November 6th.

NEXT MEETINGS:

May 7, 2022

Nov. 5, 2022



Dave Morton

Colony Governor

"Men can know more than their ancestors did if they start with a knowledge of what their ancestors had already learned. That is why a society can be progressive only if it conserves its traditions."

Walter Lippmann

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**Colony Governor —
David W. Morton, Ed.D**

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Walley G. Francis**

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

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**A Meeting at Trustco Bank
1475 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203
July 8, 2021 – Meeting Minutes**

To execute bank account paperwork and add a new signer for the six existing accounts of the Albany Colony, Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York.

Officers present were Colony Governor David Morton and Secretary Sandra A. Zerrillo. Bank representative present was Bryan Gisiano, Trustco Bank Stuyvesant Plaza Branch Manager.

Background - In recent months, Colony Treasurer BJ Haner informed Colony Governor Dave Morton that the six (6) bank accounts belonging to the Albany Colony Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York that are maintained at the Trustco Bank had only one signer's name listed on the accounts. Treasurer Haner, who is currently living in Florida and not sure when she will be returning to the Albany area, agreed to add Colony Governor Dave Morton as an additional signer.

Colony Secretary Zerrillo met with the Trustco Bank Stuyvesant Plaza Branch Manager Bryan Gisiano for advice and enlisted his help in making it possible to have the updated paperwork and new signature cards signed without Dave Morton physically traveling to Florida. Bryan Gisiano prepared the paperwork for the accounts at the Stuyvesant Plaza branch. He then contacted the Trustco Bank Manager for the Vero Beach, Florida Branch to explain the situation. Dave Morton spoke with BJ Haner several times and decided that BJ Haner would go to the Vero Beach, Florida Branch on July 8th to sign the paperwork. It was agreed that once BJ Haner signed the paperwork the branch manager in Vero Beach would fax it to Bryan Gisiano at Stuyvesant Plaza.

Action - On Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. BJ Haner met with the Vero Beach Florida Branch Manager and signed the authorization paperwork. The executed paperwork was faxed to the Stuyvesant Plaza Branch. At noon, Dave and Sandy met with Bryan Gisiano and Dave signed the paperwork necessary to authorize him as an additional signer. A copy of the paperwork and printouts of account information for each of the six accounts are attached.

Meeting ended at 1:15 p.m.

Sandra A. Zerrillo, Secretary

Our long-time Colony Treasurer, Betty-Jean Haner, has apparently been finding it harder and harder to return to Albany each year after vacationing in Florida, where she divides her time visiting between her sister and a dear friend. So her decision to relinquish her Treasurer's role after forty-nine years of handling our finances is not a total surprise. Lisa G. O'Brien of Albany, a member since 2005, has agreed to assume the assignment of Albany Colony Treasurer, and her Assistant Treasurer will be Carol Felsen of Guilderland, a member since 2017. Please see an additional Editor's note in the middle of the second page following this one.

Dues Notices for 2022 will be sent to members during the month of December 2021 with instructions as to payment and mailing to our new Treasurer, and checks should be sent to arrive by January 31, 2022.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Albany Colony's Membership Totals as of Oct. 1, 2021

Regular Members 283, Life Members 13, Total Membership: 296

New Members - Welcome to Albany Colony!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Gregory Ansel Gates	6533	02/23/21	Edward Fuller
David Allen Konop	6535	02/23/21	George Soule
Dianne Louise Gaspie Rizzo	6536	02/23/21	Constance Hopkins
Howard William Crusey, Jr.	6543	04/30/21	Henry Sampson
Theresa Parrow Botsford	6549	05/14/21	John Howland
Patrick Michael Trippany	6552	06/08/21	George Soule
Amanda A. Holloway	6559	07/16/21	Richard Warren
Eric Anton Michelitsch	6560	07/16/21	John Billington
Robert Tillitson	6565	08/11/21	John Alden

Transfer In:

Alyson Kay Holloway (from Buffalo Colony)	6516	07/16/21	Richard Warren
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Resigned:

Elaine Augusta Zimmer, Carlos Antonio Mina, Alissa Mary Cottrell, Garrett Benjamin Cottrell, Jenna Margaret Cottrell

Deceased:

Helen Ann Bramley (10/27/20), Gayle Gallant (6/27/19), Stuart Hess Talbot (3/9/20)

Paul Johnson, Historian

"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 . . . Samuel Adams - November 1, 1777 (adopted by the 13 states as the first official Thanksgiving Proclamation) Allabouthistory.org

Due to current popular usage, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants has bowed to the inevitable and decided to make use of this attractive modern logo in its various pursuits.



The **Mayflower**
Society
General Society of Mayflower Descendants

“Zoom”

Our first Albany Colony “Zoom” Social Meeting on May 1st was a great success, thanks to the hard work of Kristen Moore in setting it up and to Jim Pratt for creating a sequence of videos from our website at NYACSMD.org. This was certainly a social event for Albany Colony. No formal business was conducted, although certain rituals were observed such as the Invocation, Pledge, Introduction of Officers, Introduction of New Members, Program, and the Benediction.

The Zoom presentations featured **“Mayflower, Voyage of Hope,”** a series of videos by Jim Pratt, Webmaster, and **“Early Explorations of Cape Cod and the Native American Epidemic of 1616-1619,”** a Power Point presentation by Dave Morton, Colony Governor.

After attending the Zoom Social Meeting, members were inspired by the **“Mayflower, Voyage of Hope”** videos, learning through them who it was who named Cape Cod and Plymouth before 1620, and why Squanto spoke English, by watching the **“Early Explorations of Cape Cod and the Native American Epidemic of 1616-1619,”** by Power Point. Zoom participants also learned about new research findings regarding the causes of New England’s Epidemic of 1616-1619, and why the Wampanoags called it **“The Great Dying.”**

Through the magic of “Zoom,” participants were encouraged to ask questions related to the presentations and to raise any other concerns regarding Albany Colony. Important questions raised were about our Junior Members’ not paying annual dues, and about receiving the Albany Colony *Mayflower Chronicles* and other information through their own email addresses. Answers to these and other questions will be forthcoming at our Fall luncheon meeting on November 6.

Now that public gatherings are again possible we very much look forward to our Fall program, which will be November 6, at the Century House.

Dave Morton, Colony Governor



New York Colony Editor Robin Weaver has honored Albany Colony and our long-time Treasurer, Betty-Jean Haner, by requesting an article about her for NY Colony’s Spring/Summer newsletter. Gov. Dave Morton passed the request along to your *Chronicles* Editor to be written, and the article appeared on page 10 of NY Colony’s newsletter.

Dave Morton forwarded a copy of the entire newsletter to Albany Colony members who use email; a copy of page 10 with the article is included in this issue for those who rely on regular mail.

"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."

Charles Dickens

Since no Luncheon Meetings were held in 2020 or in the spring of 2021, membership longevity certificates for Colony members who have attained additional milestones for each year will be presented in person at the upcoming Luncheon Meeting on November 6. Certificates will be mailed later to honorees who are unable to attend.

What was served at the "First Thanksgiving?" Some Various Thoughts

From Smithsonian Magazine:

"Today the traditional Thanksgiving dinner includes any number of dishes: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. But if one were to create a historically accurate feast, consisting of only those foods that historians are certain were served at the so-called 'first Thanksgiving,' there would be slimmer pickings. 'Wildfowl was there. Corn, in grain form for bread or for porridge, was there. Venison was there,' says Kathleen Wall. 'These are absolutes.'"

From History of Massachusetts.org:

"The colonists didn't have potatoes, nor did they have butter or flour necessary for making pies. The pilgrims hadn't even built their first oven by the time of the first Thanksgiving. Cranberries might have been served but only for color or tartness, instead of as a sweet sauce.

"Neither Bradford or Winslow's writing reveal what was actually served at the first Thanksgiving meal, besides fowl and deer, but guesses can be made based on the types of food they often wrote about such as mussels, lobsters, grapes, plums, corn and herbs."

From Living.alot.com

"The first Thanksgiving took place in 1621, but turkey did not become a popular main course until more than 200 years later in 1857. The Pilgrims ate venison, geese, pheasant, duck, and even shellfish as their main course instead, because this tasty bird was not nearly as common in the region. . . .

"Stuffing, or dressing, is traditionally made of bread, onions, and other vegetables and herbs. The Pilgrims had almost everything at their Thanksgiving meal except one important ingredient: bread. They feasted on corn, pumpkin, onions, currants, and herbs, which still sounds pretty tasty and low in carbs. The stuffing we know today didn't come to be until the late 1800s."

From New England Today:

"Venison was a major ingredient, as well as fowl, but that likely included geese and ducks. Turkeys are a possibility, but were not a common food at that time. Pilgrims grew onions and herbs. Cranberries and currants would have been growing wild in the area, and watercress may have still been available if hard frosts had held off, but there's no record of them having been served. In fact, the meal was probably quite meat-heavy.

"Likewise, walnuts, chestnuts, and beech nuts were abundant, as were sunchokes. Shellfish were common, so they probably played a part, as did beans, pumpkins, squashes, and corn (served in the form of bread or porridge), thanks to the Wampanoags."

From Epicurious.com:

"The only written record of the famous meal tells us that the harvest celebration lasted three days and included deer and wildfowl. Beyond that, culinary historians such as Kathleen Curtin at [Plimoth Plantation](#) in Massachusetts rely on period cookbooks and journals, Wampanoag oral histories, paintings from the time, and archaeological evidence.

"Most of today's classic Thanksgiving dishes weren't served in 1621," says Curtin. "These traditional holiday dishes became part of the menu after 1700. When you're trying to figure out just what was served, you need to do some educated guesswork. Ironically, it's far easier to discern what wasn't on the menu during those three days of feasting than what was!"

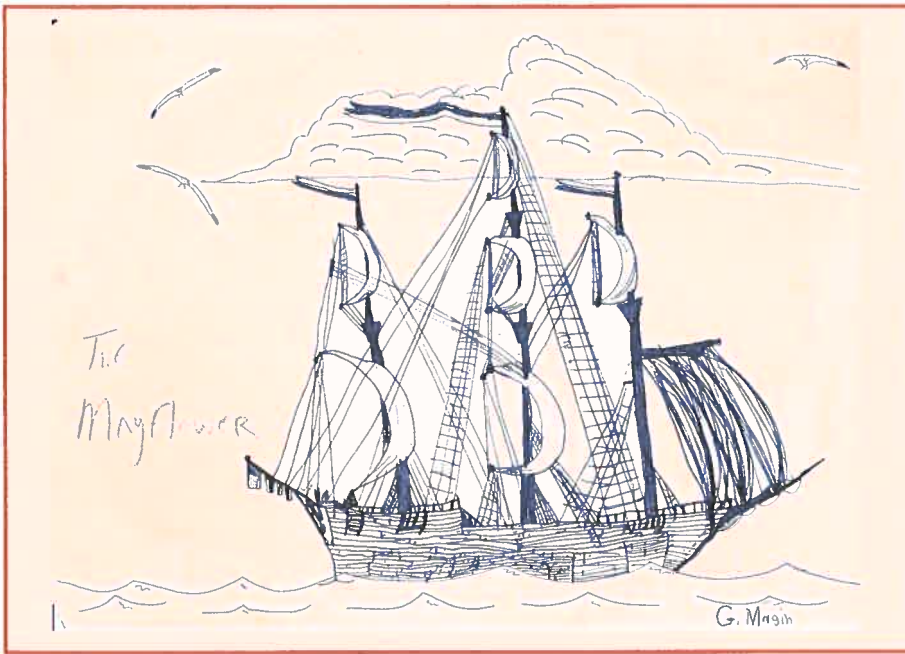
From Nathaniel Philbrick, "Mayflower":

"Perhaps what was most important to the Pilgrims was that with a recently harvested barley crop, it was now possible to brew beer."

"When we know about our ancestors, when we sense them as living and as supporting us, then we feel connected to the genetic life-stream, and we draw strength and nourishment from this."

Philip Carr-Gomm





The drawings shown above were done about 1970 by my oldest son, Gregory J. Magin, then age 10, long before the family knew of our Pilgrim ancestry. They were recently rediscovered and are enjoying renewed interest. If you look *very* closely at the prow of the *Mayflower* (under the letter "R") you might just be able to make out the image at the very tip. That, Greg tells me, is an American Flag!

From your *Chronicles* Editor's collection



Autumn, 1621

"Neither Bradford or Winslow mention it, but the First Thanksgiving coincided with what was, for the Pilgrims, a new and startling phenomenon: the turning of the green leaves of summer to the incandescent yellows, reds, and purples of a New England autumn . . . In Britain, the cloudy fall days and warm nights cause the autumn colors to be muted and lackluster. In New England, on the other hand, the profusion of sunny fall days and cool but not freezing nights unleashes the colors latent within the tree leaves, with oaks turning red, brown, and russet; hickories golden brown; birches yellow; red maples scarlet; sugar maples orange; and black maples glowing yellow. It was a display that must have contributed to the enthusiasm with which the Pilgrims later wrote of the festivities that fall.

"The First Thanksgiving marked the conclusion of a remarkable year. Eleven months earlier the Pilgrims had arrived at the tip of Cape Cod, fearful and uninformed. They had spent the next month alienating and angering every Native American they happened to come across. By all rights, none of the Pilgrims should have emerged from the first winter alive. Like the French sailors before them, they all might have been either killed or taken captive by the Indians.

"That it had worked out differently was a testament not only to the Pilgrims' grit, resolve, and faith, but to their ability to take advantage of an extraordinary opportunity. During the winter of 1621, the survival of the English settlement had been in the balance. Massasoit's decision to offer them assistance had saved the Pilgrims' lives in the short term, but there had already been several instances in which the sachem's generosity could all have gone for naught. Placing their faith in God, the Pilgrims might have insisted on a policy of arrogant isolationism. But by becoming an active part of the diplomatic process in southern New England--by sending Winslow and Hopkins to Sowams; by compensating the Nausets for the (stolen) corn; and most important; by making clear their loyalty to Massasoit in Nemasket--they had taken charge of their own destiny in the region."

Nathan Philbrick, "Mayflower"

"A generation which ignores history has no past, and no future." *Robert A. Heinlein*

It's "Plimoth Patuxet" Now

If you haven't visited Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, Massachusetts, lately (or ever) you may be surprised to learn that it's now "**Plimoth Patuxet**," revisualized to create an environment more representative and inclusive of the Native American influence than originally portrayed.

"Founded in 1947, [it is] a living history museum that exhibits, through topography and reenactors, the original settlement of the Plymouth Colony established in the 17th century by the English Mayflower Pilgrims. The museum started with two English cottages and a fort on Plymouth's historic waterfront. Since then, the Museum has grown to include Mayflower II, the English Village, the Wampanoag Homesite, the Hornblower Visitor Center, the Craft Center, the Maxwell and Nye Barns, and the Plimoth Grist Mill." *From TheMayflowerSociety.org*



From the Capital District, a trip to Plimoth Patuxet is a great day trip and well worth a visit. It seems even more vital in these uncertain times to foster a deeper appreciation of our heritage and to instill the same in future generations. As with any planned trip it's necessary to do a little preliminary research and make sure of the days and hours any historic site is open and available. This is especially important during this pandemic year 2021, and there is always the possibility of historical restoration work going on, which limits visitation. This in fact is the current situation at the **Mayflower Society House and Garden**.

For those living farther away than Albany, or those who have more than one day to devote to historic adventures, there are various other Pilgrim-related destinations in the Plymouth area. There is the **Pilgrim Hall Museum**, the oldest continuously operating public museum in the United States, opened in 1824. **The Plimoth Grist Mill** is a working grist mill, a reconstruction of the original 1636 mill. **The Jenney Interpretive Center**, dedicated to conveying the impact the Pilgrims had on the founding and ongoing development of the United States and to the importance of preserving our history, includes a gift shop and exhibits.

The Mayflower II is afloat at Pilgrim Memorial State Park Pier, and **Plymouth Rock** is located at Pilgrim Memorial State Park on the shore of Plymouth Harbor. The **National Monument to the Forefathers**, formerly known as the Pilgrim Monument, is free to visit and open to the public year-round. **Cole's Hill, the sarcophagus, and statue of Massasoit** is a National Historic Landmark used by the Pilgrims to bury their dead out of sight of the Native Americans, with memorials and monuments. **Burial Hill** is an historic cemetery, burying ground and the burial site of several Pilgrims, grave markers and monuments for the Bradford, Howland, Brewster, Cushman, Bartlett and Warren families.

The Mayflower Meetinghouse, founded by the Pilgrims in 1620, hosts the oldest continuously operating ministry in the United States, known as the birthplace of religious freedom in America.

If you're inspired to visit Plymouth and environs, check out **SeePlymouth.com**, which contains a treasure trove of appropriate information and additional ideas.

Please Note: The Mayflower Society House is going to be closed during the 2021 season for historical repairs. Please still plan to visit the property, as our Colonial Revival Garden will be open. *GSMD website*

According to the National Society, there are some 35 million Mayflower descendants in the world, and Genealogy is the #1 hobby in the United States.

100,000 Members!

"Scott Watson, U.S Army Retired, grew up in America, went on to defend his country, and has now become the **100,000th** descendant to be accepted into the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD). His ancestor, William Brewster, landed here in 1620 on the ship *Mayflower*. 'I am honored to continue the lineage to a Mayflower ancestor and to get to know all my distant relatives when I attend Virginia meetings,' said Watson. 'Now that I know I am a Mayflower descendant, I am anxious to go to Plymouth to see where it all began.' . . .

"GSMD has member societies in every U.S. State, District of Columbia, Canada, Europe and Australia. Since this year marks the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving, the interest in the Mayflower story has been enormous." *GSMD Governor General Jane Hurt Pilgrim Press, monthly newsletter, GSMD themayflowersociety.org*

The "First Thanksgiving"

Sylvia Story Magin

As Americans plan their gatherings for a time of thanks and praise,

We realize how very blessed we are in a myriad of ways.

After a year of "social distancing" and enforced separation

We very much look forward to our Thanksgiving celebration.

Somehow what we've experienced in restrictions and limitations

Makes us even more cognizant of the Pilgrims' tribulations.

From the fall of 1620 when they stepped upon this shore

After that terrible crossing, then they suffered even more.

Just half their number made it through into 1621,

But they knew what they'd accomplished when that dreadful year was done.

What we've been through as a nation this year isn't nearly the same, that's true,

But all that we've endured this year somehow echoes what they went through.

We've had to deal with a difficult year, some experienced profound sorrow,

But we've persevered, and we've come through, and we see a brighter tomorrow.

It's not hard to draw some comparisons between us, today, and they,

Who struggled for everything they achieved, every step along the way.

They started from scratch to make a life on a barren, hostile shore;

While we have supermarkets and cars, and ever so much more.

The Pilgrims and the Wampanoags held a three-day harvest feast;

And a wondrous celebration it was, to say the very least.

They ate and drank and socialized, and that long-ago multitude

Gave thanks and praise and bowed their heads in heartfelt gratitude.

Our situations aren't parallel; *they* faced misery and distress,

While we've been *inconvenienced*, and we've been forced to do with less.

Still, like our Pilgrim forebears, we've coped with a different way of living;

So we too have much to be thankful for in this long-awaited Thanksgiving.

Our lives have been interrupted, and we've missed out on so much;

We're eager to meet with family and friends, just pleased to get back in touch.

As we gather, we'll think of the Pilgrims who faced their unbelievable fears,

The beginning of all that we've achieved in the past four hundred years:

Our ancestors of the Mayflower, who showed us a meaningful way to live;

We salute their courage and hail them with all the credit we can give!



Edward Winslow Describes Autumn 1621

"Our Corne did proue well, & God be praysed, we had a good increase of Indian Corne, and our Barley indifferent good, but our Pease not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sowne, they came vp very well, and blossomed, but the Sunne parched them in the blossome; our harvest being gotten in, our Governour sent foure men on fowling, that so we might after a speciall manner rejoyce together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labors; they foure in one day killed as much fowle, as with a little helpe beside, served the Company almost a weeke, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Armes, many of the Indians coming amongst vs, and among the rest their greatest King Massosoit, with some nintie men, whom for three dayes we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed fiue deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed upon our Governour, and upon the Captaine, and others. And although it be not alwayes so plentiful, as it was at this time with vs, yet by the goodness of God, we are so farre from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

Edward Winslow, *letter to a friend back in England Dec. 11, 1621*



Governor Bradford Describes Autumn 1621

"They begane now to gather in ye small harvest they had, and to fitte up their houses and dwellings against winter, being well recovered in health & strength, and had all things in good plenty; for some were thus imployed in affairs abroad, others were exercised in fishing, aboute codd, & bass, & other fish, of which yey tooke good store, of which every family had their portion. All ye somer ther was no wante. And now begane to come in store of foule, as winter aproached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterward decreased by degree). And besids water foule, ther was great store of wild Turkeys, of which they took many, besids venison, &c. Besids they had aboute a peck a meale a weeke to a person, or now since harvest, Indean corne to yt proportion. Which made many afterwards write so largely of their plenty hear to their friends in England, which were not fained, but true reports."

William Bradford, *"Of Plymouth Plantation"*



Squanto the Teacher

"When the crops were thriving, Squanto took the men to the open forests where the turkey dwelled. He pointed out the nuts, seeds, and inspects that the iridescent birds bed upon. He showed them the leaf nests of the squirrels and the hideouts of the skunks and raccoons. Walking silently along bear trails, he took them to the blueberry patches. He told them that deer moved about at sundown and sunrise. He took them inland to valleys where the deer congregated in winter and were easy to harvest.

"He walked the Pilgrims freely over the land. To Squanto, as to all Native Americans, the land did not belong to the people, the people belonged to the land. He took the children into the meadows to pick wild strawberries. He showed them how to dig up the sweet roots of the wild artichoke. In mid-summer he led them to cranberry bogs and gooseberry patches.

"Together they gathered chestnuts, hickory nuts, walnuts, and hazelnuts in September. He paddled the boys into the harbor in his dugout canoe to set lobster pots made of reeds and sinew. While they waited to lift their pots, he taught them the creatures of the tidal pools."

Jean Craighead George, *"The First Thanksgiving"*



Compact Day Luncheon Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021

At the Century House

997 New Loudon Rd, Route 9, Latham NY 12110

Social time (cash bar) 12:00 p.m. - Lunch and business meeting 12:30 p.m.

Program to follow.

"Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast." William Shakespeare

Please join us for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.

Your guests are always welcome!

The menu features:

Soup or Salad, Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Harvest Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls and Butter, Apple Cobbler, Coffee or Tea

"We take the health and well-being of our guests and team seriously. . . and our commitment to your health is unwavering. As the world adjusts to new dining, celebrating, meeting, and travel norms, we're enhancing the experience for our guests by going above and beyond industry standards for cleanliness and supporting your well-being throughout your visit. We like to call it "Healthful Hospitality." **The Century House**

"Mingle often with good people to keep your soul nourished." Anthony Douglas Williams

Please make your check for **\$30.00** per person payable to **Albany Colony SOMD** and mail it with the reservation blank below to **Lisa O'Brien, 4 Keystone Court, Albany, NY 12205-3136 (518-482-1786)**



Reservations must be received by October 20.

Please reserve ___ places for me at the Compact Day Luncheon Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021. All entrees are **\$30.00**. Please list below the names of persons attending:

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

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

We look forward to seeing you at the Century House on November 6, 2021.

Albany Colony

A Real "Treasure"

By Sylvia Story Magin

We all keep track of our finances because we must do so, not that it provides any particular source of pleasure, but any sensible lifestyle requires tracking income and expenditures with--at the very least--some modicum of accuracy. We don't always enjoy tallying up where the money goes, but staying solvent and trying to "get ahead" are simply necessities of life.

Apparently there is an occasional exception to this paradigm, an unusual individual who actually enjoys the experience of recording financial transactions and maintaining detailed records of the cash flow. Albany Colony of the Mayflower Society can boast of such a gem among our officers: our long-time Colony Treasurer, Betty-Jean Haner. And I do mean long-time; it was in 1967, an amazing 54 years ago, when B-J, as she is known, joined the Albany Colony as a descendant of Pilgrim George Soule, and she accepted the Treasurer's mantle in 1972! She is now enjoying her well-earned retirement from the workday world, but happily for us, so far she shows no signs of relinquishing her role of Treasurer.



B-J began her career as a classroom teacher, first in elementary and then in middle school, where she remained for five years, until she completed her degree in Library Science at what is now SUNY Albany, at which time she began a 36-1/2 year career as a school librarian. B-J has always been an active participant, a real "doer." In her youth she much loved swimming and camping in the Adirondacks with her parents and sister. She joined the Girl Scouts, where she was a vital member for some fifty years, and for several of those years she was a Senior Scout Leader. For most of her life she has been very involved in church activities, taking a positive role in various ways, both here at home and also, in recent years, in Florida, where she is privileged to spend quite a bit of her time.

Betty-Jean, "B-J", is a very pleasant, quiet, soft-spoken lady, and she is a tremendous asset to Albany Colony: not just for her astonishing longevity at a task not everyone would relish or could handle, but for her extreme dedication to detailed bookkeeping and her apparent enjoyment of the continuing assignment--a real Treasure!

This is a copy of page 10 as it appeared in New York Colony's 2021 Spring/Summer Newsletter. The article was written at the request of New York Editor Robin Weaver in honor of Albany Colony's long-time Treasurer, Betty-Jean Haner.